



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Second Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 11

The forecast called for 3-7 mph of wind from the South plus morning showers and possible thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Luckily, the forecast was wrong as usual. At the start of the first race we had 10 kts from the SE, and toward the end of the second race the wind fizzled to near zero while shifting to the NW. But at least we were not being broiled while we drifted. The skies were partly overcast and the temperature was a pleasant 74 F. The rain held off until after end of the second race.

There were no Wetas in attendance today, and the keelboats that showed up were the same ones as last week minus LITTLE WING (we missed you, Bill) and minus the Cornell team (we missed you, Steve).

So the competing boats (in the order of their PHRF ratings) were Garth and Roger Dennis' Melges 24, SMILING BULLDOG; Mel Richards' C&C 30, LORELEI; Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL; David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH; Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; and Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY.

For the first and shorter race, we went south to the West Shore mark, then to the East Shore mark across the lake, from there to the Far Maplewood mark, and then home for a downwind finish. Line honors and the corrected time win went to SMILING BULLDOG.

The second longer race first went south to the Sycamore mark, then north to the Grey Barge, from there to the Far Maplewood mark, then back to the Sycamore mark and from there to the finish line at the Yacht Club. Again SMILING BULLDOG crossed the finish line first, but this time SNITCH won on corrected time.

As the first boats finished, the wind died, and when a tiny zephyr ghosted up, it came with an almost 180 degree shift. This left LORELEI and FANTASY in a drifting match which LORELEI eventually won by crossing the finish line with a 1 minute margin. But FANTASY won on corrected time since she is 5 feet smaller than LORELEI.

Third Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 18

The skippers' meeting is at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club at 12:45. We again hope to run two races. Start of the first race is at 1:30. See you at the South Pavilion.

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Race Results, Sunday, September 11

Fall Series Race # 3

Start 13:30	Wind	SE 10	Course I		
		TT	FT	ET	CT
Smiling Bulldog		1.0015	14:04:30	0:34:30	0:34:33
Invictus		0.8868	14:14:10	0:44:10	0:39:10
Mehitabel		0.9053	14:13:45	0:43:45	0:39:36
Snitch		0.9053	14:14:42	0:44:42	0:40:28
Fantasy		0.8868	14:17:54	0:47:54	0:42:29
Lorelei		0.9168	14:17:01	0:47:01	0:43:06

Fall Series Race # 4

Start 14:30	Wind	SE-SW-NW	10-1	Course JFCI				
					TT	FT	ET	CT
Snitch					0.9053	15:45:50	1:15:38	1:08:28
Mehitabel					0.9053	15:46:02	1:15:50	1:08:39
Smiling Bulldog					1.0015	15:39:30	1:09:18	1:09:24
Invictus					0.8868	15:50:14	1:20:02	1:10:58
Fantasy					0.8868	16:29:03	1:58:51	1:45:24
Lorelei					0.9168	16:28:00	1:57:48	1:48:00

Fall Series Keelboat Standings as of September 11

	Race #1	#2	#3	#4	Total
Invictus	0.75	0.75	2	4	7.5
Snitch	2	5	4	0.75	11.75
Smiling Bulldog	4	5	0.75	3	12.75
Mehitabel	3	5	3	2	13
Fantasy	6	2	5	5	18
Lorelei	5	5	6	6	22
Little Wing	7	3	8	8	26

Fall Series Weta Standings as of September 11

	Race #1	#2	#3	#4	Total
Gray Matter	2	0.75	2	2	6.75
WETA 254	0.75	2	2	2	6.75
Honey	4	4	2	2	12