

Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sailathon and Water Battle, Sunday, August 8

Only four boats showed up for this event, but we had a blast! The combatants were Tim Bonniwell and crew with their Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Eberhard Alsen and crew with their Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and two Weta mini-triamarans skipperd by Richard Stephens and Ben Arthur.

The day was sunny with temperatures in the high seventies. The wind speeds ranged wildly from 7 to 12 knots with gust to 20, and the wind direction shifted back and forth between South and Southwest.

The Fleet Captain set a temporary mark where the East Shore buoy used to be, and we sailed around the Yacht Club mark "A" and the temporary mark three times.

The winner was Ben Arthur with his as yet unnamed Weta tiramara. The rest of us were too concerned with hunting down other boats and hitting their crews with water balloons and water guns. In the battle between INVICTUS and FANTASY, both boats ran out of water balloons, so they resorted to dousing each other with buckets.

Red Jacket Race and Dinner, Saturday, August 21

We haven't heard from the Red Jacket Yacht Club yet, but we assume that they will put on their annual dinner in honor of us Ithaca sailors the usual Saturday in August, i.e. August 21. As soon as we get details, we'll send out an e-mail.

Fifth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 15

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

Reminder: This is an open event which means it is not restricted to members of the Cruising Fleet. Anyone with a keelboat can participate. Talk it up with non member skippers you know.

See you at the South Pavilion!

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