



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Third Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 18

We usually get drifters in the Summer Series of races and rarely in the Fall Series. But today was one of those rare occasions. Most of the time we saw only fractions of a knot on our speedometers or just drifted with our speedometers reading Zero. Only a couple of times did we see speeds around 3 to 4 knots. It was only a small consolation that it was not as hot as during the summer drifters.

Once again the Wetas were conspicuous by their absence. They were sailing in a regatta on Canandaigua Lake. That left only five keelboats to drift around. They were Bill Russell's Catalina 320, LITTLE WING; Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; Garth and Roger Dennis' Melges 24, SMILING BULLDOG; and Clare Fewtrell's J-24, MEHITABEL.

Because of the drifting conditions, we did not sail two races as the Fleet Captain had hoped, and the race we did sail seemed much longer than the average of three hours that it took us to complete it. The course was a windward-leeward one, a so-called a "paperclip." We first went south to the West Shore mark, from there north to the Far Maplewood Mark, then back south to Sycamore, from there north again to the Near Maplewood Mark, and then home to the finish line at the Yacht Club.

SMILING BULLDOG did her usual horizon job on the rest of the fleet and finished in just under two hours. MEHITABEL, FANTASY, and INVICTUS finished a distant and very spread-out second, third, and fourth respectively. LITTLE WING got becalmed in the middle of the lake and opted to DNF. Detailed race results and current Fall Series Standings are on the next page.

Frostbite Regatta, Sunday, October 9

Fleet Captain Tim Bonniwell requests RSVPs from all keelboat skippers as to whether they plan to sail in the Frostbite. As he put it, "If we can get three keelboats, it will be worth it; otherwise we'll leave the weekend to the Lightnings."

Fourth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 25

The skippers' meeting is at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club at 12:45. We again hope to run two races. Start of the first race is at 1:30. See you at the South Pavilion.

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Race Results, Sunday, September 18

Fall Series Race # 5

Start 13:30	Wind SE-NW 0-6		Course JCIB	
	TT	FT	ET	CT
Smiling Bulldog	1.0015	15:27:18	1:57:18	1:57:29
Mehitabel	0.9053	16:17:35	2:47:35	2:31:43
Fantasy	0.8868	16:41:35	3:11:35	2:49:53
Invictus	0.8868	17:16:20	3:46:20	3:20:43
Little Wing	0.8868	DNF	DNF	DNF
Snitch	0.9053	DNS	DNS	DNS
Lorelei	0.9015	DNS	DNS	DNS

Fall Series Keelboat Standings as of September 18

	Race #1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
Invictus	0.75	0.75	2	4	4	11.5
Smiling Bulldog	4	5	0.75	3	0.75	13.5
Mehitabel	3	5	3	2	2	15
Snitch	2	5	4	0.75	7	18.75
Fantasy	6	2	5	5	3	21
Little Wing	7	3	8	8	6	26
Lorelei	5	5	6	6	7	29

Fall Series Weta Standings as of September 18

	Race #1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
Gray Matter	2	0.75	2	2	2	8.75
WETA 254	0.75	2	2	2	2	8.75
Honey	4	4	2	2	2	14