



# The Pennant

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## Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

### First Race Day of the JBY Series, Sunday, June 26

The day's weather looked to be a repeat of last week's....Another beautiful day for waterskiing! The weatherman called for 5-7kts NNW, but at 1:45pm, we didn't see 0.05kts from any direction. The skipper's meeting was a depressed discussion of postponements and possible abandonment of the race as we gazed over the mirror-like lake. Optimistically, we rallied & decided drifting and waiting on the lake would be more fun than sitting and waiting on shore. So we made for our boats and motored, or swam and pushed our boats to the starting line. Because the only ripples on the water at the 2:30 scheduled starting time came from our self-propelled boats, we postponed. At 2:44pm we saw a single small puff just beyond the Near Maplewood mark, making its way south. Moments later, more puffs followed. By 2:46 a light breeze of 3-4kts had filled in. That was enough! We made the call and set course B to start @ 2:55p. Four keel boats headed north while the Wetas scrambled onshore to get out on the lake and into the wind.

Mehitabel had the best start with Snitch close behind. Invictus and Trevelyan trailed behind almost 1.5 minutes late to the starting line. As the race progressed, we saw the wind build just shy of 10kts. The tri-hulled Trevelyan scooted past the fleet and made her way just beyond Myers Point. Meanwhile, the other three boats made their turns south of Myers, with the two J24s turning in tandem. The two J's duked it out with their spinnakers for a short time, and then Snitch took the lead and held it for the remainder of the race. Mehitabel crossed 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by Invictus, then Trevelyan.

The two Wetas, skippered by Keith Rice and Ben Arthur, decided to hold their own mini-series closer to home. As I understand it, they were able to get in two short races.

The weather wasn't as good as expected, but turned out better than we thought. We had many new faces looking for rides-which they got. If you are a boat owner and reading this and have been contemplating racing your boat, look no further...we have crew for you. The summer series is a relaxed way to race your cruising boat. Drop us a line and we can work up a generous handicap to take the edge off. Next Sunday (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) is the Summer Latitudes Race #2. Come join the fun!

Tim

### Second Race Day of the JBY Series, Sunday, July 2

**PLEASE NOTE!!!!** The skippers' meeting will be at **1:15** at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. As usual in the Spring and Fall Series, we again plan to run two races. The start will be at **2:00**.

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