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 "Dorade" 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
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.

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 weather condition, concerning to on line weather 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