

SAIL TO PREVAIL Paralympic Regatta St. Petersburg Florida

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SAIL TO PREVAIL, a national disabled sailing program, held its 1st Annual Paralympic Regatta and Clinic from February 23-27. Thirty Paralympic aspirants completed in ten races in Sonar and 2.4 Metre Classes. Sail To Prevail is now adding comprehensive Paralympic Regattas and Training Programs to its vibrant mission.

Sail To Prevail CEO Paul Callahan remarked, "This was a unique regatta because it was a pure collaboration among Sail To Prevail as the organizing authority, St. Petersburg Yacht Club as the host site, International Federation of Disabled Sailing technical delegate Gene Hinkel, and US Sailing Team Alphagraphics coach Betsy Allison coordinating many logistics."

Although the fleet was unable to race on Sunday due to lack of wind, the ten races on Friday and Saturday were plenty to satisfy the highly competitive sailors from the USA and Canada.

In the Sonar Class, Rick Doerr (Clifton, NJ) took top honors with 18 points, followed closely by Paul Callahan (Newport, RI / Cape Coral, FL) with 21 points and Bert Foster (Wazato, MN) with 22 points.

In the 2.4 Metre Class, Sandy Hayes (Scituate, MA) finished first with 7 points, with Dennis Peck (Port Charlotte, FL) and Daniel Evans (White Plains, MD) finishing second and third with 15 and 21 points.

SAIL TO PREVAIL, based in Newport RI and formerly called Shake-A-Leg Newport, is a national disabled sailing program operating in three states that assists disabled children and adults overcoming adversity through the sport of sailing. Currently serving nearly 2000 children and adults with disabilities.

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