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Hospice Cup XXVI Winners Announced

[ANNAPOLIS, MD] Southerly winds provided perfect conditions for over 80 boats and hundreds of sailors from the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC areas who participated in the Chesapeake Bay's 2007 Hospice Cup, America's largest fundraising regatta, on Saturday, September 8 off the mouth of the Severn River in the Chesapeake Bay. In addition to class trophies, the boats competed for ten sponsored perpetual trophies that were awarded for both exceptional racing and special fundraising achievements.

Walter Nuschke of "Zephyr" (252), from Waynesboro, Pa., was the winner of multiple awards including the highest honor, **2007 Hospice Cup Trophy** recognizing the skipper for sustained high performance across three racing years (2005 – 2007), and qualifying him to represent the Chesapeake Bay regatta in May 2008 at the Hospice Regattas National Championship against representatives from each of the 25 other hospice regattas held this year nationwide.

The Hospice Cup Trophy, sponsored by Robison International, Inc., is one of the several special trophies underwritten by companies or individual contributions to the hospices benefiting from the Hospice Cup event.

The crew of *Zephyr* was also honored with one of the oldest sponsored trophies, the **Running Tide Trophy**, which recognizes overall fleet performance. This trophy is sponsored by the Hospice Cup founders and Hospice Cup XXVI Honorary Co-Chairs, Joan and Al Van Metre.

A third honor to *Zephyr* was **The Sajak Family Foundation Trophy**, sponsored by the family foundation of 1999 Honorary Chairman Pat Sajak and his wife Lesly, for best performance in Cruising One-Design was presented.

The **Hank Lawton Trophy**, sponsored by Hospice of the Chesapeake in honor their top fundraiser, was presented to Barbara & John Gehrig, of Pasadena, MD, of *Full Deck* (US 93302) for Top Crew Fundraising. *Full Deck* also placed second in their class (PHRF N).

A new trophy in 2007, **The Club Fundraising Trophy**, sponsored by Chuck and Cecelia Thompson, in honor of Charlette Jeunette, was presented to The Chesapeake Bay Sabre Club.

The **Hospice Class** is a special nonspinnaker class for sailors who are usually less frequent racers. In 2007, it was the largest participating class – with 26 boats – which also hosted many hospice caregivers to race with them as a way to recognize what those caregivers do for so many.

During Hospice Cup XXVI, Hospice Class entry *Valkyrie* skippered by Mike McDonough of Annapolis, MD, with his crew of seasoned sailors and caregivers was recognized with the Hospice Class first place honor for the second year in a row, and two special awards. McDonough and crew won the **Martin F. McCarthy Trophy**, sponsored by family and friends in his memory, was awarded for first place in the Hospice Class, and the **Lovelace/Sniegon Memorial Trophy**, sponsored by Bill and Rose Lovelace, in recognition of the best performing Hospice Class boat with a hospice caregiver aboard.

Additional Hospice Class trophy winners included, 2nd place: Al Schreitmueller aboard *Lark*; and 3rd place: Andrew Cole aboard *Seasaw*.

The hospice caregivers aboard *Valkyrie*, Karen Bryant and Ginger From, who both work with Hospice of the Chesapeake, were each awarded the **Allan C. Westcott Trophy**, sponsored by Bob and Cindi Gibson in memory of Bob's sailing mentor who benefited well from Hospice care.

The **de Castro Trophy**, sponsored by Ruth's Chris in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Earl S. Long, honoring the most competitive *second place* boat in a Cruising One Design boat was awarded to Robert Reeves of Annapolis, Md., and crew aboard his J/105 *A Train*.

The **Hal Kass Memorial Trophy**, sponsored by Hospice Cup, Inc. honor of this long-time sponsor, recognizes the best in the PHRF Fleet was presented to Jim Sagerholm and Jerry Christofel of Annapolis, Md., aboard Aunt Jean in PHRF A2.

The **Ralph A. Beeton Memorial Trophy**, sponsored by BB&T for superior helmsmanship by a midshipman on a U.S. Naval Academy boat, was presented to Midshipman Matt Recker aboard Zaraffa (USA 61016).

Additional PHRF class trophy winners include:

Cal 25: 1st place: David Hoyt aboard *Zephyr*

PHRF Non-Spinnaker: 3rd: John Gehrig aboard *Full Deck*; 2nd: John and Marty Sherrard aboard *Escapade*; 1st: John Sherwood aboard *Witch's Flower*.

J-105 Class: 3rd: Andrew Kennedy aboard *Bat IV*; 2nd: Robert Reeves aboard *A Train*; 1st: Walter Nuschke aboard *Zephyr*.

PHRF C/D: 1st: David Shiff aboard *Odyssey*.

PHRF A3: 1st: Bruce Gardner aboard *L'Outrage*.

PHRF A2: 2nd: Jeffrey Caruso aboard *Shock Wave*; 1st: Jim Sagerholm/ Jerry Christofel aboard *Aunt Jean*.

PHRF A0: 2nd: Tom Johnson aboard *Altair*; 1st: Mid. Matt Recker aboard *Zaraffa*.

In 2007, more than \$400,000 was raised by Hospice Cup sponsors and donors. Supporting Hospice Cup means that there will continue to be no out-of-pocket expenses for any patient or family seeking the services of one of the participating hospices. Hospice Cup funds help to pay the 25 to 30 percent of the expenses not covered by Medicare or private insurance. These dollars enable the hospices to provide skilled compassionate care, comfort and dignity to the terminally ill, their families and friends, regardless of their ability to pay. Hospice enables patients to carry on alert, pain-free lives so their last days may be spent in comfort, at home or in home-like settings. Hospice care concentrates on care, not cure. Bereavement counseling and support groups are part of hospice services after the loss of a loved one.

Many hospices participate in and benefit from Hospice Cup XXVI: Hospice of the Chesapeake, Capital Hospice, Montgomery Hospice, Calvert Hospice, and Community Hospices. To do so, all must meet the standards of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Hospice Cup XXVI was the original hospice regatta and is now a proud member of the 25-regatta National Hospice Regatta Alliance, www.hospiceregattas.org.

Sailors are attracted to Hospice Cup because many have hospice stories and because the race counts for Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) season-long High Point competition.

More information on the Hospice Cup event is available online at www.hospicecup.org. Racing results information is available online at www.shearwatersc.org.