



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

50 Mile Day Race, Saturday, September 20

Four boats competed in this donnybrook of a race forth and back from the Yacht Club to navigation mark 51A near Union Springs. The SSE wind blew from 15 to 22 knots with gusts to 25. All four boats suffered damage and one had to retire because her head sail furling mechanism broke (See skippers' reports on the next page). The first finisher sailed the 50 miles in under eight hours, the third boat needed almost 13 hours.

Here are the race results:

Start 08:30

Wind SSW 15-22 G 25

Course 51A

Boat	PHRF	T-on-T	FT	ET	CT
Trevelyan	42	1.0980	15:34:00	07:04:00	07:45:32
Invictus	174	0.8978	18:06:22	09:36:22	08:37:27
Quetzal III	236	0.8270	21:28:04	12:58:04	10:43:28
Vesanie	165	0.9031	DNF	DNF	DNF

Appeal of the Treasurer, Clare Fewtrell, to the Cruising Fleet Crews

While all the skippers have paid their registration fees, some of the crews have not.

Clare reminds crews that their fees help cover the food and beverages at the three end-of-the-series barbecue parties and the expenses of the awards dinner. While Clare is aware that members of the Ithaca Yacht Club are not required to pay crew fees, she encourages those individuals to pay their crew fees as "volunteer contributions."

Fourth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 28

The skippers' meeting and the meeting of "floating crew" who are looking for boats to crew on is at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start of the first of the two races is at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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RACE REPORTS FROM THE 50 MILE DAY RACE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

Richard Stephens, TREVELYAN, Corsair 28:

It was quite a race! We saw wind from the south, a lot of time over 20 kts and gusting over 25 kts. We were hitting 16 kts boatspeed on the downwind leg. About at Aurora, we decided to switch from the big spinnaker to the small "Chicken Chute." While we were between spinnakers, I gibed rather carelessly, and ripped my carbon-kevlar mainsail from leech to luff. My heart sank as I contemplated a long sail back under jib only. But then I noticed the rip was just below the deepest reef point, and we were able to set the surviving portion of the mainsail and carry on the race. Under the small spinnaker and a tiny mainsail, we were still sailing at 14 kts. We rounded the mark in just 2 hours from the start, but the beat back took 5 hours. We could have used more sail area on the way home, but I hope we were fast enough on the downwind to make our time on INVICTUS.

Tim Bonniwell, INVICTUS, Catalina 30:

We had two awesome broaches in 22 kt winds and broke our spinnaker pole on the 2nd. We had 1-2 ft of water in the cockpit. Fortunately, our scuppers worked as designed. We recovered quickly and continued on with the main until we could rig double headsails. We frequently hit 8 kts plus even without the spinnaker. We rounded 51A just before noon and buckled in for the long beat home. No one was hurt and we had an epic time!!

Charles Witherup. QUETZAL III, Cape Dory 28:

Only casualties on our boat: 1 sail tie, 1 spinnaker pole downhaul ring.