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**Sir Richard Branson** came to Dennis Conner's North Cove yesterday to announce the Virgin Money sponsorship of Speedboat.



The press conference was held in slip N3. Afterwards, the newly decorated yacht went sailing with press in front of the skyline of Manhattan.

"Virgin Money" (formerly "Speedboat") will attempt to break the Trans-Atlantic Record.

"Basically, we wait for a big hurricane," said Sir Branson. "Then we try to stay in front of it."

Branson will be bringing along his two children for this record attempt. About his son, who is currently kayaking near the North Pole to demonstrate the melting of the polar ice cap, Branson said, "Doing these adventures is more rewarding than partying all night." His daughter is training to be a doctor and after 6 years of hard work, this is one of her rewards.

Maybe Tropical Storm Hanna which is currently tracking up the Eastern seaboard will be the weather system needed to slingshot Virgin Money across the Atlantic Ocean to break the record.

More coverage is at

<http://www.sailkarma.com/2008/09/teamorigin-virgin-money-speedboat.html>

<http://www.thedailysail.com/ism/articles.nsf/News/0837C36D12ACF26D802574BB00307707>

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Dennis Conner's North Cove is NYC's mega yacht marina. Our mission is to provide a friendly welcome to yachts visiting the Big Apple. We also wish to provide a beautiful visual display for people who live and work in our community.

We hope you enjoy seeing all the incredible yachts which visit Dennis Conner's North Cove. These emails are a public service feature of our marina and keep you informed of all the great things happening.

Yacht welcoming emails are sent to people on our email list. If you wish to change your email or are on the list twice, please let us know. If you would rather not receive these announcements, please send us a reply with the words "unsubscribe."

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