



USSA Captains Briefing Returns to Newport for 5th Year

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Newport, RI —July 1, 2010— The U.S. Superyacht Association's (USSA) Captains Briefing returned for the fifth year to kick-off the 28th Annual Newport Spring Charter Show on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Newport Yachting Center. The Captains Briefing has quickly become a seasonal favorite for the superyacht captains and senior officers in the area who were invited to the event. "It is our opportunity to bring them up to date with important items that could impact them for the season as well as find out what their challenges are so we can help make yachting in the U.S. a great experience," said event chair and sponsor Gary Tice of On Call International, specialists in worldwide medical evacuations and security services.

In addition to the more than 60 captains and crew that participated, area marine industry leaders and superyacht businesses came to network among the superyacht professionals. "We have made so many great contacts with the captains and industry at this event that it is a great kickoff to the summer season in the Northeast," said John Mann of Bluewater Books and Charts.

Speakers for this year's Briefing included Captain Howard McVay of the Northeast Pilots Association who updated the crews about enforcement issues in the northeast and Kathryn Farrington of the Newport and Bristol County CVB who presented invaluable information about the latest happenings in the area to help make their charters memorable. Billy Smith of Trinity Yachts, LLC, and vice chair of the USSA board gave an update on the superyacht industry that outlined the continued challenges the still facing the industry as well as the signs of recovery that are beginning to appear. "The recent passage of the Florida State Sales Tax Cap is a positive step of support for our industry and should be adopted by other states," he continued. "To be successful, our industry needs to work together to present a unified voice in Washington."

The next Captains Briefing & Reception will be held on Friday, October 30, 2010 at Bahia Mar Yachting Center during the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

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