

# The Third Annual National Hospice Regatta Championship

Annapolis, Maryland  
April 12 – 14, 2002

## The National Hospice Regatta Alliance

### Sailing Instructions

#### **1 RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2001 – 2004, as adopted by U. S. Sailing (“RRS/US”), the Rules of the J/105 Class, the Notice of Regatta (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions.

#### **2 ENTRIES**

Entries will be accepted from racing skippers who have excelled in their local Hospice Regatta in 2001 and who have been invited by the National Hospice Regatta Alliance to compete in the Third Annual National Hospice Regatta Championship.

#### **3 CREW LIMITATIONS**

3.1 The regatta is open to qualified crews that contain no more than one group 3, Professional Competitor, as defined in appendix P of the RRS/US. A group 3 competitor may not steer during a race.

3.2 The crew number limit is 6, including the boat owner or owner’s representative. There will be no weight limit. This alters the J/105 class rules.

3.3 The boat owner or owner’s representative may not steer or trim a sheet during a race. This alters the J/105 class rules.

3.3 The boat may be steered by a non-member of the J/105 class. This alters the J/105 class rules.

#### **4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at Regatta Headquarters, J/Port, 213 Eastern Avenue, Annapolis (Eastport).

#### **5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the pole at race headquarters at J/Port.

6.2 Code flag “AP” with two sound signals means: “The race is postponed.” The time of the new warning signal will be posted before the lowering of “AP”. Lowering of “AP” will be accompanied by one sound signal.

**7 BOAT TUNING RESTRICTIONS**

The J/105 boats will be inspected and tuned for comparability before the event by a local rigging specialist. Competitors shall not adjust the standing rigging, which includes shrouds and headstay.

**8 BOAT ASSIGNMENTS**

Boat assignments for each day will be determined by a drawing at the Friday, April 12, competitors' meeting. The boat drawn on Friday will be the practice boat for Friday. The boat listed next in sequence will be the Saturday boat and the next boat in sequence will be the Sunday boat.

**9 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

9.1

Friday, April 12	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1200 – 1500	Practice Races (optional)
	1800 - 2000	Informal party at J/Port
Saturday, April 13	1000	Rendezvous near Severn River R "2"
	1045	Warning signal for Race 1 followed by Races 2 and 3
	1800 – 2000	Championship Reception
Sunday, April 14	1000	Rendezvous near Severn River R "2"
	1045	Warning signal for Race 4 followed by Race 5
	1530	Championship Awards Presentations at J Port

9.2 Races not completed on Saturday may be sailed on Sunday. Races not completed on Sunday will be abandoned and will not be sailed.

**10 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be within two miles of Severn River R "2". Severn River R "2" is located about 30 to 40 minutes (via sailboat) from J/Port and most other areas in Annapolis.

**11 COURSES**

- 11.1 The courses will be windward - leeward courses of two to five legs.
- 11.2 The Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed prior to the warning signal of any race. The number displayed indicates the number of legs (2, 3, 4, or 5).
- 11.3 All rounding marks will be left to port.
- 11.4 The Race Committee may set a leeward mark approximately 100 to 400 yards to windward of the starting line. The leeward mark is not a mark of the course for the first leg of a race, or for the last leg of a race with a downwind finish. If no leeward mark has been set the starting pin will be the leeward mark for courses 3, 4, and 5.
- 11.5 The finish line may be shorter than the starting line.
- 11.6 For downwind finishes: the pin shall be left to starboard and the Race Committee boat left to port.
- 11.7 For upwind finishes: the windward mark will be the pin end of the finish line and a nearby Race Committee boat will be the other end of the line. The mark shall be left to port and the boat shall be left to starboard.

- 11.8 The approximate compass bearing and distance from the Race Committee signal boat to the windward mark will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

## **12 MARKS**

- 12.1 Marks will be orange inflatable cylinders.

- 12.2 A change mark will be a tetrahedron.

## **13 THE START**

- 13.1 Races will be started using RRS/US rule 26.

- 13.2 The starting line will be between a yellow flag displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.

- 13.3 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

- 13.4 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS/US 29.2 with the following addition: The Race Committee may attempt to announce sail numbers of boats on the course side of the starting line on a VHF radio channel announced at the competitors' meeting. Failure to receive or hear the transmission will not be grounds for redress.

## **14 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the changed leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This alters RRS/US 33.

## **15 THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finish line will be between a yellow flag displayed on a Race Committee boat and the nearby mark.

- 15.2 Code flag "R" flying from the Race Committee finish boat indicates another race will be sailed. Competing boats should remain near the starting area.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 If the first boat does not reach the first mark of the course within 45 minutes of the start, the race shall be abandoned.

- 16.2 If the first boat does not finish within 2 hours the race shall be abandoned.

- 16.3 Boats not finished 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored points equal to the number of boats finished plus 3 points, but no worse than the number of starters. If another race may be sailed, those boats not finished within 30 minutes shall immediately proceed to the starting area. The end of this 30 minute period will be signaled by the lowering of the blue flag or shape on the Race Committee finish line boat accompanied by a long sound signal.

## **17 PROTESTS**

- 17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at race headquarters, J/Port, and delivered there within 1 1/2 hours after the protesting boat finishes the last race of the day. RRS/US 61.1(a) is modified to require that notice of intent to protest and the identity of the protested boat be given to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hail or VHF transmission acknowledged by the Committee.

- 17.2 The close of protest time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible at J/Port.

**18 SCORING**

- 18.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS/US using the Low Point System.
- 18.2 Five races are scheduled, of which two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 No races will be discarded. This modifies RRS/US Appendix A2.

**19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 19.2 The Race Committee may attempt to provide information to competitors prior to the preparatory signal on a VHF channel announced at the competitors' meeting.

**20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers placing first, second, and third in the series.