

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Hospice Cup Salutes the 2008 Sailing Season with Spring Reception in Annapolis**

**WHO:** Hospice Cup, Inc. invites area sailors to celebrate the new 2008 sailing season at Phillips of Annapolis, MD.

**WHAT:** The Sailor Reception is a FREE event for area sailors to learn more about, or register for, Hospice Cup XXVII. The event will feature free hors d'ouvers and an open bar, sponsored by Boat Shine.

Members of the race committee, local hospices and the Hospice Cup board volunteers will be on hand to talk about the race for a great cause.

Sailors will learn how to earn free tickets to the post-race Shore Party - the "best" party on the Bay.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 6, 2008, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

**WHERE:** Phillips Restaurant, 12 Dock St, Annapolis, MD, 21401

### **About Hospice Cup:**

The Hospice Cup is the nation's oldest and largest charity regatta. In its 27th year, the race takes place on the Chesapeake Bay outside of Annapolis, Maryland, on September 27, 2008, and will feature hundreds of sailing enthusiasts – from amateur to experienced – racing to raise money for hospices in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC areas.

Hospice Cup funds help to pay 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. Hospice enables patients to carry on their 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 also part of hospice services after the loss of a loved one.

To date, over \$7 million dollars has been raised for the participating hospices since the race began. The annual Hospice Cup race is a cooperative effort organized by the all-volunteer Hospice Cup, Inc. (HCI) Board of Directors, an Executive Director, participating area hospices and hundreds of volunteers. The race is managed by Shearwater Sailing Club and assisted by Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station.

The 2008 participating hospices currently include: Capital Hospice, Community Hospices, Hospice of the Chesapeake and Montgomery Hospice. Each hospice must meet the standards of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

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) nonprofit 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. Hospice Cup, Inc. is also a proud member of the National Hospice Regatta Alliance, [www.hospiceregattas.org](http://www.hospiceregattas.org).

**Additional information about the event can be found online at the official Hospice Cup web site at [www.hospicecup.org](http://www.hospicecup.org).**

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