

Cataumet Club Anything That Sails Race Series

August 19, 2018

Two races for the Cataumet Club Anything that Sails Race series were held Sunday, August 19, in a stiff breeze under cloudy skies. Race chairman and first assistant got underway at 8:30 AM. Sailors and additional helpers accumulated slowly. By 10 :15 four skippers, various crew and several race assistants assembled at the boat house for the skippers' meeting.

The race committee announced that 420 competitors would be assessed a one point (one finish place) handicap each race. Crew were assigned to competitor and support boats, and all proceeded to the race course in Megansett Harbor. After sailing about the starting area long enough to qualify as an entrant, "Blew" decided to forgo racing on a short course in a stiff breeze, and headed out on a cruise toward Marion.

Two Marshall catboats and a 420 crossed the start line of the first race. All had their "hands full and their sails spilling" sailing to the windward mark. Max Carter and Jason Carpenter were all smiles as they kept the 420 upright and moving fast. Faces on the Marshall cats showed a variety of other emotions. Max and Jason rounded the windward mark first, with Legacy second and Kittiwake third. Legacy fouled her gaff and sail around her mast at the jibe mark. Kittiwake tacked about instead of jibing, but was unable to catch the disabled Legacy on the second reach nor on the beat to the finish.

Legacy headed back to Squeteague. Kittiwake and the 420 lads sailed the second race with attitudes and results similar to the first. All were surprised when Blew returned from her cruise to cross the finish line in fine form, between the two competitors.

Light rain began to fall as the support boat retrieved the racing buoys. Lawrence Island beach was empty, but the harbor seemed warm and inviting as the fleet returned to the dock, where Legacy was assessing her damage ... a small tear to the sail, no damage to the rig.

Race results were announced in a brief ceremony on the beach. Somerset Creamery gift certificates were awarded to the winning sailors and the support boat staff.

Series Results:

Place	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper/Crew	Finish Position		Total Points
				race 1	race 2	
1.	"6"	420	Max Carter / Jason Carpenter	1	1	4
2.	Kittiwake	Marshall 22	Rick York / Valery Koenig, Lew & Nancy Ambler	3	2	5
3.	Legacy	Marshall 18	Fritz Casselman / Peter Hunt, Joe Myerson, Chris Koenig, Tucker Koenig	2	DNS	6
4.	Blew	Quickstep 24	Bob Bishop / Diane Reed Hunt, Gary Tabor	RET	DNS	8

Committee boat: John York, Andrea York, Jane Hembree York, James York
Support boat: Nathaniel York, Maddy Koenig

Wind: NNE 15 to 20 knots

Weather: Cloudy / light rain

Course: Port Triangle, windward finish (US Sailing course "M")