

TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL HAS SPECIAL OFFER TO FIRST-TIME BUYERS, STABLE MAKES AVAILABLE INTERESTS IN A NEW YORK-BASED 2YO WINNER, TERMS INCLUDE SPECIAL 3-PAYMENT PLAN FOR NEW OWNERS TO STABLE



Team Valor International principal Barry Irwin has designed a special promotion to encourage participation by newcomers to the stable by offering interests in a winning 2-year-old colt based in New York and including a payment schedule with terms into next March.

“I wanted to do something bold to capture the attention of those potential participants that we know are on the sidelines and thinking about buying an interest in a racehorse,” said Irwin. “So Team Valor is offering 50 percent of a homebred colt to newcomers under special circumstances.”

Sailor’s Cap was eased down through the lane breaking his maiden in handy style.

Team Valor is making interests available in the 2-year-old Kentucky-bred colt Sailor’s Cap, a son of Mr. Prospector’s successful son Distant View out the stable’s 4-time winner and stakes producer Wave On.

The well-conformed colt ran fourth sprinting on grass at Belmont Park in his debut and came back to win a maiden special grass race at Aqueduct on November 8 by 3 ¼ lengths, after opening up a 6-length lead at the eighth pole, before his rider eased him down in the run to the wire.

The sleek bay colt earned an 11 ¾ on the Ragozin Sheets (better later on the same card than a 2yo first allowance condition winner) and an 80 Beyer figure.

Sailor’s Cap is trained in New York by J. J. (Jimmy) Toner, who will take the colt to Florida for the winter, where the homebred is expected to race first in an allowance race in mid January, followed by a stakes debut in February.

Toner had wanted to run the colt in a \$100,000 stakes at Calder next month, but the race was canceled.

Barry Irwin said “Normally, our modus operandi is to offer all of our horses for syndication to our own client base first. Our partners have a 48-hour head start before we then offer the horse to the more

than 350 people that are on an e-mail list we maintain of prospects that have asked us to inform them of new acquisitions.

“Invariably, when we offer a hot horse, newcomers rarely have an opportunity to participate, because our long-standing racing partners gobble it up before the 48-hour window of opportunity expires.

“The life blood of our stable is new racing partners and I have toyed with various plans to give new people to the stable a fair chance to buy a hot horse. I have to balance it with what is fair for our old clients, as well, so it has been a tricky situation, as long-standing clients don't like to get shut out on horses, especially young prospects such as Sailor's Cap.”



Veteran New York trainer Jimmy Toner (left) has conditioned many top grass horses for Darby Dan Farm through the years.

Irwin said that he will restrict acquisition of interests in Sailor's Cap solely to newcomers to the stable for a period of one week. If there are any remaining interests after 7 days, these interests will then be offered to the existing partners in the colt, followed by an offer to the stable's existing clients.

Interests in Sailor's Cap are being offered on a total valuation of the colt at a figure of \$400,000. Team Valor International will divide the shares into interests of 2 ½ percent priced at \$10,000 each. A newcomer may buy a maximum of 10 percent for \$40,000.

To make the offer to newcomers even more interesting, Irwin said that he has designed a payment in three installments, as follows:

- **First Payment** of \$3,333.33 is due at the time of purchase.
- **Second Payment** of \$3,333.33 is due on January 15, 2008.
- **Third Payment** of \$3,333.33 is due on March 15, 2008.



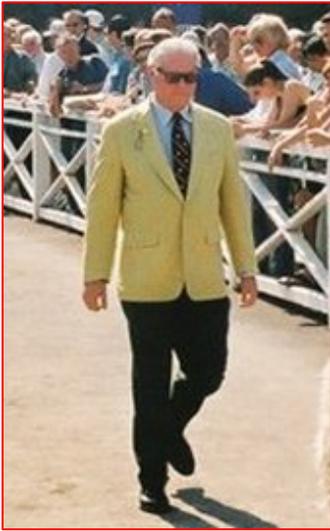
Sailor's Cap as he appeared a year ago training in Florida.

Parties interested in participating in the Limited Liability Company that owns Sailor's Cap are asked to contact Amy Collingsworth at (888) 434 2677 or teamvalor2@aol.com.

Distant View, sire of Sailor's Cap, was pensioned at Juddmonte Farm in Kentucky last spring. He was Champion Colt at 3 in England, where he was best over a mile, as when he won the Group 1 Sussex Stakes at Goodwood race course

At Stud, Distant View is best known as the sire of Juddmonte's Champion English 3-year-old colt Observatory, who improved at 4 to win the Group 1 Prix d'Ispahan over 9 furlongs before going on to stand for Khalid Abdullah in Newmarket.

In the United States, Distant View is best known as the sire of Bobby Frankel-trained Sightseek, an earner of nearly \$2.5 million that won 7 Grade 1 races including the Beldame Stakes twice for Juddmonte Stable.



Valor principal Barry Irwin seeks new blood for Team.

Other offspring of Distant View to distinguish themselves include the current Italian Group 1 winner Distant Way, an earner of about \$1.3 million in Italy; Distant Music, winner in the Group 1 Dewhurst of England's best race for 2-year-olds; Bobby Frankel-trained Decarchy, best in the Grade 2 Kilroe Mile; Dr. Brendler, winner of the Grade 2 Dixie Handicap on Preakness Day at Pimlico; and Explicit, winner of the Grade 2 True North Handicap at Belmont Park.

Wave On, dam of Sailor's Cap, ran 7 times, winning 4 of her first 6 starts, the last an allowance race at Gulfstream Park. Switched to a new trainer, she ran in the \$100,000 Hialeah Breeders' Cup Handicap while in the undetected early stages of colic, bled in the race and fought valiantly to save her life when she developed pneumonia afterwards.

She has 4 foals of racing, all 4 have run and all 4 are winners. Her first foal, Royal Wave, earned \$134,836, won 4 races including one in which she set a course record for 1 1/16 miles on turf in 1:40 2/5 at Monmouth Park, and placed in the Listed La Habra Stakes sprinting on turf at Santa Anita.

Wave On's weanling foal of 2007 is a colt by Rock Hard Ten that sold for \$250,000 at Keeneland this month in Lexington, Kentucky.

The second dam of Sailor's Cap is Hot Option, a runner syndicated by Irwin in the late 1980s and still considered by him to be as talented a filly as the stable ever owned. After a couple of dirt sprints at 2, she won all 3 of her grass routes at 3, including a stakes-record-breaking performance in winning the Grade 3 Honeymoon Handicap at Hollywood Park.

"She subsequently suffered several misfortunes, including getting poisoned by contaminated water at Del Mar racetrack, and almost died. She never made it back to the races after her amazing win in the Honeymoon," said Irwin. "But her first foal for us named Valor Lady became a multiple stakes winner of nearly \$500,000 and counted the Ballston Spa Breeders' Cup at Saratoga among her victories. We later sold Hot Option and Valor Lady to our former partner John Amerman, whom we introduced to racing in the early 1990s."



Sailor's Cap, as a foal, had his Rock Hard Ten weanling half-brother sell for \$250,000 this month at Keeneland.

Caveat, broodmare sire of Sailor's Cap, won the Belmont Stakes for Woody Stephens and became a leading broodmare sire, his daughters producing the likes of Belmont Stakes hero Editor's Note among others.