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# Sailsmanship

Brigid and Terry Thompson give old sails new life

**T** rue-blue regatta lovers often wear their passion on their sleeve. Now local sail repair shop Sail La Vie ([www.saillavieusa.com](http://www.saillavieusa.com)) is giving you a chance to sling your love for the sport over your shoulder, too.

“We had a load of old sails that we picked up at an auction,” owner Brigid Thompson says. “I thought there just had to be something really fun we could do with them.”

Together with her husband, Terry, Thompson created a line of purses, duffel bags, totes and burgees from recycled sails, featuring nautical themes that appeal to any sailing enthusiast. Bold designs and a unique sentimentality assure that the products will be among this summer’s must-have gear for anyone in love with the lake. Look for Sail La Vie’s products at the Minnetonka Yacht Club, or catch its newest enterprise—patio umbrellas made from brightly colored sailcloth—on HGTV’s *Curb Appeal*. —KATE KUNKEL

Clockwise from top: Star Tote, \$55; Gale Force Sailcloth Vest, \$75 (\$90 with code flag embroidery); Regatta Mylar Purse, \$42 (\$46 with custom logo); Docksider Market Umbrella, \$375; Minnetonka Sailpack, \$45; Great Lakes Duffel, \$59



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