

MEDIA ADVISORY

Media invited to 'racing' events in view of the 2008 Hill Times and Embassy Canadian Shark Championships

Ottawa, June 7, 8, 2008

June 4, 2008, Ottawa, ON – The 2008 Hill Times and Embassy Canadian Shark Championships will be held in Ottawa this coming Saturday and Sunday, **June 7 and 8, 2008** at Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa. Approximately 30 sailboats from Ontario and Quebec will compete in this national championships that will identify the best Shark sailors in Canada. Races will run on Lac Deschênes, a widening in the Ottawa River.

1. Interview 'sailors to watch' as they rig their boat for Thursday's practice race

When : Thursday June 5, 2008
Time : between 4 :30 p.m. and 5 :15 p.m.
Where : Britannia Yacht Club, 2777 Cassels Rd. (off Poulin) (next to Britannia Water Purification Plant) or Nepean Sailing Club, Carling Ave. next to Andy Haydon Park

Some talents should be observed very closely. The competition will be very close. From the Ottawa area, at least 15 boats or 45 sailors are expected to compete in this year's national championships : **Crazy Ivan** (Britannia Yacht Club), two-time Shark of the Year title winners and 2007 Shark North American champions; **Shark Poop** (Nepean Sailing Club), two-time Shark World champions.

Interviews on various other aspects of sailing/racing can be arranged. Please call (613) 722-8970 ahead of time to arrange interviews.

2. Remote News/Weather Broadcast

The Ottawa River as well as the yacht clubs are excellent and interesting venues for remote news/program or weather broadcasts.

3. Awards Presentation

When : Sunday June 8, 2008
Time : 4 :00 p.m. (approximately)
Where : Britannia Yacht Club
2777 Cassels Rd. (off Poulin) (next to Britannia Water Purification Plant) Ottawa, ON

4. Inform the public on Learn to Sail programs

Ottawa is fortunate to have an active sailing community. A number of clubs along the Ottawa River provide a full range of sailing programs for thousands of sailors as well as events for the general public. Ottawa Sailing and Powerboating School provides an accredited Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) Learn to Sail camp for juniors during the summer months and a full range of adult sailing programs. For more information on these activities or to book and interview or arrange for broadcasts :

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The championships's Web site :

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Results will be posted on Saturday and Sunday evening