



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fourth Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, June 7

Today the weather gods gave us an ideal racing day with partially sunny skies, comfortable temperatures in the high 70s, and as much wind as we could have wished for. In fact, it was sometimes a bit too much wind. Average wind speed was 16-17 knots with gusts around 25. Only the J-24s braved that kind of wind by setting their spinnakers.

Once again we had five hard-core sailors on the starting line: Mel Richards with his Tartan 26 Fantail, LORELEI; Clare Fewtrell and David Feavearyear with their J-24s MEHITABEL and SNITCH; Tim Bonniwell with his Catalina 30, INVICTUS; and Eberhard Alsen with his Tanzer 25, FANTASY.

The race course for the first race was all the way south to the Pile Cluster, then up to the East Shore mark; then across west to the Yacht Club, from there south to Sycamore, and then back up north to the finish line. The course for the second race was north to Ladoga, back south to Sycamore, north again to the Yacht Club, and then once again around Sycamore and back to the finish line.

There was some mayhem at the start of the first race because a couple of heavy squalls hit about 20 seconds before the start. LORELEI just happened to be head-to-wind and this pushed her sailing backwards for a couple of boat lengths. At the same time FANTASY was forced to round up while between the A-mark and INVICTUS, and rather than hitting INVICTUS, she hit the mark and was therefore forced to turn around and re-cross the line. In the meantime, the two J-24s, MEHITABEL and SNITCH, made good progress toward the Pile Cluster. But INVICTUS caught up to SNITCH and rounded the windward mark ahead but SNITCH re-passed her later. Rounding East Shore, FANTASY DNF'd when her rudder was sheared off while she was fighting a monster squall (She had to be towed into the Myers marina to get the whole rudder replaced). Meanwhile MEHITABEL went on to win the first race.

Only three boats sailed in the second race as FANTASY was disabled and LOELEI did not continue racing because the high waves had soaked the crew. In that race MEHITABEL again placed first with INVICTUS second and SNITCH third. But SNITCH lodged a protest against the race committee and requested that the results of the second race be thrown out due to a mix-up concerning the starting time.

Fifth Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, June 14

The skippers' meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start of the first race at will be at 1:30 (wind permitting).

See you at the South Pavilion:

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CLCF Race Results for June 7, 2015

Spring Race # 7 Start 13:30 Course HGAI Wind SE 16-17/G 25

Boat	PHRF	T-on-T	FT	ET	CT
Mehitabel	168	0.9053	14:47:53	1:17:53	1:10:07
Snitch	168	0.9053	14:49:33	1:19:33	1:12:01
Invictus	186	0.8978	14:51:41	1:21:41	1:12:08
Lorelei	165	0.9246	15:16:30	1:46:30	1:36:49
Fantasy	195	0.8725	DNF	DNF	DNF

Spring Race # 8 Start 15:10 (?) Course IEI Wind SE 16-17/G 25

Boat	PHRF	T-on-T	FT	ET	CT
Mehitabel	168	0.9053	16:49:28	1:39:28	1:30:03
Invictus	186	0.8978	16:52:10	1:42:10	1:30:14
Snitch	168	0.9053	16:52:17	1:42:17	1:32:36
Lorelei	165	0.9246	DNS	DNS	DNS
Fantasy	195	0.8868	DNS	DNS	DNS

2015 Spring Series Standings as of June 7*

*Pending protest of Race # 8

[Two throw-outs after 7 or more races]

Boat/Race	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Mehitabel	0	[3]	2	[4]	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75*				5*
Snitch	0	2	0.75	0.75	[6]	[6]	2	3*				8.5*
Invictus	0	0.75	[5]	2	2	2	[3]	2*				8.75*
Fantasy	0	4	3	5	3	3	[6]	[6]*				18*
Lorelei	0	5	[6]	[6]	4	4	4	6*				23*
Trevelyan	0	[7]	4	3	[6]	6	6	5*				24*