



## Press Release

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### GILL ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

#### For Immediate Release



Gill North America is pleased to announce it is continuing its 16 year partnership with US SAILING by becoming the technical clothing sponsor for three National US SAILING Youth Racing Programs. This partnership includes the Junior Olympic Series, National Youth Championships as well as the Junior National Championships.



"We will see America's future Olympic medallists and World Champions come from these programs." said David Pritchard, President of Gill North America. "As such, youth programs run

by US SAILING are extremely important to the future of our sport."

Other significant 2009 Gill partnerships include race events such as Charleston Race Week, Block Island Race Week, Melges 24 Worlds, and NOOD Championships. Gill is the title sponsor to the Gill Collegiate National Championships to be held later this month in San Francisco California.



Terry Hutchinson

On a broader front, Gill has established a relationship with Terry Hutchinson, the 2008 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, and TP52 Med Cup and World Championship winner on Quantum Racing. Gill and Hutchinson have formed a partnership that will provide the best technical clothing to one of the best yachtsmen in the World. The two share the same values of relentless preparation and attention to detail, that in the end, bring great results. Gill has a policy of partnering with people who will add their experience and insight into the product development process thereby ensuring the

Company's continued reputation as technical innovators in the sport. Gill will also be supplying the clothing for the high profile International racing campaigns that Hutchinson will be involved within in 2009, on the TP52, Farr 40 and Melges 24.

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#### About Gill North America

Gill NA, with headquarters near Atlanta, GA is the sole distributor and licensee of Gill-brand foul weather gear in North America including Caribbean, Central America, US and Canada. Gill is an apparel and accessories leader in the worldwide marine industry for over three decades and specializes in high tech, breathable waterproof clothing. The company tests, designs and markets a variety of performance-oriented, award-winning apparel and accessories for virtually every type of boating activity with product lines that include foul weather gear; interactive layering systems; footwear; gloves; bags; junior gear; scholastic gear and team wear.

Available through hundreds of dealers nationally, Gill NA is the sole distributor and licensee of Gill-brand foul weather gear in North America, where it is the top selling yachting clothing brand.

For more information on Gill NA, visit the company web site at [www.gillna.com](http://www.gillna.com), or contact Lance Jones at Gill NA, (800) 822-6504 ext. 5581; e-mail: [lance@gillna.com](mailto:lance@gillna.com)