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Update: Emirates Team New Zealand

Points to note on the Foil cant system (FCS) used by all competing teams.

The foil cant system (FCS) is a one design supplied component designed and developed by ACE for all competitors. It has been used since the inception of this class.

- All teams are responsible for the installation, ongoing maintenance and operating procedures of their own systems.
- All teams are provided with full operating and maintenance instructions and programs to ensure effective and reliable performance.
- For the past few months there is a weekly coordinated call between all teams every Friday in an open and transparent environment to discuss the system and address any developments collectively.
- The maintenance and start up schedule that has been developed is a comprehensive schedule that is shared and in possession of all teams.
- In Emirates Team New Zealand's experience if all maintenance and start up procedures are followed correctly; the system operates as designed.
- Emirates Team New Zealand has no access system to ensure these procedures are followed by any of the teams.
- In answer to INEOS TEAM UK's suggestion that they only received a software update at 12pm yesterday.
 - This is completely incorrect and inaccurate.
 - The last software update was delivered to all teams last Friday following extensive consultation with all teams. Not midday yesterday.
- As far as The Defender is aware INEOS TEAM UK's Foil Cant System is fully operational.

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