



Notice of Race

2008 Hospice Regattas National Championship

May 9- 11, 2008

Annapolis, Maryland

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

1.0 Rules

1.1 The championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including only the US SAILING Prescriptions for Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1 and Appendix F, the Rules of the J/105 Class as modified by the local fleet (Fleet 3), this Notice of Race, and by the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 Advertising

2.1 The championship is classified as Category A (see ISAF Regulation 20).

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 9th annual Hospice Regattas National 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, 2008**. See Appendix "A" below for official entry form. (also available online at www.hospiceregattas.org)
- 3.3 Mail completed entry forms to: Linda Ambrose, 1106 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.0 Classification

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor's classification Code ID number from ISAF. This can be done online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor (For those not previously registered with ISAF, go to <http://www.sailing.org/> and click on the Sailors tab. There you can easily get a registration number and apply for your classification. The Championship entry form will ask for the actual number, i.e., 432BC not "Cat. 1")
- 4.2 Each member of the crew, including the Skipper, must include on the entry form valid ISAF Classification ID numbers. Questions about ISAF classification ID numbers should be directed to Championship Team Coordinator Linda Ambrose by email at lambrose@hospiceregattas.org. 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:** The Championship entry fee is \$575.00, which includes five (5) social passes for skipper and crew. Additional social passes can be ordered and purchased through NHRA website. Entry fee checks should be made out to National Hospice Regatta Alliance and mailed to Linda Ambrose, 1106 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403.
- 5.2 **Security Deposit:** The National Hospice Regatta Alliance will arrange insurance for each boat. All skippers are required to post a \$1,000.00 damage deductible security deposit. See **Appendix "B"** below for Insurance and security deposit details.

6.0 Registration:

- 6.1 All designated skippers and crew members must report to the Race Headquarters on Friday, May 9th, 2008 between 0800 and 0930. Crew lists and waiver of liability forms from each crew member will be required to be submitted at registration. No boat may compete without a completed waiver form for the skipper and all crewmembers.
- 6.2 In the event of crew substitution during the championship, the new crew member 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. An elimination series of races may be run on the first two days, with a Championship final on the third day.
- 7.2 The Warning signal for the first race on Friday, May 9th will be sounded at 1200. The Warning signal for the first race Saturday, and Sunday will be sounded at 1100.
No warning signal will be made later than 1400 hours on Sunday, May 11th.

7.3 Daily Schedule

| Day / Date | Time | Event | Location |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|-------------------|
| May 9, 2008 Friday | 0800-0930 | Registration | Race Headquarters |
| | 0930 | Competitors meeting | Race Headquarters |
| | 1100 | Rendezvous in vicinity of Dolphin "A" near Severn River entrance | |
| | 1200 | Warning signal for Race #1 | |
| | | <i>More races to follow</i> | |
| | 1800-1930 | Informal Welcome Party | Race Headquarters |
| May 10, 2008 Saturday | 1000 | Rendezvous in vicinity of Dolphin "A" near Severn River entrance | |
| | 1100 | First Warning signal | |
| | | <i>More races to follow</i> | |
| | 1830-2130 | Champions Celebration | TBA |
| May 11, 2008 Sunday | 1000 | Rendezvous in vicinity of Dolphin "A" near Severn River entrance | |
| | 1100 | First Warning signal | |
| | | <i>More races to follow - No Warning signal will be made later than 1400 hours</i> | |
| | 1530 | Championship Awards Presentation | Race Headquarters |

8.0 Sailing Instructions:

- 8.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the National Hospice Regatta Alliance website (www.hospiceregattas.org) on or before May 1st, 2008, 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 a location to be designated in the Sailing Instructions, in the vicinity of 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 RRS Part 2, her alternate penalty shall be **either** a One Turn Penalty, including one tack and one jibe, **or** a 20% Scoring Penalty, **unless** she breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 within the 2 boat length zone, in which case the penalty shall be **either** a Two Turns Penalty, **or** a 50% scoring penalty. (This changes RRS 44.)
- 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 changes 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 RRS 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”. (This changes RRS 44.1.)

13.0 Scoring

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

- 15.1 Daily winner of each race will receive a prize.
Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.
The overall winner will have their name engraved on the Hospice Regattas National Championship Perpetual Trophy, kept and displayed by the Organizing Authority, and the Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station.

16.0 Boat Assignments

- 16.1 Boat assignments will be determined by a drawing at the Friday, May 9th, 2008 Competitors’ Meeting. A boat rotation sequence will be announced at the competitors meeting.

17.0 Crew Limitations:

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

18.0 Further Information

- 18.1 Additional Championship information can be found at www.hospiceregattas.org, or by contacting the committee at: **Hospice Regattas National Championship**
P.O. Box 1054 McLean VA 22101
email: nhra@hospiceregattas.org

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2008 Hospice Regattas National Championship
May 9 – 11, 2008 - Annapolis, Maryland
Official Entry Form

SKIPPER INFORMATION:

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| Name _____ | Representing _____ <small>(Local Hospice Regatta)</small> |
| Mail Address _____ | |
| City _____ | State _____ Zip _____ |
| E-mail Address _____ | US SAILING MEMBER # _____ <small>(Skippers must be members of their National Authority)</small> |
| Phone # _____ | ISAF Classification ID# _____ |
| Cell Phone # _____ | Local Phone # _____ <small>(Number that you can be reached while in Annapolis)</small> |

OUR TEAM WILL BE STAYING AT; _____ **PHONE #** _____
(Name of local hotel or guest house)

By entering and starting in this event, as the Skipper of the entry, I agree to comply with all conditions and rules that apply to it. In consideration of being permitted to enter this event, being knowledgeable of the risks of competitive sailing, and knowing that it is solely my responsibility to decide whether to start or continue a race, I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the National Hospice Regatta Alliance, its Race Committee, and its officers, directors, members, employees or agents, from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur. I hereby give permission for my image, voice, boat, and crew to be photographed and used in promotion of this event and/or other related events.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

CREW INFORMATION; List up to 4 crew, excluding the Boat Owner or Owner's Representative.

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| Crew Name* _____ Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____ | Crew Name* _____ Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____ |
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| Crew Name* _____ Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____ | Crew Name* _____ Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____ |
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*If additional local crew are needed, please use a crew space above to request (specify crew position if possible).
 Crew additions or substitutions are permitted later by notifying race organizers.

2008 Championship entry fee is \$575.00 US (Includes 5 social passes for Skipper & crewmembers) \$575.00 _____

Entry form and full entry fees must be received by March 1, 2008.

MAIL THIS ENTRY FORM AND FEE TO:

Linda Ambrose, Event Coordinator
1106 Van Buren Street
Annapolis, MD 21403

CONTACT:

Linda Ambrose
E-Mail: lambrose@hospiceregattas.org



The National Hospice Regatta Alliance - www.hospiceregattas.org

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Boat Insurance

- 1. The National Hospice Regatta Alliance** will arrange boat insurance for each borrowed or chartered 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. Damage deposits must be cash, check or by credit card. Checks should be made out to National Hospice Regatta Alliance.
- 2.** 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.
- 3.** A completed 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.
- 4.** Insurance arranged by NHRA provides protection **ONLY** to the owners for damage to their boats. This insurance does not relieve competitors from liability in the event a competitor causes injury to other persons or property.
- 5.** If damages occur that were not reflected on a completed Boat Inspection Form, 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 affected 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.
- 6.** Damage 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 Boat Inspection Forms.