



The National Hospice Regatta Alliance
www.hospiceregattas.org

Notice of Race
2005 National Hospice Regatta Championship

April 15 – 17, 2005
Annapolis, Maryland

The National Hospice Regatta Alliance is the organizing authority for this regatta.

1.0 RULES:

1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (2005 – 2008) as adopted by US SAILING (*RRS/US*), by this Notice of Race, by the Sailing Instructions and by the J/105 Class Rules except as they are modified by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ADVERTISING:

2.1 The regatta is classified as a Category A event in accordance with Appendix 1 – ISAF Advertising Code of the *RRS/US*.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

3.1 Entries will be accepted from racing skippers who have been selected by their local Hospice Regatta organizers and who have been invited by the National Hospice Regatta Alliance to compete in this 6th Annual National Hospice Regatta Championship. Each skipper must be a member of US SAILING, however membership in the J/105 class association is not required.

3.2 Entries shall be submitted on the official regatta entry form, and must be received by March 1, 2005. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of Organizing Authority. Completed entry forms shall be mailed to: Linda Ambrose, Event Coordinator, 1106 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403. Or email to: linda_ambrose@hospiceregattas.org. Entry includes social passes for each skipper and registered crewmember

4.0 CLASSIFICATION:

4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor's Classification Code from ISAF; this can be done online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Composite crew lists will be published online and distributed at the competitors meeting.

5.0 FEES: Required fees are as follows:

5.1 ENTRY FEE: There is no entry fee for this regatta. Entries are by invitation only. Invitations must be issued in accordance with section 3.1 above.

5.2 SECURITY DEPOSIT: The National Hospice Regatta Alliance will obtain borrowed boat insurance for each boat. Each skipper is responsible for a \$1,000.00 damage deductible for the borrowed boat. See **Appendix "A"** below for Insurance and security deposit details.

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5.3 OTHER FEES: Additional social passes for Friday and Saturday nights will be available for purchase.

6.0 REGISTRATION:

6.1 All designated skippers and crewmembers must report to the Race Headquarters on Friday, April 15th, between 0800 and 0930. Crew lists and waiver of liability forms will be required to be submitted at registration. No boat may compete without a completed waiver form for the skipper and all crewmembers. In the event of crew substitution during the regatta, the new crewmember must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Race Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

7.0 SCHEDULE:

7.1 Multiple races are scheduled to be sailed over the three days. If borrowed boats are limited in number, an Elimination Series of races may be run on the first two days, with a Championship Final on the third day. The Warning signal for the first race each day will be sounded at 1055. No warning signal will be made later than 1400 hours on Sunday, April 17th.

7.2 Daily Schedule

April 15 th Friday	0800 - 0930 0930 1055 1230 1800 - 1930	Registration at Race Headquarters Competitors' Meeting Practice Starts (optional) Race 1 Warning signal More races to follow Informal after race party
April 16 th Saturday	1000 1055 1830 – 2130	Rendezvous near Severn River R "2" First Warning signal More races to follow Championship Reception
April 17 th Sunday	1000 1055 1530	Rendezvous near Severn River R "2" First Warning signal More races to follow* *No Warning signal will be made later than 1400 hours. Championship Awards Presentations

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

8.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the National Hospice Alliance website (www.hospiceregattas.org) by April 1, 2005, and will be distributed at registration. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at Race Headquarters. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the official notice board for any amendments or other notices.

9.0 VENUE:

9.1 Race Headquarters will be at the Mears Marina, 519 Chester Avenue, Annapolis MD.

10.0 THE COURSES:

10.1 Windward-leeward drop-mark courses will be sailed on the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

11.0 PENALTY SYSTEM:

11.1 RRS 44 - Penalties for Breaking Rules of RRS Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 her alternate penalty shall be **either** a 360° Turns Penalty **or** a 20% Scoring Penalty, unless she breaks a rule of Part 2 within the 2 boat length zone. Then her alternate penalty shall be **either** a Two Turns Penalty **or** a 50% scoring penalty.

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11.2 All boats that have taken a penalty under *RRS* Part 44.2 or Part 44.3 shall make a written declaration to the Race Committee prior to the end of protest time. (This alters *RRS* 44.2 and *RRS* 44.3.)

12.0 ALTERNATE PENALTY:

12.1 *RRS* 44.1 is changed to allow a boat to take a Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 or *RRS* 44.3 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before protest hearing, or by accepting the opinion of an arbitrator. This scoring penalty shall be 50% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 5 places, added to her actual finish position. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.

13.0 SCORING:

13.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that there will be no score excluded. This alters Appendix A2.

14.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:

14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the PRO of the Race Committee.

15.0 PRIZES: Prizes will be given as follows:

15.1 Daily winner of each race will receive a prize.

15.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

15.3 The overall winner will have their name engraved on the National Hospice Regatta Trophy Perpetual Cup, kept by the Organizing Authority.

16.0 BOAT ASSIGNMENTS:

16.1 Boat assignments will be determined by a drawing at the Friday, April 15th, competitors' meeting. A boat rotation sequence will be announced at the competitors meeting.

17.0 CREW LIMITATIONS:

17.1 The regatta is open to qualified crews that contain no more than one Group 3 Professional Competitor, as defined by the *RRS* and the ISAF Classification system. A group 3 competitor may not steer during a race unless he is the selected competitor from his nominating Hospice Regatta. The crew number limit is 6, including the boat owner or owner's representative. There will be no crew weight limit. The boat owner or owner's representative may not steer or trim a sheet during a race.

18.0 FURTHER INFORMATION:

18.1 Additional regatta information can be found at www.hospiceregattas.org, or by contacting the committee members listed below.

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NOTICE OF RACE - APPENDIX "A"

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Borrowed Boat Insurance

The National Hospice Regatta Alliance has obtained borrowed boat insurance for each boat. Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Organizing Authority. Insurance deductible deposits of \$1,000.00 shall be posted by each competing team at registration. Deductible deposits must be cash, check or by credit card. Checks should be made out to National Hospice Regatta Alliance.

The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each team for each incident. If a boat is damaged in a race, and any part of a team's deductible is used, the team will be required to restore the damage deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility. The additional damage deposit must be made within the protest time limit period on that day.

A completed Borrowed Boat Inspection Form shall be submitted by a representative of each competing team following racing on each day (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). The form shall be submitted to the Race Committee at Race Headquarters within two hours of the last boat's finish time for the last race of the day or abandonment of the race.

The Borrowed Boat Insurance Program provides protection **ONLY** to those owners who lend boats. This insurance does not relieve competitors from liability in the event a competitor causes injury to other persons or property.

If damages occur that were not reflected on a completed J-105 Inspection sheet, the costs will be paid from the deposit of the team(s) causing the damage when so noted and determined by the Organizing Authority. Damages not attributed to a single team will be deducted from the damage deposits of the teams which used the effected boat during the regatta, in equal shares, and the balance returned by the Organizing Authority. A detailed accounting of expended funds will be supplied to each team that did not receive the full amount back.

Damage or Deductible Deposits will be refunded within 30 days after the event to all skippers who are clear of outstanding protest hearings, and outstanding damage reports on the J-105 Borrowed Boat Inspection sheets.