

MEDIA ALERT

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Hospice Cup XXVII Sailor Reception – February 20, 2008 Featuring 2007 America's Cup Commentator, Tucker Thompson

WHO: Hospice Cup, Inc. is hosting a Hospice Cup XVII Sailor Recruitment Reception featuring 2007 America's Cup Commentator and owner of the online sailing channel, T2P.tv, and accomplished sailor Tucker Thompson.

WHAT: 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.

The Sailor Reception, is a FREE event to introduce Washington, DC area sailors to Hospice Cup. The event will feature free hors d'ouvers and a cash bar. Members of the race committee, local hospices and the board will be on hand to discuss the cause and the race.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

WHERE: Phillips Flagship Restaurant, 900 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

About Tucker Thompson

Tucker Thompson is the sailing TV and video commentator who just covered the most exciting America's Cup in recent history for Versus TV. Tucker's own sailing accomplishments include multiple Grade 1 match race wins, National Championship titles, and offshore ocean racing records. He has sailed with America True in the 2000 America's Cup trials and has competed around the world in everything from dinghies to grand prix and maxi boats. Tucker owns and runs t2p.tv, and online sailing video network which covers sailing events all over the country, and he is also a writer and performance sailing coach.

About Hospice Cup

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 event is a cooperative effort of Hospice Cup, Inc., numerous volunteers to support the hospices participating in the race, the Shearwater Sailing Club and the Storm Trysail Club.

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) 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. Hospice Cup, Inc. is also a proud member of the National Hospice Regatta Alliance, www.hospiceregattas.org. Additional information about the event can be found online at the official Hospice Cup web site www.hospicecup.org.

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