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River Rats Selected to Host Coastal Plain League Meeting;
New Bern Will Welcome 15 Teams, League Officials March 30

NEW BERN, NC—The Coastal Plain League has selected New Bern as the host city for its upcoming League Meeting, River Rats Team President Sabrina Bengel announced today. The Meeting will feature league officials and the owners and general managers of the league's 15 teams from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The Coastal Plain League, celebrating its 10th anniversary, is the largest summer collegiate baseball league in the country.

“What a great opportunity to showcase our city to ownership groups and general managers of our league,” Bengel said. “They will find out what league officials knew from the start—that New Bern is a great place for baseball and baseball fans.”

The League Meeting's agenda will feature final details of the upcoming season, selection of the location for the CPL's Petitt Cup Tournament, and an exchange of operational and promotional ideas among team representatives.

“I think bringing the League Meeting to New Bern is a great idea,” said Coastal Plain League President Pete Bock/ “It will be great for all our team officials to see how beautiful the city of New Bern is.”

Also on March 30, Bock is scheduled to make a television appearance on “The Daily Neuse Show” with Phil Knight airing live on local TV station CTV 10 at 8 a.m., with repeated broadcasts at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

About the River Rats:

The New Bern River Rats baseball club is a member of the Coastal Plain League, a high-profile wood-bat collegiate summer baseball league. This summer the River Rats will play 28 home games at Boykin Field, located at New Bern High School from May 31 through August 9. The team's official website is www.newbernriverrats.com.

About the Coastal Plain League:

The Coastal Plain League is the nation's hottest summer collegiate baseball league. Celebrating its 10th anniversary season, the CPL is the largest summer league in the country, featuring 15 teams playing in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The CPL is certified by Major League Baseball, and gives college players the chance to refine their skills with wooden bats during the summer months. Players are housed with local host families for the summer and past experiences have been very positive for both players and hosts. For more information on the Coastal Plain League, please visit the league website at www.coastalplain.com.