

Inaugural Hospice Regatta a winner

HYANNIS — Threatening skies, fog and thundershowers in the area all conspired to attempt to ruin the inaugural Hospice of Cape Cod Regatta early yesterday.

But this conspiracy failed to materialize as, instead, the fleet enjoyed a near-perfect day for sailing.

With 40 boats in the fleet, on-the-water Race-Committee Chairman Dennis Sullivan called for two separate races — A 16-mile course in Vineyard Sound for the larger ocean racers, and three shorter races in Lewis Bay for the smaller one-design fleet.

It all worked to perfection and the sailors were back at the Hyannis Yacht Club in the mid-afternoon awaiting the presentation of the trophies and the post-race victory party.

Honorary Race Committee Chairman Buddy Melges, skipper of the successful *America*³ in the 1992 America's Cup defense at San Diego, was in attendance and jumped on John Osmond's *Brigadoon VI* as a crew member.

That may or may not have been the difference, but Osmond ended up the eventual A Division winner by 23 seconds over Tom and Beth Duggan and their yacht, the *Trip 36, Mogul Bandit*.

It was also close between second and third as the Duggan's beat out HYC's Dick Egan skippering *Zorro* by just 4 seconds leaving *Gambler* and *Cruise Missile* bringing up the rear in that division.

Melges, who flew in from Wisconsin Friday, took part in the inaugural regatta out of tribute to his mother. A year ago she was under the care of hospice and it made a profound impact on Melges.

The world-class skipper had to be proud of the B Division results. A couple of his 24-foot Melges-design boats — *Barry Sturgis* in

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Zenda Flyer and *Joe Matera* in *Totally Irresponsible* — finished 1-2, beating out *Paul Foraste* and the *J-24 Caritas*.

In the C Division it was a J-35 that took the top honors as *John Grandfield* steered *Gone Knots* to victory over *Maureen Taylor* skippering *Wind* and *Robert Heidenreich* in his *Cal 33 Heather*. Because of the size of the 'C' fleet a fourth trophy was awarded and that went to *Peter Soule* in his *Hunter 26, Sloop Du Jour*, as he edged out *Ron Sears* in *Renegade* by a margin of 29 seconds.

The D Division was a group of J-22's and *Todd Kittredge* was the winner while *Nick Vandemoer* finished second in *Blackfin*, 54 seconds behind. *Rob Tucker* was third in *Sneakers*.

In the JY-15, one-design group that sailed in Lewis Bay, *Angus Macaulay* collected three wins in the three races dominating the division. *Bill Rothwell* was equally as consistent with three second-place finishes earning a trophy. *Peter Casey* wound up third overall with *Arthur Warren* finished fourth.

At the post-race party, Hyannis Yacht Club Commodore *Dick Egan* presented awards to all of the winners. And, the club was presented the permanent Hospice Regatta Trophy that is shared by all of the first-place skippers.

Hospice Committee Chairperson *Kathy Heffernan*, noting the enthusiasm and support for this first Hospice Regatta, promised that the "2nd Annual Hospice Regatta" will be held at the same time next year.

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