Dear 6mR Sailors.

The planning of the 2009 World Cup is on schedule, and so far we have indications of interest from over 20 yachts from North America, 27 from Europe not to mention Scout, a 1909 6mR coming to celebrate 100 years of the 6mR rule all the way from New Zealand! Sail Newport, the World Cup Organizing Authority eagerly would like to reach out to the other 6mR fleets around the world and encourage owners to pre-register for the event. We understand that coming all the way to Newport, RI is a large undertaking, and therefore we are keen to host a memorable event the showcases some of the most hallowed race courses in yachting history. Make sure to join us in Newport!

In this Newsletter you will find information about pre-registering, transportation and logistics both for international and local freight. This has been done in a FAQ-format. By scrolling through the FAQ, you will also find a map of Newport, RI, including event venues and local marinas and other relevant locations.

General information

All information regarding World Championship 2009 in Newport will be published on the official regatta website (www.6metreworldcup.com). Here you will find all information about the event including logistics, contact persons and pre-entry lists. For general information regarding Newport, RI, the following websites are very helpful. www.newportri.com, www.destinationnewport.com and www.gonewport.com

Accommodation

Newport, RI has a long history as a vacation destination and therefore has several options for accommodations, ranging from Four Star Hotel, to B&B and hopefully, homestays with local 6mR enthusiasts living in the immediate Newport area.

Hotels / Housing:

www.newportinns.com
www.bedandbreakfast.com/newport-rhode-island.html
www.newportbedandbreakfasts.com
www.bbnewport.com
www.vanderbilthall.com
www.newporthotel.com
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvdlw-newport-marriott/
www.marshallslocuminn.com

Homestay/Boat Ambassador:

The Newport World Cup planning committee is working with various leaders in the Newport sailing community to explore the possibility of local sailors opening their homes to host visiting teams and serve as a point of contact and reference for getting the most out of a visit to Newport. Please check the www.6metreworldcup.com website frequently for updates on this effort.

Website and Registration

The website, <u>www.6metreworldcup.com</u> will serve as our primary source of information and updates. We have put much effort in making the content interesting and easy to navigate.

We thank all those owners that have already indicated interest in coming to Newport in 2009 and encourage each yacht to pre-register with 2009 World Cup planning committee by sending an email to: info@6metreworldcup.com

Please cut and paste answers to following items in your e-mail:

- Name of Skipper and full address
- Country
- Yacht details:
 - Name
 - > Sail number
 - Designer
 - Classic/Modern

After pre-registering, all yacht owners will soon receive an email with instructions on how to complete the official registration via the Sail Newport website, which will allow for all entry and other associated fees to be paid by credit card online.

Frequent Asked Questions

We have put together the most frequently asked questions, which we will continue to update on the website.

Where is Newport, RI and how to get there?

Newport, Rhode Island is centrally located in southern New England and is just an hour from points north like Boston's Logan Airport or about three hours from New York City's airports by car. Trains, buses and flights to Providence's T.F. Green Airport are also available to shorten your travel time to and from Newport. T.F. Green Airport lies 25 miles to the north and the train station is located 20 miles west in Kingston, RI at the University of Rhode Island main campus. Smaller private/charter planes have access to Newport State Airport located just a few miles outside the city. Therefore, there are many travel options. For participants traveling from Europe, flying into Boston, Logan Airport and either renting a car or taking the bus from the airport directly to Newport is probably easiest and least expensive. (www.visitingdc.com/airports/logan-airport-address.asp) (www.visitingdc.com/airports/logan-airport-address.asp) (www.visitingdc.com/airports/logan-airport-address.asp) (www.visitingdc.com/airports/logan-airport-address.asp) (www.visitingdc.com/airports/logan-airport-address.asp)

For the return trip to the airport, there is a bus terminal at the Gateway Visitor's Center (www.gonewport.com/ViewContentPage.aspx?id=464) located in downtown Newport with

direct service to New York City and Boston. Once you arrive in town, there are several places to rent cars, bikes and mopeds on the island.

Other than sailing, what is the atmosphere of Newport, RI?

Newport was founded in 1639 and has always had an economy deeply tied to maritime traditions. The town has been well preserved and as a result, boasts one of the highest concentrations of colonial homes in the nation, in the downtown Newport Historic District, one of three National Historic Landmark Districts in the city. Many of these homes were restored in the late 20th century through grants made by Newport resident Doris Duke, as well as other local efforts such as Operation Clapboard. As a result, Newport's colonial heritage is well-preserved and documented at the Newport Historical Society. In addition to the colonial architecture, the city is known for its Gilded Age mansions, which have also received extensive restoration from both private owners and non-profits such as the Preservation Society of Newport County.

Another National Historic Landmark District, <u>Bellevue Avenue</u>, is the home of the <u>International Tennis Hall of Fame</u>, where important <u>tennis</u> players are commemorated, as well as a number of mansions dating back to the <u>Gilded Age</u>, including <u>The Breakers</u>, <u>Belcourt Castle</u>, <u>Chateau-sur-Mer</u>, <u>The Elms</u>, <u>Marble House</u>, <u>Rosecliff</u>, <u>Rough Point</u>, and the <u>William Watts Sherman House</u>. Some of these are open for guided tours. The nearby <u>Blithewold Mansion</u>, <u>Gardens and Arboretum</u> has a fine collection of trees and plants, including the largest sequoia on the East Coast.

When does the World Championship take place?

The World Cup will take place between the 5th and 12th of September, 2009.

Day	Date	Event		
Saturday	9/5/2009	Measurement/North American Cup/Practice Regatta: Opening Ceremony		
Sunday	9/6/2009	Measurement/North American Cup/Practice Regatta		
Monday	9/7/2009	Layday/Entry Confirmation/Measurement Confirmation		
Tuesday	9/8/2009	6mR World Cup Day 1 (Races 1 & 2)		
Wednesday	9/9/2009	6mR World Cup Day 2 (Races 3 & 4)		
Thursday	9/10/2009	6mR World Cup Day 3 (Races 5 & 6)		
Friday	9/11/2009	6mR World Cup Day 4 (Race 7)		
Saturday	9/12/2009	6mR World Cup Day 5 (Race 8): Closing Ceremony		

Newport is a long way to come, is there any other racing available to me?

Yes! We recognize that Newport is a long way to come for one regatta, therefore we invite visiting boats to come early and race with the local New England 6mR fleet in other regattas. We offer two choices in the immediate lead up to the World Cup. The first is to join the North American fleet in competing for the North American Cup on windward leeward courses, scheduled for Saturday September 5th and Sunday September 6th. A separate Notice of Race will be posted for this event shortly. The North American Cup would also be a measured regatta, with yachts most likely getting measured on Friday September 4th. The second option would be for those

skippers interested in longer courses around government marks to enter the Museum of Yachting annual Classic Regatta. We have labeled this second option as "Practice Regatta." We recognize that some participants might want the opportunity to spend time tuning up the boat/crew and learn more about the local water before launching directly into highly contested starts and mark roundings. We can assure our guests that the MoY Classic Regatta is a fun event.

Furthermore, for yachts that are ready to race the prior week, we invite all to participate in the Herreshoff Rendez-vous in Bristol, RI. Roughly 19 nautical miles around the corner Newport, the Herreshoff Museum and Halsey Herreshoff host an enjoyable regatta with unique access to the models and boats of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Co. Certainly worth the trip. The Herreshoff Rendez-Vous would be August 29th and 30th. Entry into both the Herreshoff Rendez-Vous and MoY Classic will require separate entry fees and registrations, all of which can be done online.

To summarize: the full campaign would have the following dates: Herreshoff Rendez-Vous – August 29th/30th followed by the Museum of Yachting Classic Regatta September 5th/6th. Please note that these are largely classic regattas and tend to be longer courses in a mixed fleet using the local Classic Rating Formula (CRF) rating. If enough 6mRs are interested in joining these regattas, we could appeal for our own start and eliminate the need for a CRF rating. For those interested in learning about the CRF rating, go to: (www.govcup.org/other/crform.pdf).

Where do I register my participation?

First, pre register by sending an e-mail with the requested information to info@6metreworldcup.com. You will then be directed to the Sail Newport site for full registration.

Where is the notice of race?

The Notice of Race is appended to this document will by included in the www.6metreworldcup.com website. All revisions and updates will be posted there. Race results will be carried on the Sail Newport homepage as the event occurs. www.sailnewport.org

Who is Sail Newport and how did they become organizing authority?

Sail Newport manages more regattas annually in Newport than any other organization. As a result of this obvious strength, the Museum of Yachting, the host site, has worked in concert with the 6mR 2009 World Cup planning committee to award the organizing rights to Sail Newport. The recent merger between the International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) and the Museum of Yachting (MoY) has allowed these two organizations to focus on their teaching and educational missions and increasingly rely upon Sail Newport for the administration and organization of their annual regattas. Focusing upon each respective organization's core competency has produced immediate results. Sail Newport had previously organized one of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials regattas, and more recently hosted with great success the M 30 World Championship with Peter Reggio serving as PRO (http://www.sailnewport.org/npt/m/_general/m30worlds.asp).

For the 6mR 2009 World Cup, our PRO will be Dr. ARG Robin Wallace, who, in 1977, was instrumental in putting together the RC for future America's Cup Challenger series events in

Newport, and was one of Sail Newport's founders in 1983. Currently Dr. Wallace is the chairman of the U.S. Sailing Race Management Committee, and sits on the ISAF Race Management Sub Committee as one of the U.S. delegates. We are fortunate and proud to have Dr. Wallace as our world class PRO.

What about New York Yacht Club?

In Newport, the various yacht clubs, Sail Newport, the Museum of Yachting, and other organizations continuously work together to dedicate the most logical resources and management to ensure the best possible events. In this case, it was determined that Sail Newport was best equipped to manage our event, with the support of all of the areas' yacht clubs, including New York. But, while the NYYC is not our official organizing authority, we are planning to host social activities on the grounds and our PRO, as well as many, if not most of our RC will be the same individuals who also provide RC for NYYC events, ensuring the highest quality race management in the country.

Social Activities

The Organizing Authority intends to host ceremonies and evening events at several Newport locations, including but not limited to: New York Yacht Club – Harbour Court, International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) and the Museum of Yachting, Brenton Cove. In general, a beer garden will be set-up on the grounds of the Museum of Yachting next to Alofsin Piers, where the boats will gather after racing and will serve as the "first stop" after racing and moving on to evening events. Furthermore, water taxis are available directly from Alofsin Piers to transport participants to all points in the town of Newport. The aim is to allow all participants to experience as many venues in Newport in a water/boat centric manner. The explicit goal is to limit the need for a car to the greatest extent possible.

Yacht Logistics

Shipping

An agreement has been reached with SevenStar shipping as follows:

The boats will be loaded onboard the vessel from the water with the mast stepped in the boat and will be discharged the same way upon arrival in Newport. Alternatively boats arriving overland will be loaded from trailers and the masts will be stowed separately.

The freight quoted is for a round-trip from Europe to Newport RI and back per boat:

Outgoing: loading Rauma, Finland between August 10^{th} and 20^{th} -- Discharge Newport RI Return: loading Newport RI between September 21^{st} and 30^{th} - Discharge Kotka, Finland USD 34.000

Including cradle and transport insurance, excluding custom clearance, mast up

Outgoing; loading Kalundborg, Denmark between August 10th and 20th -- Discharge Newport RI Return: loading Newport RI between September 21st and 30th - Discharge Kalundborg, Denmark

USD 32.000

Including cradle and transport insurance, excluding custom clearance, mast up

Outgoing: loading Southampton, UK between August 10th and 20th -- Discharge Newport RI Return: loading Newport RI between September 21st and 30th - Discharge Southampton, UK USD 28.500

Including cradle and transport insurance, excluding custom clearance, mast up

Furthermore, please note that we are in talks with other shipping companies but SevenStar's mode of operation is by far the easiest and simplest way of transporting the boats. Please contact:

SevenStar Yacht Transport BV to book your space on board: Jan Maarten Boissevain, www.sevenstar.nl +31 20 4488595 (tel), +31 20 4488596 (fax) info@sevenstar.nl

Storage and Support

Should you require further staging or storage for the event, Joe Loughborough of LMI is happy to assist. Aside from having quality hauling, storage and staging facilities, Joe has extensive contacts with reputable shipwrights, sail lofts and riggers in the event something goes wrong. A former 6mR owner himself, Joe is happy to make his resources available to participants. (www.lminewport.com)

Address Phone and Fax

56 Bridge Street Phone: 1.401.848.9229 Newport, RI 02840 USA Fax: 1.401.848.9799

Other reputable local shipyard resources include:

Brewer Yacht Yards: www.byy.com

New England Boatworks: www.neboatworks.com

Hinckley Yacht Services: www.hinckleyyachts.com

Newport Shipyard: www.w.newportshipyard.com

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Where will we sail?

We will sail where Dr. Robin Wallace feels we will have the best conditions for a race. There are two primary course locations; North of the Newport bridge and above Gould Island or "Inside". The

second area is off Castle Hill, or "Outside". See map below.

