

An aerial photograph of the sailboat Australia II, featuring a white hull and a large sail with a grey and white geometric pattern. The boat is leaning into a turn, creating a significant wake in the dark blue, choppy water.

# Today in History

*September 26, 1983*

▲ **Australia II won the America's Cup, defeating the U.S. yacht Liberty to end the United States' 132-year hold on yachting's most prized trophy**

**1871:** The first American patent for portland cement was issued, a boon to Hollywood where impressions of famous hands are recorded

**1973: Concorde made its first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic**

**2009:** Families separated since the Korean War met in North Korea in the first arranged reunions in two years

**2017: Saudi Arabia's King Salman issued a decree allowing women to drive for the first time**