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SCHEDULE 14A  
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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NAUTICA ENTERPRISES, INC.  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
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BARINGTON COMPANIES EQUITY PARTNERS, L.P.,  
JEWELCOR MANAGEMENT, INC., RCG AMBROSE  
MASTER FUND, LTD. and RAMIUS SECURITIES, LLC  
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On July 7, 2003, the Barington Companies group issued the following press release:

BARINGTON COMPANIES GROUP REACTS FAVORABLY TO PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF NAUTICA  
ENTERPRISES BY VF CORPORATION;  
WITHDRAWS PROXY SOLICITATION

New York, NY (PR Newswire) - July 7, 2003 -- James A. Mitarotonda, President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner of Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P., a member of the Barington Companies group, and one of its nominees for the board of directors of Nautica, stated, "We are gratified by Nautica's announcement this morning that it has signed a definitive merger agreement to be acquired by VF Corporation. Our current proxy initiative has been aimed at enhancing shareholder value, and we believe that this transaction should further that objective for the benefit of all stockholders. Based on this new development, the Barington Companies group has decided not to pursue its pending proxy solicitation in connection with Nautica's upcoming annual meeting."

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