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Dear Chiefs,

The Upper Township Beach Patrol and the Deauville Inn are sponsoring their 17th Annual MS 6 Mile Bay Race on Wednesday, **July 21st**. All proceeds from entry fees will be donated to MS. The race meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Deauville Inn in Strathmere, the race will begin at 6:30 p.m. The following information must be shared with all members of your patrol who wish to participate.

Boat drop-off and launching: We will launch the boats from the same location as last year. There is a parking lot before you go over the bridge to Ocean City if heading north, after the bridge if heading south. This lot has access to the beach in front of the Deauville. Pull in lot and follow instructions from the guards. Guards will be posted there all day. We will not be using the boat ramp.

Race meeting: The meeting will be held at the Deauville Inn at 5:30. It takes time to register all boats, explain race rules and course, and launch all the boats. It is very important that all crews are present with waivers and race fees at 5:30.

Boat Weight: *All boats must weigh no less than 325 lbs and meet the standard Van Duyne specifications. Boats will be inspected upon arrival in Strathmere. The scale will be on-sight and most boats will be weighed in before the race. All winning boats will be weighed in before places are finalized. No boat weighing less than 325 lbs will be eligible to place in the race. This is a race for charity, therefore boats not meeting the standard will be allowed to row, but cannot place. If you have any doubt about the boat that will be used, be sure to bring it to the drop-off location before 4 pm*

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$100 dollars per boat. **Have checks or purchase orders made out to MS Society.** If paying in cash, be sure your count is accurate and in large bills. Included in your packet is a pledge sheet for participants to record donations. Make additional copies if necessary. Crews must present their fees before they will be eligible to race.

Waivers: All participants must sign waivers before they can row in this race. You will find a copy of the waiver in your packet. It will facilitate the race meeting if these waivers are signed prior to the meeting, especially if one crewmember will be arriving late. Make additional copies if necessary. Also be sure to be accurate in the age information for the new awards.

Maps: You will also find a map of the course in your packet, please make copies for all participating crews.

The Start: We will continue to use a stagger start to begin the race. **An "A" start will be given to any crew who finished in the top fifteen last year. Individual rowers who finished in the top fifteen last year, but are rowing with a new partner are not guaranteed an "A" start, but will receive consideration. Open spots in the "A" start will be filled by Captain's discretion based upon past year's performance and 2007-race performance. These 15 boats will start in the first heat.** There will be a separate start for beach patrol's "B" boat, which will consist of working members of patrols stacked in their patrol's designated lane. Finally, there will be a third start for alumni, female and co-ed boats. All of these starts will be timed and the overall winner will have the best time. Please call in the names of a crew who is eligible, or would like consideration for an "A" start as soon as possible. The start and finish are in front of the Deauville dock.

T-shirts and Awards: T-shirts for all competitors and awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, overall, 1st place female crew, 1st place alumni crew (new this year, the top alumni crew not in the top three), new awards will also include top boat with combined age of 40-32 or the youngest finishers and top boat with combined age of 90 or greater or oldest finishers, 1st place co-ed crew 1st, 2nd, 3rd donations. Food, beverages, and T-shirts will be available to all spectators.

Spectator Rules: The Deauville Inn is licensed by the state of New Jersey to serve alcoholic beverages, which means no one will be served without proper ID and no personal coolers will be permitted on the premise. Spectators can sit on the beach in front of the beach side bar and may bring their own beach chairs to this location. Spectators may dine on the deck when their full party is present. A modified menu will be offered to those sitting at the beach bar.

Call in participants by July 17th : Please notify us of your participants' names by this date. Call our beach shack at 263-1151.