



JUNE 17 – 22, 2017

As a final reminder Sail Boston officially kicks off tomorrow with their Grand Parade of Sail from 9AM to 3PM with approximately 50 tall ships participating. Please see the below listing for further event information and plan ahead for traffic as the Sail Boston events will be very well attended.

www.sailboston.com



Massachusetts KIDS Boating Day took place on Saturday June 10th with four KID friendly boating events in Massachusetts. Overall the events went very well and it provided a great opportunity for kids from four communities around the state to learn more about boating and our industry in general. In addition it was

great to see participating organizations like the US Coast Guard, local Harbormasters, The Boy Scouts of America, Youth boating programs, US Power Squadrons and various other groups in attendance at some of the events as well. We would love to see **Mass KIDS Boating Day** grow, so please let us know if your business or community might be interested in participating in the future. The events really are nice community events with a focus on **KIDS...**

Thank you once again to our four event hosts that made Mass KIDS Boating day possible:

Merrowhawke Nature School in Newburyport, Friends of Hingham Harbor, MMTA member Nantucket Boat Basin and MMTA member Charlestown Marina.

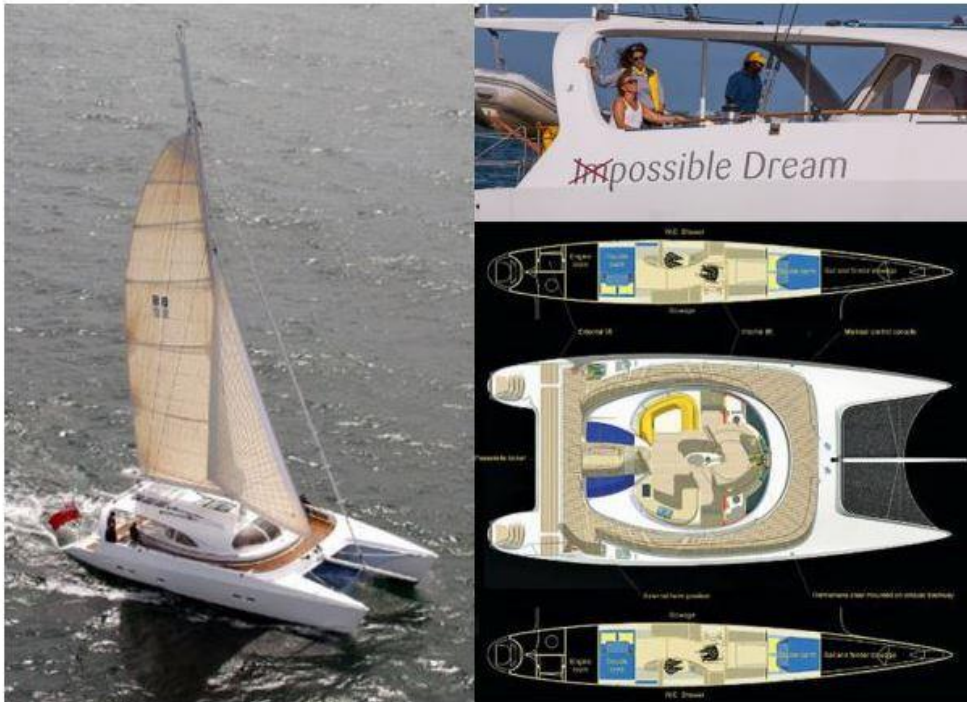
We are working on a highlight picture video from the different events which we plan to distribute at a later time frame as well.

The pictures below are from the Nantucket event and the Hingham event.



~~Impossible~~ Dream

60 ft Catamaran Built by a Paraplegic to Sail the Oceans



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MMTA is honored to be a sponsor of the 60' Catamaran the **ImPOSSIBLE** Dream. This boat is currently in port at Charlestown Marina and hosted a welcome reception last night. The boat works in conjunction with the Shake a Leg Foundation in Miami, Florida and truly is one of the most impressive boats you will ever see. The boat is completely designed for wheelchair accessibility

THE MISSION OF IMPOSSIBLE DREAM:

To use the Impossible Dream, a universally designed ocean going catamaran, to

bring disabled and nondisabled people together in productive, collaborative endeavors. With its unique accessible design, the Impossible Dream is an equalizer, creating a community that works together to sail our boat, exchange ideas and experience the empowering sensation of being in a beautiful, barrier free environment. For many, this is a transformational experience – one that we are committed to provide to as many people as possible. As we raise awareness of the ways to create integrated environments through accessible design, together we can change perceptions of the unlimited possibilities available to disabled communities around the globe.

If you have the opportunity to stop by Charlestown Marina over the next 5 or 6 days you may be able to see the Boat in person if it is not underway. For more information on this organization please visit:

www.impossibledream.us **OR** www.shakealegmiami.org

Below are two pictures from the reception last night including one shot of Shake a Leg President Harry Horgan and Spaulding Rehabilitation President David Storto as well as the list of boat sponsors.



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