



Women sail in to help

ALL aboard the good ship Redkite.

Twenty-three Brisbane women will jump on board a 100ft, gaff-rigged schooner to compete in this weekend's 2010 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race to raise money for children's cancer charity Redkite.

Graceville sisters Yvonne Hayes and Nicole Lauder will make up part of the novice crew, which will have only one day of training on the vessel before setting off.

"The nerves are really starting to kick in now because, even though we'll have experienced sailors overseeing the race, we'll be doing all of the work ourselves and it will be about 40 hours of non-stop sailing," Ms Hayes said.

Redkite provides emotional and financial support for children and young people with cancer and their families, focusing on real and practical services.

"They can help with household bills, fund social workers for emotional support and organise tutors to help get kids back up to speed," she said.

■ **Donations and messages of support can be made online at www.everydayhero.com.au/WomenRace4-Redkite.**



RACE ON: Yvonne Hayes, Nicole Lauder and Beate Leitner will compete.