



Notice of Race

HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA

October 2 – October 4, 2026

Rappahannock River Yacht Club Organizing Authority,
In partnership with Yankee Point Yacht Club

- 1. Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2. Eligibility:** To increase participation the design year requirement has been eliminated. The regatta is therefore open to all mono-hull sailboats that are at least 18 feet long. USCG approved life vest required to be worn from start to finish to race single-handed.
- 3. Format/Ratings:**
 - 3.1** The regatta will consist of a buoy race on Saturday and a Pursuit race on Sunday.
 - 3.2** Boats without a current valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate will be assigned a rating by the Rating Committee. Boats without current certificates are asked to complete a HTSR Rating Application form. Once this form has been submitted, it will not need to be submitted in future years. This rating is not subject to appeal, outside of the Turkey Shoot Rating committee. The committee will make every effort to assure fair ratings. The committee will attempt to honor Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta ratings from previous regattas. The overall winner of the 2025 regatta will get a 20 second handicap penalty and the 2024 winner will be assessed a 10 second penalty. A previous winner who has not raced again will also be assessed these penalties at their next attendance. Different winners make the regatta more fun for all.
 - 3.3** Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker – Boats may sail with or without spinnakers. Boats electing to fly spinnaker must so indicate on their Entry Form or at Registration on Friday, October 4, no

later than 1900 hours. Boats making NO spinnaker declaration may not fly a spinnaker. Boats declaring spinnaker will be given a rating penalty of 21 seconds/mile for both days.

- 3.4** Boats will be assigned to a division based on their rating before the spinnaker penalty is applied.

4. Divisions: Ten Divisions are planned to include One Design Division(s), if there is a minimum of 5 OD Boats per Division. Boats will be placed in Divisions based on ratings and type of boat.

5. Entry and Fee: Eligible boats may enter by registering online at Yacht Scoring: www.yachtscoring.com or on the approved entry form and received no later than 1600 September 1, 2026. Late entries will be accepted until day of regatta with late fee.

All entries not submitted online should be mailed to:

Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta
C/O RRYC
P. O. Box 55
Irvington, VA 22480

Fee for entries received on or before September 1, 2026 is \$110

To get boat name on T-Shirt payment must be received by September 1, 2026

Fee for entries received after September 1, 2026 is \$125

6. Schedules: All on-shore events will be at the Event Tent at Rappahannock River Yacht Club, at the end of Carter's Creek Road.

Friday, October 2

Free Water Taxi available: 1500 to 2130 (call on channel 68)

- **1600 to 1900:** Check In, pick up Skipper's Packet and late Registration on the RRYC Porch.
- **1630 to 1715:** Orientation and Racing Rules Simplified for infrequent racers on the RRYC Porch.
- **1730 to 1930:** Welcome Cocktail Party (\$20/person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment).
- **1900-2130:** The Band **Deadrise** will perform.

Saturday, October 3

Free Water Taxi available: 0630 to 1000 and 1300 to 2130 (call on channel 68)

- **0700 to 0830:** Competitor's Breakfast (complimentary for Captain and Crew)
- **0800 to 1000:** Check In, Skipper's Packet and late Registration in event tent.
- **0900:** Non-Mandatory Skippers Meeting in event tent
- **1100:** Warning Signal (Drop Mark Race)

- **1600:** Time limit
- **1600+:** Food Trucks will be available for dinner
- **1900-2130:** The Band **Curtis Knocking** will perform.

Sunday, October 4

Free Water Taxi available: 0630 to 1000 and 1230 to 1700 (call on channel 68)

- **0700 to 0815:** Competitors Breakfast (complimentary for Captain and Crew)
- **0830:** Non-Mandatory Skippers Meeting in event tent
- **1030:** Warning Signal (Pursuit Race)
- **1430:** – Time Limit
- An Awards Ceremony will be held in the event tent as soon as results for the regatta series are available. Overall series and Sunday Race Standings will be posted in the event tent as soon as possible.
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7. Sailing Instruction: will be available at Yachtscoring.com by September 25, 2026 and will also be in the Skipper's Packet at Registration.

8. Courses: Saturday will consist of a triangle and/or windward-leeward drop mark course. Saturday, Divisions will be placed into Fleet A and Fleet B, based on rating, with the latter racing a shorter course. Sunday will consist of a pursuit race. Racing will be held in the Rappahannock River between the Norris Bridge and Towles Point.

9. Scoring: The Low Point scoring system, Rule A2, will apply. Saturday's race scoring will be by corrected time finish within each Division. Sunday's race scoring will be by order of finish within each Division. Overall winner in addition to second and third place overall will be determined as detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The overall winner will have their name engraved on the Virginia Spirit Cup and receive a keeper trophy from AGA Correa Marine Jewelers. The overall winner will also receive room and slip for the 2027 Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, compliments of the Tides Inn.

10. Haul-Out Restrictions: Boats must be in the water by 1000 hours on Saturday, October 3. During the regatta yachts may only be hauled with written permission of the Race Committee.

11. Radios: Each boat shall have a working VHF radio. The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 71 to make courtesy announcements regarding general information, starting sequence, and boats that are over early.

12. Berthing: Anchorage and free water taxi service will be available in Carter's Creek and its tributaries. A limited number of slips are available at:

- Custom Yachts
804-438-5563 / john@customyachtsvc.com
- The Tides Marina (at Tides Inn)
(800)-438-4418 / info@tidesinn.com
- Carter's Cove Marina
(804)-438-5273 / info@carterscovemarina.com
- Crocketts Landing, 97 Crocketts Lndg rd., Irvington, VA
434-249-4063
- Regent Point Marina
804 758-4457/email: dockmaster@regentpointmarina.com
Six Free Slips available
- Yankee Point Marina
804-462-7635

Reservations must be made directly with those marinas.

13. Disclaimer: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS, PART 1, Rule 4, DECISION TO RACE. The Organizing Authority or any sponsoring organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

14. Safety Equipment: All competitors are required to meet the equipment requirements for US Near-shore (5P) as adopted by PHRF of the Chesapeake (available at <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>.)

15. Further Information: For further information contact:

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