

Long row toward a cure



The curious boat – banana-like in shape and color – on Greenwich Avenue in Greenwich recently belonged to Paul Ridley, Colgate University graduate and soon to be rower of the high seas.

In early December, Ridley will leave the Canary Islands bound for South America using only muscle power. He will row 2,950 miles alone.

Ridley works for Greenwich Associates, consultants to the asset management industry, in Stamford.



Ridley has chosen the time of year to coincide with favorable winds, although he will not hoist a sail. He will row 12 hours per day for 60 to 80 days. A satellite telephone will be stowed aboard his 19-foot, 400-pound vessel, which is something of a kayak on steroids christened "Liv."

Ridley's goal is to raise \$500,000 to fight cancer, which claimed his mother Katherine Ridley. If successful, Ridley would be only the third, and youngest, American to row an ocean unsupported. For more information or to help with the quest: www.rowforhope.com.