

The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sixth Race Day of the Latitude Series, Sunday, August 30

Four boats showed up for the last latitude race of the season: David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH; Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Clare Fewtrell's J24, MEHITABEL; and Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY (skipped by David Rice). The boats finished in the above order which means that SNITCH won the Latitude series. Congratulations to David's Feavearyear and crew!

Here is David's Rice's account of the race and the post-race party:

Quite a race ! There was some discussion whether to choose B or C course since the wind was very changeable, especially near the West shore. At least half of the four boats voted for [the shorter course] B. Perhaps the thought of cold beer and burgers trumped that of sitting becalmed 3 miles up the lake. True to form, 10 minutes after the start a West wind picked up to 12-18 knots resulting in the fastest latitude race this year (-40 minutes for the first boat to cross). Most boats were doing some surfing on the way back recording speeds well over hull speed.

The afternoon's greatest challenge was yet to come however—coaxing at least one of the gas grills to produce heat for the burgers. The wait was worth it with 12-15 sailors, sons and daughters, taking part in the burgers, hot dogs and accompanying dishes.

Final Standings of the 2009 Latitude Series

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total
Feavearyear	Snitch	2	(5)	0.75	2	0.75	0.75	6.25
Bonniwell	Invictus	0.75	2	2	3	(4)	2	9.75
Fewtrell	mehitabel	(7)	0.75	7	0.75	3	3	14.5
Alsen	Fantasy	(7)	3	4	4	5	4	20
Stephens	Trevelyan	3	(7)	7	4	2	6	22
Buell	Moondance	4	4	5	4	(7)	6	23
Richards	Lorelei	7	7	3	8	7	6	NS
Corbet	Alcyone	5	7	7	8	7	6	NS
Burford	Imagine	6	7	7	8	7	6	NS
Ahlers	Ockham's Razor	6	7	7	8	7	6	NS

NS = A boat must complete at least 3 races in a series to be scored

First Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 6

The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club. We plan 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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