



Event Details to Note As Countdown to Clagett Starts

NEWPORT, R.I. (August 1, 2007) – The countdown has started to the fifth annual C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta – organized to not only improve the skills of sailors with disabilities, but also test them – which gets underway later this month at Sail Newport, Rhode Island's Public Sailing Center.

The two-day clinic (August 26-27), open only to U.S. sailors, will be led by Betsy Alison (Newport, R.I.), coach of the US Disabled Sailing Team. Alison's skill on the water has earned her numerous world and national championship titles as well as Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year honors a record five times. Assisting Alison will be another world champion, Lee Icyda (Stuart, Fla.), along with top match racer and college sailing coach Amanda Callahan (Canton, Mass.). Marko Dahlberg (FIN) will lend his expertise as a two-time world champion in the 2.4 Metre class. With boat-handling drills and two-boat testing scheduled for day one of the clinic, the focal point on day two will be a rules seminar conducted by sailing author and noted racing rules expert Dave Perry (Southport, Conn.) which will be followed by practice racing and a debrief.

The Clagett Regatta (August 28-30), is open to both U.S. and foreign sailors competing in the three classes selected for the 2008 Paralympic Regatta: the single-person 2.4 Metre, two-person SKUD-18, and the three-person Sonar. A limited number of 2.4 Metres are available for charter by contacting Sail Newport at 401-846-1983.

Competitors should take note of several deadlines that are approaching rapidly: August 12 is the last day to register before incurring a \$100.00 late registration fee; and August 16 is the deadline by which to make reservations for accessible rooms with special rates that have been made available by a number of local hotels.

Detailed information on accessible housing options, entry information as well as the Notice of Race can be found online at www.ussailing.net/Clagett/

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