

Two classes becalmed

The sailors who found the wind were the Off Soundings winners

SHELTER ISLAND, N.Y. — This weekend was Jim Sweet's first chance to sail Wahoo, and the venture was an instant success.

Sweet, who sailed the 48-foot Bill Cook design along with the its designer in the spring Off Soundings Club series, won Saturday's race and the overall trophy for Class C-1, the big-boat racing class. Wahoo finished third in Friday's New London to Shelter Island race.

Wahoo took Saturday's first prize by correctly playing the wind shifts up the middle of the first leg and beating out Retaliation and Wolf on the reaches of the four-leg race in Gardiner's Island Bay.

"Its strongest point is a close reach in heavy air," said Sweet of the yacht he has chartered from owner Hank Fretts of Pennsylvania. "It does surprisingly well upwind. But it didn't point as well as Not By Bread Alone. It was three to five degrees slow it."

Sweet, a dentist who resides in North Stonington, will be a crew member on Wahoo when it participates in this month's Newport to Bermuda race. It will be skippered by owner Fretts.

Saturday's race was characterized by light winds from the north which became lighter and more variable as they day went on. Two classes, C-3 and cruising canvas, did not finish the race because of the combination of lack of wind and a strong current pushing the yachts east when the finish line was west.

It was a frustrating afternoon for many sailors who left Shelter Island by 9 a.m. and didn't return to their moorings until 6 or 7 p.m. Several yachts finished after the committee boat had left its station, and the skippers turned in their own times when they returned to the harbor. The awards

ceremony stretched on into darkness on the lawn by the harbor.

Overall winners were Donald P. Robinson of Noank in Class A-1, sailing his new yacht, Puritan; J. Nicholas Newman, a professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, winning Class A-2 with Katrina; Ed Raymond of Rowayton in Class B-1 with Chanteyman; Marionette, Class B-2, Thomas R. Marston; Risk, Carter Gowrie's Tartan Ten, in C-2; and Ragtime, skippered by boat designer Rodney S. Johnstone, in Class C-4.

Because there was no race for Class C-3 and cruising canvas, Friday's winners were declared the overall winners.

Results Saturday were:

Class A-1: Puritan, Donald P. Robinson, first; Katrinka, Frank D. Winder, second; Limbo, L.E. Holt, third; Dulcinea, Howard Bidwell, fourth.

Class A-2: Katrina, J. Nicholas Newman, first; Randomar, Ralph W. Halsey, second; Blueflower, Samuel Hird, third; Tempest, David G. Bourne, fourth.

Class B-1: Chanteyman, Ed Raymond, first; Jaeger, Mark A. Turner, second; Paramour, Walter D. Strang Jr., third; Ladybug, William E. Fortmann, fourth.

Class B-2: Marionette, Thomas R. Marston, first; Cookie Monster, William A. Loweth, second; Tiki, Joe and Rex Walden, third; Afta-Five, Arthur H. Meyers, fourth.

Class C-1: Wahoo, James R. Sweet, first; Wolf, Lee H. Ellison, second; Firebrand, Dennis Posey, third; Retaliation, F. Parker Heinemann, fourth.

Class C-2: Menace, James G. Dill, first; Risk, S. Carter Gowrie, second; Pirate, Bill Baxter, third; Dundee, Neal and Steve O'Connell, fourth.

Class C-3: Did not finish.

Class C-4: Ragtime, Rodney S. John-

stone, first; Daddy Wagon, Bill Healy, second; Prodigy, James E. Fayal, third; Popinjay, William A. Lieber, fourth.

Cruising Canvas: Did not finish.

Overall results were:

Class A-1: Puritan, Donald P. Robinson, first; Katrinka, Frank D. Winder, second; Tynaje, Dr. Peter C. Ross, third; Dulcinea, Howard Bidwell, fourth.

Class A-2: Katrina, J. Nicholas Newman, first; Blueflower, Samuel Hird, second; Tempest, David G. Bourne, third; Tumbler, Kenneth B. Tate, fourth.

Class B-1: Chanteyman, Ed Raymond, first; Paramour, Walter D. Strang Jr., second; Jaeger, Mark A. Turner, third; Ladybug, William E. Fortmann, fourth.

Class B-2: Marionette, Thomas R. Marston, first; Cookie Monster, William A. Loweth, second; Tiki, Joe and Rex Walden, third; Afta-Five, Arthur H. Meyers, fourth.

Class C-1: Wahoo, James R. Sweet, first; Firebrand, Dennis Posey, second; Rampage, Robert L. Boger, third; Blaxter, Danforth Miller Jr., fourth.

Class C-2: Risk, S. Carter Gowrie, first; Pirate, Bill Baxter, second; Jet Stream, Jack Wills, third; Menace, James G. Dill Jr., fourth.

Class C-3: Magic Dragon, Fred Prella Jr., first; Kachina, B. G. Tremaine Jr., second; Ruby Begonia, Alfred Fritzsche, third; Anticipation, Harold C. Elston Jr., fourth.

Class C-4: Ragtime, Rodney S. Johnstone, first; Daddy Wagon, Bill Healy, second; Ain't Misbehavin', Bob Evelyn, third; Popinjay, William A. Lieber, fourth.

Cruising Canvas Class: Shady Lady, John B. Johnstone, first; Spindrift, William Rich Jr. and William Rich III, second; Rights of Man, Samuel J. Geiger, third; Persephone, John M. Mills, fourth.