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Oakcliff Sailing Center hosts Dave Perry to lead clinic on Match Racing, Saturday, March 13

Oyster Bay, NY (March 3, 2010) – Oakcliff Sailing Center’s Spring Match Racing Division will kick off its season with a full day of match racing instruction, video, and story-telling. The seminar will be led by Dave Perry, the highest ranked US match racer and very entertaining speaker. Dave is currently the coach for the US Sailing Team Alphagraphics women match racers, winners of the Gold Medal at the recent 2010 Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (MOCR). Joining Perry will be other experts, including Debbie Capozzi, Olympian from Long Island and member of the Gold Medal winning team at the 2010 MOCR.

The on-land seminar, which runs from 10:00am-5:00pm at the Oakcliff Sailing Center in Oyster Bay, NY, will cover: how match racing works, some of the rules you need to know, classic tactical moves you won’t see in fleet racing, how match racing skills translate to fleet racing, what the crew needs to know and be ready to do, and tips on being a good match racing crew. The seminar will also describe how to get involved in Oakcliff’s match racing program. Participants in the seminar will get priority when teams are filled later this spring.

“The mission of the Oakcliff Sailing Center is to raise the level of sailors and sailing in the United States,” said Perry. “Our clinics provide a tremendous opportunity to all area sailors to come and take part.” Oyster Bay’s waters will be filled with sails as the Center offers clinics and regattas for match racers, coaching for individuals and teams, and team building opportunities for companies and other organizations.

The March 13 kick-off seminar will be followed by an all day on-the-water training session run by Perry in Oakcliff’s Shields on Friday, April 16, which is a lead-up to the US Match Racing Championship ABC Quarterfinals event that weekend. On May 5-8, some of the best in the sport will be training in Oakcliff’s Swedish Match 40’s and will be looking for crew from area sailors.

In addition to these special events, match racing in the Shields and Swedish Match 40’s will occur on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays throughout the season. Additional regattas and clinics will be held over the summer and fall sailing season.

To sign up for March 13 or one of the clinics or find out more about the Oakcliff Sailing Center’s Match Racing Division, please email race@oakcliffsailing.org, or call 516.802.0368; or go online to www.oakcliffsailing.org.