



Rotary Club of Martha's Vineyard
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**RE: Request Written Permission to allow the Seventh Annual Cycle Martha's Vineyard
Bicycle Challenge, Saturday October 1, 2016**

Dear Chairperson,

The Martha's Vineyard Rotary Club is sponsoring the Seventh Annual Cycle Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Challenge that is scheduled to take place on Saturday October 1, 2016. The MV Rotary Club is a well established non-profit that seeks to serve the Island community. The Cycle MV Bicycle Challenge will be an event fundraiser for the Gay Head Light and the Martha's Vineyard Rotary Club.

The Cycle MV Bike Challenge will consist of two routes: one 50 Kilometer and one 100 Kilometers. The 100 K route encompasses each of the six towns while the 50 K route is within the three down Island towns. The routes are the same as last year but we will continue to solicit input from both the Police and Fire Chiefs in addition to other public safety officials. Safety for both the participants and public is paramount. Cycle MV is not a race but is an unassisted tour of Martha's Vineyard that will have many seasoned cyclists.

The Start and Finish will be at the Portuguese American Club in Oak Bluffs. There will be three aide stations located at Morning Glory Farm and Edgartown Bikes in Edgartown, and the Chilmark Community Center (We are also requesting permission from Chilmark to use the Chilmark Community Center). It is anticipated that Cycle MV Bike Challenge could have about 300 participants.

To coordinate this event, it is essential that all six towns agree to allow the event in order for the Rotary Club to retain state and local permits. Therefore, the Rotary Club is requesting written permission from each town. The event organizers will be meeting with the Police and Fire Departments from each town in addition to seeking state permits from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Highway Department.

On behalf of the Rotary Club, I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of this annual event. If you have any questions or need additional information do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 627-7111. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



William Brown
Rotary Club Member

Cc: All Island Town Fire Chiefs
All Island Town Police Chiefs