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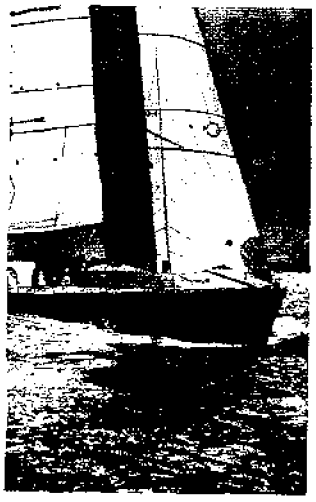
Women in Property take to the seas in Cowes race

So you think bounding across the windy seas is a male pursuit? This year an all-female Women In Property team wants to prove that this is a myth.

A team of 10 women will be competing in the male-dominated Little Britain Challenge Cup, which takes place 9-12 September. Heading out of Cowes, Isle of Wight, the crew will take part in a series of three races over the four-day event.

The women will be racing in an IMX38 – a 38ft yacht built by X Yachts of Denmark, designed for competitive racing, with 10 berths, a masthead rig and a huge steering wheel.



Women in Property's IMX38: built in Denmark and sleeps 10 people

The team's organiser, Alison Smith of Coda Architects, said: "The team are physically fit and have a wealth of sailing experience. We intend to give the men a run for their money. Those who think we are lightweights, that we should be at home with the children, or that we are in it for a laugh, will be seriously mistaken."

Women from city councils, Mitsubishi, Stephens solicitors, RTKL, Buro Happold, to name but a few, are on the team. "We've got sailors who've raced in Hong Kong, Antigua, Spain and even past members of the Fastnet Race," said Smith.

The team have partial sponsorship for the event and are looking to complete their funding. A variety of sponsorship options are available, including use of the boat for corporate events and branding possibilities.

To find out about sponsoring the team, e-mail karen.crosland @ntlworld.com or call her on 07803 205088.

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