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Update #2 Sprig Commissioning

Saturday & Sunday: Greg reports it was an action packed weekend in Newport. Doug Jones and Greg flew out on the red-eye Friday night and arrived in Providence Sat AM. They went straight to New England Boatworks, the yard owned by Greg's friends from work. As they pulled up in the cab Bucky Barlow drove up to meet and help. Fortunately *Sprig* was in a nice big "dry" shed. It rained all day and the wind was up and down with the affects of hurricane Danny passing by.

Doug and Bucky assembled the mast and Greg wet sand the bottom. From the picture of Greg with Bucky you can see why Greg was the wet sander. It took 7 hours to complete all the tasks.

Then they drove down town to meet the 6-meter fleet that was having a regatta at Ida Lewis Yacht Club. Ida Lewis Yacht Club is very simple cool YC in Newport Harbor. They had some great Dark & Stormy's and Burgers and lots of fun conversation about 6 meters.

On Sunday they went back to the boatyard and did it all over again. Nine hours later, *Sprig's* bottom is wet sanded, mast assembled, bright work varnished & some new fittings installed. The boat was ready to launch.

Monday: Got sails checked for Worlds at North Sails. Launched boat at 10 am. Doug and Bucky stepped mast while Greg met with NMYD client on Nantucket 55 building at New England Boatworks. At 3 pm *Sprig* was ready to go.

Tuesday: Sailed *Sprig* to MOY. Crew, Greg, Doug, Bucky and Dale (Owner of Nantucket 55 building at NEB) Set Spinnaker once cleared entrance and sailed the 6 miles to MOY.

Sprig was one of the first boats in the basin and they claimed a prime dock spot hope to keep it for the duration. Mother ship arrived and is docked 200 yards away from the MOY tents.

The sails and rig set well and it was one of the nicest days of sailing in Newport Greg says he has ever had. They had a BBQ on the yacht *WHEN AND IF* (their home until the World Cup is over.)

Wednesday: They went out at noon for a full day of practice in the Ocean racing area.

Thursday:

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Greg with Bucky



Doug Jones



Sprig Launch



Photo of Sprig now being displayed at Fiddlers