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## Morris Yachts Opens Newport, RI Office Adds Three Sales Professionals

BASS HARBOR, MAINE, (May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012) – Morris Yachts, America’s premier builder of sailing yachts, has opened a new sales office in Newport, Rhode Island, USA and hired three new sales professionals to complement its existing sales team. In celebration, Morris Yachts will be christening their newest M52, a modern classic sailing yacht, and keeping her in Newport waters this summer along with two other boats, an M36 and M29, for test sails and demos.

With sales offices and service yards in Bass Harbor and Northeast Harbor, Maine, Morris sees its new presence in Newport as a natural extension to the company. “Our geographic footprint is expanding,” says Doug Metchick, CEO of Morris, “and in order to continue our high-touch sales approach, for which we are renowned, a sales office in a prominent global sailing hub like Newport was a logical next step.” The new office, featuring furniture made by Morris’ own craftsman and walls adorned with sunset sailing prints, provides a welcoming sanctuary for visitors to get to know this family-owned company a little bit more.

Morris has also added three new sales professionals to its team giving the company the ability to serve owners’ needs with five dedicated sales professionals across an expanded geographic footprint. Joining Morris veterans Prent Weathers and James Allen are new hires Scott Dyer, Gregg Weatherby and Chad Thieken. See bios below.



**Scott Dyer** joins Morris with an impressive marine industry background, most recently serving as Sales Manager for the North American operations of Sealegs amphibious boats. Prior to that, he held leadership positions at Protector Boats and Hinckley yachts where he managed over 50 custom built yachts ranging from Maine to the Caribbean.



With a lifetime on the water and exceptional boat production and sales experience, **Gregg Weatherby** brings a passion for sailing to his new sales position at Morris. His expertise as an independent business owner, USCG Captain, and National Sales Manager for True North Yachts, will be an asset for Morris Yachts. His most recent position in the marine industry was managing the Northeast Atlantic regional business development for Pursuit Boats and Tiara Yachts.



**Chad Thieken** has been at the helm of some of the world’s finest sailing super yachts, including the J-Class Hanuman, Ethereal, Hyperion, Athena, and Marie for over fifteen years. Just returning from an apprenticeship with Dykstra Naval Architects in Amsterdam, he continues his design studies and was named a Semi-Finalist for Showboats Young Designer of the Year, 2011. As an MCA Class IV/3000 GT Captain with a degree in Maritime Business, he brings his hands-on knowledge with global experience working with owners, designers and shipyards to Morris Yachts. Chad lives in Southwest Harbor, Maine.



Morris Yachts' New Office in Newport, RI:



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**About Morris Yachts**

Founded in 1972, Morris Yachts is America's premier builder of semi-custom and custom sailing yachts from 29-80ft and has worked hard to become the quality benchmark for discriminating yachtsmen around the world. Through their M-Series and Ocean Series lines and now their Leadership 44 sailboat with the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Morris Yachts have a demonstrated reputation for luxury, performance and great value. Over the years Morris has worked with world-renowned designers C. W. Paine, Sparkman & Stephens and David Pedrick. The family-owned company operates a complete yacht service organization including new yacht construction, brokerage and two full-service yards on Mount Desert Island, Maine. [www.morrisyachts.com](http://www.morrisyachts.com)

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