



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Latitude Race, Sunday, July 03

For the first half of this race, the weather gods smiled on us, and we had sunny skies, temperatures in the low 80s, and a steady NNW breeze of between 6 and 8 knots. During the second half of the race the weather gods scowled on us, and the wind turned fickle. At first we got sudden gusts in the mid twenties, then wind shifts from NNW to SSW, and finally complete lulls with our knot meters reading zero for long patches of time.

Seven boats shows up at the starting line: T.J. Johnson's Morgan 36, SILENT RUNNING; Jason Kahabka's Pearson 31, PB & J; Susan and Charles Witherup's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Dave Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH; Jed Lippert's Beneteau 235, JENNY TOO; and Mik Tulumello's Tanzer 22, JO-JO DANCER.

The course we sailed was to latitude E and back to the Yacht Club. Latitude E is approximately the same distance from the Yacht Club as Taughannock Park, a round trip of about 8 miles.

During the start the skipper of JENNY TOO protested FANTASY for infringing on his rights as leeward boat. The skipper of FANTASY apologized and did the mandatory 360 degree penalty pirouette. A moment later, FANTASY was on starboard tack and was in her turn fouled by SILENT RUNNING who was on port tack. FANTASY did a panic-jibe and narrowly avoided a collision. By way of apology, the skipper of SILENT RUNNING later gifted the crew of FANTASY with a bottle of wine.

As the race unfolded, SNITCH and FANTASY gradually pulled away from the other five boats. After reaching her latitude and heading back for the finish line, SNITCH also managed to loose FANTASY and she then proceeded to do a horizon job on all of us. FANTASY came in a very distant second after fending off a challenge from QUETZAL. The rest of the boats finished in this order: QUETZAL, PB & J, and JO-JO DANCER. JENNY TOO and SILENT RUNNING did not finish. The current Latitude Series Standings are on the next page.

Second Race of the Latitude Series, Sunday, July 10

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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Latitude Series Standings as of Sunday, 03 July 2016

Boat	PHRF	Race 1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Snitch	168	1						1
Fantasy	183	2						2
Quetzal III	243	3						3
PB & J	165	4						4
Jo-Jo Dancer	255	5						5
Jenny Too	195	7						7
Silent Run	111	7						7