



# *The Pennant*

22 June 2013

## **Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet**

### Sheldrake Race, Saturday, June 22

For this 12 mile point-to-point race, we had sunny skies with temperatures in the mid 80s and a mostly southerly breeze of around 7 knots. But toward the end of the race, the weather gods played games with us and made the wind repeatedly die, pick up and shift, and then die again.

We used a Bermuda start for this race, that is, the slower boats started first and the faster boats started later (according to each boat's PHRF handicap rating).

Five boats showed up at the starting line: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, Steve Supron's Ranger 29, Bruce Caward's Bayfield 29, Susan Swensen's Cape Dory 28, and Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25.

The favorite in this race was Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30 who won all the distance races last year. But to give his family a less stressful ride, Tim opted not to use his huge white whomper of a spinnaker and instead used an asymmetrical cruising spinnaker. That's why he wound up sailing near the rear end of the parade.

At the front of the parade, Susan Swensen's Cape Dory 28 and Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25 swapped the lead back and forth, with Bruce Caward's Bayfield 29 not far behind. In the end, the Tanzer drifted across the finish line 13 minutes in front with the Bayfield and the Cape Dory almost becalmed. But the Bayfield managed to drift a bit faster and nipped the Cape Dory by about a dozen seconds.

So this was the finishing order: 1. Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25. 2. Bruce Caward's Bayfield 29. 3. Susan Swensen's Cape Dory 28. 4. Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30. 5. Steve Supron's Ranger 29. We finished off the day with a nice lunch and beverages under the tent of O'Malley's restaurant. A great time was had by all 14 of us, rehashing the race and telling stories.

### Correction of the Spring Series Standings

The tie between TREVELYAN and LORELEI is to be broken in favor of TREVELYAN who compiled better scores than LORELEI (See Racing Rules of Sailing 8.1).

### First Latitude Race, Sunday, June 30

This series of seven races is open to non-members of the Yacht Club at no charge. However all skippers need to have a GPS to find the latitude to which they have to sail before turning around and heading back to the finish line. Newcomers will be given a latitude chart at the skippers' meeting to find out their latitude. That meeting is at 1:15 p.m. at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start is at 2:00.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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