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Dr. Charles “Stormy” Mayo Named Honorary Commodore

Provincetown, MA (August 31, 2010) – The Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta (GPSR) announced today that Dr. Charles “Stormy” Mayo has accepted the nomination of Honorary Commodore for the 2010 GPSR. Each year the GPSR nominates an individual to the position of Honorary Commodore who has made a broad and impactful contribution to our community and our region.

Commodore Charlotte Walker said, “We are very honored that Dr. Mayo accepted our nomination to be Honorary Commodore this year. As a life long member of the Provincetown community, Dr. Mayo has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate his strong commitment to our region. As one of 3 founders of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, his work and dedication has brought about a profound understanding of the fragile nature of our marine ecosystem and has helped develop practices and solutions to preserve and sustain our great natural resources and the marine life in it.”

Dr. Mayo said, “Every year the entire town and the residents of our region look forward to the Regatta with great anticipation so it is my pleasure to serve as Honorary Commodore and to welcome the skilled Captains and sailors that come to this event.”

Dr. Mayo will be present at a number of GPSR events during the Regatta week and will award trophies to the winners of the Challenge for the Fishermen’s Cup, the historic schooner race from Gloucester to Provincetown that commemorates the 1907 Lipton Cup victory by the Provincetown Schooner Rose Dorathea. The race will take place on Tuesday September 7, 2010. Those not able to watch the race on the water will be able to watch in on line by going to www.ProvincetownSchoonerRace.com and clicking on the iBoat Track link.

Biography for Dr. Charles “Stormy” Mayo



Dr. Charles “Stormy” Mayo is a marine biologist whose first focus was on the ecology of oceanic fish. In 1976, he was one of three founders of the Center for Coastal Studies located in Provincetown, MA. Since then, Dr. Mayo has been studying endangered large whales of the southern Gulf of Maine and recently, his work has focused on the relationship between the nearly-extinct North Atlantic right whale and the ecosystem of Cape Cod Bay. Dr. Mayo’s work with right whales and the Center’s whale rescue team has been the subject of a number of television shows and news articles.

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Dr. Mayo serves on several federal conservation teams including the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team charged with development of strategies to reduce the mortality of whales tangled in fishing gear and he is also on the Board of the North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium.

Dr. Mayo received his B.A. at Dartmouth College, and his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences in Miami Florida.

About The Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta

The Regatta is like no other competitive sailing event on Cape Cod, combining competitive events for historic as well as modern vessels including one-design competitions. Taking place in picturesque and historic Provincetown Harbor, the town and harbor provide a context that reinforces the links between our local maritime history, fishing vessels, sailing, the great resources of our region, our culture and our economy. Working in tandem with cultural and research institutions in Provincetown and Cape Cod, we educate the public about the schooner races held off the New England coast from 1886 to 1938, and commemorate Provincetown's 1907 Lipton Cup victory. The Regatta shares the story of Provincetown's place in the traditional fishing industry as well as educates the younger generations about the days of Cape Cod's past. The Regatta will take place from September 3rd to 11th, 2010 with the famous Schooner race, The Challenge for the Fishermen's Cup from Gloucester to Provincetown, taking place on September 7th.

About The Provincetown Center For Coastal Studies

The Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting marine mammals and ecosystems in the Gulf of Maine through applied research and education.