Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sixth Latitude Race Day, Sunday, August 23

We had a discouraging forecast for this race day of only 3-5 mph winds from the SSE. On site, the situation was even worse with no wind at all. This made Fleet Captain Keith Rice postpone the start indefinintely. As soon as Keith had gotten off the radio with this message, the wind picked up somewhat and we had ourselves a 2:06 p.m. start with Latitude "A" as our turn-around point. This was the first time ever that we sailed—or rather drifted—to the first latitude which is for most boats a little more than a mile north of the starting line at the Yacht Club.

And drift we did for most of the race with our knot meters reading mostly 0.00. But near the end of the "race," the wind picked up and we saw boatspeeds between 4 and 5 knots.

Five boats competed in this drifter: 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 Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL.

The end of the race saw a close contest for first place between TREVELYAN and MEHITABEL. TREVELYAN won it by about one boat length.

Here are the race results:

1st Richard Stephens' TREVELYAN

2nd Clare Fewtrells's MEHITABEL

3rd Susan Witherup's QUETZAL III

4th Eberhard Alsen's FANTASY

5th Tim Bonniell's INVICTUS

The current Latitude Standings are on the next page.

Last Latitude Race Day, Sunday, August 30

The skippers' meeting will be at 1:15 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The race will start at 2:00 p.m. There will be a cook-out party after the race with the fleet providing food and drink and sailors contributing side dishes and deserts.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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Latitude Series Standings as of August 23

Boat/Race	#1	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Total
Invictus	0.75	3	0.75	0.75	5		10.25
Snitch	2	0.75	2	2	7		13.75
Quetzal	4	4	4	4	3		19
Mehitabel	6	2	3	7	2		20
Fantasy	3	6	5	3	4		21
Trevelyan	6	7	7	5	0.75		25.75
Jo-Dancer	6	5	7	7	7		32