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Sail Newport to Host 2009 International Six Metre World Cup

NEWPORT, RI (February 19, 2009) A fleet of legendary Six Metre yachts from around the world will gather in Newport, Rhode Island for the 2009 International Six Metre Class World Cup Championship from September 8 through September 13, 2009. The historic yacht event will be held on Narragansett Bay and organized by Sail Newport.

The World Cup will be held in association with the International Six Metre Association (ISMA) and North American Six Metre Association (NASMA). This year also marks the 102nd Anniversary of the creation of the Class' Metre Rule.

Event Co-Chair, Peggy Comfort of Newport said: "We are honored to be hosting such a prestigious event in Newport, and plan to show the World Cup competitors exactly why Newport continues to be the yachting capital of the United States."

The World Cup will be the centerpiece of a number of events this summer celebrating the Six Metre Class including, the 30th Annual Classic Yacht Regatta and the 2009 Six Metre North American Championship.

Newporter David Pedrick, an internationally recognized yacht designer, says "It will be thrilling for Newport to host the largest fleet of Six Metres ever to sail here. Beautifully maintained and restored Sixes spanning nearly a century of yachting history will race side by side. The regatta will showcase design evolution within this development class that enjoys both close racing and strong camaraderie among owners and crews. "

Pedrick has most recently consulted on the re-creation of the legendary Olin Stephens' designed Six Metre yacht *Cherokee*, a project undertaken specifically for participation in the 2009 World Cup event in Newport..

The Six Metre yacht came into existence with the creation of the International Rule in 1907 and was raced as an Olympic class from 1908 through 1952. The widely divergent design of the boats in the class is attributed to specific design criteria based on a "formula" of mathematical specifications.

The public will be invited to see the renowned fleet while they are at dock at Sail Newport's Alofsin Piers.

Following a meeting of the Annual New England Six Metre Fleet, Fleet President Toby Rodes says, "The New England Fleet is ready for this event and looks forward to racing with our international competitors ." Rodes is also a member of the organizing committee, comprised of local yachting experts who bring years of regatta management experience and local knowledge to the event.

Local, national and international sponsorship opportunities are currently available for the event, which will provide unparalleled exposure for products and services to a group of international yachting enthusiasts. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Bill Doyle at bill@performanceresearch.com

For more information about the 2009 International Six Metre Class World Cup Championship, including lists of currently registered and projected competitors as well as regatta updates, visit www.6metreworldcup.com/.

About Newport, Rhode Island

Steeped in yachting tradition and ideally located on southern the tip of Aquidneck Island, with Rhode Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean to the east and Narragansett Bay to the west, Newport hosts over fifty regional, national and international sailing events each year. Home to the America's Cup from 1930-1983, Newport has seen world class sailing competition ranging from the majestic J-Class yachts through the popular 12-Metre class (still active in the area). and recently hosted the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials. Recognized as the sailing capital of the United States, Newport is also home to New York Yacht Club. Visitors will enjoy all the City-by-the-Sea has to offer including spectacular scenery, stunning architecture, gourmet restaurants, a thriving waterfront and welcoming hospitality.

About Sail Newport

Sail Newport is Rhode Island's Public Sailing Center, located at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, Rhode Island. Formed in 1983 the organization's mission is to promote sailing and to offer public access to sailing. Sail Newport has hosted many local, regional, national and world-class sailing events in its 25-year history.

The organization is proud of its nationally-recognized youth Learn-to-Sail Program and its scholarship program to enable youth, regardless of income, to enjoy and experience the sport of sailing. For more information about Sail Newport visit:

www.sailnewport.org.

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Projected Competitors:

From Canada:

Carin II (C) Chris Wittstock
Gallant (C) Eric Jespersen
Saskia II (C) Rainer Muller/Tony Griffin

From Denmark:

Lady Day (C) Erik Larsen
SunRay (C) TBD

From Germany:

Courage IX (M) Dieter Grunau
Fintra (C) Niklaus Wasser
Mena (C) Thomas Kuhmann

From Great Britain:

Conch Fritter (M) Robert Leigh Wood
Scoundrel I (M) Bertie Bickett
Scoundrel II (M) Robert Grey
Tempest (M) Avia Wilmett
Titia (C) Brian Pope
Valhalla (M) Paul Smith

From Finland:

Ali-Baba II (C) Gustav Nyberg
Djinn (C) Henrik Andersin
Fridolin (C) Timo Koljonen
Sara af Hangö (C) Henrik Tenström
Toy (C) Kenneth Varsanpää-Peränen

From France:

Bravade VI (M) J.D. Sarraquine
Dix Août (C) Pierre-Paul Heckly
Junior (M) Yann Marilley
Räven (C) Valentin Autret

From New Zealand:

Scout (C) Martin Farrand

From Sweden:

Berta (M) Lars Engelbert
Gubbrora (M) Claes Ahlin
Jungfrun (M) Peter Norlin
Lisbeth V (C) Johan Larson

From Switzerland:

Temptation 3 (M) Beat Furrer

From USA:

Alana (C) Toby Rodes
Arunga (M) Bob Cadranell
Capriccio (M) Don Campbell
Cherokee (C) Cherokee Syndicate
Clarity (C) Bill Doyle/Jed Pearsall
Elisabeth X (C) Hans Oen
Finnegan (M) Andy Parker
Flapper (C) Nick Booth
Fokus III (C) Jim Metteer
Frenzy (M) Rodger Phillips
Goose (C) Peter Hofmann
Jill (C) Martha Coolidge
Lucie (C) Greg Carrol
Madcap (C) Tom Fair
May Be VII (C) Joth Davis
Ranger (M) Tony Widman
Saga (C) Kimo Mackey
Sprig (C) Greg Stewart
Totem (C) Jesse Smith

(M) = Modern Class

(C) = Classic Class