

KONOCTI CUP 2019

The K Cup this year got off to a slow start in very light winds. The first fleets took off at 11:10, once every boat had made it to the starting line. The first leg around Windmill Island was a challenge for all boats in all fleets. Once around the Island, most set spinnakers and the race was on. Some of the Wylie Wabbits were able to slip ahead in light winds with the Capris fighting to stay in the mix.

Coming up out of the backfield was Doug Jones on *Honey Bee*, a Capri 25 in the White Sails half cup division. They kept up a steady pace throughout the day as they kept their fleets lead and finished first in their half cup division. The half cup with spinnaker division saw a great race between *Lil' Bit*, a Ranger 23 and *Showtime*, a Cal 2-25. Chet Britz kept his Ranger 23 in the lead until being reeled in steadily by a 4 to 5 minute late starting *Showtime*. Don Ford on *Showtime* kept his crew working hard to the finish and passed *Lil' Bit* around mark 3 at Konocti resort and held the lead to finish with the win in this division.

The Wabbit and Capri fleets continued to put pressure on each other as the boats in the lead kept up a steady focus on the light winds. The Wabbit fleet owed about 40 seconds a mile to the Capri fleet and was fighting to distance themselves in these light conditions. Within the Capri fleet a group of three had fought their way to the front and a great, long match race developed with Pat Brown on *Always Saturday* fighting off repeated attacks by Jim Carlsen on *In the Red* and finally Bilafer Sr. on *Blew by You*. After numerous position changes *Always Saturday* was the first Capri 25 to finish and was third overall. In front of the Capris the Wabbit fleet had been having a battle of their own with Kim Desenberg on *Mr. McGregor* winning the race overall as first to finish and first overall on corrected time. Congratulations Kim Desenberg on a great race!

The race had many challenges, including getting all boats to the starting line. We had 8 boats trying to get to the start line with no wind and no motors after their tow boats motor gave up. A group of boats at the start line quickly fired up their engines and were able to go get all the boats a mile or so away to the start line. Thank you to all for your immediate reaction to a good sportsmanship situation. The chase boat with Peggy King aboard was also helping here and with pictures throughout the race along with shuttling people to the committee boat. The committee boat was skippered by Alan Clapham and his crew of 4 who did a great job starting the race and then having to stick out a light wind race that went till 5:15. This skipper and his crew deserve a big round of thanks from all of us. Gary Jolley and the Coast Guard auxiliary not only provided on the water support with buoy placement and retrieval but also cooked up a great BBQ on Saturday after the race. Tony Braitto and his marina crew are a big help every year we put this event on and we are lucky to have so many committed volunteers.

Sunday morning we all gathered for a relaxing brunch at the Riviera Hills Golf Course and another KCUP is in the books! Thank-you from all participants to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event happen!!

Bob Robinson Race Director

Photos of the Winners below



Wings



Honey Bee



Mr. McGregor



Always Saturday



Showtime