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2010 Red Bull Air Race World Championship Comes to Jersey City

*Jersey City to Co-Host the Fifth Race – A Signature Stop for the
Motorsport Competition*

JERSEY CITY – The City of Jersey City, in partnership with the **NYC & Company** and **Liberty State Park**, will co-host the **fifth race** of the **2010 Red Bull Air Race World Championship** season over the **Hudson River June 19th and 20th**.

The **2010 Red Bull Air Race World Championship**, an international racing event stopping at various locations throughout the world, including Abu Dhabi, UAE, Perth, Australia, and Lisbon, Portugal, will feature fifteen of the world's best pilots competing for the fastest time and the most agile and responsive planes navigating a course of air gates through an aerial race track made up of inflatable air gates.

“Jersey City is fast becoming a premier destination to host major events, such as the All Points West concerts and the 2009 Barclays golf tournament,” said **Mayor Healy**. “The Red Bull Air Race is a high-caliber event that provides international exposure and will bring millions of tourism dollars into our city. We are aggressively marketing Jersey City as a global brand and we are thrilled to have the world's most talented pilots compete above our Hudson River waterfront.”

Jersey City is a prime location to host the upcoming championship as the city is home to international dining, five world class hotels, national landmarks, and hundreds of fine retail stores and a wealth of culturally diverse shops and boutiques. Aside from the spectacular waterfront views, there are a variety of cultural events, recreational and leisure activities.

“Staging a Red Bull Air Race in New York City and Jersey City marks an important milestone in the history of the global motorsports championship and we feel privileged to be given this opportunity,” said **Bernd Loidl, CEO of the Red Bull Air Race**. “We look forward to our partnership with both cities and providing spectators with an incredible experience as well as enabling millions of television viewers around the globe to watch the best race pilots compete against the spectacular skyline of the world's great cities.”

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In 2009, the Red Bull Air Race was broadcast in over 180 countries reaching over 300 million viewers. The two-day spectator experience, coupled with the global television broadcast, will showcase the best that the east coast has to offer.

Red Bull Air Race has held races in major metropolitans such as London, Rio de Janeiro, Barcelona, and in the U.S. in San Diego, Detroit, San Francisco, and Monument Valley, Utah.

Each pilot operates a year-round race team including a technician and team coordinator. The end goal for each race team is to accumulate as many points throughout the season in a quest to achieve the prestigious honor of 2010 Red Bull Air Race World Champion. Of the fifteen best race pilots from around the world, two are Americans, Kirby Chambliss from Arizona and Michael Goulian from Massachusetts.

The logistical operations, which are quite complex and unparalleled, include the transportation of 380 tons of infrastructure and race equipment including 15 light-weight, 24-foot wingspan race planes and the sport's own traveling air traffic control tower. Organizers of the Red Bull Air Race realize the need to bring the high speeds and thrills to the spectator in order to create a spectacular show.

For more information about the sport and the race in Jersey City and New York, please visit redbullairrace.com or jerseycitynj.gov

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