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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 4

This was a sunny day with temperatures in the upper 70s and NNW wind speeds of between 3 and 7 knots with a big lull near the end.

We had six boats at the starting line: Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; David Feavearyear's J-24, SNITCH; Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL (skippered by Chris Mayes); Tim Bonniwell's J-70, AYLA'S RIDE (skippered by Jamie Lloyd), and Jed Lippert's Beneteau 235, JENNY TOO.

At the skippers' meeting, Fleet Captain Charles Witherup set the courses for today's two races. The first course went north to Ladoga, then west to Crowbar, and from there south to the finish line at the Yacht Club. The second race was supposed to be longer: First half a mile north to Near Maplewood, then 3 miles south to the Pile Cluster, from there north to West Shore, then south again to Sycamore, and then home to the finish. But as the wind was gradually dying, Witherup got on the radio and set a shorter course, namely twice around a temporary mark at Near Maplewood. That just barely worked because at the finish everyone but TREVELYAN wound up not really sailing but drifting.

TREVELYAN crossed the finish line first in both races but on corrected time won only the second race with SNITCH picking up the win in the first one. Detailed race results and current Fall Series Standings are attached.

Second Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 11

The skippers' meeting is at 12:45 at the South Docks of the Ithaca Yacht Club. We hope to sail two races. The start of the first race is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

See you at the South Docks.

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