



**The National Hospice Regatta Alliance**  
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## **Notice of Race**

### **2004 National Hospice Regatta Championship**

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**April 16 – 18, 2004**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**

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

- 1. Rules:** This regatta shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (2001 – 2004) as adopted by U.S. 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. The regatta is classified as a Category A event in accordance with Appendix 1 – ISAF Advertising Code of the *RRS*.
- 2. Eligibility:** 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 the 5th Annual National Hospice Regatta Championship. Each skipper must be a member of US Sailing. Membership to the J/105 class association is not required.
- 3. Entries:** Entries shall be submitted on the official Regatta entry form, and must be received by March 13, 2004. 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](mailto:linda_ambrose@hospiceregattas.org). Entry includes social passes for each skipper and registered crewmember. Additional social passes can be purchased for \$25 per person, per night (Friday and Saturday).
- 4. Security Deposit:** The National Hospice Regatta Alliance has obtained borrowed boat insurance for each boat. Each skipper is responsible for either a \$2000 damage deductible or proof of insurance for the borrowed boat. Damage security deposits in the amount of \$2000 must be paid in the form of a personal check or credit card, at registration, prior to any boat assignments. Unused damage security deposits will be refunded following the regatta to any skippers clear of outstanding protest hearings, and outstanding damage reports on the J-105 Borrowed Boat Inspection sheets.
- 5. Race Headquarters:** Race Headquarters will be in the Annapolis waterfront area. The exact location TBA.
- 6. Registration:** A representative of each boat must report to the Race Headquarters on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, between 0800 and 0930. Crew lists and waiver of liability forms must be submitted at registration. No boat may compete without a completed waiver form. In the event of crew substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed wavier of liability to the Race Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.
- 7. Sailing Instructions:** Sailing instructions will be available on the National Hospice Alliance website ([www.hospiceregattas.org](http://www.hospiceregattas.org)) by April 1, 2004, 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.

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

9. **Schedule of Events:**

April 16 <sup>th</sup>	0800 - 0930	Registration at Race Headquarters
Friday	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1055	Practice Starts (optional)
	1230	Race 1 Warning signal
		More races to follow
	1800 - 1930	Informal after race party
April 17	1000	Rendezvous near Severn River R "2"
Saturday	1055	First Warning signal
		More races to follow
	1830 – 2130	Championship Reception
April 18	1000	Rendezvous near Severn River R "2"
Sunday	1055	First Warning signal
		More races to follow*
		*No Warning signal will be made later than 1400 hours.
	1530	Championship Awards Presentations

10. **Schedule of races:** 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 13<sup>th</sup>.
11. **Boat Assignments:** Boat assignments will be determined by a drawing at the Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, competitors' meeting. A boat rotation sequence will be announced at the competitors meeting.
12. **Crew Limitations:** 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.
13. **Scoring:** The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that there will be no throw-out race.
14. **Prizes:** Daily and series prizes will be awarded.
15. **Information:** Additional regatta information can be found at [www.hospiceregattas.org](http://www.hospiceregattas.org), or by contacting the committee members listed below.

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