



## International Intrigue

### The Nautica Watches Trophy

The International Team Competition delivers an interesting and fun “side competition” to race week — one that augments the intense class racing that participants are so focused on. Now in its eleventh year, the 2008 competition will feature 11 exciting three-boat teams comprised of boats



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Flash Gordon 5 heads up the USA Great Lakes team. The three US teams face eight strong foreign teams.

from the Farr 40, Melges 32 and Melges 24 classes.

International excitement has been on the rise in Key West for over a decade now with the 2008 fleet including a record 60 foreign entries. This friendly, yet highly competitive international team component of race week has become a popular feature and one that highlights the diversity of the fleets.

The teams will hail from Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain (2), Italy, Scandinavia, Switzerland and the U.S. (3). The three U.S. teams are regional — with boats representing the West Coast, Great Lakes, and East Coast.

“Each year the international team competition unites people who would not normally see each other on the race course,” notes Race Chairman Peter Craig. “What was loosely modeled after the Admiral’s Cup in Cowes, England has become a fun Key West tradition. Presenting sponsor *Nautica* brings added prestige to the competition along with beautiful timepieces to the winners. The Nautica Watches Trophy has become a prestigious and highly sought after Key West award.”

At the end of the week The *Nautica Watches Trophy* and *Nautica Yacht Timer* watches will be awarded to each of the three boats on the winning team. Second and third place teams will also receive trophies and timepieces.

International Team Competition scoring is based on the lowest cumulative points scored by each team for the entire series. For the purpose of team scoring, the individual boats on each team will be scored only against other boats on teams within their individual classes.



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Nautica Watches representative, Linda Calvert, will again be presenting the trophies and timepieces to the winners. Nautica Watches is the Official Timekeeper for race week.

In 2007, Team Switzerland took top honors. Franco Rossini’s *Blu Moon* (Melges 24), teamed up with Ernesto Bertarelli’s *Alinghi* (Farr 40) and Torben Tornquist’s *Artemis* (IRC). They edged Team France by a mere 4.5 points. With Melges 32 defending champion Claudio Recchi (*Let’s Roll*) joining Rossini and Bertarelli for 2008, they will be formidable.

## Sponsor profile:

# NAUTICA

**Company Name:** Nautica

**Product:** Global lifestyle brand with fashion apparel, accessories and home furnishings.

**Top Executive:** Denise Seegal, CEO and President, VF Sportswear

**Year Founded:** 1983

**Corporate Location:** New York City

**Other Locations:** Beyond New York, offices in Europe, South and Central America, Asia and Australia. Sold in more than 70 countries around the globe.

Design, function and quality are the foundation of the Nautica philosophy. Over the last two decades, the Nautica concept has evolved from a collection of 6 pieces of men’s outerwear into a complete lifestyle brand. At the core of the brand is Nautica Sportswear for men. From this, Nautica has expanded into tailored clothing; a full line of men’s accessories, including eyewear, watches, and fragrance; men’s and women’s sleepwear; Nautica Jeans Company; Nautica Swimwear for women; and Nautica Kids. In 1996 Nautica launched the Nautica Home Collection – a complete line of bedding, bath linens, dinnerware and furniture. In the fall of 2006 Nautica launched Women’s Sportswear. Today Nautica is available in more than 70 countries around the globe.

**Comments on Key West participation:** Adventure and discovery are at the heart of the Nautica brand. Sailing epitomizes this. Since the brand’s creation in 1983, sailing and fun in and on the water have become synonymous with the Nautica brand. Key West with its international field and high caliber of participants is the perfect fit for the Nautica brand.

**News:** In 2008, Nautica will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

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**Any additional comments or facts?:** Nautica is committed to sailing and has sponsored numerous regattas and sailing teams, including the 2000 and 2002 Star Class Championships, the America’s Cup, three America’s Cup syndicates, and the Kings Cup in Phuket, Thailand.

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### Preliminary Scratch Sheet — January 4, 2008

Team	Class	Boat Name	Entrant	Tactician	Homeport	Country
Canada	F40	<i>Goombay Smash</i>	William Douglass	Ian Walker	Newport, RI	USA
	M32	<i>Arkle</i>	John Sherlock	Mike Wolfs	Port Credit, CAN	CAN
	M24	<i>The Rodent</i>	Hank Wissensz	Hank Wissensz	Nolsc, CAN	CAN
France	F40	<i>Twins</i>	Erik Maris	Philippe Mourniac	Paris, FRA	FRA
	M32	<i>New Wave</i>	M Carroll & M Kullman	John Jennings	Clearwater, FL	USA
	M24	<i>Tresvalles.com</i>	Benoit Charon	Jean Philippe Saliou	Granville, FRA	FRA
Germany	F40	<i>Morning Glory</i>	Hasso Plattner	Dean Barker	Kiel, GER	GER
	M32	<i>Pinta</i>	Michael Illbruck	Vince Brun	Munich, GER	GER
	M24	<i>Kleine Rainbow</i>	Bent Dietrich	Bent Dietrich	Hamburg, GER	GER
Great Britain 1	F40	<i>Darkside</i>	Charles Swingland	Mark Kennedy	Delaware, UK	GBR
	M32	<i>RED</i>	Joe Woods	Tim Powell	Torquay, GBR	GBR
	M24	<i>Excellent</i>	John Pollard	Rob Smith	Torquay, GBR	GBR
Great Britain 2	F40	<i>Ramrod</i>	Rod Jabin	Gavin Brady	Annapolis, MD	USA
	M32	<i>Highlife</i>	P. Rogers & R. Duckworth	Fred Kemp	Hamble, UK	GBR
	M24	<i>Cujo</i>	Tony Wetherell	Simon Hiscocks	Snaitl, GBR	GBR
Italia	F40	<i>DSK Comifin</i>	Danilo Salsi	Pietro D’Ali	YC Costa Smeralda, ITA	ITA
	M32	<i>Hiroshi</i>	Armando Giuliotti	Ian Ainslie	Milano, ITA	ITA
	M24	<i>Flli Giacomel Audi</i>	Riccardo Simoneschi	Thierry Pouponnet	Genova, ITA	ITA
Scandinavia	F40	<i>Nanoq</i>	HRH Prince Frederik	Bouwe Bekking	Copenhagen, DEN	DEN
	M32	<i>Taboo</i>	Stephen Pugh	Seadon Wijzen	Sausalito, CA	USA
	M24	<i>NOR 724</i>	Lasse Kjus	Thomas Oksmo	Oslo, NOR	NOR
Switzerland	F40	<i>Alinghi</i>	Ernesto Bertarelli	Brad Butterworth	Geneva, SUI	SUI
	M32	<i>Let’s Roll</i>	Claudio Recchi	Gabriele Benussi	SUI	ITA
	M24	<i>Blu Moon</i>	Franco Rossini	Tiziano Nava	Lugano, SUI	SUI
USA East Coast	F40	<i>Barking Mad</i>	James Richardson	Terry Hutchinson	Newport, RI	USA
	M32	<i>O</i>	Jim Swartz	Kimo Worthington	Edgartown, MA	USA
	M24	<i>Gannet</i>	Othmar M. v. Blumencron	O. M. v. Blumencron	Annapolis, MD	USA
USA Great Lakes	F40	<i>Flash Gordon 5</i>	Helmut Jahn	Bill Hardesty	Chicago, IL	USA
	M32	<i>Star</i>	Jeff Ecklund	Harry Melges	Lake Minnetonka, MN	USA
	M24	<i>Full Throttle</i>	Brian Porter	Andy Burdick	Lake Geneva, WI	USA
USA West Coast	F40	<i>Warpath</i>	Fred & Steve Howe	Paul Cayard	Point Loma, CA	USA
	M32	<i>Pegasus 32</i>	Philippe Kahn	Richard Clarke	Honolulu, HI	USA
	M24	<i>Pegasus 505</i>	David Ullman	Charlie Ogletree	Newport Beach, CA	USA