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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fifth Latitude Race Day, Sunday, August 9

We had five boats at the staring line today: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Susan Witherup's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH;

This was one of those days when we were happy that the weather forecasts were wrong. They predicted winds of only 3-4 mph. But we got a good breeze of 6-8 knots veering from NE to NW in the course of the race. But the forecasts were right about the rest of the weather. We had sunny skies with temperatures in the low eighties.

Given the promising wind conditions, we agreed—after some discussion—to sail to Latitude D which for most of us was about 4-5 miles north of the Yacht Club, except for TREVELYAN whose 41 PHRF rating meant they had to sail to a latitude about halfway between Taughannock and the Milliken Power Plant.

Some latitude races have turned into parades with the early leader making the rest of the fleet follow them with no actual boat-to-boat racing going on. This was not the case today. Although the early leader TREVELIAN disappeared over the horizon fairly soon, she did not have enough wind to make up for the extra distance she had to sail. Meanwhile there were two close races going on for first and third place between INVICTUS and SNITCH and FANTASY and QUETZAL. See results below.

Updated Latitude Standings

Boat/Race	#1	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Total
Invictus	0.75	3	0.75	0.75			5.25
Snitch	2	0.75	2	2			6.75
Quetzal	4	4	4	4			16
Fantasy	3	6	5	3			17
Mehitabel	6	2	3	7			18
Trevelyan	6	7	7	5			25
Jo-Dancer	6	5	7	7			25

Red Jacket Race, Saturday, August 15

The Skippers' Meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. All skippers should attend that meeting to find out their starting time because we will use a Bermuda Start with the slower boats starting earlier than the faster boats according to their PHRF ratings. The first boat starts at 8:30 (Hello there, Susan and Charles).

See you at the South Pavilion.

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