

Creation Contest 2009

Theme: Welcoming skies of Acadie

Construction Details :

- The Kite :
 - o The kite is based on the American John Waters' Pitbulldog design which was designed to fly in strong winds.
 - o Dimensions : 10 feet wide x 7.5 feet long
 - o Built with 1.5oz Ripstop Nylon to resist strong winds
 - o The edge binding is made of nylon 1.5 inches strips cut 45 degrees of the fabric threads. This gives more flexibility to the strips, making it easier to follow the keels curved edges.
 - o The reinforcement webbings for the anchor points are wrapped with color matching the ripstop nylon to make them « invisible ».
 - o All the seams are French double fold with three threads to resist strong winds and prevent the fabric from fraying.
 - o To enhance the yellow star's brightness, the inner rib between the two stars (top and bottom) has been modified to match the yellow.
- The Ribbons :
 - o Each ribbon is 20 feet long and approximately 2 inches wide. There are four on each end of the kite's trailing edge.
- The Flying Family :
 - o The flying persons are based on the American Tom White Tom-EEE design.
 - o They are mainly built from nylon fabric.
 - o The arms end are maintained opened with weed-eater strings to allow the wind to flow in easily.
 - o The bridles for each person are designed to adjust to the kite's movement, absorbing the movement energy and increasing stability.

Relations with the Contest's Theme :

The kite display represents an Acadian family holding on to a large Acadian flag with long celebration ribbons. This kite was also built to celebrate the World Acadian Congress 2009.

- The Acadian flag, symbol of the Acadian people's identity, reminding them of their French origins by its colors and the star that guides the Acadians as like the fishermen on the sea. It also reminds the Acadians of their faith since the star also symbolizes the Virgin Mary, patron and protector of Acadie.
- The Pitbulldog kite was chosen to represent the Acadians survival strength and resistance.
- The flying people represent an Acadian family supported by the strong symbol of their flag.
- The family represent the welcome and the warmth of Acadian people.
- The choice of three kids represents the Acadian family that keeps growing, a family without borders.
- The ribbons with the Acadian flag colors represent a celebration. The Acadians love to celebrate with people from around the world and show that they are proud people that had survived the hardships of its history.