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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Hospice Cup, Sunday, August 14

The noble experiment to benefit the Ithaca Hospice started not with bang but a whimper. Since only one keel boat appeared (my hat's off to you Bill Russell), there could be no keel boat race. However there were six Weta triamarans, three in addition to our local ones.

WETA promoter Richard Stephens promised to share a race report and results with us in a future PENNANT.

Red Jacket Race, Saturday, August 20

For this year's Red Jacket Race, five keelboats showed up and three Wetas. The keelboats were John Hall's 45 foot schooner, CAPELLA; Brad Corbett's Hunter 36, ALCYONE; Bill Russell's Catalina 320, LITTLE WING; Charlie Mueller's Sabre 28, GIPSY MOTH; and Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 24, FANTASY. The Wetas were Richard Stephens' HONEY, Keith Rice's Weta 254, and Ben Arthur's GRAY MATTER.

To sum up the race: We had too much sunshine and too little wind. Yes, we started out with a promising southerly breeze of about 8 knots, but that fizzled by the time we got beyond the Milliken power plant. From then on we drifted for what seemed like several hours until the wind shifted to the NE. By that time all boats but FANTASY and the two WETAs had decided not to finish.

So FANTASY, co-skippered by Eberhard Alsen and Steve Little–and ably assisted by newbies Kate Howe and Anton Kriksunov—finished first after exactly 7 hours, and HONEY, skippered by Richard Stephens finished 36 minutes later. Detailed race results are on the next page.

Last Latitude Race, Sunday, August 28

The skippers' meeting at the South Pavilon of the Yacht Club is at 1:15. The race starts at 2:00 p.m.

See you at the South Pavilion:

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2011 Red Jacket Race

Keel Boat Division

Start: 9:00 a.m Wind: 8-0-6 SW-NE

Boat Place

Fantasy 1
ALcyone DNF
Capella DNF
Gipsy Moth DNF
LittleWing DNF

Multi Hull Division

Start 9:05 a.m. Wind: 8-0-6 SW-NE

Honey 1 Weta 254 2 Gray Matter DNF