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## LAURENT CORBEL, OUR CO-FOUNDER WRITES:

“ Hello and welcome, I am thrilled to announce the official opening of the Skipper Lounge at our historic South Street **Seaport** location. Our headquarters on **Governors Island** are taking a spring residence and this transition marks a new chapter in our mission to promote sustainable maritime practices and foster collaboration within the maritime community.

As our inaugural event takes place, I am delighted to share that moment with all of you. As a Frenchman now deeply rooted in the dynamic American maritime scene, I am particularly proud of this achievement. It demonstrates our commitment to innovation, education, and environmental protection.

The Skipper Lounge, located at the Seaport, 189 Front Street, is more than just a physical space—it is a symbol of our

dedication to shaping the future of maritime transport. Here, we will host a range of activities, from educational sessions and collaborative projects to art exhibitions that highlight the beauty and importance of our oceans.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, I want to express my gratitude to all our partners, supporters, and the entire Wind Support NYC team for making this possible. Together, we are driving positive change in the maritime industry and inspiring others to join us on this journey towards a more sustainable future.

I look forward to welcoming you at the Skipper Lounge and sharing in the exciting events and discussions ahead.”

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**Art Exhibitions:** Explore global artistry with exhibitions at the Skipper Lounge. Opening on April 4th, delve into "Odas Marinas: The Ocean Unbound," curated by Allicette Torres, featuring the artwork of **Capucine Bourcart** and **Mario Tauchi**.

**Grain de Sail II**, the largest modern sailing cargo vessel, is on her maiden voyage to New York City, sailing from France loaded with 350 tons of sustainable cargo, continuing the legacy of her predecessor, Grain de Sail I.

As GDS II calls at the Seaport in early April, the Skipper Lounge will host discussions with the crew and propose French products for crossing the Atlantic on a zero-emission journey: **Groix et Nature** (seafood products), **FinX Motors** (electrical motors, propeller-less), and **727 Sailbags**, among others.

Also, in April, the vessel **Energy Observer** will be docked at the North Cove marina. After two years of sailing around the world, Energy Observer's unique feedback on wind propulsion and hydrogen on board is key to advancing maritime decarbonization.

Grain De Sail II and Energy Observer visits will be organized. Please follow us to learn more about those visits.

**Nature-Based Solutions :** Join us on for discussions sponsored by FinX on nature-based solutions and biomimicry.

**Podcast Relaunch:** We're excited to reboot "**Hoisting the Sail**," a podcast featuring interviews conducted live at the Skipper Lounge and available on all streaming platforms.

Professional skippers gather in NYC after single-handed **Transat CIC**, heralding wind-powered renaissance in maritime

proWess celebration. Pre-departure live session with Lorient skippers will take place at the Skipper Lounge.

**First Imocas** arrive in NYC around May 7th. Volunteer opportunities will be available to assist the race direction based near the finish line at the **Miramar Yacht Club** and at **One 15 Brooklyn**, the marina where the arrival will spread over 10 days, from May 6 to May 15.

On May 12th, **BZH New York**, the association of Bretons of NY, will host the "Fete de la Bretagne" on the **Wavertree South Street Seaport Museum**.

The afternoon will start with a conference about the hybrid tallship / steam engine "**Isère**", the pioneering boat that transported the Statue of Liberty from France to NYC. The afternoon will continue with a Breton cocktail and music followed by the prize ceremony Transat CIC at 7pm.

On May 13th and 14th, the **Wind Support Summit** presented by the **city of Lorient**, will highlight the role Wind Propulsion will play in the future energy mix while displaying a set of technologies and business models available to reduce the emissions from maritime transport.

On May 24th, 30 **Imocas** will compete in the **Vendee Liberty** in New York harbor. Join us on **Governors Island** to enjoy the show.

On May 29th, 31 Imocas will hoist the sail for the **New York Vendee**, the final qualifying race for the **Vendée Globe**.

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