



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Red Jacket Race, Saturday, August 21

We had ideal conditions for this 25 mile race: A hazy overcast with temperatures in the low 80's, and a southerly breeze from 14 to 20 knots.

Eight boats officially started the race at 9:05.

Three of those competitors sailed Weta triamarans and finished so far ahead of the monohull boats that Fleet Captain Richard Stephens decided to score them separately and create a special red jacket trophy for the multihull winner. That winner was Keith Rice. Thumbs up to you Keith! Richard Stephens came in second, and Ben Arthur came in third.

The monohull winner was Tim Bonniwell with his Catalina 30, INVICTUS. Congratulations, Tim! A close second was Eberhard Alsen with his Tanzer 25, FANTASY. In third place were members of the Cornell Sailing Club with their un-named Sonar 23. Fourth was Bruce Caward with his Bayfield 25, SHIMONON; and fifth was Brad Corbitt with his Hunter 36, ALCYONE.

Several other boats started early or motored part of the way so they could not be scored in the race. Honorable mention goes to Yacht Club member Richard Uhlig and his nine-year-old son who started 45 minutes early but sailed their small Cape Dory 18 all the way. Their elapsed time of approximately 4 hours and 20 minutes would have given them the monohull victory on corrected time if they had taken off with the rest of us. Great job, Richard!

Red Jacket Dinner, Saturday, August 21

The folks at the Red Jacket Yacht Club put on another memorable dinner for us. That dinner offered generous portions of Prime Rib, plus Chicken Cordon Bleu, and Baked Fish. Also available were bottles of local white and red wine. After the dinner, a five-piece band played Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry tunes plus recent country songs for dancing.

Last Latitude Series Race, Sunday, August 29

The skippers' meeting will be at 1:45 at the South Pavillion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start will be at 2:30. See you at the South Pavillion.

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