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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Third Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 16

For the 5th and 6th races of the Fall Series, the weather gods sent us mixed blessings. On the one hand, they gave us lots of sunshine and temperatures in the high 60s. On the other hand, they gave us good wind for only one race (7-9 knots from the NNW) and a drifter for the second.

Six boats showed up for the first of today's races: Mel Richards' C&C 30, LORELEI; Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Garth and Roger Dennis' Melges 24, SMILING BULLDOG; and Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL.

For the first race, Fleet Captain Tim Bonniwell sent us around four marks: North to Crowbar, south to Near Maplewood, next across the lake to East Shore, then west to Far Maplewood, and from there home to the finish line at the Yacht Club. There was a lot of close racing both at the front and the rear of the pack (See finish times). As usual, Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN, clinched line honors, but Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL won on corrected time.

For the second race, a seventh boat joined the fleet, the Cornell Sailing Club's Ranger 26, GRENDEL. She was skippered by Steve Little and crewed by Cornell students.

The course for the second race was scheduled to be around four marks like the first, but this time we were supposed to go north to Far Maplewood, then south to Sycamore, from there north east to East Shore, then back across the Lake to Near Maplewood, and from there home to the finish line.

Unfortunately, the 6 knots of wind we had at the start fizzled as we were rounding the first mark (Far Maplewood), and then it died completely. One by one, boats threw in the towel and cranked up their motors. While we were still sitting there with limp spinnakers, LORELEI entertained us by filling her spinnaker by motoring backwards. When the time for the race ran out at 18:20, only INVICTUS and FANTASY were still sailing. Although a light breeze had sprung up around 17:00, it was not enough for those two boats to finish the race in time.

Fourth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 23

The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. We hope to sail two races. The first start will be at 1:30 (if there is enough wind).

See you at the South Pavilion.

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Race Results for Sunday, September 16

Fall Series Race # 5

Start 13:30 Wind NNW 7-9 Course DBGC

| <u>Boat</u> | <u>TonT</u> | <u>FT</u> | <u>ET</u> | <u>CT</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| MEHITABEL | 0.9053 | 15:19:07 | 1:49:07 | 1:38:47 |
| SM. BULLDOG | 1.0015 | 15:12:00 | 1:42:00 | 1:42:09 |
| INVICTUS | 0.8978 | 15:23:56 | 1:53:56 | 1:42:17 |
| FANTASY | 0.8868 | 15:32:06 | 2:02:06 | 1:48:16 |
| TREVELYAN | 1.0980 | 15:11:04 | 1:41:04 | 1:50:58 |
| LORELEI | 0.9168 | 15:33:06 | 2:03:06 | 1:52:51 |

Fall Series Standings as of September 16

| <u>Boat</u> | <u>Race #1</u> | <u>Race #2</u> | <u>Race #3</u> | <u>Race #4</u> | <u>Race #5</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| MEHITABEL | 3 | 3 | 0.75 | 2 | 0.75 | 9.5 |
| TREVELYAN | 0.75 | 0.75 | 5 | 0.75 | 5 | 12.25 |
| FANTASY | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 19 |
| INVICTUS | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 22 |
| LORELEI | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 23 |
| SNITCH | 2 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 26 |
| SMILING BULLDOG | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 32 |