

Salt airs



Michaela Vollbracht interprets the sailor suit in slate blue and white handscreened Italian silk. Blouse, \$420, pant, \$800. Saks Fifth Avenue.



Red sailor dress piped in white is cotton duck, \$230. Albert Nipon at Saks Fifth Avenue.

"I must go down to the sea again

Most of us may sigh at such impossible dreams as we stand with our feet firmly planted on dry land. But, even if Nelson's Column is the closest that any of us come to the real thing this spring, that is no reason not to adopt a jaunty, nautical air.

The romance of uniforms is irresistible this year. The garb of the jolly sailor is racing ahead of the fleet this season, whether it be by land, sea or air.

For balmy evenings, many women will appear in swashbuckling lines designed by Michaela Vollbracht in striped silks from foreign lands.

Or, for the newest in the middy silhouette, Carl Lagerfeld for Chloe give the sailor a new twist with his short navy kilt suit, white blouse, stockings and flats.

BUT, to truly brighten up spring, Albert Nipon has created a red cotton duck sailor dress which he has piped with white.

Technically, of course, the fashionables could be prosecuted for impersonating enlisted personnel with some of their favorite seasonable looks. But, for making waves this season, it's strictly "Up Anchor," full steam ahead for salt airs.

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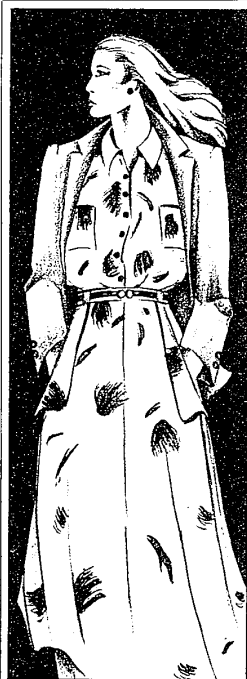


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