



The Race for the Cape Cod Community
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**Celtics Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek to Kick Off
9th Annual Seaside Le Mans – The Race for the Cape Cod Community**

(South Yarmouth, MA – August 25, 2009) Boston Celtics Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek will be on hand to get the racing started during the opening ceremonies of the 9th Annual *Seaside Le Mans- The Race for the Cape Cod Community*, as over 10,000 spectators are expected to return to Mashpee Commons on Cape Cod Saturday, September 12th. This fundraiser is a thrilling Formula One kart endurance race featuring teams of drivers from local businesses and organizations racing on an outdoor track, complete with a bridge over the track to the infield. With kart sponsorships and matching funds, this year's race will bring the total funds raised to more than \$2.6 million over the past nine years – all of which has directly benefited the Cape Cod community.

The exciting racing format is a four-hour endurance race followed by an elite final showdown featuring the top six teams competing in a 30-minute race to determine the top three finishers. Although the competition is often spirited, all teams agree that the true winners of this race are the beneficiary organizations and the Cape Cod community overall.

This family-friendly event, including infield viewing, is free to spectators. There will be many children's activities, music, food and beverage vendors, and a merchandise tent for Seaside Le Mans logo items. Plus, Mashpee Commons has plenty of shopping and dining opportunities for everyone.

Unique among fundraisers, 100% of sponsorship dollars go directly to the chosen beneficiaries since expenses are underwritten by The Davenport Companies, covering all event related costs and working closely with F1 Boston to organize and manage the race.

Beneficiaries of the race this year are the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Children's Cove and The Genesis Fund. Each organization is expected to receive a check for \$35,000 at the end of the race. The Davenport Companies work in partnership with The Cape Cod Foundation to manage the sponsorship donations and to distribute the gifts to the three local beneficiaries.

"From the beginning, the whole focus of this event has been on bringing the community together to support Cape Cod," said event founder DeWitt Davenport, President of The Davenport Companies. "We truly feel the success of this event is a combined effort. It's extremely gratifying to see area businesses and individuals join together to help the community."

The race will be held Saturday September 12th at Mashpee Commons from Noon to 4:30 pm. Additional event and sponsorship information can be found at www.seasidelemans.org.

Established in 1956, The Davenport Companies remain family owned and operated. The South Yarmouth-based operation has evolved into a real estate holding and investment company with businesses in the hospitality, services and real estate industries. For more information on the race and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.seasidelemans.org or contact DeWitt Davenport or Beth Patkoske at 508-398-2293.

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