



**It's Almost Time for the Newport Bucket Regatta!  
August 25-28, 2011**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Feature Fantastic Fleet and Entertainment**

***Sign Up Now-Registration Deadline is August 5!***

Come celebrate the Bucket Regattas' Silver Anniversary with the best Newport Bucket ever! We've planned a full schedule of racing and shore-side fun in Newport. There's also a pre-Regatta Thursday-evening Bucket Rendezvous in Martha's Vineyard and a Friday Feeder Race to Newport. Don't miss this high point of the New England yachting season!

- Over 20 yachts have entered, and only a limited number of openings remain. The entry deadline is August 5.

- Take advantage of this opportunity to race with some of the world's most phenomenal boats, including:

*J-Boats Velsheda and Ranger*

*Moonbird (37m Dubois/Fitzroy)*

*Rebecca (42m Frers/Pendennis)*

*Hyperion (47m Frers/Royal Huisman)*

*Whisper (35m Fontaine/Holland Yachtbouw)*

- To add to the spectacle, there'll be a challenge race within the Regatta between the two swift W-76 sloops designed by Joel White. With the boats' owner Donald Tofias at the wheel of *White Wings* and Captains David Murphy and Timothy Laughridge sailing *Wild Horses*, it's sure to be a neck-and-neck horse race!

- The regatta is for yachts over 90 ft. LOA. A few exceptional yachts of 76-90 ft., including the W-76s, are also invited to take advantage of this year's one-time invitation to be in the Demi Class.

- The Bucket is known for having one of the best rating systems, and all yachts will receive a rating certificate.

**Thursday, August 25: Martha's Vineyard Pre-Regatta Rendezvous**

- Things kick off with a gourmet lobster dinner night at the Chappaquiddick waterfront home of longtime Regatta supporter Captain David Murphy. Music will be by Jerry Bennett and the Sultans of Swing, known for bringing the house down at the best parties from the Vineyard to Palm Beach.

- Everyone is also invited to a Thursday-afternoon golf tournament at the exclusive Royal & Ancient Chappaquiddick Links Club, founded in 1887 (9-hole Scottish-style links). To register, contact Kelby McManus ([kelby@bucketregattas.com](mailto:kelby@bucketregattas.com) or 781-639-0203)

- For lodging ashore on Thursday night, visit [www.mvreservations.com](http://www.mvreservations.com) or call 508-693-7200.

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### **Friday, August 26: Feeder Race to Newport and Welcome Cocktail Party**

- The Feeder Race from Martha's Vineyard to Newport on Friday will be squadron-style format with a course designed to get everyone to Newport in plenty of time for the evening's festivities. There will be separate trophies for Feeder Race winners, and a special trophy for the combined Feeder Race and Newport Races.
- Bucket headquarters will be Newport Shipyard. For dockage visit [www.newportshipyard.com/](http://www.newportshipyard.com/)
- Friday evening's Welcome Cocktail Party at historic Ft. Adams ([www.fortadams.org/](http://www.fortadams.org/)) will include special entry to the fort's casemates, private viewing of the museum, and access to the observation tower for spectacular sunset views of Newport. Colors will be sounded on a 900-pound, 1741 Paul Revere cannon. Dinner is on your own at your choice of Newport's many celebrated restaurants.
- For Newport lodging, visit <http://www.gonewport.com/>

### **Saturday, August 27: First Race, Open House on Yachts, and Bucket Bash**

- Race starts at 1200 hours
- The night's fantastic Bucket Bash at Newport Shipyard will begin with an Open House, providing a by-invitation opportunity to board and view participating yachts. (Start planning your crew's costumes!) The magical, entertainment-filled evening will include a gourmet buffet dinner and full bar service, a sensational band (the best 70s and 80s music), caricature artists, a cigar lounge, and a single-malt bar! There will also be a fashion show featuring an exclusive collection from Newport's Mandarin Boutique, luxurious one-of-a-kind Rosie Field designs, and the latest men's and women's styles by Vineyard Vines.

### **Sunday, August 28: Second Race and Awards Celebration**

- Race starts at 1200 hours
- The Awards Celebration and cocktails will be at Ochre Court on Sunday evening. Overlooking the water, this magnificent property is the second largest of Newport's grand gilded mansions, surpassed only by the Breakers.
- After spectacular days of racing on both Saturday and Sunday, the Texas Flying Legends will be piloting World War II planes in heart-stopping aerobatics shows. (For a clip of their performance at the St. Barth's Bucket, see ([www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/)))

## **THE BUCKET BOOK**

To celebrate the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of the Bucket Regattas from 1986-2011, the organizers have asked Captain Timothy Laughridge, one of the original Bucket directors, to oversee the publication of a book highlighting the Regattas' growth over the years. Concepts Publishing, Inc. has been commissioned to produce the book.

From Nantucket to St. Barths to Newport, the Bucket has attracted a growing coterie of devoted participants. From its inception through its evolution over the years, the book includes memories and anecdotes from those involved- organizers, sponsors, owners, guests, crew, and spectators. The Bucket Book is beautifully illustrated with spectacular photography- a picture is indeed worth a thousand words-and photos of the Bucket will bring the event to life in ways that no prose can touch.

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The Bucket Book, in short, will be informative, entertaining, and a celebration of an event that has established itself as a Regatta without equal.

Hardcover/ 206 pages Retail price: 50 Euros / \$65.00

For information on advance bulk prices and to place your order please email [conceptspublishing@madriver.com](mailto:conceptspublishing@madriver.com)



Please visit [www.bucketregattas.com](http://www.bucketregattas.com) for the current entry list, schedule and planning information.

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