

Hospice Cup XLV

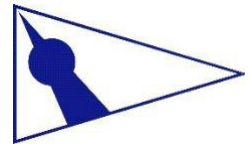
CBYRA Sanction # 318

Saturday, September 12, 2026



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Sailing Club of the Chesapeake
<http://scc1944.clubexpress.com>

Assisted by



Storm Trysail Club, Severn Sailing Association and Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. All times are US Eastern Time,

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 PHRF N competitors may use double headsails.
- 1.3 Neither spinnakers nor double headsails are permitted in the Hospice Classes.
- 1.4 J/105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J-105 Fleet-3 Article/Rules. This event is designated **Level 1A**. J-105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules are found at <https://www.j105fleet3.org/rules>.
- 1.5 Entrants with racing experience are not permitted in the Hospice Class – NOVICE division. Boats that host a caregiver and/or have a junior sailor at the helm are eligible to race in the Hospice Class – NOVICE division.
- 1.6 **Safety:** The US Sailing SER "Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements" apply and confirm or supplement the USCG requirements and the Racing Rules of Sailing except as amended by specific class association rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions for each course will be available on the regatta website no later than Friday, August 28, 2026. Amendments may be posted on the event website no later than 2000 hours on Friday, September 11, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta website:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50641>.
- 3.2 Any signals made ashore will be virtual and posted on the official notice board on the regatta website.
- 3.3 The race committee intends to make all announcements to competitors via VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 65, 68, 69, 71, and 72.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ONLINE ENTRY

4.1 Classes expected to participate include:

- Hospice Class (LIGHT, HEAVY & NOVICE)
- Harbor 20
- J/105
- J/80
- J/88
- Melges 15
- ORC
- Cal 25
- CRCA – ORR-Ez – Racer
- CRCA – ORR-Ez – Cruiser
- CRCA – ORR-Ez – Performance
- PHRF (A, B, C, N)
- J/22
- Viper 640
- Alberg 30

4.2 Additional classes will be accepted upon the receipt of three (3) or more paid entries by 1200 hours on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

4.3 If you want to be considered for prizes given for Juniors and/or caregivers being on or sailing your boat, email the details of your crew to info@hospicecup.org before 1200 hours Thursday, September 11 so your eligibility can be noted on the entry list.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is:

- * \$75 for early entries received by 1600 hours on Friday, August 28, 2026.
- * \$50 for J/22 early entries received by 1600 hours on Friday, August 28, 2026.
- * \$30 for Snipe and Melges 15 early entries received by 1600 hours on Friday, August 28, 2026.
- * \$50 Late Fee for all entries received after 1600 hours on Friday, August 28, 2026.

5.2 This is a charity event, and all proceeds will be donated to hospice charities. Refunds will not be granted for canceled registrations or race cancellation.

5.3 Registration will be available online: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50641>.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Fri, August 28 | 1600 Deadline for early registration |
| Wed, September 9 | 1200 Entry and registration closes |
| Sat, September 19 | 1100 Warning signal One Design classes (Area 3) |
| | 1125 Warning: CRCA, PHRF, A28, Cal25 classes (Area 2) |
| | 1155 Warning signal for Hospice Cup Classes (Area 2) |
| | 1200 Warning signal for Harbor 20, J/22, Snipe, Melges Class (Area 1) |
| | Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee |

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing will be on the Severn River and on the adjacent waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

7.2 Fleet assignments, rendezvous locations, and starting order will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

7.3 **Award Pickup:** There will be an awards party held at Horn Point Harbor Marina from 1730 to 2030. See <https://hospicecup.org/> for more details and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The Harbor 20, J/22, Melges 15 and Snipe classes will sail one (1) or more drop mark races on the Severn River, south of the channel and SE of mark "HP". **Area "1"**
- 8.2 The CRCA, PHRF, Cal 25, and Hospice classes will sail one (1) race using CBYRA Region 3 Annapolis Area standard racing marks. **Area "2"** (short or long course)
- 8.3 All other classes will sail one or more drop mark courses as shown in the Sailing Instructions. **Area "3"**

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For the PHRF (A,B,C,N), ORC, and One-Designs (J/105, J/80, J/35, J/88, Alberg 30, Alerion 28, Harbor 20, J/22, Snipe, M15, Cal 25) classes only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that when a rule of Part 2 is broken outside the zone at a mark, and there is no injury or damage, and no significant advantage is gained, the Two-Turns , Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 9.2 For all other classes (Hospice classes and CRCA classes), RRS 44.3 is to be used. This scoring penalty requires that a yellow flag be flown and the Race Committee be notified. No turns are required.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 RRS Appendix A4, the Low Point System, will apply. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes in each class will be as follows:
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each class with entries.
- 11.2 Special overall trophies funded by large sponsor pledges to hospices will be presented. Best overall performing skipper in the three (3) most recent Hospice Cup events will receive an invitation to compete in the 2026 Hospice Regattas National Championship. Sponsored trophies are underwritten by multi-year pledges from corporate or individual sponsors.
 - **Sajak Family Foundation Trophy** awarded for the best performance in Cruising One Design
 - **Geri Manning Memorial Trophy** for the racing crew raising the most money.
 - **The Legacy Trophy** is awarded to the boat that sails in direct partnership with a specific Hospice Cup-supported hospice (Capital Caring Health, Luminis Health Gilchrist Lifecare Institute, Montgomery & Prince George's Hospice, and Talbot Hospice) and raises the most funds sailing on behalf of that hospice.
 - **Donnybrook-Brendan Trophy** awarded to the team with the highest percentage of youth crew participation.
 - **The Van Metre Family Trophy** awarded to the best performance in entire Hospice Cup Fleet
 - **The Hospice Cup** is the top honor awarded for best three-year performance; it qualifies the winner to compete in the annual Hospice Regattas National Championship against representatives of the many other hospice regattas sailed nationwide, each event patterned on this original hospice regatta.
 - **Annapolis Triple Crown Charity Trophy** This trophy is a partnership between the

Maryland Cures Cancer Regatta, CRAB Regatta and Hospice Cup. Racers must participate in each of the three charity regattas AND fundraise. The calculation for the winner shall be the order of finish in each race and the amount of funds raised for each race. The amount of funds raised shall be given a higher multiplier (1.5) in the calculations. The skipper with the best score in the three races and highest fundraising will be awarded the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy in October sponsored by Weems & Plath.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in Hospice Cup entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

13 INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

14 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 14.1 **Hospice Cup is a Platinum Certified Clean Regatta.** All competitors are strongly encouraged to use reusable water bottles instead of single-use plastic water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. Plastic straws, bags, and other single-use plastics are discouraged aboard all participating boats. Crews are encouraged to retrieve any trash items seen floating in the vicinity of the racecourse, on the way out, and on the way back. Trash items leftover from crew meals or other provisioning should be disposed of responsibly onshore. RRS 55 prohibits placing trash in the water.
- 14.2 **Hospice Cup**, a unique charity regatta, is a cooperative effort of Hospice Cup, Inc, The Sailing Club of the Chesapeake, Storm Trysail Club, Severn Sailing Association and Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association, and multiple hospices serving the Maryland, D.C., and Northern Virginia areas where most racers live and work. The participating hospices benefit from funds raised.
- 14.3 **The Race** counts for CBYRA High Point, attracting many of the best sailors on the Bay and requiring of racers only that they submit an entry and pay the fee. Non-racers and cruising sailors can enjoy a great day on the water, on spectator boats or in the special Hospice Class B (for novice racers).
- 14.3 **Racers can be Sponsors.** Sponsorship is not required of racers, but by donating or raising money for participating hospices and hospice care, racers earn incentives. The Geri Manning Memorial Trophy for fundraising is presented to the crew that raises the most money by the start of racing. Sailors can go to <https://givebutter.com/TeamFundraising2026> to find their team or to create their own fundraising page.
- 14.4 For more race information, contact Drew Mutch: scc1944.rc@gmail.com

For more information about racing and fundraising: <https://hospicecup.org/>