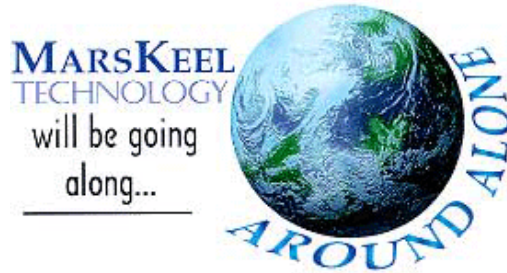


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September 28, 1998 is the day that the greatest challenge to a single sailor begins. Single handed circumnavigation of the globe demands the most from the sailor and from his boat. This year Mars Metal is proud to have custom built bulb style keels for four of the challengers.



American Flyer will be skippered by 33 year old Chris Beirne, in the 50 foot Open Class. Chris is a professional sailor well known to the racing world.

George Stricker will sail Rapsallion, first featured in Volume I of The Even Keel, the original West Marine, a 50 foot speedster.

The twin masted boat of skipper/owner Sebastian Reidl, called Amazon, is a standout in the 60 foot Open Class. This boat has 'air lubrication' between the hull and water for increased speed, and a canting keel.

Derek Hatfield, will skipper a 40 foot open class boat, being built by Bear Island Boatworks, that will achieve speeds up to 26 knots.



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