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### **Artwork of David Diaz Chosen as Official Race Image for Hospice Cup XXVI – September 8, 2007**

Hospice Cup XXVI Selects Artwork of David Diaz as Official 2007 Race Image

[ANNAPOLIS, MD] A serene painting of blue and gray hues with a captain dressed in yellow foulies surveying a sailing vessel in the distance, will be the representational image for the 2007 Hospice Cup event. The artwork, chosen by the Hospice Cup, Inc., Board of Directors, was created by Annapolis artist, David Diaz, and will serve as the official image of Hospice Cup XXVI taking place in Annapolis, MD in September 8, 2007.

“Hospice Cup, Inc., chose this oil painting by David Diaz, because it gave us a sense of peace and thoughtfulness about the present and the future – something that our hospices hope to bring to patients and their loved ones,” states Executive Director, Karma O’Neill. “We believe that this painting will serve as a very powerful image for our event and its mission.”

“Over the past 26 years, artwork chosen to be the annual Hospice Cup event image has included an array of mediums from photographs to oil paintings,” states Hospice Cup, Inc. Board President, Cullen Murray. “However, they all have one thing in common, and that is conveying the passionate journey of the sailor.”

The image of the original painting will appear in promotional ads, t-shirts, and posters which will have exposure to regional sponsors and participants from Washington, DC metro area, Calvert County, St. Mary’s County, Anne Arundel County, the Baltimore Metro area and beyond.

The original painting will also be donated to the 2007 Shore Party Auction following the Hospice Cup XXVI race to help raise funds for hospice services. A poster of the artwork will be also be available for purchase through participating hospices for \$25, plus shipping, and on the day of the race at the Hospice Cup XXVI Shore Party.

“While I have donated my work to several other organizations and charities, Hospice Cup is the first cause for which I have done a special painting,” states artist David Diaz. “Through awareness resulting from this event, I hope that people will have a greater understanding of the importance of hospice organizations.”

Annapolis resident, David Diaz, who works in oil and watercolor, received formal training from Western Maryland, Frostburg State University, University of Maryland, Towson State University and Catholic University. As an art teacher in the state of Maryland for over 30 years, he has worked with students from elementary through middle school, as well as adult education and private lessons. Diaz is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters. More information about his artwork is available online at [www.artworksbydaviddiaz.com](http://www.artworksbydaviddiaz.com).

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 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.

To date, over \$6 million dollars has been raised since the race began in 1982. The annual Hospice Cup is a cooperative effort of Hospice Cup, Inc., which is comprised of an Executive Director and an all-volunteer board to support local hospices participating in the race, the Shearwater Sailing Club and the Storm Trysail Club.

The 2007 participating hospices which include: Hospice of the Chesapeake, Capital Hospice, Montgomery Hospice, Calvert Hospice, Hospice of St. Mary's and Community Hospices, must meet the standards of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Hospice Cup, Inc. is a proud member of the National Hospice Regatta Alliance, [www.hospiceregattas.org](http://www.hospiceregattas.org).

The Hospice Cup race is sanctioned by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) and counts for CBYRA season-long High Point competition. Hospice Cup, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia for the purposes of conducting a benefit yacht race and related events. In addition to funds specifically donated to each hospice, net proceeds of general donations are disbursed to the participating hospices on a pro-rated basis.

Additional information about the race can be found online at the official Hospice Cup race web site [www.hospicecup.org](http://www.hospicecup.org) or on the Shearwater Sailing Club web site at [www.shearwatersc.org](http://www.shearwatersc.org).

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