

WOMEN IN PROPERTY TAKE TO THE SEA

Two teams of women from the male-dominated property and construction industry are preparing to set sail this September in the challenge of lifetime, taking on all-comers in the Little Britain Challenge Cup (LBBC) at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

The two crews of ten women, whose sailing experience ranges from some to none, are all members of a unique property industry networking group called the Association of Women in Property.

With more than a 1,200 members across eight regional branches and every sector of the construction and property industry, Women in Property has been making waves since 1987.

But this year is the first time its members will actually be sailing them.

Drawn from a wide range of construction-related organisations, including architects, surveyors, solicitors, planners and even a publisher, the two crews, one representing the London area and one made up of members from south west England to Scotland, are a reflection of the breadth of the group's membership.

Now in its 16th year, the LBBC is the largest annual charity yachting regatta in Europe with more than 200 yachts and 2,000 people from the construction industry participating in races over the three days.

The Women in Property crews are grateful to the following main sponsors for making their participation possible: Interface, Gleeds, and Mitsubishi Electric UK.

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Editors' Notes

Women in Property is a national organisation, with over 1,200 members and 8 regional branches. It represents all disciplines within the property and construction industry and provides a forum for business opportunities, the exchanging of views, networking and personal development.