

24 July 2011

Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fourth Race of the JBY Latitude Series, Sunday, July 24

Can it get any better than that: Sunny skies, temperatures in the mid-eighties, and a steady breeze of 8-15 knots from the N-NW with no violent gusts or sudden shifts.

Six boats showed up at the starting line: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Charlie Mueller's Sabre 28, GIPSY MOTH; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL; David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH; and Jeanette and Steve Little's Lightning, CONSPIRACY THEORY.

SNITCH pulled away from the rest of the fleet very early and did some hot tacking near the west shore to get a good angle on her assigned latitude. Meanwhile INVICTUS marched up the center of the lake, pinching like crazy but minimizing the need to tack. SNITCH had farther to go than INVICTUS but reached her latitude exactly at the same moment that INVICTUS turned around, except that INVICTUS was a couple of hundred yards closer to home. Although SNITCH popped up her Spinnaker immediately and INVICTUS took her time raising her chute, SNITCH was unable to catch INVICTUS. So INVICTUS scored yet another win.

In the back of the field, MEHITABEL cruised to an undisputed third.

Further back, FANTASY and CONSPIRACY THEORY almost had a collision when FANTASY misjudged the Lighting's speed. Due to the kindness of the Lightning's skipper, who was on starboard tack, there was no protest. FANTASY would have happily done her penalty 360.

In the meantime, GIPSY MOTH showed some uncanny high pointing and, due to her earlier turn around latitude, was able to stay ahead of CONSIPRACY THEORY.

Fifth Race of the JBY Latitude Series, Sunday July 31

The skippers' meeting will be at 1:15 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. For latecomers, the length of the course (A, B, C, or D) will be posted near the flagpole of the Yacht Club. The start will be at 2:00 p.m. GPS time. There will be no visual or sound signals other than a 5 minute warning horn. Skippers should note down their turn around times. In case no boat finishes the race before 6 p.m., turn around times will determine the winner.

See you at the South Pavilion

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Race Results, Sunday, July 24, 2011

Latitude Race #4

Start: 2:00 Wind: N-NW 8-15 Course: D

Boat	Place
Invictus	1
Snitch	2
Mehitabel	3
Fantasy	4
Gipsy Moth	5
Conspiracy	6

Latitude Race Standings as of July 24, 2011

1 5	<u>Boat Rac</u>	e # 1	#2	#3	#4	<u>Total</u>
Trevelyan 4 4 *7 *8 23	Invictus	3	0.75	4	0.75	8.5
	Fantasy	*6	3	3	4	16
	Mehitabel	2	*6	*7	3	18
	Conspiracy	*6	*6	0.75	6	18.75
	Gipsy Moth	*6	*6	5	5	22

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