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Press Release

SailGloucester Welcomes Back the 210 International Sailing Class & New England Championships

Gloucester, MA; SailGloucester welcomes the 210 International Class for their New England's Championship Race, July 11-12, 2009.

About Sail Gloucester

A volunteer-based not for profit alliance dedicated to marketing Gloucester as world class port for tourism as well as maritime and sailing education. Launched from the Mayor's Office at Gloucester's City Hall, Sail Gloucester's goal is to partner with the regional chambers, DMOS (Destination Marketing Organizations) and the government funded agencies of the state already dedicated to promoting tourism and awareness for sailing vessels. A primary responsibility of Sail Gloucester is to serve as a single source for visiting seagoing sailing vessels of all sizes from around the world to port in the city's historic seaport, from the Cruiseport Terminal to the many marinas and moorings, as well as to promote Gloucester as a headquarters to a number of marinas and maritime tradesmen that can provide repair, building and equipment services to these vessels.

About The International 210 Class

The International 210 is a 30' one-design racing sloop. Designed by C. Raymond Hunt in 1945, this graceful double-ended day-sailor was originally built for training 12 metre, America's Cup racing crews. With seven active racing fleets and over 300 boats spread across the US this is a well established class. The 210 is an amazing boat to sail, perfectly balanced, fast and responsive. Shaw Yacht of Thomaston, Maine, official builder of new fiberglass 210s, recently completed boat #462 which was sold to a competitive Cohasset sailor.

About 210 Class New England Championship

An annual event, the 210 New England Championship will attract over 20 boats, 60 captains with crew to Gloucester. This year's exciting International 210 New England Championships will be hosted by the Eastern Point Yacht Club (EPYC) with born and raised Gloucester resident Ben Richardson, supporting the 210 Class and World Class sailing venues. The return of the 210 New England Championship Race to EPYC, will be the first in over a decade in Gloucester.

International 210 Association President Mark deShong, stated" it is fitting we'll have a high profile venue in Gloucester this year since lasts years' 210 National Championship was won by a boat skippered by a Gloucester resident." Previous International 210 New England Championships have been held at Sail Newport, Newport, Rhode Island attracting other One Design Class participation.

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