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Cape May – Lewes Ferry Hosts Sussex Consortium’s Tommy Ten and Daffodil Dash *Course Starts and Finishes at the Lewes Ferry Terminal*

(Lewes, DE) On Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 AM, the Sussex Consortium will sponsor their second annual Tommy 10K and sixth annual Daffodil Dash 5K at the Lewes Ferry Terminal located at 43 Cape Henlopen Drive. Participants will run a course that will wind through the Cape Henlopen State Park (CHSP) with the start and finish of these featured races at the Lewes Ferry Terminal. The event is rain or shine. Participants may register online at www.races2run.com/events/daffodil-dash

“The race is our way of honoring a man who gave of himself daily, Tommy Coveleski, while raising funds for our program’s professional development,” said Dr. Vivian Bush, Principal of the Sussex Consortium. “Now with the Ferry, it is a wonderful partnership and we scheduled the races so that people can come over from Cape May on the first ferry, run a race, have some fun, and then head back to Cape May.”

Bush added that each year, the Sussex Consortium is able to bring in world-renowned speakers for our staff because of this race. “It’s so important and we hope the community will come out to support us,” Bush said.

“We are thrilled that the Lewes ferry terminal was selected to host the annual Daffodil Dash and Tommy K racing events,” said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. “I ride the Cape Henlopen State Park bike trails myself, and it’s hard to imagine a more unique, picturesque location to have a race. And with the ending point at the ferry terminal you get a spectacular waterfront view to celebrate and relax after the race. These types of fundraising events are a great opportunity to get some exercise while supporting a fantastic organization.”

The Sussex Consortium program offers educational and services to a number of different students with special needs, including education programs for any student classified with an educational classification of autism for all Sussex County School Districts. SC expects 500 athletes to participate. Race2Run, an organization that assists non-profits with special fundraising events in DE, NJ, PA, and MD, is managing the race. Pre-race packet pickup will be available on Friday, April 28 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Lewes School located at 820 Savannah Road in Lewes.

Participants may register online at www.races2run.com/events/daffodil-dash. Online registration closes on Thursday, April 27 at noon. Pre-registration entry fees for the Daffodil Dash and Tommy Ten K are \$30 and \$40 respectively. After Thursday April 27 at noon, the late registration fee is an additional \$10

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for each race. Sussex Consortium students are FREE. Registration fees are non-refundable. On race day, registration begins at 7:30 AM at the Lewes Ferry Terminal. Both races start at 9:00 AM. An awards ceremony will follow the race events.

About the Sussex Consortium

Sussex Consortium (SC) is a school program within the Cape Henlopen School District that works with students with special needs. SC provides intensive services to students with exceptionalities in order to address identified areas of need. The goal is to close the learning gaps for each student through the use of evidence-based practices and curriculum so all will reach their fullest potential. For more information, visit www.edlinesites.net/pages/Sussex_Consortium.

About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 43 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2016, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers. For schedule, rates and other program information, please visit the ferry's website at www.CMLF.com, or call toll free, 800-643-3779. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.

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