

HYC CUP
FINAL STANDINGS – 2019

The 2019 HYC Big Boat racing season is in the books...and the name of that book is *Danger Paws*. Competing in all eight HYC CUP events, the Melges 24 blew away all comers to finish first by an overwhelming 13 points while obliterating the previous highest point total...set by them in 2017. In so doing, Neil and Lis won their fleet in Down the Bay, Southern Bay Race Week, Doublehand, Hampton Sprints, Masters Race, Plantation Light, and Gaboon. This dominant performance wins them the CUP for the 2nd time in its four year history.

While Neil and Lis' dominance removed much of the suspense regarding the top spot, the battle for second lasted right up to the final leg of the Gaboon Race where, by winning C Fleet, 2016 champion, *Callinectes* (Ben Cuker), pulled into a tie for second place for the year with newcomer to the HYC CUP podium, *Seeker* (Alan Johnson). *Seeker* had a great year, winning their fleet in Down the Bay, Hampton Sprints, and Plantation Light, while *Callinectes* continued as a model of consistency, winning their fleet in Masters and Gaboon and finishing very strong in several other events. In addition, *Callinectes* continued their run of being the only HYC boat to compete in every HYC sponsored big boat event since the inception of the HYC CUP four years ago! Congratulations to Ben and his crew for this record of consistently high performance and strong support of our HYC program.

Below are listed the Top 10 places in the final HYC CUP standings:

1 st	Danger Paws	Neil Ford/Lis Biondi	31 points
2 nd	Callinectes	Ben Cuker	18 points
	Seeker	Alan Johnson	"
4 th	Sitella	Ian Hill	14 points
5 th	Diablo	Greg /Carrie Cutter	13 points
	Feather	Phil Briggs	"
7 th	Bluejacket	Andy Armstrong	12 points
8 th	Cool Change	Rusty Burshell	11 points
9 th	Roundabout	Alan Bomar	8 points
10 th	Myrage	Christian Schaumloffel	7 points
	Riff Raff	Don DeLoatch	"
	Wham Bam	Dave Taylor	"
	Nanuq	Glenn Doncaster	"

In all, 41 HYC boats participated at some point in the 2019 Big Boat season.