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### **CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Ida Lewis Distance Race  
Friday, August 15th, 2008  
Newport, Rhode Island**

Due for its fourth edition in 2008, the Ida Lewis Distance Race is now an annual event well on its way to being a classic. The race, which sets out at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008, is a 175 nautical mile middle-distance race that begins and ends in Newport, R.I., off the historic Ida Lewis Yacht Club. On the coastal waters of Block Island Sound and Rhode Island Sound, the race challenges teams on single-hulled boats of 28 feet or longer with multiple turning marks, tide and current negotiations and varying weather conditions.

Classes are for IRC, PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker) and double-handed boats. The race is one of the qualifying events for the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF), Northern and Double-Handed Ocean Racing Trophies (IRC). Additionally it is a qualifier for the US-IRC Gulf Stream Series. Social events are held at host Ida Lewis Yacht Club's clubhouse on Lime Rock in Newport.

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