



## **WAVES: The Electronic Newsletter of the National Hospice Regatta Alliance**

**The President's Letter:** There is a lot of good news: The Alliance has finished its incorporation process, has received clearance from the IRS to be called a "not-for-profit organization," selected a logo and intends to "ride the crest" of the new wave of electronic communications-hence the newsletter name "WAVES."

At the Nov. 6 Annual meeting of the Alliance in McLean, Va. eight of the thirteen regattas held last year were represented. Three new events joined the network: VNA & Hospice of Northern California had a regatta on San Francisco Bay, hosted by the St. Francis Yacht Club; Genesee Region Home Care/Hospice, Rochester, N.Y. had a race hosted by the Rochester Y.C. and the Western Carolina Sailing Club changed an existing race, the Hot S'Yacht Race, into a benefit for Hospice of the Upstate, Anderson, S.C.

Net revenues from all '99 regattas, distributed to 26 hospice programs, exceeded \$700,000. Well done, crews! A California Crest: The inaugural race for San Francisco, May 29-30, welcomed a fleet of 70+ boats. Very strong winds meant a lot of crew members were needed to manage the boats in choppy water with the ever present powerful currents in that Bay. Parties at the yacht club both nights were enlivened with exciting stories from each day's racing. Food was plentiful and there was dancing for those not too exhausted. Mark Rudiger, winning Navigator for the Whitbread Round the World race, was a featured speaker at the awards party Sunday night; KPIX, Channel 5, gave media support. Jim deWitt, nationally recognized marine artist, furnished artwork and logo design on posters and T-shirts. Doug Nugent, past member of the Canadian National Sailing Team and a Snipe class champion, was selected to represent San Francisco at the hospice regatta championship in May.

**Other Crests:** A quantum leap in net proceeds for Hospice Care of Broward County, Miami/Dade @ \$67,000, Hospice Care of Rhode Island @\$58,625 and Hospice Cup, the regatta network founder, @\$365,000. Pat Sajak, popular host of TV's Wheel of Fortune, was the Honorary Chair of the Hospice Cup and delighted the 350 guests with his personality and charm. Pat is also underwriting a \$10,000 trophy, proceeds of which will be divided among all six 1999 hospice beneficiaries of the Cup. Jim Muldoon, President of US Sailing, won the Hospice Cup and will be a competitor at the May championship.

Additional topics discussed at the Nov. meeting were the Participation Agreement and the revenue distribution formula for championship sponsor funds. A revised Participation Agreement and revenue distribution formula will be voted on at the next annual meeting of the Alliance which is now scheduled for 4 p.m., May 6, in Annapolis, during the championship weekend. All Alliance organizations are requested to send a delegate to that meeting. At present there are two classes of organizational members: Participating and Provisional. Participating members are those who have held a hospice regatta and signed an Agreement to join the Alliance; Provisional members are those who have applied for membership but have not yet held an event. The web site has a current listing of each

class.

A motion to have the Alliance open an Endowment Management Account was passed. This account has been opened at Merrill Lynch and enables the Alliance to receive gifts of stock and other securities while earning maximized investment income during times when monies are not being used to pay expenses.

**Championship Crest:** AGA Correa, jewelry and trophy design firm from Edgecome, ME. has offered to donate three customized trophies for the championship AND three trophies for each of the year 2000 hospice regattas (sixteen at last count). Many thanks to Jim Fernald, Volunteer Chair of the Hospice Regatta of Maine for arranging this generous offer through Tony Correa. **REMINDER:** We still have not heard from all regattas if they are interested in using these trophies. Time is running out on this offer. J Boats Chesapeake and J Boats Newport have agreed to be two of the sponsors for the championship. Watch for listing of the event on their web site and in their advertising.

**Championship Breaking Wave: Urgent!** We have not received all the names AND ADDRESSES of competitors. The Notice of Race is on the web site and will be mailed to competitors who have sent in their mail addresses. All competitors must register with the Race Committee to be eligible. The RC needs to know how many from each regatta are attending.

**Willard Bond Artwork:** Willard has again agreed to authorize use of a new image for Alliance members who want to use it. This opportunity is available to both Participating and Provisional members and has been well received in the past. FYI newcomers, Willard's artwork has been used in brochures, on posters and T-shirts and on stationery related to regatta events. Willard's publisher, Bill Rommel of Arnold Art, Newport, RI., will have a copy of the artwork after Feb. 1. Watch the web site for news of this offer. Questions may be directed to Bill Rommel at 1-800-352-2234.

**On the web:** Notice of Race, Revised Data Base for Alliance members, Updated information about each regatta when it is received.