

# RI Sailing Events Commission

## Public Session

June 2, 2014

Newport Visitors Center  
Newport, RI

**Members in Attendance:** Mr. Michael Keyworth (Chair), Mr. Paul Harden, Mr. Bill Plumb, Mr. Jay Gowell, Mr. Karl Olsen, Ms. Sheila McCurdy, Ms. Jody Sullivan, Mr. Evan Smith, Mr. Dyer Jones, Mr. Paul Callahan

**Guests:** Dr. Robin Wallace, Mr. Allen Megarry, Mr. Mark Davis, Mr. Tom Delotto, Ms. Vivian Spencer, Ms. Hilary Kotoun, Mr. Joe Dias

### Opening Remarks

Mr. Keyworth opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Mr. Plumb and seconded by Mr. Harden to approve the minutes as drafted. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission.

### Volvo Ocean Race

Mr. Read, the Executive Director of Sail Newport, updated the commission on the Volvo Ocean Race (VOR) Stopover scheduled for next May in Newport. Currently there are 7 teams committed to the event. A team from Sail Newport attends a conference with the other stopover ports in Alicante, Spain, in early April.

Mr. Read also discussed the scheduled visits to Newport of the SCA, the Chinese team and Alvamedica team that are scheduled for this summer

### Clipper Round the World Race

There was also discussion of the possibility of hosting a stopover in Newport for the Clipper Race. Given the financial requirements, there did not seem to be much support for the stopover.

Ft. Adams

Mr. Dias provided an update on the new pier construction with work currently underway with completion scheduled for October.

Other Business

There was continued discussion about the need for an on-line calendar for marine events for Narragansett Bay

New Business

There was no additional new business

Closing

Next meeting will be scheduled for late September after the Newport boat show.

At 1:45 p.m. Mr. Plumb made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Read

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