

The National Hospice Regatta Alliance
presents the
National Hospice Regatta Championship
April 12-14, 2002

Notice & Conditions of Race

The National Hospice Regatta Championship will be hosted by the National Hospice Regatta Alliance at Annapolis, Maryland, on April 12-14, 2002.

The championship will be sailed in loaned J/105s, with teams rotated among boats each of the three days, determined by draw at the mandatory skippers meeting. Prior to that meeting, a professional rigger will have inspected and tuned the boats to J/105 class standards. The National Hospice Regatta Alliance will coordinate maintenance of the yachts throughout the regatta.

1.0 TITLE / DATES

- The National Hospice Regatta Championship will be held April 12-14, 2002.
- A mandatory skippers meeting and optional practice race(s) will take place on Friday, April 12.
- Racing will begin Saturday, April 13, and conclude on Sunday, April 14.
- Multiple races per day will be attempted.
- No starting signal for a race will be made after 1400 on Sunday, April 14.

2.0 RULES

- The regatta will be governed by the *2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Special Regulations for Category 4, this Notice and Conditions of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the J/105 Class Rules except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- Competition in the regatta is open to qualified crews that contain no more than one (1) Group 3 – Professional Competitor – as defined in RRS Appendix P, as prescribed by USSA. A Group 3 Professional Competitor may not steer during any race.
- The National Hospice Regatta Championship shall be classified as a Category A event, as per RRS Appendix 1.
- All yachts shall conform to the J/105 Class Safety Rules.

3.0 VENUES

- The regatta will be sailed in the Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of Annapolis, Maryland.

4.0 MANAGEMENT

- The term "Skipper" as used in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall mean the person who is designated on the entry form as the "Skipper" and who is the person in charge of the team's assigned yacht throughout the regatta.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- One racing skipper who has excelled in the 17 regional hospice regattas held during 2001 is nominated by their regatta organizers and invited by the National Hospice Regatta Alliance to contend for the 2002 National Hospice Regatta Championship.
- Skippers must be members of their national authority.
- Entries must be received on or before March 15, 2002. A completed entry form (attached) must be received by mail, addressed to the National Hospice Regatta Championship, c/o Linda Ambrose, 1106 Van Buren Street, Annapolis MD 21403.
- Entries will be acknowledged by email, fax and/or mail when the entry has been processed and accepted.
- The entries of all yachts entered will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at race headquarters before 1800 on April 11, 2002.

13.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places based upon each boat's series score.

14.0 INFORMATION CONTACTS

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