



**Hospice Cup, Inc. invites your club to participate in the  
2008 Hospice Cup XXVII race on  
September 27, 2008.**

Once again, the Hospice Cup, Inc., and the officiating race committees, the Shearwater Sailing Club and the local Storm Trysail Club, are encouraging Chesapeake Bay-area organizations to compete in both racing and fundraising to benefit the participating area hospices participating in the 27th annual Hospice Cup sailboat race.

We invite you to join in the race to help one of the most wonderful causes – hospice care. By competing in Hospice Cup XXVII as fundraisers and sailors, you'll build both camaraderie among your members and positive exposure for your organization.

**Each participating organization will compete to raise the most funds to support hospice by assembling a team of at least five (5) boats to race on behalf of your group.** The group raising the highest sum of donations will be honored during a special awards ceremony following the race at the Shore Party held at the Atria Manresa, overlooking the Severn River. However, all fundraising teams will be winners since they will be raising money for a great cause.

As fundraisers, your group has the option to raise money on behalf of one or more of the participating hospices or choose to donate funds to Hospice Cup, Inc. where funds are distributed among all participating hospices after the day of the event.

Additionally, your group is welcome to race as a fleet while sponsoring your own club trophy (upon approval by the Shearwater Sailing Club and the local Storm Trysail Club) that will be presented to one of your own members during the Shore Party ceremony – be it for fastest boat or largest amount of funds raised among your group – that's up to you. However, please declare your interest in racing as a fleet when registering so that the race committees can make accommodations for tracking and judging appropriate boats.

**Register your organization today by contacting the Shearwater Sailing Club at [info@shearwatersc.org](mailto:info@shearwatersc.org).** Please send your group registration fee of \$100, declaring your organization's intent to participate in the race and as fundraisers, and a list of all boats and skippers racing and fundraising on behalf of your group, to: Shearwater Sailing Club C/O Club Fundraising, P.O. Box 3312, Annapolis, Maryland 21403. Registration fee and information must be received by a TBA date in August.

Note that each individual boat racing on behalf of your organization must ALSO register for the race using the CBYRA form that is found on the Shearwater Sailing Club web site ([www.shearwatersc.org](http://www.shearwatersc.org)).

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Those members in your group who may be novice or non- racers are encouraged to register in the non-spinnaker Hospice Class. Those registering in this category will have the opportunity to host a hospice caregiver as crew – treating him or her to a day on the water on your boat as a way to say “thank you.” However, those racing on behalf of your group

As a thank-you for fundraising, for every \$150 raised, each team entering as a group will receive two tickets for the post-race Shore Party, which includes food, full bar, music and other entertainment. Additional tickets must be purchased in advance for a special sailing crew rate of \$50 using the registration form available on the Hospice Cup web site at <http://www.hospicecup.org/forms/2008-shoreparty-ticketorder.pdf>

For details about the race or registering your sailing organization, please contact Hospice Cup Executive Director Karma O’Neill at 410-919-8393 or e-mail [info@hospicecup.org](mailto:info@hospicecup.org).

Sincerely,  
Chuck Thompson

Vice President – Sailor Fundraising Chair  
Hospice Cup, Inc.



## About the Hospice Cup Regatta

### 2008 Participating Hospices

The 2008 participating hospices which currently include: Hospice of the Chesapeake, Capital Hospice, Montgomery Hospice 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).

### About Hospice Cup, Inc.

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.

The Hospice Cup racing is managed by Shearwater Sailing Club and Storm Trysail Club. The race counts for the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) season-long High Point competition. It also includes racing for sailors who do not usually race but want to support hospice.

### Why Support Hospice?

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. Hospice enables patients to maintain alert, pain-controlled 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.

### Fundraising and shore party details are available online at:

[www.hospicecup.org](http://www.hospicecup.org)

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[www.shearwatersc.org](http://www.shearwatersc.org)

***For additional questions about the Hospice Cup XXVII, please contact [hospicecup@aol.com](mailto:hospicecup@aol.com). Note that registration and fundraising information, as well as official race instructions will be available online spring 2008. You will be notified.***