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## Floating wheelchairs debut at Sarasota County beaches

People who use wheelchairs and other assistive devices can enjoy the water at some of Sarasota County's award winning beaches.

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation will debut floating wheelchairs at a press conference at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 28, at Siesta Beach Pavilion, 948 Beach Road, Siesta Key. The Mobi-Chair will be available free of charge at Siesta Beach, Lido Beach, Lido Beach, Nokomis Beach, Venice Beach and Manasota Beach. No advanced registration is required to use the chairs.

Members of the Sarasota County Therapeutic Recreation (T-REC) Coalition will demonstrate the floating wheelchairs. The chairs cost about \$2,400 each and are marketed by the same company that markets the Mobi-Mat, a flexible rubber runner that provides stability on loose and uneven surfaces, like beach sand.

The T-REC Coalition of Sarasota County is comprised of eight community agencies working together to provide organized therapeutic recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities living in Sarasota County. Monthly events take place at varying venues throughout the county. Past activities include sporting events, pool and beach parties, walks, and the ever-popular dances.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net), keyword T-REC.

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