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Hospice Cup XXVI Announces 2007 Race Activities – Two Race Courses, Sailor Fundraising and the Grand Shore Party

[Annapolis, MD] Participants in Hospice Cup XXVI don't have to be sailors to enjoy America's largest charity regatta. There are many activities for everyone to enjoy on September 8, 2007, off the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland, to raise funds to support Hospice programs in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC areas..

Hospice Cup XXVI Race

Shearwater Sailing Club, the host of the Hospice Cup XXVI race, and supporting race committee from the Storm Trysail Club, will have two race courses allowing the race committees (representing Shearwater Sailing Club, Tom Sliter PRO; and Storm Trysail Club, Dick Neville PRO) to optimize the racing for the different types of boats.

One course will feature the larger and faster boats and a second course will be for the smaller boats and the non-spinnaker, Hospice class entries – boats, many carrying volunteer Hospice Caregivers aboard as crew to recognize their efforts. Weather allowing, the boats competing in the large boat course will complete two short races to give the skippers and crew more opportunities to display their starting line prowess and mark rounding skills.

Tom Sliter of the Shearwater Sailing Club, states, "This format should provide racers with shorter starting sequences, optimum courses lengths, and overall better racing. At least that's the plan until Mother Nature decides what will really take place!"

For full information on the race and registration, sailors should visit www.shearwatersc.org.

Hospice Cup Fundraising and Sponsorship

Since the first race in 1982, more than \$7 million has been raised for hospice by sponsors, donors and participating fundraising sailing teams. This year, the Hospice Cup has invited Chesapeake Bay area clubs to compete against each other in the first ever fundraising competition. Individual boats and crew members can also compete for the annual fundraising award. However, all fundraising teams will be winners since they will be raising money for a great cause.

Others who may not be racing, but would like to participate are encourage to become sponsors of the event. Sponsors pledging \$150 and above will have the opportunity to receive many benefits that include tickets to the Grand Shore Party, view the race from the spectator boat as well as promotional opportunities for your business or in special honor of a family member.

The Grand Shore Party

Following the race, crew and sponsors are invited to enjoy the view, the catered food, open bar and live music at the Grand Shore Party held on the grounds of Atria at Manresa overlooking the Severn River. The party, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., is a fun, family-friendly event celebrating the sailors and sponsors of this year's Hospice Cup.

Hospice Cup President Cullen Murray states, "The Hospice Cup race is structured to ensure that 100 percent of all the funds generated on behalf of each of the participating Hospices stay with that Hospice. We are grateful to our donors, our board members, the participating hospices, and the many volunteers that help to make this event possible."

For more information about all activities visit www.hospicecup.org.

The Hospice Cup is sanctioned by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) to count for CBYRA season-long High Point competition. Net proceeds are disbursed to the participating hospices on a pro-rated basis. The 2007 participating hospices include: Hospice of the Chesapeake, Capital Hospice, Montgomery Hospice, Calvert Hospice and Community Hospices. The annual Hospice Cup is a cooperative effort of Shearwater Sailing Club – an organization created in 1982 specifically for the race – the Hospice Cup, Inc. (HCI) Board and Executive Director, volunteers, and participating area hospices.

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