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KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

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Good Luck To All
November 12, 2007

Dear Sailors,

Welcome to the US SAILING's Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship. We are very pleased to have Houston Yacht Club as this year's host and the club has planned a great event. We want to thank Rolex Watch U.S.A. Inc., whose generous support makes this premier women's sailing event possible.

The hosting of a US SAILING championship is a big job. Ginny Garrett, the Regatta Chair, and Liz Filter, the International Women's Keelboat Championship Committee Chair, have spent many hours working on the many details for this event with their respective committees. US SAILING sincerely appreciates the year-long effort by all those involved.

As athletes, you have also worked hard to get here. Sailing in an international championship can be challenging, but the satisfaction of competing at this level is well worth the extra effort you have made to participate. I hope that you will enjoy the competition and the camaraderie.

Sail fast, compete fairly and make some new friends.

Jim Capron, President
US SAILING
Dear Competitors:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you on behalf of Rolex to the 12th running of US SAILING'S Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship.

For nearly a quarter decade Rolex has partnered with US SAILING to present this special regatta, known for its incomparable competition on the water and lively on-shore camaraderie. Our new partners at the Houston Yacht Club and its many volunteers, together with US SAILING’s International Women’s Keelboat Committee, have planned an exciting week of racing combined with unique Texas social events.

I wish you the very best for a week of memorable competition.

Good luck and good sailing!

Sincerely,

Allen Brill
Dear Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship Competitor:

On behalf of our members it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Houston area and The Houston Yacht Club. Throughout our 110 year history we feel we have set the standard for sailing, sailboat racing and race management on the Texas coast and across the southern U.S.

An army of Club members have been diligently working for two years to assure that this is the quality event you deserve. Event Chairperson Ginny Garrett and her volunteers stand ready to assist you in any way possible. Principal Race Officer Jim Tichenor and his great race management team will assure that the on-the-water aspects of the regatta are handled in a first-class manner.

We trust that you will enjoy the ambiance of our club during your stay and will return to visit when in the area. Our members and staff truly want you to feel at home at our "home on the Bay." We wish you a successful Championship. Again, welcome to HYC!

Yours truly,

John R. Nicholson
Commodore, Houston Yacht Club

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 11**
5 - 7 p.m.: Informal Volunteer Appreciation Party in the Porthole

**Monday, November 12**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Registration and Measuring
6 – 8 p.m.: Casual Evening Cookout at HYC

**Tuesday, November 13**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Registration and Measuring
1 p.m.: Practice Race
5 – 8 p.m.: Opening Ceremonies and Tex-Mex Fiesta at HYC

**Wednesday, November 14**
Three Races (up to four)
6 – 8 p.m.: Hayride Hoedown Barbecue
Sylvan Beach Pavilion

**Thursday, November 15**
Three Races (up to four)
6 – 8 p.m.: Championship Party
Space Center Houston NASA

**Friday, November 16**
Three Races (up to four)
Free Night

**Saturday, November 17**
Final Races
6 p.m. – Rolex Awards Gala at HYC

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The Houston Yacht Club Blue Gavel
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Cheering on the Women on the HYC Teams

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ROAD TO ROLEX CLINICS

The “Road to Rolex” clinics were initiated in 1997, an initiative of Rolex and US SAILING, to provide women sailors with additional opportunities to hone their sailing skills. Locations where clinics have been held include Rochester, N.Y., Monterey, Calif., Oklahoma City, Okla., Chicago, Ill., Wayzata, Minn., Cape Town, South Africa and The Netherlands.

The Road to Rolex clinic program is designed for one- or two-day formats and features an instruction manual developed by five-time Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Betsy Alison (Newport, R.I.). Alison, an internationally recognized sailing educator and coach, has won the biennial Rolex IWKC five times.

At clinics with more than five boats participating, the host organizer runs a series of short races at the conclusion of the clinic. The winner enjoys a discounted entry fee for the Rolex IWKC.

Road to Rolex clinic winners competing in Houston:

Julie Goetschius, Houston Yacht Club’s Road to Rolex

JUNIOR ROAD TO ROLEX CLINICS

Making its debut at the U.S. Junior Women’s Singlehanded Championship in August was the inaugural Junior Road to Rolex Clinic. Held at Eastern Yacht Club (Marblehead, Mass.), the two-day keelboat clinic is a new initiative to prepare junior women for the Rolex International Women’s Keelboat Championship.

NEXT STEP TO ROLEX PROGRAM

The Next Step to Rolex Program was established in 1997 to give junior sailors exposure to a high level international championship, and to help them make the transition from dinghy to keelboat sailing.

For the 2007 program, 28 junior women sailors ages 13-17 have been invited to participate, Nov. 9-11. We welcome juniors from California, Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

To qualify for the Next Step to Rolex Program, juniors had to write an essay about how this program would be helpful to them, as well as include a sailing resume and a letter of recommendation from their coach.

This year’s Next Step to Rolex program, which is supported by Houston Yacht Club members James and Camille Tichenor and Doug and Maria DeVos, begins Friday, Nov. 9 with a welcome party where participants will get acquainted with each other and their hosts. That evening, they will take part in an asymmetrical spinnaker clinic using J/80 keelboats and taught by

CLINICS

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John Kolius and Farley Fontenot, who both bring extensive one-design racing experience.

Saturday, Nov. 10 features all-day learning, focusing on making the transition from dinghy to keelboat sailing with hands-on practical learning in J/80 keelboats. Guest instructors include Kolius and Fontenot, who will be joined by big-boat sailor Caleb Borchers and John’s wife Joanne. That evening, the Next Step participants are guests for dinner at the Houston Yacht Club where they’ll watch video from the day’s sailing and listen to guest speakers.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 11, there will be a breakfast for the Next Step to Rolex juniors with special guest speakers and raffle prizes, followed by the second part of the on-the-water clinic. At the conclusion, participants will be presented with certificates of achievement from Rolex. Please see the complete Next Step to Rolex schedule on page 11.

The following juniors have accepted invitations to the 2007 Next Step to Rolex Program:

Katherine Andril, Annapolis, MD
Hannah Callahan, Dallas, TX
Killian Corbishley, Rochester, NY
Alexa Cavalieri, Annapolis, MD
Jennifer Davis, Coronado, CA
Julie Gardner, Rochester, NY
Kayla Gibson, Houston, TX
Sarah Davis, Coronado, CA
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Grace Lucas, Bay Head, NJ
Chanel Miller, Fort Lauderdale, FL
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Caroline Warren, Charleston, SC
Sarah Williams, Bay Head, NJ

The Next Step to Rolex Committee looks forward to another successful year of connecting young women sailors with big boat experiences. A special thanks to Rolex, US SAILING and the Houston Yacht Club.

The Next Step to Rolex Committee wishes all the juniors good luck in their sailing endeavors, and hopes that this special opportunity will make a difference in your sailing future.

Joanne Kolius
Next Step to Rolex Chair, 2007
The Houston Yacht Club Organizing Committee

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### NEXT STEP TO ROLEX SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, Nov. 9**

- 4-7 p.m.: Registration/Check-in
- 7 p.m.: Welcome for Next Step to Rolex participants
- 7 p.m.: J/80 lecture including asymmetrical spinnaker handling taught by John Kolius and Farley Fontenot.
- Friday Evening Guest Speakers: Ruth Triglia (Hobie Cat), Martha Parker (Team1 Newport)
- 9 p.m.: Return to HYC hotel rooms

**Saturday, Nov. 10**

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Off-the-water and on-the-water J/80 Clinic
  - Instructors: Caleb Borcher, Mallory Fontenot, Farley Fontenot, and John Kolius
  - Topics include: Boat preparation/crew preparation, tactics, crew work, tuning and tweaking sails, sailboat racing
- 7 p.m.: Dinner at Houston Yacht Club
  - Video and commentary by coaches
  - Guest speakers and door prizes
- 9 p.m.: Return to HYC hotel rooms

**Sunday, Nov. 11**

- 8:30 a.m.: Group photo
- 9 a.m.: Rigging of boats
- 10 a.m.-noon: On-the-water clinic continues
- 1:30 p.m.: Boat clean-up completed
- 2:30 p.m.: Presentation of certificates

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ABOUT THE RIWKC

Inaugurated in 1985 at the instigation of US SAILING’s Women’s Championship Committee, the Rolex International Women’s Keelboat Championship quickly became the premier women’s sailing event in the U.S. and worldwide.

Held biennially, the event provides women keelboat and offshore sailors high quality racing and an opportunity to compete with top national and international women sailors.

As part of the US SAILING Adult National Championships program, the winning team will receive US SAILING’s Bengt Julin Trophy.

Houston Yacht Club continues a historical precedent in women’s sailboat racing with an exciting change that is taking place in the RIWKC in 2007. For the first time in its history the event will be held in a venue away from the East Coast, traveling to Texas and Houston Yacht Club.

In 1959 the first national regatta ever hosted by HYC was U.S. Women’s Sailing Championship for the Mrs. Charles Adams Cup. Other women’s events HYC has hosted include the U.S. Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy, the U.S. Junior Women’s Singlehanded Championship and the Men’s and Women’s 470 Class 2004 Olympic Trials, along with many other national, international, and Olympic events.

Twice HYC has been awarded the prestigious St. Petersburg Trophy emblematic of excellence in race management. HYC was founded in 1897 and the high quality of its race management team, beautiful club house, spirit of volunteerism, and ideal easy access to open water all combine to give sailors a unique experience when racing on Galveston Bay.

Pictured above are the 2005 Rolex International Women’s Keelboat Championship participants. Photo by Rolex Photographer Dan Nerney
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Dear Volunteers and Sponsors:

Of course we could never have hosted this prestigious event, a crown jewel in the racing world, without the generous underwriting of our sponsors, most particularly Rolex Watch, U.S.A., Inc. These donors are recognized on pages throughout this program. Many more contributed in a myriad other ways. I am also grateful to all those who purchased ads for this wonderful program.

It can truly be said the Houston Yacht Club ranks at the top for volunteerism. I want to thank my wonderful Organizing Committee which has been meeting for a year and a half to plan this regatta and certainly a big hats off goes to the 20-member Race Committee. These committees are acknowledged elsewhere in this program.

In addition to these people there are so many more who handled big jobs and small, and who donated their time, their services or their boats. At press time that list included the following. I acknowledge in advance any more who came onboard after publication for the program.

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Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my always-supportive husband, Tom Garrett, who hasn’t seen much of me in the past few weeks: to Colette Bennett, Rolex National Sports Marketing Director; Dana Paxton, Media Pro; Liz Walker, Championships Director of US SAILING; to HYC General Manager Ross Tuckwiller and Sandy for all their cooperation on all fronts, and a very special thanks to Jennifer Glass from our staff who produced this wonderful program. Normally this would take a committee and Jennifer did it single handedly. I can’t thank her enough.

Very sincerely,

Ginny Garrett
2007 RIWKC Regatta Chair

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The historical perspective is woven something like this: It's the early 1980s; women sailors are relegated pretty much to competing in dinghy regattas or serving as gofers (''go for this, go for that'') on big boats. A few are breaking the mold. One is Annie Gardner (now Nelson) who steers a keelboat in the SORC with an all-woman crew but must work hard to be taken seriously on the male-dominated circuit. Women were slated to get their own 470 division at the 1988 Olympics. Hey, that's progress but progress too narrowly focused, at least for the tastes of Helen Ingerson of Rochester, N.Y. and Ann Conner of Newport, R.I. In rest-is-history fashion, the two US SAILING stalwarts pioneer the concept of all-women crews, on keelboats, competing against each other at the international level.

"The concept was simple," said Conner, who became the first chairman of US SAILING's International Keelboat Committee. "We wanted to give women an opportunity that wasn't available at the time." Rolex, J Boats and Ida Lewis Yacht Club loved the idea, and all three jumped at the chance to support such an event." With the Newport connection established -- Ida Lewis and J Boats are within city limits, and US SAILING is headquartered two towns away -- the first Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship hosted 42 boats from 12 nations. "It set women's sailing on fire," added Conner, who has long since stepped back to let others lead. "I mean, who today would think it daring to declare that female athletes can be mainstreamed into big-boat sailing?"

After local sailor Betsy Alison won the first Rolex Women's, a modest Olympic 470 aspirant, JJ Isler of San Diego, organized a victorious team for the '87 event. Already a US Sailing's Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year ('86) named for her dinghy sailing prowess, Isler would go on to win the 470 Women's bronze medal at the '92 Olympics. She would soon return to heeding the call, however, of opportunity that now knocked on her door, the opportunity to "break through the glass ceiling," she calls it, of women's sailing.

Isler served a stint as America3's tactician in 1995 America's Cup. She followed up by winning her third Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Award in '97, this time for on-water achievement while steering IMS and PHRF yachts (owned and crewed, for the most part, by males) in the 40-50 foot range.

Jody Swanson of Buffalo, N.Y. won the '89 Rolex Women's event and narrowly missed taking the crown in '91. The winner that year again was Betsy Alison, who would return to win the next three regattas as well. Swanson and Alison had both started as dinghy sailors. Now they were recognized names in women's sailing, period.

The Rolex Women's had become at once a proving ground for relative unknowns and a showcase for top talent. Alison's team proved over and over that preparation was key in the high winds and ocean swells that typified the regatta's conditions. Mastering the women's keelboat domain meant organizing team members up to two years in advance, practicing on precision boat handling and racing at every possible opportunity. By the late '90s, the first wave of a new generation of women sailors begins competing in the regatta. In '97, the youngest skipper was Anna Tunnicleiffe of Perrysburg, Ohio. The then 14-year-old finished 13th among 36 teams representing eight nations and counts the Rolex Women's among her most significant racing experiences. Since then, she has been named the 2005 Quantum College Sailor of the Year and was a three time women's All-American and a coed All-American at Old Dominion University.

Today, 2007, she is the world's top-ranked Laser Radial sailor and is preparing for the 2008 Olympic Games in China.

Inspiring, really. Not only for approximately 500 teams from 30 countries that have formed to compete in the last 11 Rolex Women's events but also for the dozens of sailing organizations that have originated to unite women regionally and give them more chances to develop their skills. Even Alison, who has made a successful business out of coaching and sailing keelboats, continues to be inspired. Another Rolex Women's veteran Cory Sertl (2001 champion and 2001 Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year), as US SAILING's representative to the ISAF, successfully lobbied for fleet racing as the new women's keelboat event during the 2004 Olympics. That's right, an 11th medal, just for women...not in dinghies. We've come a long way, baby.
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MEET THE COMPETITORS

The following is the list of competitors who have registered as of Nov. 1. When photos are available, names are listed in left to right order.

Derby Anderson
Annapolis, MD USA
Annapolis Yacht Club
USA 527
Derby Anderson, Lucy Kupersmith, Jacqueline Schmitz, Katherine Wade

Our team distinguishes itself with the combination of top talent from College Sailing, RIWKC experience in 2001, 2003 and 2005, and a close camaraderie that goes back to Junior Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. All-American skipper Derby Anderson and Bowman Lucy Kupersmith competed as the youngest competing Rolex team ever in 2001 and are now back to improve upon their results with fellow Georgetown Sailing alumnae Jacqueline Schmitz (trimmer) and Katherine Wade (pit). All four women have been sailing since childhood and collectively have had great success in the 420 circuit from the 2002 U.S. Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship to the 2006 ICSA Women’s Nationals (2nd), and finally the coveted Fowle Trophy for the “Best Team in College Sailing” at Georgetown in 2006. Lucy, Katherine and Jacqueline each work in the Washington, DC area as a medical assistant, financial analyst, and program officer, respectively. Derby lives in Annapolis and works at North Sails.

Sally Barkow
Nashotah, WI USA
PLYC
TBA, TBA

Sally Barkow, Debbie Capozzi, Carrie Howe, Annie Lush

Winner of the prestigious U.S. Sailing’s Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year award in 2005, Sally Barkow is the skipper of Team 7 Sailing. She is a three time collegiate All-American who graduated from Old Dominion University ‘02 with a BS in Psychology. After college and her early successes in sailing, Sally made the decision to pursue her Olympic dream and became a full-time sailor. Sally and her current team — Debbie Capozzi and Carrie Howe, along with Annie Lush — went on to win the 2005 and 2003 Rolex IWKC, and the 2004 ISAF Women’s Match Race World Championship. She is currently racing full time in the Yngling Class and on the Women’s Match Race circuit as she and her team concentrate on improving their sailing technique and tactics and on developing the setup and tuning of their Yngling keelboat.

Shelby Aughtry
Edmond, OK USA
Oklahoma City Boat Club
USA 1465 Speedeaux

Allison Moorhead, Dolores Aughtry, Letty Eby and Shelby Aughtry

Shelby Aughtry and Allison Moorhead placed first at Texas Youth Race Week 2007 in the 420 fleet. In 2006 they received the Brooke E. Gonzalez Award at Newport, RI, and they were awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy at the U.S. Junior Women’s Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy. Also, they were the Top Women’s Team at 420 Nationals in 2005. Letty Eby has been sailing for more than 20 years and has competed in many Area F U.S. Women’s Championship events, J/24 and J/22 Southwest Circuit regattas, and the J/22 North Americans in 2005. This will be the 4th Women Rolex event she has participated in. She is also a very competitive Flying Scot sailor in the area. Dolores Aughtry has more than 20 years of sailing experience, and has 18 years of experience on the bow of the J/22, she has also competed in several J/22 Southwest Circuit regattas as well as the J/22 North Americans in 2005.

Dana Bethancourt
Shoreacres, TX USA
Houston YC
USA 919 Rift

Sandra Baldridge, Patricia Escorihuela, Dana Bethancourt, Chelsea Bethancourt

Chelsea Bethancourt (driver) is a senior at La Porte High School; just up the bay from Houston Yacht Club. Chelsea grew up sail-
Theresa Brandner
San Francisco, CA USA
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USA 42
Theresa Brandner, T Erin Brandner Maxwell, Debi Schoenherr

Louise Bienvenu
Metairie, Louisiana, USA
Southern Yacht Club
USA 320 Runaway
Lisa Luongo, Louise Bienvenu and Deanna Vandiver
Louise Bienvenu is the skipper of Team New Orleans, a women's match race team that has raced on the women's match race circuit for three years. Team New Orleans got its first match racing trophy at the Sundance Cup at Fort Worth Boat Club in April 2007, coming in third. Louise started sailing at age 30 on big boats, and has worked her way up/down to become a regular in the Gulf Coast Finn Fleet. Sailing with Louise as her middle is Lisa Luongo, a mother of three, a Doctor of Philosophy, a general contractor rebuilding the city of New Orleans, and an avid newbie Sunfish sailor. Foredeck is Deanna Vandiver, a Master of Pastoral Studies and J/22 foredeck for five years. Deanna crewed at the Worlds her second year sailing, and last year was bowman at the U.S. Match Racing Championship — the only woman there!

Sarah Bury
Toronto, Ontario CAN
Royal Canadian Yacht Club
CAN 1421 Sunrise
Katie Abbott, Martha Henderson, Sarah Bury (not pictured) Jen Provan
The Rolex Women's Keel-
boat regatta will be the first our team has sailed together. All of us are training hard in hopes of representing Canada at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Sarah Bury, Martha Henderson and Katie Abbott are competing in the Yngling class, and Jen Provan is a skipper in the 470 class. We are excited to compete in the RIWKC and to try our hands at a J/22!

Jennifer Child
Minneapolis, MN USA
Wayzata Yacht Club
USA 692 SheMight

Diane Brown, Danielle Anderson, Caitrin Mullan, Jenny Child

Minnesota Women’s Sailing Team is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting women in the sport of sailing and sailboat racing. During the regular sailing season, Team SheMight races on Lake Minnetonka out of the Wayzata Yacht Club. With the support of Great Clips, SheMight is skippered by Jenny Child, who is in her fourth RIWKC. Jenny started sailing as a tiny tot somewhere in Iowa (we’re not quite sure where). Danielle Anderson joins the Team as tactician and spinnaker trimmer. She grew up on the water and began sailing competitively on J22s and Capri 25s in 2004; this is her second RIWKC. Caitrin Mullan, trimming jib, began her sailing career as a cruiser while living in Australia during college. Cait came back and began racing J22s when she joined the Team in 2004. Diane Brown got into sailing with her dad on a Hobie Cat when she was 10. She bought her own 30’ C&C for cruising three years ago and enjoys sailing vacations to BVI and Lake Superior. She’s been an MWST member for four years and is continuing to meet the challenge of competitive sailing with her “racer” friends. This year the team competed in numerous races through Wayzata Yacht Club, including the Cool Icebreaker series in May (still darn cold in Minnesota!) and the American Diabetes Association Regatta. The team also trained seven new skippers who were at the helm of various club boats during the Women’s Bay Series, which requires women drivers.

Skeeter Chilton
Sand Springs, OK USA
Windycrest Sailing Club
USA 339 CTRL ALT DEL

Skeeter Chilton, Allison Pinegar, Katy Towles, Sydney Pinegar

Corrie Clement
Houston, TX USA
Southern Yacht Club
USA 1024 Black Cloud
Leslie Higgins, Corrie Clement, Anna Matchett (not pictured) Kenney Cobb

Team Black Cloud is a team of ladies who like to have fun while still being competitive on the water. They will be easy to spot on the downwind leg by the pink chute (we had to be different). Kenney currently races on a keelboat in the Chesapeake Bay area. Leslie races on all types of boats in the New Orleans area, but her new favorite class is the Sunfish. Anna and Corrie sailed at Old Dominion and have been sailing together for a few years on various types of boats. Both are former Ronstan All-American sailors. We are looking forward to having fun – and always look for us going toward the Big Black Clouds!

Nicole Didyk
Chicago, IL USA
LMSRF
USA 665 Slo-Poke
Robyn Barnett, Jennifer Wilson, Nicole Didyk and Tracy Hixon

Accustomed to sailing in the shadow of men, Nicole and her team left behind their boyfriends, guyfriends, brothers and male skippers and entered the world of women’s sailing with an U.S. Women’s Championship campaign this year — and we’re back for more. Stuck in the middle-western town of Chicago, most of the team feeds its sailing addiction by crewing for the Tartan10 fleet, while you may find Robyn sailing a different scow or her laser (or both) on any given day on a Wisconsin inland lake. The team is psyched to be doing its first RIWKC campaign and promoting women’s participation in competitive sailing.

Lynette Edenfield
Fort Worth, TX USA
Fort Worth Boat Club
USA 435 TBA

Lynette Edenfield, Jessamine Lewis, Wendy Vann and Ruth Starr

Our team began with Lynette Edenfield (skipper), Jessamine Lewis (foredeck) and Wendy Vann (trimmer). For the last cou-
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people of years we've sailed together on a J/22 during Fort Worth Boat Club's Wednesday night series. This year we added Ruth Starr as our middle person. Lynette has sailed the Rolex event twice and has sailed in the Women's Championship ladder events since 1980, winning Texas several times and Area F two times. Wendy has sailed the RIWKC three times and the Women's Championship a few times, winning Area F and was trimming for the team who won the Mrs. Charles Frances Adams Cup, 2004. This will be the first year for Jessamine to sail the RIWKC. She spends most of her sailing time match racing and sailing the Texas J/22 circuit. She was on the winning team for Area F, Adams Cup, 2005. Ruth sails on a J/109 at the Fort Worth Boat Club. This will be her first international event.

Julie Goetschius
Seabrook, TX USA
Houston Yacht Club
USA 877 Crayola
Emma Browning, Phyllis Grounds, Lisa Simpkins, Julie Goetschius

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Team Crayola is a colorful team consisting of Julie Goetschius, Emma Browning, Phyllis Grounds and Lisa Simpkins. Emma, Lisa, and Julie have participated in the Rolex International Women’s Keelboat Championships in Annapolis. This is the first time for Phyllis to participate in the RIWKC. She decided to come out of a 16-year retirement from sailing J/22s to participate this year in this very prestigious event. Emma and Julie have so much fun with their hostess, Lisa at the 2005 RIWKC in Annapolis, that she was kidnapped to sail on a Texas boat this year! The team members all have experience in other competitions where they have done well. Lisa crewed on the top women’s team at the J/22 Midwinters and qualified to race in the ISAF World Sailing Games in Marseilles, France where her team finished 11th.

Emma, Phyllis and Julie have been members of an all women’s team in the Harvest Moon Regatta, an overnight offshore race. In 2006, Emma and Julie sailed a J/109 in the Harvest Moon Regatta and won the Luna Trophy and placed first in class. They all look forward sailing in the RIWKC in 2007!

Jennifer Grant
Destin, FL USA
Ft Walton Yacht Club, FL
USA 646 Damned if I know...

Jennifer Grant, Deborah Deats, Gina Coulter, Faye Black
Team Emerald Coast consists of four ladies from Ft Walton Yacht Club. They are Faye Black, Gina Coulter, Deborah Deats and Jennifer Grant. They have been racing with each other for several years at FWYC. Accomplishments include second place 2006 Trimaran Nationals, first place 2006 'Round the Island, second place 2006 and 2007 Race for the Roses and others. They actively sail and compete in various boats including the Sunfish, Vanguard 15, Fish Class, Flying Scots, Corsair Trimarans, S2 9.1, Olson 34, Frers 33 and Pearson Flyer. They have represented FWYC at the annual GYA Capedevielle Women’s Regatta, the Knost. Another group event the ladies have participated in is the Race for the Roses hosted by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. This annual event has kept the ladies pushing themselves to learn more and perform better. Each year, their dedication to the sport shows as they continue to improve and perform well.

Mary Anne Hopper
Heath, TX USA
Rush Creek Yacht Club
USA 1005 gnat
Mary Anne Hopper, Agnes Luster, Betty Sherman, Erin Calk

Kathy Irwin
Heath, TX USA
Rush Creek Yacht Club
USA 368 Team 4 Texas

Kathy Irwin, Genie Simeona, Cindy Cady and Ida Rae Prothero
Team 4 Texas represents four yacht clubs: Kathy Irwin, helmsman, Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, Texas; Cindy (Stieffel) Cady, tactician, Bay Waveland Yacht Club, Bay St. Louis, Ms; Ida Rae Prothero, foredeck, Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis, Md.; and Genie Simeona, trimmer, Kanohe Yacht Club, Oahu, Hawaii. While they have sailed with each other in different events, this will be the first event for all to sail together. Kathy and Genie sailed together in the U.S. Women’s Sailing Championship in Dallas that was cancelled in 2001 due to 9/11. Kathy sailed with Ida Rae in a match Racing Regatta in FW and the J22 East Coast Championships in Annapolis in 2005 with Ida Rae’s skipper Sandy Grosvenor. Kathy and Cindy sail Flying Scot events in Dallas and Houston. In 2005, Cindy was to be the fourth on the team and sailed with Kathy and Ida Rae in regattas leading up to the RIWKC. After hurricane Katrina destroyed Bay St. Louis, Cindy withdrew from the team to help her family and friends. Genie was her replacement. This will be Kathy’s 6th Rolex event: twice she crewed in Newport, in 2001 and 2003 drove her boat from Texas to Annapolis and in 2005 chartered a boat that belonged to Ida Rae’s skipper. Ida Rae has sailed in all three Rolex events in Annapolis and Genie twice and Cindy in Newport once in J24s. All have competed in U.S. Women’s Championships, with Cindy and Kathy taking home the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams trophy twice: Cindy in 1977 and Kathy in 2004. Kathy’s team also placed 2nd in 1991; Genie and Ida Rae have competed in eliminations and finals over the years. All are active racers in their respective sailing venues. The team’s occupations are traveling & free lance writers, professional photographer and mother, flight attendant and police officer.
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Team East Coast West Coast is comprised of four experienced women sailors who compete on both coasts and have a passion for racing: Nicole Breault grew up racing dinghies at Niantic Bay YC in Connecticut, then captained the Yale Sailing Team, earning All American honors. Nicole won the 420 Nationals in both 1989 and 1991, and the 420 North Americans in 1990. Ca-

Robin Jackson
Littleton, CO USA
Dillon Yacht Club
USA 1366 Does This Boat Make My Butt Look Big
Sherre Weatherford, Kristin Zagray, Robin Jackson, Chris Hull
The Big Butt girls return for their second appearance at the RIWKC and looking forward to the new venue. Robin has been sailing since age 9 and competed for Tulane University. After a 15-year hiatus, she joined the J/24 class and then J/22s. This will be her fourth trip to the RIWKC. Co-owner Kristin Zagray has been sailing for 9 years in both classes as well. She’s an all-around team member excelling at any position on the boat. This will be Kristin’s fourth RIWKC as well. Sherre Weatherford has an extensive J class background attending numerous Bermuda Race Week events. Her talent is tactics and reading wind. She sails year-round out of Houston Yacht Club so her local knowledge is invaluable. Chris Hull, nickname “G”, knows the bow of a J22 like the back of her hand. Powerful and agile, she is an asset in any condition. G also has been sailing J boats for a decade or more and will take her third look at RIWKC this year. Obviously, the J/22 has won us all over!

Anne Jaeschke
Alameda, CA USA
USA 404 Sex NY
Anne Jaeschke, Mahalynn Lu, Casey Williams, Nicole Breault

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Team Crash Course: Skipper Linda McKee and crew Anne Banks, Carla Banks and Kate McConnico
Local team Red Stripe is a mixture of friends and family who enjoy the challenge of racing. Skipper Anne Lee is the owner of a landscape design company in Houston. Anne has been sailing all her life, but has only recently chosen to take the helm in serious racing. This is Anne’s second RIWKC, her first as skipper. Diana Strickler, bow, is fairly new to yacht racing and eager to participate. She is a very busy mother to young sons, Reaves and Jacob. Terry Eukel, trim, loves to race sailboats and is mother to teenagers, Alex and Phillip. This will be Terry’s first RIWKC. Neave Nunes, tactics, is a veteran racer, and

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has crewed in several major regattas. She has participated in the last two RIWKC events. Our team is very excited and proud to be members of the host club.

Mamsie Manard
Metairie, LA USA
Southern Yacht Club
USA 1081 Cayenne
Mamsie Manard, Janice Griglack, Michelle Hitter, Anne David
Skipper Mamsie Manard is a lifelong sailor and has raced on both one-design and PHRF boats in various crew positions, and has only recently moved to the helm position after primary skipper Debby Grimm suffered an injury. Mamsie, along with Janice Griglack and Michelle Hitter have been competing together for the past several years in fleet and match racing events along the Gulf Coast. They, along with Anne David working foredeck, recently finished second in the Coco Seemann Women's Keelboat Championship. All hail from the Greater New Orleans area.

Rachel Marsden
La Porte, TX USA
Galveston Bay Cruising Association
USA 871 Green Flash
Rachel Marsden, Lucy Wozniak, Vicki Rhyne and Koralina Pior
Team Green Flash is a local women's team consisting of Rachel Marsden (skipper), Lucy Wozniak (trimmer), Vicki Rhyne (middle) and Koralina Pior (bow) are excited about the opportunity to participate in this years RIWKC. Although on opposite ends of the world, both Rachel and Lucy competed in Youth Laser Racing, Rachel at HYC and Lucy on the Bermuda Youth Sailing Team. Over the past several years Rachel has been an avid competitor in the Vanguard 15 circuit while Lucy has competed on the J/24 Texas Circuit and is currently a trimmer on a local J/109 team. Vicki Rhyne has also been racing on a local J/109 team and while relatively new to sailing she is enjoying the sport and racing on the J/22. Koralina

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Linda McDavitt
Austin, Texas USA
Austin Yacht Club
USA 629 Bonfire
Linda McDavitt, Carolyn Wilsford, Martha St. Romain
Team Bonfire is a group of girls who love sailing! Skipper Linda McDavitt and team will be experiencing their first RIWKC. All team members have been at U.S. Women's Championship Finals and have done some Match Racing. When not sailing, Linda, retired from band directing, is running the family foundation. Carolyn Wilsford teaches math at a local middle school in Austin and enjoys working out for fun. Martha St. Romain is the Development officer for Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi and besides sailing has ventured into bird watching. Our fourth member is not yet announced, but should be a solid factor in the team.

Linda McKee
Houston, TX USA
Houston Yacht Club
USA 621 Crash Course
Kate McConnico, Carla Banks, Linda McKee, Anne Banks
Team Crash Course has been sailing together for approximately one year in preparation for the 2007 RIWKC at HYC. Team members are Linda McKee,
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We wish you all good luck!

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retired nurse; Anne Banks, retired accountant; Carla Banks, Director of Commercial Strategy for Complete Energy, a power generation company based in Houston; and Kate McConnico, an attorney specializing in family law. All are members of the Houston Yacht Club. We wish to say thanks a million to our sponsors, Energy XXI and Recie Kraemer, and a special thanks to Letha and Tim Broadhead for the charter of their boat. Go Team!

Kathy Parks
Shady Side, Maryland USA
Annapolis Yacht Club
USA 1470 Sundog
Kathy Parks, Sue Cornelius, Devon Feusahrens, Kirsten Rowan
Team Sundog is composed of friends and family who love to race. Skipper Kathy Parks is an executive with State Farm Insurance. This will be her third Rolex as skipper and fourth total. Sue Cornelius, bow is a veteran of numerous Rolex Regattas going back to the Newport days. Sue is a busy mom to 4-year-old Marshall. Devon Feusahrens is a college student taking time off from school to do what she loves best — race sailboats. She trims jib and does downwind tactics. Kirsten Rowan is Director of Marketing for Atlantic Media and daughter of Kathy. Kirsten calls upwind tactics and trims the spinnaker.

Emma Paull
Road Town, Tortola IVB
Bitter End Yacht Club
TBA Loose Cannon
Emma Paull, Rebecca Paull-Rowlette, Clair Burke, Linda Phillips
Team BVI/Bitter End Yacht Club come from the tropical paradise of the British Virgin Islands. They are looking forward to the RIWKC and racing against new faces. Skipper Emma Paull sails Laser Radials and IC24s. She is Club Manager at the Royal BVI Yacht Club. Main and spinnaker trimmer and mother to a seven month old, Rebecca Paull-Rowlette (Emma’s sister) owns Husky Salvage and Towing with her husband.
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Kevin. Jib Trimmer Clair Burke, the team's lucky Irish, is a senior manager at Tricor Global and a Laser radial sailor. Linda Phillips, on the bow, runs Doyle Sails BVI with her husband Bob when she is not sailing or spending time with her two college aged daughters.

Margot Pendleton
Basalt, CO USA
Dillon Yacht Club & Aspen Yacht Club
USA 824 Aspen Possee
Gwen Farnsworth, Linda Bays, Pip Muir, Margot Pendleton
The Aspen Posse team is from the Mountains of Colorado sailing out of Dillon and Aspen. Margot Pendleton is the skipper and works in construction. She has done one RIWKC and a National and Worlds J/22 event. Gwen Farnsworth trims spinnaker and jib. She has done bow on Shock 35s and J/120s in California. Upon moving to Colorado she jumped on the J/22. This is her first RIWKC. Pip Muir who does pit is originally from New Zealand and now lives in Colorado. She builds and repairs boats for a living. Pip has participated in one RIWKC. Linda Bays is from Oklahoma and is an insurance adjuster. She does bow and competes on the Southwest Circuit J/22 circuit. This will be her fifth RIWKC.

Domini que Provoyeur
Koelenhof, Stellenbosch RSA
Royal Cape Yacht Club
RSA 1510 Devonvale
Penny Alison, Dominique Provoyeur, Kim Rew (Picture d Separate)
Lara Dugas

Team Isigungu, the name of our campaign, is a Zulu word, meaning a group of people working toward a common goal. Dominique, Penny and Kim are in the midst of their Olympic Campaign for 2008 Olympic Games in the Yngling class, and are the first women from South Africa to ever qualify for a sailing discipline, and the only team to have secured a spot in the games thus far. They finished 12th overall and 10th Nation at the ISAF Worlds in Cascais, their best overall finish to date. Lara, a new addition to the team, who now lives in Chicago, has previously done bow for another South African team, who finished 6th at the ISAF Worlds in Marseille, 2002. She now sails regularly in Chicago on various racing boats. This team has participated in the RIWKC twice (2003 and 2005) and finished 7th and 11th respectively. The aim is to better both these results in 2007.

Gosia Rojek
Brooklyn, NY USA
Shelter Island Yacht Club
USA 35 Better Yet
Gosia Rojek, (not pictured) Martha Parker, Chafee Emory and Elizabeth Kratzig
Better Yet is a spin-off of the Swan 45 Program Better Than. Gosia Rojek, skipper for this event, races Better Than with her husband and son. Over the past year, she has started driving the Swan, as well as honing her skills by skippering smaller keelboats. This will be her debut event as a skipper. The other members of the Better Yet team include Martha Parker (owner of Team 1 Newport) on the bow, Chafee Emory trimming jib and spinnaker, and Elizabeth Kratzig calling tactics and trimming main. The team’s goal for the regatta is to continue the Better Than tradition, by being Better Yet.

Renee Rua is
Austin, TX USA
Austin Yacht Club
USA 984 Dea Latis
Stacy Tucker, Renee Rua is, Barbara Prashner
The skipper and crew on Dea Latis all hail from the Austin Yacht Club and have varied racing backgrounds. Skipper Renee Ruais

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has been actively racing Lasers on the Texas Circuit for five years and once skippered a J/24 in the Area F Adams Eliminations regatta. She started racing J/22s in 2005 and purchased her own boat this year. Middle crew Barbara Prashner started sailing in southern California in 1991, assisting with coastal charters to Catalina Island, the Channel Islands off the Santa Barbara coast and Ensenada, Mexico. In 1993 Barbara moved to Tucson and was literally land locked until moving to Austin in 1999. Since then, she has been honing her crewing skills on J/29s, J/24s and now a J/22. Foredeck Stacy Tucker learned to sail with friends on the Texas coast and soon found Austin Yacht Club and a place to sail near home. For several years, Stacy did foredeck and other crew positions on an 11-Metre sailboat named Wasabi and recently resurrected her old Sidewinder for some dinghy sailing. This is the first RIWKC for all three sailors.

Maegan Ruhlman
Jamestown, PA USA
Pymatuning Yacht Club
USA 751 Mike

Maegan Ruhlman, Julia Southworth, Amy Linton, Megan Hawn
Our team consists of a mishmash of sailing ability and talent found in four women who adore the sport. Skipper Maegan Ruhlman grew up sailing Lightnings and has only recently started sailing J/22s. She is currently a senior at College of Charleston and this will be her first time skippering the RIWKC. Julia Southworth, on spinnaker and upwind tactics, is also a senior at the College of Charleston and was an avid member of the College of Charleston sailing team for the past three years. Amy Linton, on jib and tactics, hails from the Tampa, Florida area and is among many other things, an instrumental part of the current Lightning World Champion team. Megan Hawn, on bow and tactics, is originally from Philadelphia, but now lives in Baltimore. She recently graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she was an active member of the sailing team for four years.

Terry Schertz
Lakewood, CO USA
Dillon Yacht Club
USA 358 Liter' Up!

Cory Sertl
Rochester, NY USA
Rochester Yacht Club
USA 1466 Lucy

Cory Sertl, Amy Moran, Jane Mastrandrea, Annemarie Cook
My team for this year's event consists of three friends from Rochester Yacht Club: Amy Moran, Carolyn Bick and Annemarie Cook. Each of us have two children (teenagers!), are over 40 and work in a variety of businesses. Amy raced with me two previous Keelboats in Newport in 1991 and 1993, Carolyn owns a J/22 and plans to skipper in 2009. Annemarie (bow) keeps us on track with organizing events. Since we are big promoters of women sailing at Rochester Yacht Club we decided to call ourselves the

June Shaw
Houston, Texas USA
Houston Yacht Club
TBA, TBA
Diane Jamail, Heather Forsey, June Shaw, (not pictured) Bea Grimmitt.

Team NEMO CHICKS is mostly from the Houston-Galveston Bay Area. June Shaw (skipper), Diane Jamail (mid deck) and Heather Forsey (foredeck), have sailed together for the last three years as part of crew on an X-119 "Nemo" – placing 1st in the Sperry Shoe Regatta, 2nd LYC Bay Cup II and 2nd and 4th in recent Harvest Moon Regattas. This is their first outing on a J/22 and their first RIWKC. Bea Grimmitt (trimmer) sails from Newport. She represented the USVI in the first two women's keelboat championships and a past Adam Cup Champion. Bea spends her time on an Obstreperous J/24 in Fleet 50 and trimming spinnaker on a Swan 44.

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Susan Taylor
Los Angeles, CA USA
California Yacht Club
USA 36 TBA
Susan Taylor, Michelle Ondrey, Denise George, Kellie Fennessy

Anna Tunnicliffe
Plantation, FL USA
North Cape Yacht Club
TBA, TBA
Anna Tunnicliffe, Liz Bower, Molly Vandemoer, Ali Sharp
Ranked for the past year as the world’s number one Laser Radial Sailor, Anna Tunnicliffe has just won the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Sailing in the Laser Radial class and she will represent the USA in Qingdao, China at the Summer Olympic Games next year. Tunnicliffe holds the distinction as being the youngest skipper in Rolex IWKC history. In 1987, the then 14-year-old finished 13th among 36 teams representing eight nations. Anna graduated from Old Dominion University where she was a multiple All-American. On the bow of the boat is Liz Bower. Liz is currently Assistant Coach at ODU, from where she graduated as a multiple All-American and Women’s Dinghy Champion. Molly Vandemoer is trimmer. She competed in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Sailing in the 470 class where she and her skipper finished third. Molly was a multiple All-American while at the University of Hawaii and won a Women’s Dinghy Championship. Tactician Ali Sharp is currently Assistant Coach at the U.S. Naval Academy. She graduated from St Mary’s College where she was a multiple All-American. Anna, Liz and Ali have been racing as a team for the past three years and are confident that Molly is a great addition to their crew.

Susan Mattis Turnham
Duluth, MN USA
Duluth Yacht Club
USA 1090 Stellar Jay
Susan Mattis Turnham, Amy Carlson, Connie Bloom, Katherine Danielson
Team Stellar Jay is returning for their third RIWKC. Sailing out of Duluth, Minnesota, the team spent the summer racing with the Duluth Yacht Club on Lake Superior. Returning team members Susan Mattis Turnham and Connie Bloom have sailed together in numerous J/22 events including three North American Championships and last year’s World Championships in Annapolis. In addition to sailing, Susan and Connie have become interested in triathlons and completed their second race this summer.

Beverly Van Zandt
Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, TX USA
USA 364 Can Do!!!
Beverly Van Zandt, Chris Larson, Carol Rush, Itzel Mulhern
After their kids flew the coop, four boisterous women from “H-town” came together on Can Do. Beverly Van Zandt, a principal at Higgins, Smythe & Hood Yachts, is the woman in charge. With more than 40 years experience, Ms. Skipper has sailed the Harvest Moon Regatta, the Veracruz Race and the Race to the Border. Itzel Mulhern serves as the pit person and trims the jib when she’s not working as a rehabilitation doctor. Originally from Panama, she has been boating for more than 30 years, cruises frequently and competes in the Women’s Regatta every year. Responsible for the spinnaker and mainsail is rocket scientist Carol Rush. While fairly new to sailing, the NASA guru has cruised the Caribbean and attended Women’s Camp when she’s not working on the Space Station program. Dubbed “bow person” is Ms. Commodorable (Former First Lady of HYC) Chris Larson. This motorcycle mama cruises and races frequently, including in the Women’s Regatta, and has attended Women’s Camp multiple times, racking up more than 25 years on the water. With a can-do attitude, these four HYC-ers’ main goal is to have fun while competing in this prestigious event.

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Carter McMahan-Wimberly
Houston, TX USA
Lakewood Yacht Club
USA 707 Tejas/Jibe-Ho's
Lucy Lingard, Marie Wise, Carter McMahan-Wimberly and Mary Mitchell


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