

Sail To Prevail: A Real Winner

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Being officially designated “Rhode Island’s Disabled Sailing Center” by the state of Rhode Island has been another impactful inflection point in the continued evolution of Sail to Prevail.

From its facility at Fort Adams State Park, located adjacent to Sail Newport, Sail To Prevail now serves more than 1,000 children and adults with disabilities, including veterans. Its core therapeutic sailing program serves nine distinct categories of disabilities. Every effort is made to ensure that each child with a disability throughout the state has the opportunity to learn to sail aboard

one of Sail To Prevail’s fully adapted, 20-foot sailboats.

The primary mission has always been to have disabled sailors participate in any way possible during their voyages. It is amazing to watch participants’ limitations on land evaporate when they get on the water and are put on a path to reach their full potential. The success that the individuals have had sailing in the program has translated to even more success in other activities of their regular daily lives on land.

Sail To Prevail is grateful to Newport and the state, including the Department of Environmental Management, for their tremendous support of the program. Without this team approach, literally thousands of people with disabilities would not have the same opportunity as able-bodied sailors.

— **Paul Callahan,**

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