



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fourth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 1

For today's race, most of the usual suspects were absent. Only three boats showed up: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS, and two Weta tramarans skippered by Ben Arthur and Keith Rice. Here is Tim Bonniwell's report:

It was a very interesting day! We had nice sustained winds prior to the start, then it dropped to <5kts. We had decided on Course D, then changed it to Course C. We got started and did our best to stay in the lanes of wind. After we all turned, the thunderstorms rolled in and the wind shifted to west. Invictus stayed in the lead until around Crowbar when Keith came screaming up behind us and eventually passed us to windward. Big gusts rolled in and INVICTUS broached twice and Keith capsized. INVICTUS tried to douse the spinnaker but the halyard fouled and by the time we cleaned it up, we had lost control of both sheets, so the spinnaker flew from the mast head like a giant flag. Somewhere, in the mess, the spinnaker also suffered a 4 foot tear. Ben, meanwhile kept creeping up and crossed the finish 10-20 feet in front of INVICTUS. Keith finally managed to upright his Weta and crossed 3rd.

Coming into the marina, INVICTUS' gear shift handle sheared off, so she shut down her engine and began to pull out the genoa to sail into the slip. Fortunately, the Commodore and other onlookers were watching. The Commodore drove out in his inflatable dingy and nudged INVICTUS into her slip without further incident.

The current Latitude Series Standings are on the next page.,

Sailathon fun event Sunday, August 8

Fifth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 15

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	2				5.5
Feavearyear	4	3	0.75	5				12.75
Fewtrell	5	2	4	5				16
Alsen	5	4	5	5				19
Mueller	5	5	6	5				21
Arthur	2	7	8	0.75				17.75
Rice	5	7	8	3				23
Stephens	3	7	8	5				23
Russell	4	7	8	5				24
Kinsbury	4	7	8	5				24