



RESOLUTE™ RACING SHELLS TEAMS UP WITH CRAWFORD HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPOSITES TO CREATE CUSTOM DESIGNED SHELLS

PROVIDENCE, R.I., March 7, 2013 – Resolute Racing Shells, the global leader in elite racing shell manufacturing, has partnered with Crawford High Performance Composites, known for its expertise in the motorsports racing industry, to create custom racing shells. The bespoke Crawford/Resolute Design shells will feature proprietary aerospace composite technology that will ensure world-class performance and light weight combined with legendary stiffness and three times the durability. A prototype will be available May 2013 and introduced at the Men’s Eastern Sprints and the Women’s NCAA tournament. To date, several Crawford/Resolute Design shells have been pre-sold.

“For the past 25 years, the name ‘Crawford’ has been linked to some of auto racing’s fastest and most successful cars,” states Misha Joukowsky, president and CEO of Crawford High Performance Composites. “We are delighted to partner with Resolute Racing to create an unparalleled shell, ideal for international competition as well as elite level collegiate and junior programs.”

-Crawford’s Racing Legacy-

For more than 40 years, Max Crawford has been a driving force in sports car racing. His customers include teams from the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, Nationwide Series, Izod INDYCAR, Sports Car Club of America, World of Outlaws, Grand American Road Racing Association, American Le Mans Series, Vintage Racing and the World Endurance Championship. Crawford pioneered the introduction of autoclaved composite laminates for the American race industry and his company was the first American, privately owned, non-aerospace company to build a complete carbon fiber composite car in 1990, the Mazda RX7-92P for competition in the IMSA series. All manufacturing is performed on site in Denver, North Carolina, supported by Crawford’s design, aero and mechanical engineering teams.

-About Resolute Racing Shells-

For the past 19 years, Resolute Racing Shells has constructed boats for medal-winning collegiate crews including Brown, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cal and numerous others. In fact, the company’s shells have won the NCAA Division I women’s championship 10 times since the program’s inception 17 years ago. In 1999, Cal set a world’s best time in a Resolute at the IRA’s of 5:23.6 that eclipsed all Olympic records to that point and still stands as one of the fastest collegiate times ever.

On the international scene, Resolute Racing Shells also medal, winning the Oxford/Cambridge Women's Lightweight race 12 out of the past 18 years and placing first in two categories during 2012's 130th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.

The Bristol, Rhode Island-based company started when its founders combined their knowledge of America's Cup racing hulls, hydrodynamics and pre-preg carbon fiber to completely reshape the exterior of the hull, dramatically increasing stiffness and decreasing drag-inducing wetted surface without sacrificing the balance essential for reliable rowability. This discovery was engineered into a monocoque hull that eliminated the need for secondary bonded parts. This modification further increased the hull's durability and rigidity. This new "Z" hull instantly advanced to the sport's cutting edge, where it began a complete revolution in shell technology and transformed the sport of rowing. In fact, the very first boat built won the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in its first outing and is still being raced and winning medals.

Resolute Racing continues to make advancements in shell design and components. They also supply parts and provide regular and emergency maintenance/repair services on all brands of boats. For more information, call 401-253-7384 or visit www.resoluteracing.com

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