



BIG BOAT RACING

HYC CUP REPORT

2023 SEASON

41 HYC boats competed for this year's HYC Big Boat Championship, the HYC CUP. And what a difficult year it was...seeing five of the nine HYC Cup races severely impacted by weather, with three cancelled all together. However, in HYC's finest tradition, everyone carried on smartly and, when the smoke cleared, Ben Cuker's Callinectes emerged as the clear cut winner of the CUP, beating Andy Armstrong's, Virginia H, by a comfortable five (5) points and John Blais', Stardancer, by seven (7).

It was Callinectes' second HYC CUP victory, having won the inaugural championship in 2016.

Andy Armstrong emerged as the "Iron Man", being the only boat to compete in every race.

Here's how the Top Eleven Big Boats finished:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Callinectes	Ben Cuker	19
2	Virginia H	Andy Armstrong	14
3	Stardancer	John Blais	12
4	Myrage	Christian Schaumloffel	10
5	Quickie	Mike Veraldi	8
6	Kingfisher	Dixon Wilde	7
"	Remedy	Will Roberts	7
"	Roundabout	Alan Bomar	7
9	Bogey	Steve Hendrickson	6
"	Cowboy	Gordon Edwards	6
"	Folly	Doug Miller	6
"	This Is Cool	Rusty Burshell	6

Congratulations to our entire fleet for hanging in there through some tough weather.

Here's hoping Mother Nature blesses us with more favorable conditions in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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