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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

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

Worried about the weather gods hitting us with another drifter, Fleet Captain Bonniwell wisely set shorter courses for this race day. And indeed, it looked off and on as if the breeze of 3-6 knots might fizzle out. But it didn't, and we got in two very pleasant races.

The keelboats in attendance were Mel Richards' C&C 30, LORELEI; Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; the Cornell Sailing Team's Ranger 26, GRENDEL, skippered by Steve Little; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and our two J-24 rivals, Clare Fewtrell's MEHITABEL and David Feavearyear's SNITCH. In addition there was a tiny WETA fleet with Richard Stephens' HONEY and Keith Rice's WETA 254.

The first race went north to the far Maplewood mark (minus its light), then south to the West Shore mark, and from there to the finish line at the Yacht Club. The keelboat winner was Clare Fewtrell's MEHITABEL, and the winning Weta was Richard Stephens' HONEY.

The second race was a bit longer than the first. The windward mark was again the Far Maplewood one, but the leeward mark was Sycamore. Again MEHITABEL took the bullet for the keelboats and HONEY the bullet for the Wetas.

While the breeze was placid, the competition was hot, and we had a protest in each of the two races. Because both protests involved INVICTUS, I'll let her skipper Tim Bonniwell tell the story:

In race #1 INVICTUS protested SNITCH at the start after they and LORELEI were pushed up at the pin. SNITCH tried to circle and sneak in in front of INVICTUS, but fouled her w/ contact. SNITCH did their turns after the start and the protest was then retracted. In race #2, LORELEI protested INVICTUS on a starboard/port call. INVICTUS (on port) thought she had clear room to cross, but LORELEI (on starboard) had to duck to clear her. LORELEI protested, but did not display a red flag as required by the rules. INVICTUS contacted LORELEI to confirm it was an official protest, which it turned out to be, and then did her penalty turns.

Frostbite Regatta, Sunday, October 9

So far, four keelboat skippers are planning to sail in the Frostbite. But the Yacht Club expects us to provide our own race committee, and we're not sure we can find one. More news anon.

Fifth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, October 2

The skippers' meeting is at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Cub 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 25

Fall Series Race # 6

Start 13:30	Wind NW 3-6		Course CJ		
	TT	FT	ET	CT	
Mehitabel	0.9053	14:16:54	0:46:54	0:42:27	
Invictus	0.8868	14:21:05	0:51:05	0:45:18	
Lorelei	0.9015	14:20:44	0:50:44	0:46:31	
Fantasy	0.8868	14:23:00	0:53:00	0:47:00	
Snitch	0.9053	14:22:24	0:52:24	0:47:26	
Grendel	0.8868	14:28:00	0:58:00	0:51:26	
Smiling Bulldog	1.0015	DNS	DNS	DNS	
Little Wing	0.8868	DNS	DNS	DNS	

Fall Series Race # 7

Start 14:40	Wind NW	3-6	Course CI	Course CI		
	TT	FT	ET	CT		
Mehitabel	0.9053	15:45:47	1:05:47	0:59:33		
Invictus	0.8868	15:49:18	1:09:18	1:01:27		
Snitch	0.9053	15:49:11	1:09:11	1:02:38		
Lorelei	0.9015	15:51:19	1:11:19	1:05:23		
Fantasy	0.8868	15:55:07	1:15:07	1:06:37		
Grendel	0.8868	15:25:37	1:15:37	1:07:03		
Smiling Bulldog	1.0015	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Little Wing	0.8868	DNS	DNS	DNS		

Fall Series Keelboat Standings as of September 25

Race	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Total
Mehitabel	3	[5]	3	2	2	0.75	0.75	11.5
Invictus	0.75	0.75	2	[4]	4	2	2	11.5
Snitch	2	5	4	0.75	[7]	5	3	19.75
Smiling Bulldog	4	5	0.75	3	0.75	[8]	8	21.5
Fantasy	[6]	2	5	5	3	4	5	24
Lorelei	5	5	6	6	[7]	3	4	29
Little Wing	7	3	[8]	8	6	8	8	40

^[] After six races, competitors can "throw out" their lowest score.

Fall Series Weta Standings as of September 25

	Race #1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	Total
WETA 254	0.75	2	2	2	2	[2]	2	10.75
Honey	[4]	4	2	2	2	0.75	0.75	11.5
Gray Matter	2	0.75	2	2	2	[4]	4	12.75