

- > Dear friends !
- > Dear sailors !
- > winter has not really gone, but the sun is steadily climbing higher and
- > dreaming of coming season 2011 begins.....
- > After a very poor season 2010 because of damaging Al's backbone as well
- > as brand new knees for Eri we were only a few weekends "sailing" in
- > 2010.
- > Today Erika and I feel "healthy again" and with enough power for more
- > sailing in 2011.
- > We remember the S&S AGM 2010 in Barcelona well, it was a wonderful and
- > perfect weekend with meeting lots of friends.... as the years before !
- > Our intention than was and still is to sail "SASHA" to Falmouth for this
- > year's AGM of the Sparkman & Stephens Association. We have in mind to
- > leave Hamburg beginning of May heading westward for Falmouth.
- > Hereby Erika and I like to invite you to jump on board SASHA and sail
- > with us all the way to Falmouth - or only a part of.
- > While reading once more some article about sailing and great mile stones
- > in sailing history I remember it was July 1931, when "Dorada" passed
- > Lizard Point and won the Transatlantic Race !
- > Now 80 years later, may be there is a very little chance to show that
- > S&S designs are still fast and competitive in long distance races.
- > Having this in mind, Erika and I will sail "SASHA" at the end of the S+S
- > AGM 2011 in Falmouth back to Southampton or Zeebrugge for shipping SASHA
- > on board a RoRo freighter across the Atlantic to the US-East coast.
- > We hereby like to announce to all of you that "SASHA" will take part at
- > the

> Transatlantic Race 2011

> from Newport , RI to Lizard Point, UK, with final destination Cowes,

> I.o.W. England.

> Preparing this race, our general situation today is as following :

> 1.

> because of "a little help" from our physicians Erika and I got well

> again and are now fit for any offshore sailing.

> 2.

> We are trained over the last 30 years to handle SASHA under nearly all

> conditions - most of all double handed.

> 3.

> The boat is perfect prepared and in very best condition to sail and

> race.

> 4.

> The rating is not bad.....

> 5.

> The Race is absolutely perfect and starts in the right time of the

> season.

> 6.

> Shipping transport including cradle is close to be organized and SASHA

> should be delivered at New York or Newark on and by June 16th, 2011.

> Time enough to sail to Newport for preparing race and start.

> 7.

> Little renewal is in progress like changing old to new stove in the

> galley for being sure to have all time good foods during the Race ! New

> water maker is installed as well.

- > Because of our very late decision the most important aspect is not
- > organized today : We are in need of crew.
- > Better "in need of friends" who like to be crew on board "SASHA" for
- > this Race.

- > These friends should have enough experience in offshore sailing,
- > should have experience in racing, experience in safe steering a heavy
- > 42ft boat speeding up to 15 kn downwind for more than only seconds.
- > Should have experience in working on fore deck handling sails (mind : we
- > have no furling system for any sail, we have to change sails under all
- > conditions !).
- > Last but not least these friends should like to cook, to prepare and
- > serve warm food for dinner or lunch - even under rough conditions.....
- > Most important : these friends should be friends.

- > For this "event" we will offer to the crew :
- > a warm and dry berth for every crew member, enough lockers for personal
- > belongings, good foods, best friendship and all personal assistance one
- > will need.
- > We further like to offer sailing as fast as possible, but our main point
- > is "suitable sailing for crew and boat", for example better sailing with
- > more speed and a little more open sails and trying to avoid close hauled
- > sailing in heavy whether condition, concerning to on line whether
- > routing. All this for approx. 17 to 22 days of "racing" !
- > Dates :
- > On board New York : June, 17th
- > or latest on board Newport : June 21st

- > Start II, Newport : Wednesday June, 29th
- > Finishing the race..... open !
- > It will be a 5-6 weeks adventure !>
- > We made decision end of last week and signed our entry short before
- > deadline, February, 28th, 2011.
- > Now, friends, it is up to you to think about this idea.
- > Make your decision and be with us in a team. Let us know about.
- > Erika and I would be absolutely happy, if you -friends- would like to
- > sail this Race together with us and SASHA.
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- > All our best Regards.
- > Ali + Eri Peters