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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fourth Latitude Race, Sunday, July 31

The forecast predicted there would be scattered thunderstorms all afternoon, but we didn't even get any rain. Temperatures under partly sunny skies were in the low 80s, and the NE wind started at 5 kts and occasionally kicked up to 8 kts.

This time we had six boats competing: Susan and Charles Witherup's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Dave Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH; Clare Fewtrell's J-24 MEHITABEL (co-skippered by Dan Apfel and Liz Clark); Jed Lippert's Beneteau 235, JENNY TOO; and Michael Culotta's Tanzer 22, THUMBALOO.

Today's course was to latitude B and back to the Yacht Club.

Once again SNITCH led the field by a large margin and wound up posting her fourth win in succession. This means that SNITCH has already won the latitude series because after six races our rules allow competitors to throw out their two worst finishes. SNITCH therefore has the option of not sailing races #5 and #6 and take the DNC points as her throw-outs. Congratulations David Feavearyear and crew!

Behind SNITCH, QUETZAL III and MEHITABEL had a close race for second place which QUETZAL won. The rest of us finished in this order: FANTASY, THUMBALOO, and JENNY TOO. Current Latitude Series Standings are attached.

Sail Repairs

As some of you may already know, local sail maker Doug Fowler has gone out of the sail repair business. When I asked him to fix my number two genoa which has started to delaminate, he sent me to Tony Peelle who used to work for Haarstick Sails and recently started his own sail loft, Bay Sails in Sodus Bay. I am very pleased with the quality work Tony did on my genoa. He turned the job around in less than a week and charged significantly less than Quantum Sails would have charged. I have attached a Bay Sails flyer with Tony's contact information.

Fifth Latitude Race, Sunday, August 14

There will be no latitude race on August 7 due to the big Laser regatta that weekend. The August 14 skippers' meeting will be at 1:15 p.m. at the South Docks of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start will be at 2:00 p.m. See you at the South Docks.

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