

MEDIA ALERT

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America's Largest Charity Regatta, Hospice Cup: September 9, 2006

[Annapolis, MD] On September 9, 2006, the Hospice Cup – America's largest charity regatta – will celebrate its 25th year of racing on the Chesapeake Bay. The Hospice Cup, which has now become a popular event across the United States since the original race in 1982 on the Chesapeake Bay, has helped to raise over \$6.5 million for Hospice support programs in local communities.

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 9, 2006
RACE START: 10:00 AM

PRESS BOAT DEPARTURE: 9:30 AM (from the David Taylor Research Center)

(After 9:30, the press boat can be hailed from shore after 11:15 am to cover race after initial starting time. PLEASE RSVP FOR PRESS BOAT BY 5:00 PM, September 7, 2006.)

SHORE PARTY/AWARDS CEREMONY: 6:30 PM

WHERE: RACE START: Mouth of Severn River 'Red 2' outside of Annapolis, MD

SHORE PARTY/AWARDS CEREMONY: Atria Manresa (off of Rt. 450)

WHO:

The 2006 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.

The Hospice Cup is sanctioned by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) and counts for CBYRA season-long High Point competition. Hospice Cup, Inc. is a non-profit, all volunteer 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. Administrative and operational activities connected with the event are carried out entirely by volunteers. Net proceeds are disbursed to the participating hospices on a pro-rated basis.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RACE AND THE EVENTS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.hospicecup.org and www.shearwatersc.org.

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