

From Zero to Four in 6 Months

Noteworthy is the Narragansett Bay Fleet 017's rapid expansion. Although Fleet 17 ran strong through the 80's, by the early 90's it had tapered off to nothing due to various factors that discouraged local racing. But 1999 will see four Jibetech Snipes actively sailing out of Sail Newport. In addition to Jibetech builder Andrew Pimental and class newcomer Paul Cronin, Bill Kelley and his wife will be storing their boat in Newport. And the latest addition to the fleet is Carol Cronin's own boat, the second Jibetech ever built and most recently owned by Ben Cesare. Carol may never be seen crouching up forward again! We are planning on piggybacking a start on to the Newport Yacht Club's Tuesday evening series, which began Mid-May.

We are also working on a few "fringe" Snipers who we hope will join us, and hosting the Atlantic Coast Champs is a serious draw for those folks who aren't really sure whether to take us seriously. Please put the ACC's on your calendar, and join the newly revived Newport fleet for some great summer sailing on Narragansett Bay.