



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sixth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 18

Four boats showed up for this next-to-last latitude race. Susan Swensen's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL; and David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH.

There was practically no wind when the race was scheduled to start at 1:30. Clare Fewtrell's motorless J-24, MEHITABEL, had to get a tow from QUETZAL to make it to the starting line. But no wind came up for a long time, and so we had three half-hour postponements.

After the first postponement, MEHITABEL and SNITCH called it quits, with MEHITABEL being towed back to the South Pavilion by one of her crew, apparently a very strong swimmer.

QUETZAL and FANTASY stuck it out by rafting up and passing a bottle of rum back and forth. Around 2:45, a small breeze sprang up, and we decided to start at 3:00 and go to Latitude A.

The wind oscillated from SSE to SSW, but it not only held but gradually increased. While we were on our way north to our respective latitudes, we saw boat speeds of only 1.5 to 2.0 knots. But on the way back to the finish line, we were scooting along at 4.7 knots. FANTASY and QUETZAL finished a surprising first and second. Current latitude series standings are on the next page.

Red Jacket Race, Saturday, August 24

The skippers' meeting for this 26 mile point-to-point race is at 8:30. We will be using a Bermuda start with the slower boats starting earlier and the faster boats starting later. Competitors need to attend the skippers' meeting to get their starting times (which have been computed on the basis of PHRF handicap ratings). Please find attached the flyer with details about the race and the Red Jacket Dinner. Also attached are the Red Jacket Sailing Instructions and a map.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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2013 Latitude Series Standings as of August 18

| <u>Race</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| INVICTUS | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 3 | [4] | 6 |
| SNITCH | 2 | 2 | [7] | 2 | 0.75 | 4 | 10.75 |
| FANTASY | [6] | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0.75 | 13.75 |
| MEHITABEL | 3 | 5 | 2 | [6] | 2 | 4 | 16 |
| QUETZAL III | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | [5] | 2 | 18 |
| ALEA | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | [7] | 4 | 25 |

[] After six races, a competitor's lowest score is "thrown out."