



BIG BOAT RACING

JANUARY 2022

HYC CUP REPORT

Emerging from the pandemic, the 2021 season was a good one for HYC Big Boats with 35 boats competing in at least one of our eight HYC CUP events...lots of great racing and close competition. But, in the end, the championship itself was no contest as Neil and Lis (like Lebron & Bumps, no last name required) obliterated the field in their Melges 24 rocket-ship, *Danger Paws*. The dynamic duo won five of the eight races (including sweeping Boat of the Regatta honors at both SBRW 2021 and the Hampton Sprints) on the way to their third HYC CUP in the six years of the event.

Finishing second was last year's HYC CUP winner, Alan Bomar, in *Roundabout*. Alan wrapped up second place by cruising to his second straight "horizon job" victory in the 44th Gaboon Race. Phil Briggs finished third for the CUP in *Feather*.

Here's how the Top Big Boats finished for the HYC CUP Championship:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Danger Paws	Neil Ford/Lis Biondi	25
2	Roundabout	Alan Bomar	16
3	Feather	Phil Briggs	15
4	Callinectes	Ben Cuker	12
5	Wind Dancer	Paul Clifford	11
6	Bad Habit	Bob Archer	10
"	Wairere	Peter Hunter	"
"	Meridian XI	Sledd Shellhorse	"
9	Diablo	Greg Cutter	9



Alan Bomar and crew get *roundabout* ready for their repeat win of the GABOON RACE



Neil Ford and Lis Biondi won the HYC CUP in *Danger Paws*

January 29, HYC will host a Murphy Racing Rules Clinic from 9:00 – 3:30. Done in a "Rules Made Easy" style, the clinic will feature a complete look at the Part 2 Rules (When Boats Meet) using situations and scenarios that occur every day on the race course to show the purpose and intent of the rules in an easy, understandable way. See sign-up information on next page.

Respectfully submitted, John McCarthy (Sail Captain)