



# *The Pennant*

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

### 2014 Awards Dinner, Saturday, November 8

This event was attended by around 20 people, about the same number as last year. Once again, this was a self-catered dinner, and once again we wound up with enough food and beverages for twice our number. The three entrees were roast beef, chicken, and a vegetarian lasagna. For sides people brought a variety of vegetable salads, pasta salads, and fruit salads as well as two varieties of potato dishes. And for deserts there were pies, cakes, and cookies. As far as the beverages were concerned there was a choice of several kinds of beer and once again Charles Witherup's famous concoction "Dark and Stormy," a cocktail of rum and ginger beer.

### Fleet Captain's Annual Report

David Rice reported that this year the fleet had eight boats registered, and that during the open summer races we hosted a total of 11 non-registered boats. We sailed 31 races and had to cancel only two, one because of too much wind and one because of not enough wind.

### Presentation of the Awards

The MC for the award presentation was Assistant Fleet Captain Charles Witherup. Here is the list of the winners:

- Spring Series:      3 rd place: Richard Stephens, TREVELYAN, Corsair 28  
                             2nd place: Clare Fewtrell, MEHITABEL, J-24  
                             1 st place: David Feavearyear, SNITCH, J-24
- Latitude Series:    3 rd place: Richard Stephens, TREVELYAN, Corsair 28  
                             2 nd place: Tim Bonniwell, INVICTUS, Catalina 30  
                             1 st place: David Feavearyear, SNITCH, J-24
- Fall Series:          3 rd place: Tim Bonniwell, INVICTUS, Catalina 30  
                             2 nd place: David Feavearyear, SNITCH, J-24  
                             1 st place: Clare Fewtrell, MEHITABEL, J-24

### Long-distance races:

- Sheldrake Cup:        Tim Bonniwell, INVICTUS, Catalina 30  
Night 50 Mile Race:   Tim Bonniwell, INVICTUS, Catalina 30  
Red Jacket Race:     Richard Stephens, TREVELYAN, Corsair 28  
Day 50 Mile Race:     Richard Stephens, TREVELYAN, Corsair 28

The Bent Stanchion was awarded to Richard Stephens because his Corsair 28, TREVELYAN, sustained more damage than any other boat: A headsail halyard broke and disappeared into the mast and a mainsail got ripped from luff to leach.

The Boat-of-the-Year Award is always given to the skipper who wins the most races. When the first place finishes were counted, a mistake occurred and it was announced that the award should go to Clare Fewtrell and her J-24 MEHITABEL who had 8 wins. However, Richard Stephens and his Corsair TREVELYAN also had 8 wins; in addition he won the Red Jacket Race and the Day 50 Mile Race, for a total of 10 first place finishes. On behalf of all the fleet officers, I offer the most heartfelt apologies to Richard.

The final two presentations were anti-climactic: Engraved high ball glasses were presented to the 2014 fleet officers: Fleet Captain Keith Rice; Assistant Fleet Captain Charles Witherup; Treasurer (in absentia) Clare Fewtrell; Secretary, Eberhard Alsen; and Webmaster Mike Newman. Andrew Gil also received one of the engraved glasses for his long-standing "Volunteer Service" during the Marks-In and Mark-Outs work parties.

And finally, the fleet officers for 2015 were announced. They are:

Fleet Captain:	Keith Rice
Assistant Fleet Captain:	Charles Witherup
Treasurer:	Clare Fewtrell
Secretary:	Eberhard Alsen
Ratings Chairman:	David Feavearyear
Webmaster:	TBA

This brings to an end this year's run of the PENNANT. Next year's first newsletter will come out some time in March with a report on the Cruising Fleet's 2015 organizational meeting.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Lucky New Year.

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