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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

50 Mile Race, Saturday, September 29

On this crisp autumn day we had temperatures ranging from the high 50s to the low 60s and winds ranging from 3 to 20 knots.

Five boats showed up for this long distance race up to and back from navigation mark 51A, aka Farley's, just north of Union Springs.

Those boats were Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Susan Swenson's Cape Dory 28, VEDETTE; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and Bruce Caward's Bayfield 25, YOSHIMI.

Only TREVELYAN and INVICTUS finished the race. Here is Tim Bonniwell's report:

INVICTUS rounded 51A @ 15:32 and finished 19:13:26. We saw wind speeds heading north 3.5-12 kts. Downwind winds were 8-20.5 kts. Heading downwind we saw boat speeds 7.5+. We stayed with TREVELYAN until Aurora. They rounded while we still had 1.5 to go, then scooted downwind like they were shot from a cannon. Richard met me for a beer afterwards and told me they made the downwind leg in around 2.5hrs. Fast!

Although TREVELYAN crossed the finish line first, INVICTUS won on corrected time. The corrected times were INVICTUS 8:43:48, TREVELYAN 8:57:08.

FANTASY had a heart breaker of a race: After sailing for over ten hours, we had to give up when the wind completely died as we were less than two miles from the Yacht Club.

Fifth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, October 7

The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The first start will be at 13:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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Correction of the Sheldrake Race Results, June 23, 2012

Because an inaccurate T-on-T figure was used for TREVELYAN, the corrected times had to be re-calculated. As a result, TREVELYAN placed second to GYPSY MOTH. The rest of the finish positions for the Sheldrake Race remain as previously published.