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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fifth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, October 2

After a couple of races days with light winds and drifting conditions, we enjoyed the first real blustery fall day with a NW wind of 8-18 knots and gusts up in the 20s.

The following keelboats showed up for today's two races: Bill Russell's Catalina 320, LITTLE WING; Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; the Cornell Sailing Team's Ranger 26, GRENDEL, skippered by Steve Little; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL; and David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH. There was no Weta race today, but Keith Rice kept us keel boaters company with his WETA 254.

The first race went north to the far Maplewood mark, then south to the West Shore mark, from there to the East Shore mark, then to the Near Maplewood mark and from there to the finish line at the Yacht Club.

During the start for the first race, there were two collisions. First SNITCH hit MEHITABEL in the port rear quarter putting a fist size hole into it. About 10 seconds later, LITTLE WING hit GRENDEL in the stern and the two remained locked together for a while because GRENDEL's backstay got stuck on some piece of hardware on LITTLE WING. No damage on either boat.

Despite MEHITABEL's damage, she won the first race. Afterwards, the crew taped up the hole in the hull, and MEHITABEL sailed again in the second race.

For the second race, the windward mark was the Grey Barge. From there we sailed to the Far Maplewood mark, then south to Sycamore, and from there home to the Yacht Club. This time INVICTUS came in first with MEHITABEL a close second.

After the races, MEHITABEL' skipper, Clare Fewtrell, announced that she will have to miss the last race of the Fall Series because she cannot get the damage on her boat fixed by then. She therefore requested to be given a score for the last race that is the average of her other fall series scores. Two fleet officers, the Fleet Captain and the Secretary, agreed to that request.

Frostbite Regatta, Sunday, October 9

Two of the four keelboat skippers who were planning to sail in the Frostbite have cancelled. If no other skipper comes forward, the Frostbite will be an all Lightning regatta like last year

Last Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, October 16

The skippers' meeting is at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Cub at 12:45. We again hope to run two races. Start of the first race is at 1:30. There will be a cook-out party after the race. The crew of each boat should bring a dish to pass. See you at the South Pavilion.

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Race Results, Sunday, October 2

Fall Series Race # 8

Start 13:31	Wind NW	8-18 G22	Cou	Course CJGB		
	TT	FT	ET	CT		
Mehitabel	0.9053	14:22:00	0:51:00	0:46:10		
Invictus	0.8868	14:24:00	0:53:00	0:47:00		
Snitch	0.9053	14:24:00	0:53:00	0:47:59		
Fantasy	0.8868	14:29:00	0:58:00	0:51:26		
Little Wing	0.8868	14:34:00	1:03:00	0:55:52		
Grendel	0.8868	14:36:00	1:05:00	0:57:39		
Smiling Bulldog	1.0015	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Lorelei	0.9015	DNS	DNS	DNS		

Fall Series Race # 9

Start 14:47	Wind NW	8-18 G 22	Course FCI		
	TT	FT	ET	CT	
Invictus	0.8868	15:41:00	0:54:00	0:47:53	
Mehitabel	0.9053	15:41:00	0:54:00	0:48:53	
Snitch	0.9053	15:42:00	0:55:00	0:49:47	
Fantasy	0.8868	15:44:00	0:57:00	0:50:33	
Little Wing	0.8868	15:45:00	0:58:00	0:51:26	
Grendel	0.8868	15:49:00	1:02:00	0:54:59	
Lorelei	0.9015	DNS	DNS	DNS	
Smiling Bulldog	1.0015	DNS	DNS	DNS	

Fall Series Keelboat Standings as of October 2

Race	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	<u>Total</u>
Invictus	0.75	0.75	2	[4]	[4]	2	2	2	0.75	10.25
Mehitabel	[3]	[5]	3	2	2	0.75	0.75	0.75	2	11.25
Snitch	2	5	4	0.75	[7]	[5]	3	3	3	20.75
Fantasy	[6]	2	[5]	5	3	4	5	4	4	27
Smiling Bulldog	4	5	0.75	3	0.75	[8]	[8]	8	8	29.5
Lorelei	5	5	6	6	7	3	4	[8]	[8]	36
Little Wing	7	3	[8]	[8]	6	8	8	5	5	42
Grendel	7	7	[8]	[8]	8	8	6	6	6	48

^[] After seven races, competitors can "throw out" their two lowest scores.

Fall Series Weta Standings as of October 2

	Race #1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	<u>Total</u>
WETA 254	0.75	2	2	2	2	[2]	2	2	2	14.75
Honey	[4]	4	2	2	2	0.75	0.75	2	2	15.5
Gray Matter	2	0.75	2	2	2	[4]	4	2	2	16.75