

HYC CUP
FINAL STANDINGS – 2017

The 2017 HYC Big Boat racing season is in the books...and what a season it was. Forty-five (45) HYC boats competed for the HYC CUP and the championship went right down to the wire before *Danger Paws* (Neil and Lis Ford), fought off a spirited defense from last year's champion, *Callinectes* (Ben Cuker), before wrapping up the championship in the final race of the season.

Danger Paws gave early notice that there was a new shooter in town by winning the tough B Fleet in Down the Bay and then blowing away the competition in Southern Bay Race Week. Neil and Lis dominated the difficult A2 Fleet and were awarded the prestigious Black Seal Cup as Boat of the Regatta. From there, they went on to win the Singlehand, HYC Annual Middle Ground Light, and a difficult Frostbite Series, before wrapping things up on the final day in the Gaboon Race. All in all, quite a performance.

However, last year's champion, *Callinectes*, had no intention of going away easily and mounted a spirited year-long defense which went all the way to the final event before *Danger Paws* wrapped up the championship. Also worthy of note...for the second consecutive year, *Callinectes* was the only HYC boat to participate in all nine HYC sponsored events. Congratulations to Ben for his support and contributions to our HYC racing program.

Below are listed the Top 10 finishers in the 2017 HYC CUP:

1 st	Danger Paws	Neil & Lis Ford	26 points
2 nd	Callinectes	Ben Cuker	24 points
3 rd	Diablo	Greg & Carrie Cutter	15 points
	Feather	Phil Briggs	15 points
5 th	Roundabout	Alan Bomar	13 points
6 th	Cool Change	Rusty Burshell	12 points
7 th	Bluejacket	Andy Armstrong	11 points
8 th	Rumble	Ben Weeks	10 points
	Sitella	Ian Hill	10 points
	Wairere	Peter Hunter	10 points