

**J**ACK NICHOLSON is more determined than ever to take his two youngest children away from ex-girlfriend Rebecca Broussard after learning she was involved in the torching of a \$400,000 boat the same night she crashed her car and was arrested for drunk driving.

"Jack is steaming mad," a friend told The ENQUIRER.

The ENQUIRER reported last week that 44-year-old Rebecca was arrested Aug. 26 following a four-car crash she caused near the Los Angeles International Airport. Thirteen people were injured in the accident, and Rebecca – who has a history of alcohol abuse

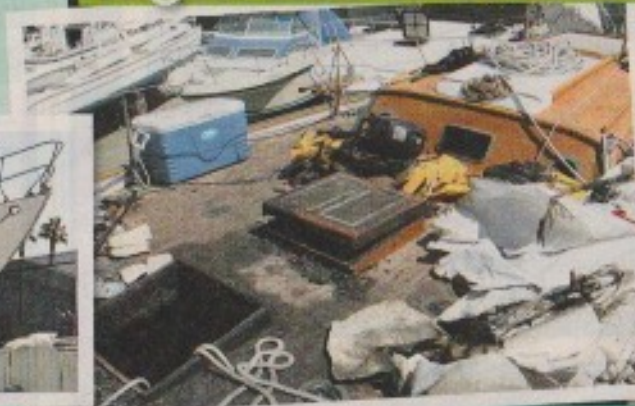
– was arrested and booked on suspicion of felony DUI. After being held overnight in jail, she posted bail and was released the next morning.

Now, more incredible details have surfaced from that horrific night – increasing Jack's resolve to gain full custody of Lorraine, 17,

The damaged 57-foot sailboat sits in dry dock



## JACK'S FIRED UP TO Ex's boat burns down same night she was busted for DU



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Jack with his kids Lorraine and Raymond

Jack, 70, and Rebecca fell in love when they co-starred in 1990's "The Two Jakes."

The ENQUIRER has uncovered that Rebecca may have been partially responsible for burning down a 57-foot wooden sailboat the same night she caused the car crash.

**ON THE NIGHT OF THE ACCIDENT,** Rebecca and her husband Dennis, an expert sailor she married six months ago, had stayed on their boat in Marina del Rey while the kids were safely at home.

Rebecca and Dennis left candles burning when they left.

car, ended up in jail and Dennis had to go to the hospital.

A spokesman for the L.A. County Fire Dept. told The ENQUIRER: "There was \$250,000 damage done to the boat and it's probably a total loss."

"In one 24-hour period, Rebecca totaled an \$80,000 car and a \$400,000 boat," said the friend. "Jack knows that Rebecca might avoid jail time by agreeing to a long-term alcohol rehab – but he's



Rebecca and Jack at an Oscar event in 1998

prepared to step in and take care of the kids.

"And if Rebecca doesn't get her act together, he may end up caring for those kids for many years to come."

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