

# Deborah Willits

Katy Lovell

Alice Manard

Ann Graham

## TEAM LOTUS DESIGNS

World  
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16



USA



Team Lotus Designs is a talented group of women assembled from across the country to compete on the international women's match racing circuit. Although they are relative newcomers to the match racing discipline, their unique competition of complementary skills has already proven a success.

They placed fourth in their first regatta together, the 2002 Women's International Match Race Championships in Bermuda, defeating the reigning World Champion in the process, and went on to win the 2003 Sundance Cup in Texas.

"Our team is about giving it our best, against the best in the world and having fun while doing it – which we do!," Deb says. "We enjoy the competition, and we truly enjoy each other's company – we're

very close friends. We know we are privileged to sail against so many highly accomplished sailors, and we love every moment we are out on the water, even the cold and rainy ones because we now have great foul weather gear and lifejackets provided by Lotus Designs. We do not sail full time, yet this is our passion, and try as hard as we dare we just can't walk away from match racing. We are addicted!

"Anne is the mother of three, and it's hard to believe she has three boys, 12, 15, and 17. She looks so young and is in such great shape. Her boys get their competitive drive from their mom. Alice is a genius. She

Skipper Deb Willits, 39, is an entrepreneur from Houston, Texas. An active competitor on the Melges 24 and J/22 national circuits, she competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the Europe Dinghy in 1992 and 470 in 1988.

Tactician Katy Lovell, 36, is an antiques importer and dealer from New Orleans, La., who was a member of the US Sailing team 1988-92 and the 2000 USA World Optimist Team Coach.

Trimmer Alice Manard, 28, is from San Francisco and is pursuing a Masters degree at Kellogg. An ICYRA All-American in 1996 and 1997, she was a U.S. Sailing Team member 1988-92.

Bow Ann Graham, 40, is a wife and mother of three, also from Houston. She is an active competitor in the local J/22 and Vanguard 15 fleets.

doesn't like us to tell people, but she nearly scored a perfect result on her GMAT. She's also one of the coolest people you'll ever meet. No wonder she's at Kellogg. Katy is amazing. She's always up for racing, she's tactically incredible, and a great youth coach. She's coached the U.S. team in two Opti Worlds. She's ultra-competitive, focused and calm. I'm just lucky that they let me hang out on the helm."