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Harbor Radio spots Yachts 20 miles off Bermuda

Morgan's Ghost, Venture and Kathleen still locked in battle for line honors

The breeze held overnight as the Class A boats power reached the last 200 miles to Bermuda. 15-20kt west winds pushed the bigger faster boats at 10kts plus and gave them a great sail on a clear new-moon starry night,

At the 6:30 EDT iBoattrack report, Kathleen was one mile ahead of Morgan's Ghost leading the fleet of 70 yachts racing in the 30th anniversary Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race. At 8:30 Bermuda time, two yachts were spotted 20 miles out on their approach to Bermuda

The battle for line honors pits the 'new' New York 42 *Morgan's Ghost* sailed by Bermudian Preston Hutchings and the classic Renato Levi design Kathleen a 72 foot wooden yawl owned by Jim Feeney of Marion MA, and the Oyster 62 *Venture* sailed by Peter Savage. *Morgan's Ghost* is the newest boat in the fleet and Kathleen the oldest. *Venture* fits somewhere in the middle.

Other 'A' yachts are in the chase but this battle is a classic between the oldest yacht in the fleet and the newest.

Morgan's Ghost is a New York "Club" 42 designed by German Frers. Except for the delivery up to Newport earlier this month this is her first offshore crossing. Kathleen is a veteran of many offshore miles including 3 Marion to Bermuda races.

IBoattrack

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Captain's Blogs on Marion to Bermuda's iBoattrack Web site

Five skippers in the 2007 Marion to Bermuda Race have agreed to post "Captain's Blogs" on the Discussion Board. Yachts asked by the committee to write and post reports include Cetaca, Checkmate, Galileo, Kathleen and Seaflower.

The Captain's Blogs are posted at <http://www.iboattrack.com/forum/index.php> and here is the first report on the first blog. Cetacea is a Hinkley 59.3 racing in class B.

Spectators can follow the race on iBoatTrack <http://www.iboattrack.com/>

The Bermuda Department of Tourism, Globalstar, Gosling's and Kingman Yacht Center have supported the 2007 race as presenting sponsors for this year's event. As in 2005 be sure your friends and family track your progress on-line through iBoattrack from Horizon Marine.

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