



ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB

Established in 1877

2009 Hospice Regattas National Championship

June 04-07, 2009

Hosted by Rochester Yacht Club, Rochester New York

Notice of Race (11/11/08)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ADVERTISING

The regatta is designated Category C, in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.

3 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 10th annual Hospice Regattas National Championship. Each skipper must be a member of US SAILING; however membership in the Sonar class association is not required.
- 3.2 Entries shall be submitted on the official regatta entry form, and are due by **February 1, 2009**. See Appendix "A" below for official entry form. Mail completed entry form to: Hank Stuart, c/o Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY 14617 or email hospicenationals@rochesteryc.com
- 3.3 Entry form may also be completed on line by **February 1, 2009** at www.hospiceregattas.org. Payment by check to RYC, or call RYC with credit card info 585-342-5511.
- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4 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. Each member of the crew, including the Skipper, must include on the entry form valid ISAF Classification ID numbers.

5 FEES: Required fees are as follows:

- 5.1 **Entry Fee:** The Championship entry fee is \$500.00, which includes five (4) social passes for skipper and crew. Additional social passes can be ordered and purchased at RYC.
- 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 prior to the close of registration. See **Appendix "B"** below for Insurance and security deposit details.

6 SCHEDULE

Wednesday 03 June	1200-1700	Registration	Burgee Bar
	1800	Welcome Reception	Burgee Bar
Thursday 04 June	1200-1700	Registration	Burgee Bar
	1000-1700	Practice Sailing with Sonars	On the Water
	1800	Competitors Meeting	Burgee Bar
	1830	Welcome Reception	Burgee Bar
Friday 05 June	0955	1 st Warning Signal	More races to follow
	1800	Buffet & Daily Awards	Burgee Bar
Saturday 06 June	0955	1 st Warning Signal	More races to follow
	1800	Dinner and Daily Awards	Main Dining Room (UPSTAIRS)
Sunday 07 June	0955	1 st Warning Signal	More races to follow
	1400	No further warning signals	
	1600	Awards (target time)	location TBD

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the National Hospice Regatta Alliance website (www.hospiceregattas.org) on or before May 1, 2009, and will be distributed at registration.

9 VENUE

Racing will be on the waters of Lake Ontario, near the mouth of the Genesee River.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 Windward-leeward drop-mark courses. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

11 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 3 boat length zone, in which case the penalty shall be either a Two Turns Penalty, or a 50% scoring penalty. (This changes RRS 44.)
- All boats that have taken a penalty under RRS Part 44.2 or Part 44.3 shall make a written declaration to the RC to the end of protest time. (This changes RRS 44.2 and RRS 44.3.)

- 11.3 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 40% of the number of boats racing (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.)

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except that there will be no score excluded. (This changes RRS Appendix A2.)

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RYC harbor, as defined by the OA.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTRIONS

- 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 RC

15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS
Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the end of registration and the end of the regatta.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION
Use of a handheld VHF radio will be permitted for monitoring weather channels or RC communications to competitors on VH channel 09. The RC intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS boats after the start and other communications to the fleet. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RR 62.1(a)

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

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19 BOAT ASSIGNMENTS and FORMAT

- 19.1 Boat assignments will be determined by a drawing at the Thursday, 04 June 2009 Competitors' Meeting.
- 19.2 A boat rotation sequence will be announced at the competitors meeting. The OA will be providing as many as 12 new Sonars with new sails.
- 19.3 The event format will be determined after the close of registration. The OA will modify the NOR to include the format based on the number of complete entries and the boats available for the event.

20 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 20.1 The Championship is open to qualified crews that contain no more than one Group 3 Professional Competitor, as defined by the ISAF

Classification system.

- 20.2 A group 3 competitor may not steer during a race unless he is the selected competitor from his nominating Hospice Regatta.
- 20.3 The crew number limit is four (4); there will be no crew weight limit.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 Additional Championship information can be found at www.hospiceregattas.org, or by contacting the committee at:

Hospice Regattas National Championship Committee, c/o Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd. Rochester, NY 14617
email is hospicenatioanls@rochesteryc.com
Rochester Yacht Club web site is www.rochesteryc.com

Regatta Chairmen - Hank & Mary Stuart and John and Lauren Doyle

Principal Race Officer - Wayne Bretsch, US SAILING National Race Officer and Senior Judge

Notice of Race - Appendix "A"

2009 Hospice Regattas National Championship
June 4 - 7, 2009 – Rochester Yacht Club, Rochester, New York
Official Entry Form

SKIPPER INFORMATION:

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

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** _____

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____	Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____
Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____ ISAF Classification ID# _____	

CREW INFORMATION: List 3 crew.

2009 Championship entry fee is \$500.00 US (Includes 4 social passes for Skipper & 3 crew)

Check payable to RYC.

To pay by credit card, call Karen Gerwitz at RYC 585-342-5511

Entry form and entry fees must be received by February 1, 2009.

MAIL THIS ENTRY FORM AND FEE TO:

Hank Stuart, Event Co Chairman
c/o Rochester Yacht Club
5555 St Paul Blvd
Rochester, New York 14617

CONTACT:

Hank Stuart
E-Mail: hospicenationals@rochesteryc.com



The National Hospice Regatta Alliance - www.hospiceregattas.org

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**June 4-7, 2009 Rochester
Yacht Club**

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 payable to Rochester Yacht Club.
- 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.