

October 14, 2008

Results of 2008 Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta

On Saturday and Sunday October 11 and 12, one hundred and thirty boats competed in the 2008 Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, an annual event on the Rappahannock River. Steve Bowen and Frank Birdsall were overall Division winners. Their names will be engraved on the Virginia Spirit Hospice Cup.

Bill Dickson in Victorious won the Wobbly Compass Trophy awarded to the skipper of the first wooden boat to cross the finish line in the Sunday pursuit race. The wooden boat race was a new event this year with the trophy being sponsored by the Riverside Health System.

Another new feature was the introduction of sponsored, or fund raising, boats. Lorri Rice, Leslie Yost-Schomer, and LuAnne Davis from the Hospice of Virginia were the top fund raisers. They had never raced before and were assisted by skipper Ruth Bush and Fran Cory of Yankee Point Yacht Club.

Wild Rose, owned by Tom Martin of Richmond, won the Miss Ann's Choice Trophy for the most beautiful boat. The winner was selected by a vote of the sailors attending the Awards Ceremony Sunday afternoon.

As winner of the Lightning Division, Bowen from the York River Yacht Club won the right to represent the Turkey Shoot in the National Hospice Regatta in spring 2009 in Annapolis. He will compete against winners from all 27 local Hospice Regatta held around the Nation.

This voting procedure for the Most Beautiful Boat replaced the previous procedure in which spectators voted aboard the Miss Ann. The Tides Inn sold the ship this summer. The new procedure will be used until a suitable spectator boat is available in the area.

The regatta is a major source of funds for Hospice Support Services of the Northern Neck Inc. Other sponsoring Hospices which receive funds from the regatta are Hospice Support Care of Middlesex County and Riverside Hospice Agencies of Tappahannock and Gloucester.

The one hundred thirty boats registered equaled the record set last year. Funds raised last year for Hospice care totaled \$46,000. Results for this year are not yet available.

The event was held in ideal conditions with clear skies and 10 to 15 knot winds.

Lightning Division (Fleets A and B)

First	Dream On	Steve Bowen
Second	Lona B	Carey Hardesty
Third	Buckwheat	Joe Waters

Flying Cloud Division (Fleets C to L)

First	Spitkit	Frank Birdsall
Second	Scuba Kat	Mike Chesser
Third	Windkeeper	Bob Bland/ Richard Gill

Winner of the Wobbly Compass Trophy in the Wooden Boat Race

Victorious Bill Dickinson

Top fund raising boats

First	Hospice of Virginia	Spot
Second	Allan Young	Wild Goose
Third	Tim Scheid	L'Eaudanse

Winner of the Miss Ann's Choice Award for Most Beautiful boat

Tom Martin Wild Rose

Fleet Winners

Fleet A

First	Dream On	Steve Bowen
Second	Rattlesnake	Phil and Arabella Denvir
Third	Salute	Peter Knight

Fleet B

First	Lona B	Carey Hardesty
Second	Buckwheat	Joe Waters
Third	Cygnets	Jack Renirie

Fleet C

First	Jacqueline	Matt Guthrie
Second	Trilogy	Wayland Rennie
Third	Tatiana	Charles Parrott

Fleet D

First	Whistler	Warren Ryan
Second	Desperado	Ric Bauer
Third	Elixir	Joran Gendell

Fleet E

First	Country Woman	Norm Faulkner
Second	Joie de Vie	Russ Seltzer
Third	Success	David Raffeto

Fleet F

First	Poe Bird	Lee Williams
Second	Windblown III	Carol Woodward

	Third	Eroica	Randy Alderks
Fleet G			
	First	Spitkit	Frank Birdsall
	Second	Free Wind	Lee Fisher
	Third	Xanuda	John Stevens
Fleet H			
	First	Windkeeper	Bob Bland/Richard Gill
	Second	Quest	Richard Hazelgrove
	Third	Wind Courser	Charles Bradshaw
Fleet I			
	First	Scuba Kat	Mike Chesser
	Second	Corsair	Wayne Bishop
	Third	Amante	Rick and Sue Johnson
Fleet J			
	First	Cahoote	Mike and Cathleen Conroy
	Second	Victorious	Bill Dickinson
	Third	Packer Tacker	Chuck Thompson
Fleet K			
	First	Petite Amie	Sam Nuckols
	Second	Pleiades	Irvin Blake
	Third	Cindy Lou	Bill Haglan
Fleet L			
	First	Friday's Child	John Friday
	Second	Miss Daisy	Stan Crockett
	Third	Cream Puff	Chuck Carmichael

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