

## **GLORY**

Gay and Lesbian Organisation for Racing and Yachting

*GLORY exists to provide a voice for gays and lesbians in the sport of sailing and to encourage and assist individual sailors, clubs and teams.*



**For Immediate Release**

**London, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2003:**

***New international gay and lesbian sailing events announced***

The Gay and Lesbian Organisation for Racing and Yachting (GLORY) is supporting two regattas for gay and lesbian sailors in 2003 in the USA and the UK.

### **New York, USA 27<sup>th</sup> June**

#### *Stonewall Sails*

New York's First-Ever Gay Pride Regatta, in New York Harbour right next to the Statue of Liberty. The Stonewall Regatta will feature up to 12 J/24 class boats in up to 7 races, as well as after-race festivities and other events throughout the weekend. Make this your first day at New York's world famous Gay Pride Weekend.

Registration and more information at [www.ksa-nyc.org/stonewall](http://www.ksa-nyc.org/stonewall)

### **Cowes, UK, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August**

#### *EuroGay Cup Regatta*

As winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurocup Gay Regatta held in Holland in October 2002, GUST (GAY UK Sailing Team) is hosting this event from 30-31st August at Cowes on the Isle of Wight - the centre of competitive sailing in the UK. GUST are expecting teams from France, Germany, Holland and the UK, and the event will be organised by the prestigious Island Sailing Club using their fleet of 9 Sonar 4-man keelboats in spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.

Registration and more information at

[www.gust2002.org/eurogaycup2003.htm](http://www.gust2002.org/eurogaycup2003.htm)

"We're very pleased to be able to support these two events", said Paul White, President of GLORY. "The success of the regatta at the Gay Games in Sydney showed how popular sailing is amongst lesbians and gay people. It also demonstrated the high standard, commitment and enthusiasm amongst the participants and we expect this will be boosted by the opportunity to participate in these international events."

### **About GLORY**

GLORY was formed at the Sydney 2002 Gay Games by representatives of gay and lesbian sailing organisations with 1500 members world-wide. GLORY exists to assist individual sailors, clubs and teams in promoting the sport of sailing among lesbians and gays.

GLORY acts as an umbrella organisation providing a more cohesive and structured association representing gay and lesbian sailing crews, clubs and individuals world-wide. Through learn to sail programs, regatta co-ordination and coaching resources as well as online forums.

GLORY also provides a liaison with other sporting bodies such as the Federation of Gay Games and International Sailing Federation. GLORY is lobbying for sailing to be included in future Gay Games in Montreal in 2006 and beyond.

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**About the Knickerbocker Sailing Association, KSA**

The KSA has been serving New York area gay and lesbian sailors since 1994. KSA brings together men and women who want to share the excitement of sailing in a comfortable, gay-friendly environment. KSA also had three boats entered in the Sydney 2002 Gay Games.

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**About The Gay UK Sailing Team, GUST**

GUST was set up in early 2001 to provide a competitive team for the 2002 Sydney Gay Games where sailing was included for the first time - GUST had boats places 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and won the Team Silver Medal. GUST is aimed at gay and lesbian people who enjoy competitive sailing and is affiliated to the Sailing and Cruising Association, the UK's social gay sailing club with 300 members. The GUST membership ranges from complete novices through to race instructors.

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**Other sources:**

Sydney Gay Games - [www.sydney2002.org.au](http://www.sydney2002.org.au)

Montreal Gay Games: [www.montreal2006.com](http://www.montreal2006.com)

Federation of Gay Games: [www.gaygames.com](http://www.gaygames.com)

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