



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, May 1

It was a beautiful spring day and a great day for racing. Hopefully, today was an indication of many more fair wind races to come this season. For most of the day, we had overcast skies, 60+ degrees of warm air and 10-15 knots of wind from the south. Towards the end of the day we enjoyed blue skies as the breeze picked up into the 20s.

With the lake swollen and almost 4 feet higher than usual, it has drawn in and floated every stick, log and downed tree along the beaches and shores. Boaters are warned to keep a sharp eye to avoid a minefield of dangerous debris over the next few weeks.

Much of the fleet were absent for the seasonal début. SNITCH was off to JDaze in Canandaigua, the Wetas were in Florida, FANTASY's skipper was attending family matters overseas, and AUHOURD'HUI was on the lake but mentoring a greenhorn crew. That left only Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL, and Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS, to carry the torch. The numbers were light, but none the less competitive. Arne Feyling on his Catalina 320, WISP, watched the show single-handed and shadowed the races for most of the day.

Both races were southerly starts on the western shore. The 1st being I-C-J-B-A: south to Sycamore, north to Far Maplewood, south to West Shore, north to Near Maplewood, and back south to the finish line at the Yacht Club. MEHITABEL took control from the start and led INVICTUS around the course who trailing at the first leeward mark, managed to rip her spinnaker on the boom hardware. The boat recovered, but not enough to threaten MEHITABEL.

In the second race the fleet of two decided on a longer course and included the Pile Cluster to make the course H-C-J-A: Pile Cluster to Far Maplewood, south to West Shore, then a downwind finish at the Yacht Club. Both boats were close at the start, but once again, MEHITABEL took an early lead. INVICTUS had gaining moments, but it wasn't until MEHITABEL had a rigging issue that allowed the yellow boat to pass her after the final windward mark.

It was a good warm up for the season, and everyone

Complete race results and current Spring Series Standings are on the next page

Second Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, May 15

Next weekend (May 8th) there are not any races scheduled to allow us to celebrate Mother's Day. Races #3 & 4 will be on May 15th. The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. As usual in the Spring and Fall Series, we again plan to hold two races. The first start will be at 1:30. We have boats in need of crew. If you know of anyone interested, please forward names and contact information to one of your fleet officers.

See you on the water!

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Race Results, Sunday, September 26

Spring Series Race #1

	Start Time	13:30	Wind:	Course: ICJBA		
Boat	T-T	FT	ET	CT	Place	Sailed Like
mehitabel	0.9053	14:28:45	0:58:45	0:53:11	1	168
Invictus	0.8868	14:31:58	1:01:58	0:54:57	2	207

Spring Series Race #2

	Start Time	14:45	Wind:	Course: HCJA		
Boat	T-T	FT	ET	CT	Place	Sailed Like
Invictus	0.8868	16:06:20	0:45:58	0:41:37	1	183
mehitabel	0.9053	16:07 +	?	?	2	

2010 Fall Series Standings as of September 26

Keelboats

Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Total
mehitabel	2	0.75	0.75	2	(3)	(3)	0.75	2	8.25
Invictus	0.75	2	2	0.75	2	2	(4)	(4)	9.5
Snitch	(3)	(3)	3	3	0.75	0.75	3	0.75	11.25
Fantasy	5	4	(7)	(7)	5	4	2	3	23
Aujourd'hui	4	(5)	(5)	5	5	5	5	5	29
Lorelei	(7)	7	4	4	(8)	6	7	7	35
Spontaneity					4	5			NS

Multihulls

Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Total
Honey	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75		(2)	(0.75)	0.75	3.75
Gray Matter	2	2	2	3		(3)	2	(3)	11
Keith Rice	4	4	(5)	(5)		0.75	3	2	13.75
Pete Gould			3	2					NS