



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fourth Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, June 5

Today only three intrepid skippers and crews braved the elements because the forecasts were for thunderstorms all the way from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Also, at the time of the skippers' meeting we experienced a torrential downpour. Fortunately, the forecasts were wrong and there were no thunderstorms, just a lot of rain.

The skippers were Tim Bonniwell with his J 70, AYLA's RIDE; Clare Fewtrell with her J-24 , MEHITABEL; and Eberhard Alsen with his Tanzer 25, FANTASY.

After a 10 minute delay due to the downpour, the first start occurred at 1:40. The course was WNWN, that is, twice around West Shore and the Near Maplewood mark. It rained throughout this race. A few times we were totally becalmed, and occasionally the wind shifted from due south to north and back. It took the third place boat over two hours to finish. The winner was Clare Fewtrell's MEHITABEL.

The second race didn't start until 4:10 p.m, and it was a very short one, just up to Near Maplewood and back to the finish line. By now the rain had stopped, and off and on so did the wind. Again, the winning boat was Clare Fewtrell's MEHITABEL. Congratulations, Clare!

Detailed race results and the current Spring Series Standings are on the next page.

Upcoming Events

Cruising skippers take note. During the summer months we run a series of open events, that is, races that are open to skipper of keelboats who are not members of the Ithaca Yacht Club or the Cruising Feet. The first two of these open events are the Sailstice White Sail regatta on June 19, where boats can only use mainsails and headsails and no spinnakers. The second open event is the Sheldrake Cup race with the finish at the Sheldrake pile cluster and a post-race party at O'Malley's restaurant. And then, on July 3, we have the first of the six race Latitude Series which is also open to anyone with a keelboat.

Fifth Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, June 12

The Skippers' Meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The first of two races is scheduled to start at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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