



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Red Jacket Race, Saturday, August 15

Six skippers competed in this 25 mile race: Tom VanderMeer with his Catalina 36, GAIL FORCE; Tim Bonniwell with his Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Richard Stephens with his Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Susan Witherup with her Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen with his Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and Clare Fewtrell with her J-24, MEHITABEL. As usual for the Red Jacket Races, we did a Bermuda start with the slower boats starting earlier and the faster boats later.

We had plenty of sun but not enough wind. We started out with about 5-6 knots from the SE, but after Sheldrake Point the wind fizzled and it became apparent that we would not make it to the Red Jacket Yacht Club by the 5 p.m. deadline. Fleet Captain Keith Rice therefore got on the radio and told us to make sure to jot down our times as we passed Long Point because that would be our short course finish line if the wind did not pick up. And so it was because none of the six boats made it under sail to the Red Jacket Yacht Club before the 5 p.m. time limit expired.

The Red Jacket Yacht Club again put on a great event! When we arrived at the club's docks, we were greeted by the commodore who had two coolers of beverages ready for us. The dinner was fabulous with enormous portions of prime rib, tender baked fish, and succulent chicken cordon bleu. Afterwards there was a competition on the lawn between three Cruising Fleet members and three Red Jacket members rolling dice and advancing wooden toy sailboats on a numbered track around the flagpole. Clare Fewtrell won that competition and was awarded a mini America's Cup.

And here are the results of the shortened Red Jacket Race:

1st: Tim Bonniwell, INVICTUS
2nd: Clare Fewtrell, MEHITABEL
3rd: Richard Stephens, TREVELYAN
4th: Eberhard Alsen, FANTASY
5th: Susan Witherup, QUETZAL III
DNF: Tom VanderMeer, GAIL FORCE

Latitude Race Day # 6, Sunday, August 23

The Skippers' Meeting will be at 1:15 a.m. at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start will be at 2:00.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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