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Gill's Newly Redesigned Zip Dinghy/Trapeze and One Design Boots and Aquatech Shoes Offer Sailors and Boaters Greater Strength, Durability and Grip

Buford, GA, (June 10, 2008) – Gill is launching newly redesigned Zip Dinghy/Trapeze Boots, One Design Boots and Aquatech Shoes for 2008 with marine-specific designs created exclusively for Gill that provide greater grip, strength and durability.

Field-tested repeatedly by world champion sailors and boaters, all three models feature the finest neoprene material, which provides comfortable insulation and support. In addition, stronger rubber reinforcements on all three models provide boaters with a greater degree of resilience and protection.

"Wearing the right kind of footwear is absolutely important when boating," said David Pritchard, president of Gill North America. "Our footwear is worn by many of the world's top sailors and boaters because our shoes and boots are very comfortable, offer great durability and grip, and always perform very well."

The Zip Dinghy/Trapeze Boots are ideal for catamaran sailors or anyone using a trapeze, providing the excellent grip and sole support and flexibility needed for sailors who enjoy trapezing. The wrap-around Velcro ankle closure provides a firm, yet flexible grip, while natural, non-stick rubber soles also help sailors trapeze securely. The neoprene gusset behind the non-ferrous zip keeps water out and feet dry. Increased rubber reinforcement across the top of the foot provides additional strength plus the heel, toe and bridge areas are also reinforced for added protection from the elements. Made from 5mm neoprene, the Zip Dinghy/Trapeze Boots include a Velcro zip lock and flatlocked seams that provide comfort and flexibility.

The One Design Boots were designed especially with the needs of one design and dinghy sailors in mind, with a new non-sticking, razor-cut outsole that delivers a greater degree of traction, stability and support. Made with 5 mm neoprene for warmth, these boots have a wrap-around Velcro closure and zip lock tab for an improved fit and greater support. Every facet of these One Design Boots feature a greater degree of strong durability—with rubber reinforcements across the top of foot and reinforced heel, toe and bridge areas. Feet are kept dry through the neoprene gusset behind the non-ferrous zip, which prevents water seepage.

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The Aquatech Shoes are a rugged, all-around watersports and beach shoe with beefed-up protection provided by Supratex® abrasion-resistant panel across the topside of toes. Perfect for riding jet skis, or hiking rocky coastlines, the Aquatech shoes feature a new soft-touch Glideskin cuff for comfort and easy wearability. Made from 2 mm double-lined neoprene, the Aquatech Shoes have a wrap-around non-stick rubber sole for enhanced grip, and an adjustable strap and flatlocked seams for maximum comfort.

Gill Zip Dinghy/Trapeze Boots

Features: 5mm neoprene for warmth; wrap-around Velcro closure at ankle for improved fit, strengthened rubber reinforcement across top of foot; wrap-around non-marking natural rubber soles for improved grip; reinforced heel, toes and bridge area for increased support; Non-ferrous zip; Velcro zip lock; neoprene gusset behind zip to reduce water ingress; flatlocked seams for comfort and flexibility.

Item Number: 905

Color: Black

Sizes: 4, 5/6, 7, 7.5/8, 9, 10/10.5; 11/12; 13, 14

Suggested Prices: U.S.-\$65.95 Canada-\$79.95 inclusive of brokerage and duty

Gill One Design Boots

Features: Wraparound Velcro closure at ankle for improved fit. New razor-cut outersole made from a non-slip compound for improved traction, stability and comfort. Increased rubber reinforcement across top of foot. 5mm neoprene for warmth; reinforced instep, toe and heel areas for maximum support and durability; ankle support; non-ferrous grip; Velcro zip lock tab; neoprene gusset behind zip to reduce water ingress; flatlocked seams for comfort.

Item Number: 906

Color: Black

Sizes: 4, 5/6, 7, 7.5/8, 9, 10/10.5; 11/12; 13, 14

Suggested Prices: U.S.-\$75.95, Canada-\$99.95 inclusive of brokerage and duty

Gill Aquatech Shoes

Features: New soft touch Glideskin cuff for comfort, 2mm double-lined neoprene; wrap-around, non-marking natural rubber sole for improved grip; flatlocked seams for comfort; adjustable strap for maximum support; Supratex® abrasion-resistant panel across topside of toes.

Item Number: 956

Color: Black

Sizes: 4, 5/6, 7, 7.5/8, 9, 10/10.5; 11/12; 13, 14,

Suggested Prices: U.S.-\$36.99, Canada-\$45.95 inclusive of brokerage and duty

About Gill North America

Gill NA, with headquarters near Atlanta, GA, is the exclusive distributor for the Gill brand in the U.S. and Canadian marine markets. For over 30 years, the Gill brand has been a global leader and innovator, specializing in high tech, breathable waterproof clothing. Gill NA markets and distributes a variety of performance-oriented, award-winning apparel and accessories for virtually every type of boating activity with product lines that include the following: foul weather gear with lines of jackets, deck coats and trousers; interactive layering systems; footwear; gloves; yachting watches; bags and all-weather luggage; junior gear; headwear, sunglasses and team wear. Gill North America is the official sponsor and supplier of Gill technical apparel to the US Sailing Teams. For more information on the 2008 Product Line, visit **www.gillna.com**, or contact Susan O'Reilly at Kenton Smith Advertising & Public Relations, 407-856-6680 Ext. 220.

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