



# The Pennant

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## Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, May 18

Here is Charles Witherup's race report;

It was a nice day for easy sailing at 55F, partly sunny and with winds forecast at 10 NNW. I was deputized fleet captain for the day so I got to set the courses - a great honor, I'm sure. Four boats showed up to compete: The J-24s MEHITABEL and SNITCH, and the 30 footers LLORELEI and INVICTUS. We also saw the Melges 24 SMIING BULLDOG on the hard at IYC - the sailing season is picking up!

When we arrived on the scene at noon the winds were all of 3kts from the NNE. What with that, the race committee (fleet captain, deputy) was pessimistic and thus set a short course for the first race: Far Maplewood, West Shore, Home.

It turns out that the winds picked up to the predictions shortly before race time and the first course was completed in under 40 minutes. RUSS shows that the quiet bit in the wind was just that hour when we were preparing to head out to race. Lesson to future race committees: set a "normal" course for the first race. If the winds don't come up you can always shorten it!

Having been more optimistic about the winds coming up later, the second course of the day was set for Ladoga, Crowbar, Sycamore, Home. There was some radio discussion of altering the course but I do have to say that the race committee's radio comprehension skills are pretty bad and I'm quite sure I wasn't following what was said. The RC quickly deputized last year's fleet captain to be RC. The course confusion was quickly settled, "We're racing the course." Lesson 2 for future RC: set the courses ahead of time and keep them unless something big changes - it's much easier than trying to discuss things over VHF! Lesson 3: keep someone with good radio skills at hand!

Highlights and other interesting bits on the day:

- The A mark really wants to be where it is. We've drug is North twice now - nearly 100' the last time - and it keeps coming back to its current location. I guess that's just where it's going to be this year.
- I know it's not just me because I was watching the other boats search for and round Ladoga... That mark moved! It's got to be North and West of where it was set.
- INVICTUS and MEHITABEL enjoyed nice sails around the lake after the races! The rest of you should join us on these! We could do informal races or just goof around. It was great to see MEHITABEL flying a spinnaker when just tooling around! It's good practice and it's fun! Sailing is awesome! See you out on the lake!

### Registration Form & Next Race Day

Since very few skippers have signed up so far, I've attached a registration form. The third race day of the Spring Series is on May 24. Skipper's meeting 12:45. First Start 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club.

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## CLCF Race Results, Sunday, May 18

### Spring Series Race #2

Start: 13:30 Wind NNW 3-10 Course BJ

Boats	PHRF	T-ON-T	FT	ET	CT
MEHITABEL	168	0.9053	14:03:21	0:33:21	0:30:11
SNITCH	168	0.9053	14:05:00	0:35:00	0:31:41
LORELEI	159	0.9168	14:06:47	0:36:47	0:33:43
INVICTUS	174	0.8978	14:09:22	0:39:22	0:39:26

### Spring Series Race #3

Start: 15:50 Wind NNW 10 Course EDF

Boats	PHRF	T-ON-T	FT	ET	CT
MEHITABEL	168	0.9053	15:45:08	1:15:08	1:08:01
SNITCH	168	0.9053	15:45:30	1:15:30	1:08:21
LORELEI	159	0.9168	15:44:40	1:14:40	1:08:27
INVICTUS	174	0.8978	15:49:54	1:19:54	1:11:44

### Spring Series Standings After Three Races

Boat	Race #1	#2	#3	Total
MEHITABEL	2	0.75	0.75	4.75
SNITCH	3	2	2	5
INVICTUS	0.75	4	4	8.75
LORELEI	3	3	3	9