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### History under sail 26 JANUARY 2001

By GAVIN ABRAHAM  
**Three Clevedon residents will have an entry in an America's Cup regatta, but the boats are unlikely to reach the speeds of Black Magic.**

Last August, Llewelyn Smyth, Stuart Hansen and a silent partner bought The Karin III, a boat built in 1898 for Sir Thomas Lipton, a long-time challenger for the Auld Mug.

The Karin III was used as a spectator vessel for the America's Cup in 1898, and makes a return to action this August.

The Karin III, a 40ft (about 12 metres) gaff-rigged cutter, was designed by renowned yacht designer Colin Archer. There are only about 25 Colin Archer boats left in the world and the Clevedon group is one of two private owners.

The organisers of the America's Cup Jubilee Regatta, commemorating the 150th anniversary of yachting's most prestigious event, invited The Karin III to compete because of her previous relationship to the America's Cup and Sir Thomas Lipton.

Most of the other 20 boats competing in the regatta have previously raced for the America's Cup.

The five-day event is at Cowes, near the Isle of Wight in Britain. British and No



**SAILING AWAY:** Aaron Jackson puts finishing touches on the mast of an historic yacht with a proud America's Cup tradition - the Karin III was built in 1898 for Sir Thomas Lipton, a long-time challenger for the Auld Mug. It was used as a spectator vessel for the Cup and Mr Jackson and friends intend taking The Karin back into action in a special America's Cup Jubilee Regatta this August.

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