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2010 Windy City Match Race Scheduled September 11 – 12, 2010; New Boats, New Organizing Authority, New Charity Partners

CHICAGO, June 21, 2010 – New things come in threes for the 2010 Windy City Match Race (WCMR), an annual charity match race event scheduled for September 11-12 in Chicago: a new boat, a new organizing authority and new charity partners.

For the first time, the charity sailing event whose mission is Chicago sailing helping youth, will sail in J-105 boats. WCMR will serve as a terrific tune-up opportunity for those competitors planning to participate in the J-105 North American Championship, scheduled for September 13 – 19 and also in Chicago.

Chicago Match Race Center will serve as the event's organizing authority; and requests for invitation are currently being accepted for the ISAF Grade 3 event. Interested participants should contact Sarah Renz at srenz@experient.com. Please note, all boats need to be supplied the competitors, but charter boats are available.

The two new charity beneficiaries are both Chicago-based organizations. The first, Jobs For Youth, helps young men and women from low-income families become part of the mainstream. The second, Near North Youth Services, is one of the largest community health centers in Chicago.

Chief Umpire Steve Wrigley will oversee this year's WCMR, and racing will be held near the entrance to Belmont Harbor, with starts each day intended for 10 a.m. Shore-side activities will include post-racing briefings, umpire debriefs, awards ceremony and WCMR's silent auction. Please visit the event Web site at www.windycitymatchrace.org for more details and updates to the event.

About the Windy City Match Race

An all volunteer group of sailing enthusiasts created The Windy City Match Race (WCMR) in 2007. In addition to hosting an exciting race and auction, WCMR aims provide knowledge and understanding about the sport of match race sailing locally and internationally. It seeks to enhance Chicago's image as a sailing destination for world-class events while demonstrating best-of class sportsmanship by making charitable contributions to organizations qualifying as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. The silent auction is a key fundraising component of this new recognized sailing event in the Windy City. One hundred percent of the proceeds from The Windy City Match Race Silent Auction directly benefit its charity partners. www.windycitymatchrace.org.

About Chicago Match Race Center

The Chicago Match Race Center was founded to promote and grow the sport of match race sailing. Besides being used in the America's Cup, match race sailing has recently also been adapted as a Women's discipline in the 2012 Olympic Games. As part of its mission to provide the highest-level match racing training facility for professional and amateur sailors in the US, CMRC has procured a fleet of Elliott 6M class boats, the type that will be used in the Games, and will use them to train and race teams with Olympic aspirations. Additionally, the CMRC retains a full fleet of TOM 28 class boats and all umpire and support boats needed to run international-caliber regattas. The 2010 Regatta schedule will feature multiple ISAF Grade 3 events beginning in May, as well as the Grade 2 Chicago Match Cup in August, while also hosting the Richardson Trophy and the Windy City Match Race. For the complete 2010 schedule, please visit www.ChicagoMatchRace.com.