

The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Second Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, May 17

It seems that with the weather on Cayuga Lake, it's either feast or famine. For the first race day of the season, we had almost no wind at all, and today, for the second race day, we had too much wind. During the first race we saw sustained wind speeds of just over 20 knots and even for the second race we still had a squally 15-18 knots.

Four skippers braved the elements and risked harm to crew and equipment: Tim Bonniwell with his Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Eberhard Alsen with his Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and Clare Fewtrell and David Feavearyear with their J24s, MEHITABEL and SNITCH. Fleet Captain Stephens' was ready to sail his triamaran TREVELYAN, but his crew did not show up, so he joined FANTASY which was shorthanded.

The course that Stephens picked for both races was CH, that is, north to the far Maplewood mark, then south to the Pile Cluster just off Stewart Park, and from there home to the finish line at the Yacht Club.

The rough wind conditions took their toll on three boats. Fewtrell's MEHITABEl ripped a panel in her spinnaker, Feavearyears's SNITCH broke a genoa turning block and split a hank grommet in that sail, and Alsen's FANTASY had most of the mast slides of her main sail rip out, so that FANTASY had to sail both races without a main.

The boat that sailed through all this mayhem with no problems was Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS, which sported a new set of Haarstick sails. Those sails really worked well, because INVICTUS won the first race.

The second, somewhat less windy race, saw the usual tussle for line honors between the J24s of Clare Fewtrell and Dave Feavearyear, with Clare's MEHITABEL crossing first.

Spring Series Standings

Feaveryear 7, Bonniwell 7.75, Fewtrell and Alsen 8.75 each. Stephens 14

Third Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, May 24

The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club. We again hope to sail two races. The start for the first race will be at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion!

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Spring Series Race Results, Sunday, May 17, 2009

Race # 2	Course CH	Wind	1 NW 1	18-21	St	art 13:30	
Skipper	Boat	Sail#	Rtg	T-on-T	FT	ΕT	CT
Bonniwell	Invictus	50297	195	0.8868	14:41:56	1:11:56	1:03:47
Feavearyear	Snitch	4028	168	0.9053	14:41:02	1:11:02	1:04:18
Fewtrell	mehitabel	4091	168	0.9053	14:42:39	1:12:39	1:05:46
Alsen	Fantasy	001	174	0.8978	15:03:30	1:33:30	1:23:57
		Wind NW 15-18 Start 15:19					
Race # 3	Course CH	Wind	1 NW 1	15-18	St	art 15:19	
Race # 3 Skipper	Course CH Boat	Wind Sail#	1 NW 1 Rtg	1 5-18 T-on-T	St FT	art 15:19	CT
							CT 1:05:47
Skipper	Boat	Sail#	Rtg	T-on-T	FT	ET	
<u>Skipper</u> Fewtrell	Boat mehitabel	<u>Sail#</u> 4091	<u>Rtg</u> 168	T-on-T 0.9053	FT 16:31:40	ET 1:12:40	1:05:47

Spring Series Standings as of May 17

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
Feavearyear	3	2	2	7
Fewtrell	4	3	0.75	7.75
Bonniwell	5	0.75	3	8.75
Alsen	0.75	4	4	8.75
Stephens	2	5	5	12

Gear Exchange

If you have any sailboat parts gathering dust in your garage or if you are looking to buy or swap any sailing related items, please e-mail me so I can post them in the PENNANT.

No Longer Wanted: Trailer for 13 foot dingy. I bought a \$ 379 sail boat trailer kit from Northern Tools. It took about four hours to assemble.