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Press Release:

JB Keys to DMD, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to raise awareness, improve quality of life and fund research for those affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) has provided a 2-year 'Adaptive Boat Sponsorship' to Sail Cape Cod, Inc. of Hyannis, MA. Now in the 2nd year of their support of Sail Cape Cod's Adaptive Sailing Program, JB Keys to DMD has made it possible for the purchase of a 3rd Adaptive Keelboat, dockage and staff to extend SCC's ability to provide access to Adaptive Sailing for all, in the mid-Cape area.

In addition to its generous sponsorship of Sail Cape Cod's mission, JB Keys to DMD also directly sponsors access to an Adaptive Sailing opportunity, "for individuals with DMD to participate in Adaptive Sports in a safe and supportive environment". DMD families are encouraged to apply at <https://www.jbkeys.org/adaptive-sailing.html>. JB Keys to DMD will provide two nights of lodging in Hyannis, one/two days of adaptive sailing lessons with Sail Cape Cod and a gift certificate for food expenses.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is the most common form, of the nine types, of muscular dystrophy; a progressive muscle disorder which causes weakness and loss or atrophy of the skeletal, cardiac, and pulmonary muscles. Duchenne is caused by the lack of dystrophin, a protein that keeps muscles healthy and protects, and aids in repair, from injury.

Predominantly a male genetic disorder that affects approximately 20,000 children worldwide, or one in every 5,000 boys, each year. A boy inherits DMD when he receives a broken X-chromosome, that fails to make the protein dystrophin. About 1/3 of boys with DMD come from a family without any history of the disease.

Boys with DMD show signs of muscle weakness as early as age 3; lose the ability to walk between the ages of 8 and 12; feel the effects of heart and respiratory muscles by early teens; and have a life expectancy of early 20s.

JB's Keys to DMD's mission is to continue to educate and raise awareness of the disease; fund research; improve care and create quality of life experiences for our boys and their families. The Board of Directors at Sail Cape Cod, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the generosity of JB Keys to DMD's donation for the benefit of the entire Adaptive Community to gain access to Sailing Education on Cape Cod!