



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Red Jacket Race, Sunday, August 20

For the 49th year, the Cruising Fleet sailed its annual 22-mile race to the Red Jacket Yacht Club near the north end of Cayuga Lake. Seven skippers competed in two classes of boats, keel-boats and multi-hulls.

The keel boat fleet consisted of Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Charles Witherup's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL II; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL (skipped by Chris Mayes). They finished in that order, that is: 1. Bonniwell, 2. Witherup, 3. Alsen, 4. Mayes.

Current keel-boat long-distance race standings are attached.

The multihulls were Richard Stephen's Corsair 28, Keith Rice's Weta, and Trevor Erb's Hobie 16 (Trevor is a member of the Red Jacket Yacht Club and won the race in a previous year). They finished in the above order: 1. Stephens, 2. Rice, 3. Erb.

We had great weather for the race: Sunny skies, temperatures in the middle 80s, and a SSE breeze of about 8 kts until it fizzled for a while between Aurora and Levanna. Still, we all made it to the Red Jacket Yacht Club in under six hours.

The food at the Red Jacket Yacht Club dinner was excellent as it had been last year, especially the giant portions of roast beef. I'm told the chicken cordon bleu and the broiled fish were also very good.

TREVELYAN and MEHITABEL left right after the dinner because the weather forecasts were dismal. They had pleasant trips back to Ithaca except that during the night TREVELYAN got close to being hit by speeding motor boats. The rest of us returned on Sunday in the face of heavy rain and a hefty breeze of up to 20 kts.

Charles Witherup and Richard Stephens put Red Jacket pictures on our facebook page. I've attached the photo of the winning INVICTUS crossing the finish line. It has a good view of the Red Jacket Yacht Club in the background.

Last Latitude Race, Sunday, August 28

The skippers' meeting is at 1:15 at the South Docks of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start is at 2:00 p.m. After the race, there will be an end-of-the series cook-out party.

The Cruising Fleet will provide the beverages and the stuff to grill. Skippers and crews should bring side dishes and deserts.

See you at the South Docks.

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