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Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel & Spa To Shuttle Guests to Downtown Newport In A New Environmentally Friendly, All Electric Launch

Newport, RI - - August 4, 2008 - - The Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa has purchased a new all electric launch to shuttle its guests between the hotel and downtown Newport. The new launch is totally electric and is powered by eight 48 watt batteries. The batteries are charged each night at the dock, which provides enough power for the launch to run all day. The 24' boat carries up to 12 passengers and cruises at 5 knots.

This launch emits no fumes and makes no noise. According to John Karchner, General Manager at the Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel and Spa "We wanted to provide our guests with a convenient way to get to downtown. Being aware of the effect of combustion engines on the waterways and our environment in general, we set out to find a boat that could provide our guests with a great experience without negatively impacting the environment in Newport Harbor. We are thrilled to have found the perfect solution and we are very excited that our guests will see some great sights on this short trip and will do so without experiencing any engine noise or odor of combustion fuel."

The Hyatt's water shuttle will be operated daily from 12noon-8pm and will run from the hotel's Goat Island location to Perrotti Park in downtown Newport. The hotel's Director of Sales & Marketing, Bill Clarke, added "The water shuttle is a

fantastic new amenity that will be free not only for our hotel guests but anyone wanting to visit our beautiful location on Goat Island. This will be a convenient and scenic way to bring our hotel guests downtown, as well as bringing area residents and visitors out to enjoy our popular dining and entertainment venues, such as Pineapples on the Bay, the Windward Restaurant, and our new water view lobby bar, FIVE33.”

The Hyatt Regency Hotel and Spa recently completed a \$34 million dollar renovation. It is managed by the Davidson Hotel Company, an award-winning, full-service hotel owner and third-party management company that provides management, development/renovation, acquisition, consulting and accounting expertise for the hospitality industry. Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., the company currently owns and/or manages 31 upscale hotels with 9,100 rooms across the United States, including such brands as Westin, Sheraton, Hyatt, Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Embassy Suites, Doubletree, Marriott, Renaissance, Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn. Additional information on Davidson may be found at the company’s Web site, www.davidsonhotels.com.

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