



“Mast Appeal”

Sail Newport’s 25th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating the Public’s Access to the Sailing Capital of the World

Friday, September 19, 2008, Sail Newport celebrates the end of one era and the beginning of another.

Sailing and Newport go hand in hand. The America’s Cup and the vibrant tradition of Yachting have created one of the sailing capitals of the World. On September 19th, 2008 we celebrate the creation of one of Newport’s most vibrant organizations: Sail Newport, Rhode Island’s Public Sailing Center.

September 26, 1983-The shock of Australia II’s victory over *Liberty* in the seventh and deciding race of the America’s Cup had not sunk in to most Newporters. The flotilla had not yet reached the Newport Offshore Shipyard for the team on *Australia II* to raise The Cup when there were three visionaries asking the fundamental question that was on everyone’s mind...“**Is this the end of sailing in Newport?**”

Bart Dunbar, Paul Buttrose and Dr. Robin Wallace were the three who immediately had the vision that the loss of the America’s Cup was an opportunity. Paul, Dr. Wallace and Bart began to create an organization that could bring all levels of racing and sailing events back to Newport. Their goal was to maintain Newport Rhode Island as the Sailing Capital of the World. Together, they created Sail Newport that day. Over the past twenty-five years, many have followed their vision to develop an organization that is now one of the most successful public access sailing organizations in North America. *What was thought of as the “end” was just the “beginning”.*

Their vision is what we honor. Sail Newport’s success is what we celebrate.

Join the founders, America’s Cup winners, World Champion sailors, our members and our past and current staff in commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Rhode Island’s Public Sailing Center. *On Friday, September 19, 2008, Sail Newport commemorates the end of one era and celebrates the beginning of another.* Please consider purchasing a table to help host this very special Sail Newport 25th Anniversary Celebration:

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner:

Approximately 350 guests will gather to celebrate, dance and see the video premiere of “**Net Gain**” The loss of the Cup, and the rise of Sail Newport. The narrated short video will be produced and narrated live by sailing legend **Gary Jobson**.

Public Access and Yachting are NOT Mutually Exclusive!

Sail Newport’s public access mission allows us to introduce sailing to a variety of people throughout the socioeconomic spectrum. Children and families can take part in our award winning Youth Sailing Program at the Dr. Robin Wallace Youth Sailing Center. Throughout the summer and fall nearly 1000 children take part in programs to learn to sail. Many of these children have never had an on the water experience although most live on an Island. We have a comprehensive financial aid program for families wishing to take part in our courses who may not have the means to do so. All of this adds up to one of the most affordable and sought after youth summer camps in New England. Each year we have hundreds of children on waiting lists, and the demand will not let up. With new boats and outstanding staff, we will continue the excellence that is the Sail Newport Youth Sailing Program.

Sail Newport Rhode Island’s Public Sailing Center

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Our Adult Program offers an opportunity to learn to sail at any age. From 18 years old to 80, we have introductory through advanced curriculums designed to create the next generation of sailors. From learning to sail and race to renting and competitive racing programs, the public have so many wonderful opportunities to get on the water at Sail Newport.

Through our work with the US Paralympic Sailing Team, we have created an International event which trains the next crop of Paralympic athletes. Building on its mission to provide sailors with disabilities the opportunity to hone their competitive skills, the 2008 C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta has expanded to welcome the participation of blind sailors for the sixth annual running of this event hosted by Sail Newport.

Help us Chart the Course for the Future of Public Access to Sailing

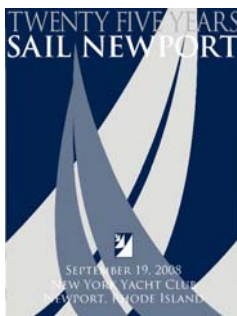
Sail Newport is a 501C3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing public access to sailing. Funds raised at the Silver Anniversary Gala will fund the development and implementation of the "Everyone Sails" educational programs and the new era of facility renovations. Please consider purchasing a table (See next page for details) at the 25th Anniversary. Celebrating Sail Newport's creation is also a celebration of the history of the Cup in Newport. I hope you will come to this important event for our organization.

Our success is measured. It is sustainable. With your support, we will be able to continue with our outstanding programs and facilities. We look forward to moving into our 25th Anniversary year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BSR', written in a cursive style.

Bradford S. Read
Executive Director



\$50,000 Founder Table

Table of ten at one of the three head tables.

- VIP parking for all guests at table
- Recognition on the event signage. (At the discretion of each sponsor)
- Each Founding Level supporter will be featured prominently as a host on the invitation (If confirmation is received by July 29).
- Recognition as co hosts for this very special event.
- Commissioned special gift to commemorative support of Sail Newport's next era

\$25,000 Optimist Table

Put your stamp on this event by becoming an Optimist Level Donor. These tables of ten are named for the most successful youth sailing boat of all time. Sail Newport's Youth Program at the Dr. Robin Wallace Sailing Center was named the winner of the Prestigious US SAILING 2007 Prosser Award. To be named as the best sailing program in the United States is a proud achievement for our organization. We celebrate the *optimism* that our founders envisioned for sailing in Newport.

- Reserved seating for a table of ten.
- Recognition on the event signage as an Optimist Level Supporter.
- Optimist Level Supporters receive a scale model Optimist Dinghy with plaque commemorating the generosity of the Optimist level Donor.
- One of only five Optimist Tables available at the event



\$10,000 America's Cup Legend Table

You and your guests will be seated at one of the Cup-winning 12 Metre tables. The AC Legend level donor will help support Sail Newport while also reminiscing about the golden age of yachting in Newport. The 12 Metre era continues in Newport with the 2008 12 Metre North Americans and the 2009 12 Metre World Championships. Join us as we celebrate the historic matches of 1958 through 1983.



- Reserved seating for a table of ten.
- Recognition on the event signage as an America's Cup Legends Level Supporter.
- America's Cup Legends level supporters receive a special gift commemorating the AC match represented at their table and as a thank you for the generosity of the AC Legends level donors.
- One of only nine America's Cup "Legends" tables available at the event.

First come first served for the following AC Legend's Tables:

1958 Table: *Columbia vs. Sceptre*

1962 Table: *Weatherly vs. Gretel*

1964 Table: *Constellation vs. Sovereign*

1967 Table: *Intrepid Vs. Dame Pattie*

1970 Table: *Intrepid Vs. Gretel II*

1974 Table: *Courageous vs. Southern Cross*

1977 Table: *Courageous vs. Australia*

1980 Table: *Freedom Vs. Australia*

1983 Table: *Liberty vs. Australia II*

Join us in celebrating Sail Newport's Silver Anniversary and the Premiere of video "Net Gain, The loss of the Cup, and the rise of Sail Newport" by Gary Jobson., hors d'oeuvres, open bar featuring Mt. Gay Rum and Harpoon Ales, dinner, dancing and entertainment by "Cracked Ice".