

# NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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## Torrington Twisters to Relocate to New Bedford

**Newport, RI** – In a sudden “twist” of fate, the Torrington Twisters have relocated to New Bedford, Massachusetts for the 2009 season. The Twisters have been a longstanding member of the New England Collegiate Baseball League for the past 12 years. Due in part to difficult lease negotiations between the Torrington Twisters ownership and the City of Torrington representatives on terms of a new lease, Twisters ownership group moved to New Bedford and now will be called the New Bedford Bay Sox.

New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang and his staff worked hard to lure the Twisters away from any other potential suitors and bring them to the Bay State. Mayor Lang welcomed Bay Sox owners Robin Wadsworth and Rita Hubner during a recent press conference held at the End Zone in New Bedford.

“I am sad to see Torrington leave as a venue in our league and I will certainly miss Fuessenich Park. They have always been a great organization, a perennial strong contender and I always enjoyed my visits to Torrington. Twisters General Manager Kirk Fredrickson built a great organization there and I am confident he will build another strong organization in New Bedford,” says General Manager Chuck Paiva. “We had a nice rivalry over the past eight seasons and played some great baseball games. Those seasons of Twisters baseball have created great memories for us to archive in our league history books. Torrington will be missed but I welcome our neighbor from New Bedford.”

The change in venue from Western Connecticut to Southeast Massachusetts may force league officials to consider realignment of the divisions.

Chris Patsos, Asst. GM and VP of Baseball Operations said “The relocation from Torrington to New Bedford will cut down on travel for our team. If they decide to change the division alignment we could be playing some new teams and further reducing our travel. From a baseball perspective, we could be seeing some new clubs and playing in new parks more often as division teams play each other six times and inter-division play is only twice. Torrington was always competitive but I am looking forward to building our new rivalry with the Bay Sox.”

The Gulls begin the season on June 5, 2009. For more information, please go to [www.newportgulls.com](http://www.newportgulls.com).

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