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Clagett Regatta

Notice of Race Now Available Online

NEWPORT, R.I. (June 19, 2007) – Sailors with disabilities who hope to represent their nation in China at the 2008 Paralympic Regatta are encouraged to attend the C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta, scheduled for August 26-30, 2007, to be hosted at Sail Newport, Rhode Island's Public Sailing Center.

A two-day (August 26-27) clinic open only to U.S. sailors is followed by The Clagett Regatta which is open to both U.S. and foreign sailors. Racing is scheduled for August 28-30 in the three classes selected for competition at the 2008 Paralympic Regatta: the single-person 2.4 Metre, two-person SKUD-18, and the three-person Sonar.

The Clagett will also serve as a tune-up for two of the year's most important disabled sailing events – the IFDS (International Association for Disabled Sailing) World Championship and the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials-Sailing. The world championship (scheduled for September in Rochester, N.Y.) is the second of three championships where U.S. sailors can compete to qualify a berth to the 2008 Paralympic Games; the Trials will determine the actual sailors who represent the U.S.A. in those berths and the 2007 Clagett Regatta is being planned to replicate, as closely as possible, the format of the Trials which are to be held October 3-14, 2007, in Newport.

The Notice of Race and additional information on the clinic and regatta can be found online at www.ussailing.net/Clagett/

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