

Hospice Cup 2025... Fun, Joyful, and Inviting

Local yacht racers hoisted their sails on Saturday, September 13 for the 44th annual Hospice Cup, an annual charity regatta dedicated to raising funds and awareness for non-profit hospice organizations. The Sailing Club of the Chesapeake (SCC), the event host, partnered with Storm Trysail Club and Severn Sailing Association (SSA) to manage three racing circles for the event.

SCC PRO Drew Mutch, whose club managed the distance race circle, says, "Storm Trysail helped us out with the J/105 fleet and SSA helped us out with the small boat river course. We had great breeze, thanks to our race meteorologist Dr. Gina Henderson who shared her predictions with us at the skipper's meeting the night before."

Ninety-nine boats registered for this year's race, and together with sponsors raised more than \$230,000, a record high for the annual regatta.

"My father went into hospice, and the care was indispensable when our family was going through the toughest time," said racer and skipper of *Stout Gear* Alex Stout, who placed second in the Melges 15 fleet.

"This is my second Hospice Cup," added J/105 racer Theresa Rosbeck, who sailed on *Relentless* with skipper David McKee. "The organizations that the race supports are near and dear to my heart, so I'm happy to come out here on a beautiful day and spend my time giving what I can on and off the water."

For more than 40 years, Hospice Cup has supported local care programs for under- and uninsured patients with advanced and terminal illness. Partnering with Montgomery and Prince George's Hospice, Talbot Hospice, Capital Caring, and The Lifecare Institute at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Hospice Cup has raised more than \$31 million since the start of the race in 1982.

Following this year's regatta, sailors and guests gathered at Horn Point Marina for an awards party where racers were treated to local oysters from Orchard



■ Peter Bowe's Good Trade team won the 13-boat J/105 division. Photos by Ted Morgan

Point shucked by Baltimore's Oyster Ninja, smashburgers from Burgers Period, and batch cocktails donated by the Bob and Peggy Seidel Foundation in memory of Harbor 20 racer Barton Goldenberg. Racers also had a chance to enjoy the great weather while they hit biodegradable golf balls off the dock, listened to music from steel drummer Lenny Rogers, and participated in a knot-tying contest sponsored by Bacon Sails.

"Raising awareness is just as important to our mission as raising funds," said race chair Molly Wilmer. And what better opportunity for us to do that than at an event that's fun, joyful, and inviting."

The shore party also featured a live auction of Leah Bell's "Racing Rhythms," which won Hospice Cup's annual art competition, hosted in the spring with the Maryland Federation of Art. Wilmer and the Lifecare Institute's Becki Roemer presented the work to winning bidder John Pica, the skipper of Farr 40 *Senatore*, who also took home the third-place prize in PHRF A.

Perpetual Trophies were awarded to Peter Bowe's *Good Trade*, who won the

Lesly and Pat Sajak Trophy for best performance in cruising one-design; Nick Iloff's *Muskkrat*, who won the Van Metre Family Trophy for best performance at the 2025 Hospice Cup; and Cedric Lewis and Fredrik Salvesen's *Mirage*, who won the Hospice Cup for best performance across the last three years.

Additional perpetual trophies included the Geri Manning Memorial Trophy awarded to Roger Mason and the crew of the Solaris 44 *Tradecraft* for best team fundraising performance and the Donnybrook-Brendan Sailing Trophy, which went to Julianne Fettus aboard her 44-foot Cherubini *Bennu* for having the most youth sailors onboard. Fettus hosted Brendan Sailing camp alumni Johanni Guo and Logan Brock. Brendan Sailing, founded by *Donnybrook* skipper and Hospice Cup sponsor Jim Muldoon fielded a total of eight youth sailors racing on six boats this year.

Hospice Cup is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness and funds for hospice care in our region. For more visit hospicecup.org. See results on page 108 and photos at spinsheet.com/photos.



■ Sara Morgan Watters sailed to the top of the seven-boat Melges 15 fleet. Photos by Ted Morgan



■ Garth Hichens and daughter Kate on Sugar topped the 18-boat Harbor 20 fleet.



■ Kevin Sherwood's Bay Retriever took first place in CRCA.



Top Three Finishers

Harbor 20 (18 Boats)

1. *Sugar*, Garth Hichens
2. *Killer Rabbit*, Jon Forst
3. *Yellow Jacket*, Scholz Sullivan Syndicate

J/22 (4 Boats)

1. *Committed*, Tracey and Warren Richter
2. *Big Gulp*, Brian and Kristen Robinson
3. *Symmetry*, Eric Johnson and Catherine Cotell

Melges 15 (7 Boats)

1. *She'll be right*, Sara Morgan Watters
2. *STOUTgear*, Alex Stout
3. *BrewJax*, Britton Steele

Snipe (5 Boats)

1. *Finale*, Gavin OHare
2. *USA31357*, Eric Reinke
3. *Her Fault*, Devon Feusahrens

Cal 25 (7 Boats)

1. *Chicken Little*, Patrick Seidel
2. *Alice*, David Hoyt
3. *Arctic Tern*, H. Marie Harkenrider

CRCA (3 Boats)

1. *Bay Retriever*, Kevin Sherwood
2. *Hot Pepper*, Steven Toole
3. *Jahazi*, David Dodson

Hospice (7 Boats)

1. *Ingenuity*, Joe Lombardo
2. *Tradecraft*, Roger Mason
3. *Sea Tango*, Dennis Krizek

PHRF A (10 Boats)

1. *Aunt Jean*, James Sagerholm
2. *Bingo!*, Brent and Caroline Allen
3. *Senatore*, John Pica/Scott Barnhill

PHRF B (6 Boats)

1. *More Cowbell*, Mariah Leffingwell
2. *Avita*, Dan Watson
3. *Valhalla's Shamrock*, Valhalla Sailing Project

PHRF C (6 Boats)

1. *Roo*, William Davenport
2. *Cloud Nine*, Paul Kaladas
3. *Sisu*, Madeline Henry

PHRF NS (9 Boats)

1. *Muskkrat*, Nick Iliff
2. *Orion*, Jon Opert
3. *Skimmer*, Jack & Marti Detweiler

J/105 (13 Boats)

1. *Good Trade*, Peter Bowe
2. *Patriot*, Ray Wulff
3. *Mirage*, Lewis/Salvesen