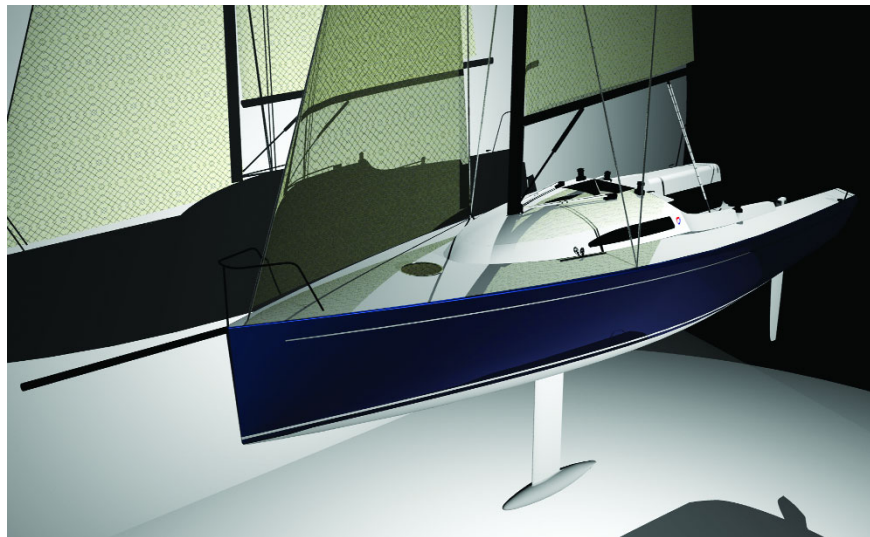


New boat: Columbia 30

Columbia Yachts, which produced such boats as the Columbia 24 and the Columbia 50, at the time the largest fiberglass production boat, faded in the mid-1980s after founding father Dick Valdes left the company. But two years ago, Columbia Yacht Corp. returned under the guidance of Valdes' son Vince and is introducing its first new boat this year, a sport boat that claims to offer what most others in its class lack—comfort.

The Columbia 30 should offer sailors the thrills they are looking for in a sport boat with the ease of handling and room to take a group



of friends out for a quick cruise around the harbor in an attention-getting vessel.

The boat was designed by Morrelli & Melvin Design Engineering Inc., which is better known for its work in the multihull world, including Steve Fossett's *Playstation*.

The boat has a retractable centerboard with a bulb and a bow sprit off which oversized chutes can be flown.

Down below offers more amenities than most other sport boats can boast, including two quarterberths, two settees and a forward double berth, which

would put a weekend cruise in the realm of possibility.

It wouldn't take long to get to your destination in this boat either; and there's nothing wrong with a little speed.

The details

LOA 30'; LWL 26'6"; Beam 9'6"; Draft 7' (board down), 2' (board up); Displacement 3,400 lbs.; Sail Area 433 sq. ft.

Sailaway price: mid-\$60,000s

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To Fiddler's Green

Stanley Rosenfeld: He captured the beauty of sail

Stanley Rosenfeld, whose photographs of America's Cup yachts are among the most well-known sailing images in the world, died December 23 in Miami, Florida. He was 89.

Born July 27, 1913, Rosenfeld shared his father Morris' passion for photography, and the pair's favorite subject was yachts.

Stanley took his first America's Cup photo in 1930 when the stately J-boats sailed off Newport, Rhode Island, although it wasn't until Morris became ill later in life that Stanley considered putting his own name on a photo credit, he wrote in *A Century Under Sail*, a book of Rosenfeld photographs.

The two Rosenfeld photographers were fixtures at America's Cups in their photo boats, each called *Foto*. Stanley missed his first Cup in 65 years in 1995.

Perhaps the most famous of the Rosenfeld photos is "Flying Spinnakers," of the 12-meters *Gleam* and *Northern Light*, taken in 1938. Stanley said he knew immediately it was an incredible picture.

"When I saw it happening, the composition was so compelling that I moved in to catch the shot," he wrote.

Stanley will become the 51st member inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame February 17 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Short

TACKS

Habla frances?: Beneteau USA has hired Luis Buglioni as sales manager for the Spanish-speaking territory of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean and the northern tier of South America. For more about Beneteau's dealers, visit www.beneteauusa.com.

Adding on: Doyle Sails has added two new lofts. Co-owners John and Ed Trombley will run Doyle Lake Champlain in Plattsburgh, New York, and Peter Kulier is the managing director of Doyle Hungary-Balatonbtextil Karmacs KFT near Lake Balaton, Hungary. For more on Doyle lofts, visit www.doylesails.com.

The big cats ride again: The second edition of the extreme giant multihull race **The Race** will start in Marseilles, France, February 29, 2004. The round-the-world crewed race will be held every four years. An international circuit for the giant multihulls will also include The Race Tour, a fully-crewed round-the-world race with stopovers scheduled for 2005-2006. For more information, visit www.therace.org on the Web.

Snapping over: Manufacturer of small marine hardware **Wichard** has acquired **Profurl**, maker of roller furlers. Wichard, headquartered in Thiers, France, employs 165 people in the United States and France. For more on Wichard's line of products, visit www.wichard.com.

Honored: US Sailing has awarded the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal to three crews who rescued fellow sailors in two separate accidents. **Duane and Mary Minard** of the *J/44 Quest* were honored November 9 for their June rescue of a solo sailor on Long Island Sound after his boat caught fire. The crew of the Express 37 *Elan* and the hard-bottom inflatable *Punnett* were honored November 20 for rescuing an *Elan* trimmer when he was knocked overboard following a St. Francis Yacht Club race in March. For more on the awards, visit www.ussailing.org.

Headed for Germany: More than 100 yachts are expected to participate in the **DaimlerChrysler North Atlantic Challenge** in June from Newport, Rhode Island, to Cuxhaven, Germany, and on to Hamburg. The race commemorates the 100th anniversary of the German sailing club Hamburgischer Verein Seefahrt. For more information about the race, visit www.dcnac.de.

The Sailing

CALENDAR

January 31- February 4 La Source Grenada Sailing Festival, racing, cruising, charter boat, multihull, workboat and fun racing boat classes, Grenada, www.grenadasailingfestival.com

February 1-8 World Ice Yacht Championship Gold Cup, sailed in DNs, Lake Champlain Region, smadden@entergy.com

February 7-28 Pineapple Cup, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to Montego Bay, Jamaica, www.montegobayrace.com

February 13-18 Miami International Boat Show, Miami Beach Convention Center and Sealine Marine & Yachting Center, Miami Beach, Florida, www.discoverboating.com

February 13-16 J/22 Midwinter Championship, Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana, www.j22.org

February 15 31st America's Cup, Auckland, New Zealand, www.americascup.com

February 15-17 St. Croix International Regatta, spinnaker, J/24, Melges 24, cruising, JAM, beach cat and multihull classes, St. Croix Yacht Club, U.S. Virgin Islands, www.stcroixyc.org

February 19-23 The Midwest's Largest Free Indoor Boat Show, Sailing World Inc., Fox Lake, Illinois, www.sailingworldinc.com

February 26-March 2 Acura SORC, IMS, PHRF, one-design and multihull divisions and team competition, Miami Beach Marina, Florida, www.acurasorc.com