

“We’re Building Boats”

Leadership 44 Campaign is officially underway

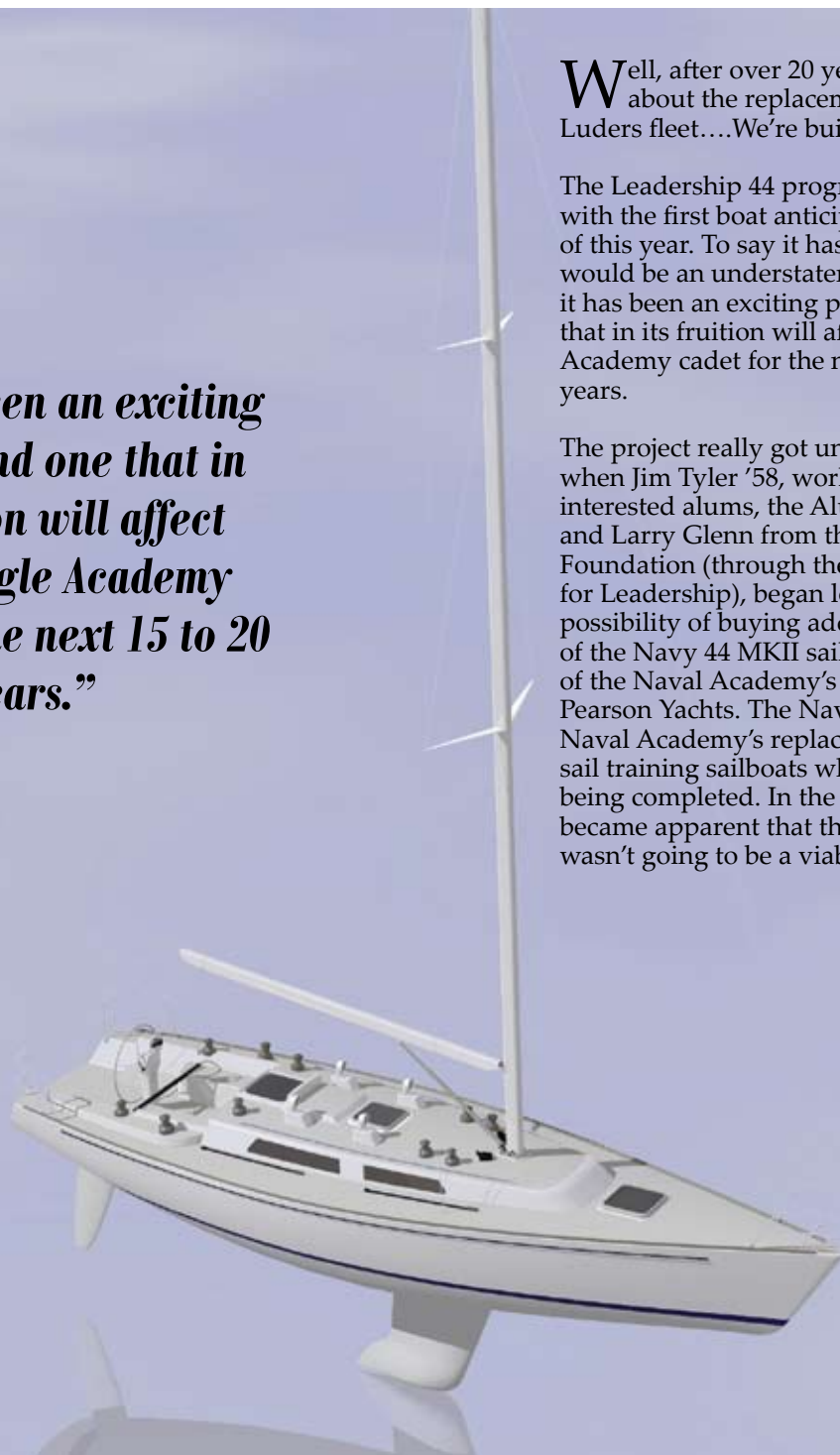
by Bob Hallock '72, Chair L44 Procurement committee, AA Fundraising Committee

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Well, after over 20 years of discussion about the replacement of our aged Luders fleet...We’re building boats!

The Leadership 44 program is underway with the first boat anticipated by the end of this year. To say it has been a long haul would be an understatement; however it has been an exciting project, and one that in its fruition will affect every single Academy cadet for the next 15 to 20 years.

The project really got underway in 2008 when Jim Tyler '58, working with a few interested alums, the Alumni Association and Larry Glenn from the Coast Guard Foundation (through the Institute for Leadership), began looking at the possibility of buying additional copies of the Navy 44 MKII sailboats at the end of the Naval Academy’s contract with Pearson Yachts. The Navy 44 MKII is the Naval Academy’s replacement for their sail training sailboats which are currently being completed. In the fall of 2008 it became apparent that this approach wasn’t going to be a viable alternative



due to a number of issues relating to the production of the Navy 44. The group then took the existing Navy 44 MKII specs and priced them with several boat builders, with the results being economically unfeasible.

At the start of 2009 the Alumni Association, working with the other stakeholders, reconstituted the project with the formation of a procurement committee that was tasked with studying the viability of a number of options to replace the Luders. The committee was formed with a representative from each stakeholder, the Alumni Association, Coast Guard Foundation, CGA Parents Association, and the Academy. The resulting committee was comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who were committed to the project and had incredibly complimentary skill sets, which allowed the group to efficiently and skillfully cover a lot of ground. In addition to the stakeholder representatives, David Pedrick, the internationally renowned naval architect

and the designer of the Navy 44 MKII, and Paul Miller, head of the naval architecture program at the Naval Academy, assisted us in the early stages of the project.

The committee began by looking at the feasibility of utilizing a current production boat that could be modified to fit our requirements. We discovered fairly quickly that this approach would not allow us to develop a boat that would stand up to the programmatic demands of the Academy's Coastal Sail Training program. We concluded that what we really needed was to start from scratch with a fresh perspective. Therefore we chose David Pedrick to design a new boat, based solely on the Academy's requirements. With input from a number of boat users at the Academy, a set of specifications was developed that adeptly reflected our requirements. Then David Pedrick superimposed these over the Navy 44 MKII basic design. The resulting design is contemporary and creates a boat with high performance and





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With the design specifications in hand the committee chose 11 boat builders across the country, which represented the very best of the industry. With 8 responses, an exhaustive review process began, taking into account the pricing and company history. Significant due diligence resulted in a final three grouping of prospective builders. In late July, Morris Yachts of Bass Harbor, Maine was chosen unanimously by the committee to be our builder of choice for the Leadership 44. The exciting reality of this choice was that the L44 had one of the most respected designers and arguably the finest boat builder in the country, as well as a boat that was very reasonably priced in relation to its quality. With a builder chosen, the contracting process began and was

completed in early December. The contract was signed by the Alumni Association on December 18th.

As this goes to press, the deck and hull molds are under construction in Florida, with work to begin on hull number 1 sometime in April. The first L44 is scheduled for delivery at the end of this year or the beginning of the first quarter of next year, with subsequent boats being delivered every 5-6 weeks after that.

In subsequent editions of *The Bulletin*, the Procurement committee will keep you updated with the progress of the exciting L44 project. Lastly, I want to thank the committee and all of those who have supported us in this year-long process without whom we could not have been successful.

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About the L44 Project

The Leadership 44 campaign serves as the first fundraising project involving all United States Coast Guard Academy stakeholders to meet one of the Academy Superintendent's top priorities. The Leadership 44 sailboat program will:

- Provide cadets with a floating leadership classroom and a maritime experience that is difficult to recreate with large cutters;
- Function as the primary platform for the 2/c Coastal Sail Training program, considered by most cadets to be their seminal leadership experience while at the Academy;
- Provide all cadets with small craft command and control, navigation, and seamanship experiences;
- Operate as an extension of the cadet barracks, with each of the eight companies having access to, and responsibility for, its own boat;
- Extend the waterfront season, providing cadets more time underway and will standardize the offshore sailing program;
- Showcase the Academy as one of the premier waterfront programs and facilities in the country.

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Why does the Academy need new boats?

The current Coastal Sail Training Program is conducted with 40-year-old Luders yawls, augmented with donated vessels not completely suitable for the program. Eight new sailing vessels are needed to allow all 2/c cadets to experience the benefits of this important program.

How was the new design selected?

A procurement committee, representing the interests of the Academy, the Coast Guard Foundation, Alumni Association and the Parents Association worked with Newport, Rhode Island naval architect David Pedrick to develop a set of Coast Guard Academy-specific plans and specifications, which were approved by the Superintendent. The resulting design will provide the Academy with an excellent sail training platform for years to come.

How much will the new boats cost?

It is estimated that the new boats, built by Morris Yachts of Trenton, Maine, will cost about \$800,000 each. This will require approximately \$6.5 million to fully fund eight boats for the program.

How will the new boats be financed?

The funds required to build and deliver the new CGA Leadership 44 sailboats will be provided through a partnership with the Academy, the Alumni Association, the Parents Association and the Coast Guard Foundation. Private funds raised by the Alumni Association, Parents Association and the Foundation will cover the majority of the cost of building the mold and constructing the eight boats. The federal government will make a substantial contribution by providing equipment, sails, engines, rigging and outfitting for each boat.

What gift recognition opportunities exist?

Gift recognition opportunities will be provided for individual, foundation and corporate donors and class gifts. All gift recognition will be in a manner that meets the donor's wishes within guidelines established by the Academy.

How can I support this project or get more information?

You can make a gift by check or credit card to the USCGA Alumni Association for the Leadership 44 Fund. For more information about the Leadership 44 project, contact: USCGA Alumni Association: Jim Sylvester, John Maxham, or Andrew Krupa at (860) 442-2683



The Leadership 44 logo was created to call attention to the uniqueness of the boat's design and to link its connection to the Coast Guard Academy. A challenge was made to the Sailing Team cadets to design the logo. The resulting logo is an amalgam of two of the entries; one submitted by 1/c Cadet James E. Jorgensen, and the other submitted by 3/c Cadets Peter D. Harrington and Steven D. Roth. The USCGAA would like to recognize them for their inspirational designs.

The Stakeholders



“The Leadership 44 project is the second largest campaign in our organization’s history and with your help, we can bring this, the Superintendent’s #1 priority, home.”

Jim Sylvester '71, Alumni Association President



“Our real focus this year is to fully fund this program and bring these world-class boats to the Academy.”

Anne B. Brengle, Coast Guard Foundation President



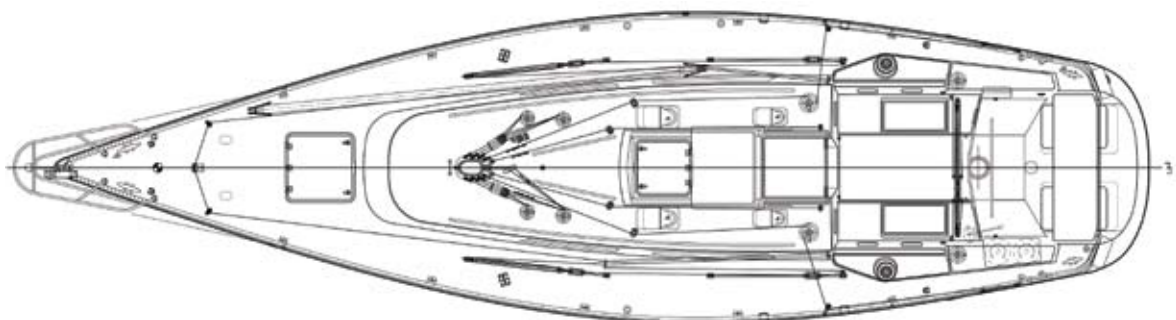
“In keeping with our mission, the CGA Parents Association is committed to fully funding one of these new vessels. We are excited that these state-of-the-art training classrooms will give all 2/c cadets an opportunity to experience the Coastal Sail Training Program.”

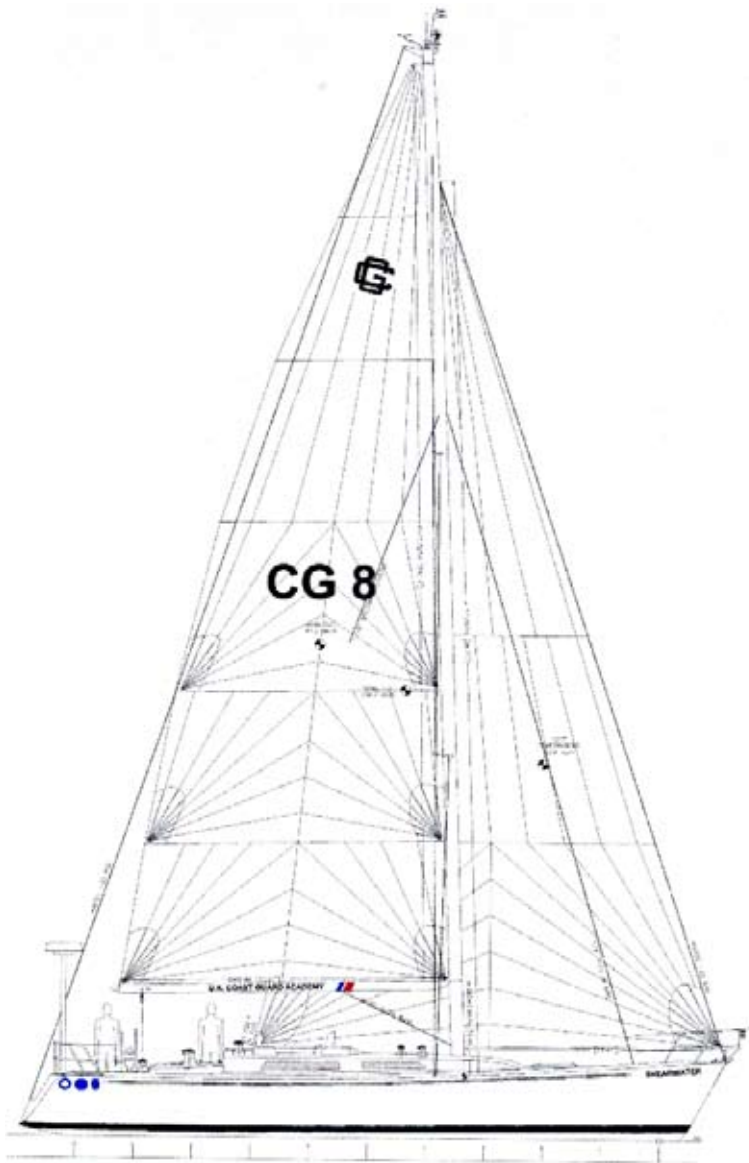
Cassandra Brown, CGA Parents Association President

The Boat

“They’re just really good secure, safe, rugged boats. They’re going to run into each other, they’re going to run into the docks. The handling is going to be clumsy and the boats have been designed and engineered to be forgiving in the way they handle and to stand up to abuse.”

David Pedrick, Naval Architect





The Naval Architect

David Pedrick is an internationally-renowned naval architect, who has led the design teams on eight America's Cup campaigns and produced two winners — Courageous in 1974 and Stars and Stripes in 1987. His work embodies the very best technical designs in the market today. In March 2009, he was selected to be the Technical Director for the development of the new America's Cup AC33 class, indicative of the high regard with which he is held in the international design community.

The Builder

Since its founding in 1972, Morris Yachts has grown steadily over the years, building a range of semi-custom finished sail and powerboats. Customer pride and satisfaction have been a primary factor in their growth and success. Today, Morris yachts range in size from 29 to 62 feet. The family business has expanded into a complete yacht service organization, including brokerage, indoor heated storage, and custom yacht construction. The new main construction facility provides a state-of-the-art venue, designed and laid out to optimize work efficiency.



“One of the things that I have said here very often to the cadets is that because of the commitment they’ve given to us at the United States Coast Guard Academy and to the United States Coast Guard that they deserve the very best. And we really should provide them the very best boat available, and the safest boat and the one that they learn the most from operating.”

-RADM J. Scott Burhoe, Superintendent, U. S. Coast Guard Academy