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**Lincoln D. Chafee**  
Governor

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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**ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND SAILING EVENTS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has had a long history of yacht racing, was home of the designers and builders of the fastest and most elegant sailboats of the Gilded Age and was the site of the America's Cup defense from 1930 to 1983; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a world-wide reputation as an excellent venue for sailing and boating events, including the National One-Design Championships, the Newport to Bermuda Race and the Single-Handed Trans-Atlantic Ocean Race; and

WHEREAS, highly-developed marine facilities, such as the Newport Shipyard and the Melville Marina, and major improvements to the facilities at Fort Adams State Park provide critical support for championship sailing in Rhode Island while attracting and enhancing large-scale competitive sailing events to the state; and

WHEREAS, these improvements and coordinated efforts of state and private organizations have helped attract new international championship racing events, including the America's Cup World Series trials in 2012 and the Volvo Around the World Ocean Race in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the sport of sailing has changed dramatically since 1980 when the Rhode Island State Yachting Committee was formed, with sailing events attracting larger audiences, generating greater economic impact and needing increased support from state and host communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

1. There shall be established a commission known as the Rhode Island Sailing Events Commission.
2. The Commission shall:
  - a. identify, evaluate, attract and support nationally and internationally-recognized sailing and marine events, both amateur and professional, to Rhode Island;
  - b. assist and support the Rhode Island Sailing Foundation in its efforts to obtain financial support for sailing events;
  - c. in coordination with the Rhode Island Sailing Foundation, solicit grant and charitable funds or in-kind contributions from public and private individuals and organizations to fund projects and programs;
  - d. advise state and local leaders on the suitability and practicality of hosting qualified marine events in the state;
  - e. advise the Governor on the feasibility of using Fort Adams State Park as a training center for Olympic sailing classes;
  - f. deliver to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 an annual report detailing the Commission's activities in attracting events and accounting for the year's sailing events, including any available economic impact data.
3. The Commission shall consist of twenty-one (21) members appointed by the Governor for three year terms. The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of the Commission and shall serve as its Honorary Chairman.
4. The members shall include the following:
  - The Director of the Department of Environmental Management or designee;
  - A representative of the Rhode Island marine trades industry;
  - A representative of a Rhode Island collegiate sailing program;
  - A representative of Sail Newport;
  - The President/Chief Executive Officer of Discover Newport or designee;

- A representative of the City of Newport;
  - The Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation or designee;
  - A representative of sailing organizations for the disabled;
  - An individual who has been involved with the planning of America's Cup events;
  - A representative of US Sailing;
  - A representative of the Narragansett Bay Yacht Racing Association;
  - Two (2) representatives of Rhode Island yacht clubs; and
  - Eight (8) public members.
5. Executive Orders 80-6, 82-6 and 88-2 establishing and amending the Rhode Island State Yachting Committee are hereby superseded and rescinded.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

So Ordered:



Lincoln D. Chafee