



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Second Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday May 27

Here is the race report by Fleet Captain, Tim Bonniwell:

It was a very tricky day! It looked dismal at the skipper's meeting but the consensus was to wait it out for an hour and see if the mirror-like lake would develop some wind.

After 20 minutes, it began to fill in with 4-5 knots out of the north. We pessimistically set a short course for Near Maplewood-West Shore. The first race started and of course the wind faded. LORELEI had the best start and were pointing well up the west shore. TREVELYAN headed for deeper water and was rewarded with better winds, took the lead and kept it, easily earning line honors. For most of the race, LORELEI held 2nd followed by INVICTUS and MEHITABEL. It looked like a done deal until about 100 ft from the finish when each of the remaining three boats exchanged leads and crossed the finish within boat lengths.

The wind proceeded to fill in and held. We optimistically set a longer course (Crowbar, Yacht Club, Sycamore, East Shore, Near Maplewood) but allowed ourselves an opportunity to shorten if needed. The sequence started, and again the wind died. Four boats plodded along and drifted towards the start line. Lorelei decided to abandon the race before crossing the starting line and headed in for cool refreshments at the dock. The remaining three boats managed to find better air in the middle of the lake and proceeded to make good time. Again, Trevelyan scooted along, taking advantage of the flukey wind patterns and better air further into the lake. The crew led by Richard Stephens again looked sharp and crossed the finish well in front.

In all it was a typical light and variable day. We did manage to get in two races get back to the docks at a decent hour. For the most part, the winds were light and wispy, but there were times we made better than 5 knots. It was a beautiful day, and not quite a drifter. At least we weren't always able to see our reflections in the water.

Race results will be published as soon as everyone has sent in their finishing times.

Third Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, June 3

The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The first start will be at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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Race Results, Sunday, May 27

Spring Series Race #2

Start: 14:05 Wind NW 0-8 Course BJ

<u>Boat</u>	<u>TonT</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>ET</u>	<u>CT</u>
Trevelyan	1.0980	14:43:54	1:38:20	1:47:58
Invictus	0.8978	14:55:56	2:05:47	1:52:56
Mehitabel	0.9053	15:42:20	2:12:00	1:59:30
Lorelei	0.9168	14:56:20	2:18:00	2:06:31

Spring Series Race #3

Start: 15:10 Wind NW 0-8 Course CAJGB

<u>Boat</u>	<u>TonT</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>ET</u>	<u>CT</u>
Trevelyan	1.0980	16:22:31	1:38:20	1:47:58
Invictus	0.8978	17:07:06	2:05:47	1:52:56
Mehitabel	0.9053	15:42:20	2:12:00	1:59:30

Spring Series Standings as of May 27, 2012

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Race#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Trevelyan	2				
Invictus	3				
Mehitabel	4				
Lorelei	6	4	5		
Smiling Bulldog	0.75	6	5		11.75
Snitch	5	6	5		16
Fantasy	7	6	5		18