

## **2018 SEASON OPENER RACE RESULTS**

Congratulations to Guy Colson and Inspiration for blowing away the fleet in the Season opener held on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. I was reticent to schedule a race in mid February but we had wonderful weather all week. The forecast was for a southwest breeze moving westerly during the afternoon as the on-shore breeze built. Prediction was for 6-9 knots but the wind stayed in the 12-16 knot range. Temperatures were in the low eighties and the weather was clear.

The course consisted of two triangular legs with the windward mark moved more westerly for the second triangle. The wind cooperated as predicted. After a good start by most of the monohulls, the fleet split with Lady in Red and See Ya heading offshore to the west sailing the right side of the course. Inspiration, Time 2 Cruise and Fine Alee sailed to the south toward shore and sailed the left side of the course. The left side of the course was the way to go. The tide was coming in and the current is faster in deeper water. The boats that went right probably contended with more adverse current than the boats near shore. Inspiration was far ahead at the first mark and never was challenged. At the end of the first lap, Inspiration was leading, See Ya in second, Fine Alee in third, Lady In Red in fourth and Time to Cruise in fifth. After the first triangle all the boats headed west and the tide was high so current was no longer a factor. The race ended with the boats finishing the course in the same order as the first lap. After applying handicaps, Fine Alee corrected over See Ya by a minute and 15 seconds. Final standings were Inspiration (1), Fine Alee (2), See Ya (3), Lady in Red (4) and Time 2 Cruise (5). Time 2 Cruise headed in before the finish to get in within the tide window, so she took and DNF which did not affect the points awarded. See the chart below for detailed results.

Paisley Mae was the only Catamaran to race. We finished the catamaran race after the first lap so Paisley May could enjoy a nice afternoon sail. She was awarded 1.25 points for the effort.

HBYC SEASON OPENER FEB 17, 2018										
COURSE LENGTH 6.5 NM										
								TOD	Finish	Points
				Start	Finish	Actual	Corrected			
Boat Name	Boat	Captain	PHRF	Time	Time	Time	Time			
<b>Monohulls</b>										
Inspiration	Pearson 34 WK	Colson	227	1:10:00	2:28:17	1:18:17	0:53:41		1	5.25
See Ya	S2 7.9	Stasko	198	1:10:00	2:29:59	1:19:59	0:58:32		3	3
Fine Alee	Catalina 30 WK	Perry	258	1:10:00	2:35:14	1:25:14	0:57:17		2	4
Lady In Red	Alubat 35	Michaux	205	1:10:00	2:38:10	1:28:10	1:05:58		4	2
Time to Cruise	Catalina 310 WK	Himes	252	1:10:00	DNF	DNF	DNF		5	1
<b>Catamarans</b>										
Paisley Mae	Maine Cat 30	Sander	180	1:15:00	2:25:05	1:10:05	0:50:35		1	1.25



**THE WINNERS**



**Lady In Red**



**First Weather Mark**