



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sheldrake Cup Race, Sunday, June 26

For this 12.5 mile race to Sheldrake Point, we had perfect sailing weather: Sunny skies with 87 F and a southerly breeze from 6-10 knots with occasional gusts to 22.

Despite these ideal conditions, only four boats showed up: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Susan Witherup's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL (skippered by Chris Mayes).

This was a the-turtle-and-the-hare-race in which we started at different times according to our official handicap ratings with the slowest boat starting first and the faster boats starting later. The race was won by the turtle, QUETZAL III.

Initially, we were spread out all over the lake. But gradually a couple of duels developed. One between INVICTUS and QUETZAL which QUETZAL won, and one between FANTASY and MEHITABEL which MEHITABEL won.

After the race we had a cook-out party on the beach of the Busy Bee (formerly Kidder's Landing). Attached are three photos taken by Fleet Captain Charles Witherup.

So the finishing order was QUETZAL III, INVICTUS, MEHITABEL, FANTASY.

First Race of the Latitude Series, Sunday, July 3

This series is open to anyone with a keelboat at no charge. The series is designed so that there will be no mark-roundings, and newbies may start outside the regular starting line. See "Sailboat Racing for Cruising Sailors" www.cruisingfleet.org.

The Skippers' Meeting will be at 1:30 at the South Docks of the Ithaca Yacht Clubs. Non-members of the Yacht Club who arrive by car will have to park uphill from the club in the Glenwood Pines parking lot. The race will start at 2:00 p.m.

See you at the South Docks.

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