



12 METRE "GOLDEN YEAR OF RACING" Launches with the Newport Trophy Regatta

Newport, RI - The famous 12 Metre Class yachts are returning to Newport under full sail to compete for The Newport Trophy Regatta, July 24-26. This is the first event of the Golden Year of Racing which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of these classic racing yachts participating in the America's Cup.

Ida Lewis Yacht Club is the organizing authority for the Newport Trophy. 12 Metre competitors include: Gleam, Northern Light, American Eagle, Columbia, Easterner, Victory 83, Courageous, America II – US 46 and Intrepid. Racing will be on Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay. This regatta counts toward the five regatta Golden Year Tour Trophy and the season long 12 Metre Ted Hood Trophy. All Friday, July 24, events will take place at Pier 49 at the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina. Saturday night July 25 features a Shake-A-Leg Benefit Cocktail Reception fundraiser open to the public. Trophies will be awarded at Ida Lewis Yacht Club on Sunday, July 26.

"Golden Year" regattas and events will be held on-shore in Newport, Edgartown, Nantucket, and downtown New York City highlighted by the Worlds back in Newport, RI on September 22-27.

There are four really cool things about the Worlds:

- There will be more Twelves here since the 1983 America's Cup.
- All of the sponsorship levels starting at \$2000 come with a "17th crew" opportunity of a day as an observer on a racing 12 Metre during the Worlds. We called it "17th crew" instead of "17th man" so as to encourage women to come onboard!
- Gary Jobson will be creating a one hour documentary on the Worlds which will be shown on ESPN Classics and later sold on DVDs!
- The Worlds' daily Legend Forums will feature 12 Metre stars of the past.

More information is found on www.goldenyear2009.com. The NORs are on the left under Race Documents under the Home button.

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