



FIFTEEN TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE TO COMPETE IN US FOR WORLD FINALS OF HI-TECH YOUTH SAILING COMPETITION

*Two Years of Qualifiers Lead into First Ever Red Bull Foiling Generation World Finals, Founded
and Led by Two-Time Olympic Gold Medalists
Roman Hagara and Hans Peter Steinacher*

NEWPORT, RI (September 12, 2016) – The world’s best competitive sailing youth, ages 16-20, from across the globe are officially on their way to United States East Coast sailing hub, Newport, Rhode Island, for the first Red Bull Foiling Generation World Finals on October 22 and 23, 2016. Thirty of the most agile and talented sailors have been gathered over two years of qualifying competitions from fifteen countries including Italy, Turkey, France, Japan, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Russia, Great Britain, New Zealand, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium and the US.

Beating out their fellow ambitious countrymen on the unique opportunity to compete on the latest in hydrofoil technology, all participating teams will once again gain the knowledge and receive a refresh on how to handle the speed and distinctiveness of the 18’ Flying Phantom Catamarans designed with hydrofoil technology. Training will be provided by Red Bull Foiling Generation founders and two-time Olympic gold medalists, Austrians Roman Hagara and Hans Peter Steinacher, who realized an opportunity for the future of high-level foiling and the need to increase the skills of today’s young sailors.

“We coach young talent and provide mentorship to prepare them to be the best youth sailors on the planet,” says Steinacher. “Red Bull Foiling Generation is the perfect start to get familiar with the foiling points within a first-class competition, followed by the Red Bull Youth Americas Cup, which is *the* pathway into professional sailing.”

Red Bull Foiling Generation is about providing talented young sailors with the opportunity to advance their careers through top-notch hydrofoil racing. The competitions serve as training waters for the Red Bull Youth America’s Cup, which caters to competitors ages 19-25. Both competitions train youth sailors from all over the globe on smaller versions of catamaran racers with foils, like those used in one of the world’s most famous sailing competition – America’s Cup.

The Sail Newport Sailing Center at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, Rhode Island will host the Red Bull Foiling Generation World Finals for the world to see on October 22 and 23. The seaside location is home to many sailing events and regattas because of its natural amphitheater on Narragansett Bay and legendary sailing waters. Red Bull Foiling Generation is working in partnership with US Sailing and the non-profit Sail Newport, New England’s premiere public sailing center, which will host the event.

For more information please visit, please visit: <http://www.foilinggeneration.redbull.com>

and for images/video, please visit www.redbullsailingnewsroom.com

Also, stay tuned to www.facebook.com/redbullfoilinggeneration for content and updates.

Contact: Kerri Holt kerri.holt@us.redbull.com (347) 952-5367

###