

Five (5) Families have contacted Texas EquuSearch for Help to Locate a Ship Adrift in the Tasman Sea

The sailing vessel S/V Nina, built in 1928, left the small harbor town of Opuia, New Zealand on May 28 with skipper David Dyche III, 58, his wife, Rosemary, 60, son David Dyche IV, 17, Evi Nemeth, 73, Kyle Jackson, 27 and Danielle Wright, 19, all Americans. Also aboard was Matthew Wootton, 35. A leader of the British Greens, he refused on environmental grounds to fly. This crew is experienced and can survive at sea with natural resources including fresh water from rain and food from fishing and that stored on-board.

The five (5) families of those seven (7) lost contacted Texas EquuSearch on July 8 for guidance and assistance to locate the ship and their loved ones. It boils down to continuing a search that was stopped by the local authorities in the host country. The Rescue Co-ordination Centre New Zealand has stopped looking for Nina and the seven people aboard. It was last heard from on June 4 when around 350 nm west-northwest of New Zealand's Cape Reinga.

A small team of Texas EquuSearch volunteers have compiled technical data and are continuing to access data from Iridium satellite phones, from government and private imaging satellites and U.S. NOAA and local New Zealand (NZ) and Australia (AUS) offshore weather buoy archives.

We need your financial help to encourage and to defer expenses of the local government agencies of NZ and AUS and to show that there is a community interest in locating the missing ship and those aboard. This is an exigent request because we believe from our study of the information, the ship is adrift and those aboard are alive and waiting to be found.

Immediately we want to present a proposal to the New Zealand Air Force to supplement their search expenses in the Tasman Sea for the S/V Nina. This would be coordinated with the Australian RCC for a joint task effort. To do this we may need to supply the fuel for the turbojet engines of the search aircraft. We feel this will be a partial cost and a significant offer for the agency authorities to continue its search for the missing sailing vessel. We need help to do this from public and private sources.

Biographies of the Seven (7) Nina Loved Ones

- David Dyche III, 58, an experienced sailor and career commercial captain, from Panama City, Florida.
- Rosemary Dyche, 60, an experience sailor and wife of David, from Panama City, Florida.
- David Dyche, 17, David and Rosemary's son, from Panama City, Florida.

- Kyle Jackson, 27, grew up on his father's ranch near Bassett, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2009 with a degree in environmental studies. He was a page for Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska.
- Evi Nemeth, 71, from Colorado earned her PhD in mathematics in 1971. She then majored in computer science and authored the Unix System Administrative Handbook, she is an avid sailor.
- Danielle Wright, 19, from Baton Rouge, LA., achieved her high school diploma by age 16. At age 14 she sailed with her parents for two years in the Caribbean Sea and surrounding areas. She is an honors student at The University of Louisiana Lafayette studying Psychology.
- Matthew Wootten, 35, born in Kent, near London, UK. He has a degree in Music and Philosophy. He is a committed Environmentalist, and was external communications coordinator on the UK Green Party National Executive in 2003 - 2005.

Texas EquuSearch Founder/Director Tim Miller believes there is hope for finding the Nina and its passengers alive. Concerned family member and friends are hoping to utilize the resources of the American government and any other private resources available to continue the search including covering the NZ Air Force fuel costs to continue search efforts. NZ has a relatively small population and outside support is necessary to continue the at-sea search efforts. The captain and crew represent Americans from 5 different states and an Englishman. Contributions can be made to the Texas EquuSearch S/V Nina Search Fund.