



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Third Latitude Race, Sunday, July 25

When the “harbor horn” sounded 15 minutes before the start, we had overcast skies, slight drizzle, and a NW breeze of about 10 knots. But within a few minutes after the start, the sky cleared, and the wind filled in to about 15 knots. It continued to build to a steady 18-20 knots with much higher gusts. One boat blew out a panel of her spinnaker and another had cleat failures on a genoa sheet and her outhaul line.

Six competitors showed up for this third race in the Johnson Boatyard Latitude Series: Mel Richards with his C&C 30; LORELEI; Tim Bonniwell with his Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Charley Mueller and a friend with Mueller’s Sabre 28; Eberhard Alsen and a novice crew of two with his Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and David Feavearyear and Clare Fewtrell with their J24s, SNITCH and MEHITABEL. Clare was also sailing shorthanded with only two crew.

Dave Feavearyear’s SNITCH took an early lead by sailing along the west shore while the rest of us fought the heavier wind and waves in the middle of the lake. After turning around at their latitude, SNITCH didn’t put up their spinnaker until INVICTUS behind them raised theirs. SNITCH won by a comfortable margin, followed by INVICTUS, LORELEI, MEHITABEL, FANTASY, and the Sabre 28.

The only swapping of positions occurred at the back of the field between the two non-spinnaker boats. Going upwind, Charlie Mueller’s Sabre 28 passed Eberhard Alsen’s Tanzer 25 a couple of times and reached their latitude line way ahead. Then on the downwind leg, the Tanzer caught up and re-passed the Sabre just before the finish line.

The current Latitude Series Standings are on the next page.

Fourth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 1

Like all our summer events, this race is open to anyone who has a keelboat. So please talk it up among your non-Cruising Fleet friends and acquaintances.

The skippers’ meeting will be at 1:45 at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club, and the start will be at 2:30.

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2010 Latitude Series Standings, July 25

	Race # 1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Total
Bonniwell	0.75	0.75	2				3.5
Feavearyear	4	3	0.75				7.75
Fewtrell	5	2	4				11
Alsen	5	4	5				14
Mueller	5	5	6				16
Arthur	2	7	8				17
Stephens	3	7	8				18
Russell	4	7	8				19
Kinsbury	4	7	8				19