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Golden Spinnaker Regatta & Gala to benefit the US Olympic and Paralympic Sailing

Newport, RI (March 9, 2010) – To benefit and support the US Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Team Alphagraphics, a regatta and gala dinner will be sponsored by the Sailing Foundation of New York at New York Yacht Club's Harbour Court on Saturday, July 31, 2010. To date, the Sailing Foundation of New York has raised through events and donations over \$4,000,000 in support of the US Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Team.

The Regatta will feature donors racing with and against the US Sailing Team athletes in the NYYC Sonars. After sailing, the evening Gala will include cocktails and dinner, silent and live auction items and interviews with the athletes emceed by US Sailing President Gary Jobson.

Event Chairman, Phil Lotz of New York Yacht Club, commented, "Our commitment to the athletes on our national team continues to develop. In the past, we have been fortunate in our success at raising financial support for the team with our gala dinners. This year we are adding a new element - a regatta. Now, our donors and guests can do more than sustain the athletes; they can compete with and against them as well."

Dean Brenner, Chairman of the US Olympic Sailing Program, said, "Our partnership with the Sailing Foundation of New York and the New York Yacht Club is critical to our success. We currently have great momentum within our program, but we rely on the support of the great clubs and organizations in the American sailing community, and we have no better partners than these."

About the US Sailing Team Alphagraphics and US Sailing:

The US Sailing Team Alphagraphics is managed by the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the national governing body for the sport of sailing and sailboat racing. For more information about the US Sailing Team Alphagraphics, please visit: <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org/>

About New York Yacht Club:

The New York Yacht Club, founded in 1844, is a private organization dedicated to cruising and racing. It maintains two houses, one in New York, NY and one in Newport, RI. For further information about the Golden Spinnaker Regatta and Gala, please visit: <http://nyyc.org/events/>

About The Sailing Foundation of New York:

The Sailing Foundation of New York is led by a Board of active, passionate mariners who have a clear sense of purpose for the organization, and the opportunity to enhance the sport and related maritime activities. The Foundation is committed to supporting all levels of sailing, from the most elite Olympic and Paralympic athletes to the most fundamental marine education.

