



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fifth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 4

Some of us had been wishing for more wind than we had for the first four latitude races. Well, today we got our wish in spades. The NW wind averaged 19 knots with frequent gusts to 28. The winning J-24 clocked 10 knots going downwind under spinnaker. Because of the strong wind, we sailed to the D set of latitudes for the first time this year (For most boats that's just short of Taughannock).

We had five boats at the starting line: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Susan Swensen's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH, and Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL.

The fleet was pretty well strung out on the upwind leg, but on the downwind leg there was a close race between INVICTUS and FANTASY who were both sailing with twin headsails instead of spinnakers. INVICTUS finally pulled ahead to finish two boat lengths in front of FANTASY. Meanwhile in front of the pack, SNITCH and MEHITABEL came in first and second. The updated Latitude Series standings are on the next page.

Hospice Cup Regatta, Saturday-Sunday, August 10-11

The Yacht Club's Race and Regatta Chairman Richard Stephens has invited some out-of-town multihull sailors (Corsairs and Wetas) for two days of racing. Skippers' Meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday. On Saturday, there will be a race to a picnic at Taughannock Park, and on Sunday there will be informal races around the fixed marks which keelboat sailors are welcome to join. There will be separate starts for small boats, bigger multi-hulls, and keelboats.

Sixth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 4

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 12:45 p.m. at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start is at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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2013 Latitude Series Standings as of August 4

<u>Race</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>
INVICTUS	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	3	6
SNITCH	2	2	7	2	0.75	13.75
MEHITABEL	3	5	2	6	2	18
FANTASY	6	3	3	3	4	19
QUETZAL III	4	4	4	4	5	21
ALEA	6	4	5	6	7	28