



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Latitude Race, Sunday, June 30

Here is the race report by Charles Witherup:

The weather forecast was perfect for a day at the beach - a sunny and windless mid 80s. Alas! Weather forecasting is still an art and not, apparently, so much a science as the winds were at 11-16 kts out of the NNW for all of the race and most of the afternoon to boot. Thus it turned out to be a perfect day for sailing.

Four boats showed up to compete in this, the first race of the latitude series: Clare Fewtrell's J/24 *Mehitabel* (captained by Brett Davis), David Feavearyear's J/24 *Snitch*, Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30 (tall mast) *Invictus* and the Durkees' Cape Dory 28 *Quetzal III* (captained by Susan Swensen).

We raced to the C set of latitudes going on the feeling that the wind forecast might have some hint of truth to it and that the winds might die. As it happens, the race was lively and was over quite quickly - with the last boat crossing the line only 1h37 after starting. Tim won the race. David came next. Then Clare. We (Q3) finished, too.

Proposed Change of Latitude Starting Times

Our Fleet Captain requests feedback on her suggestion that we start the latitude races half an hour earlier, that is, at 1:30, the same time as the spring and fall series races., with the skippers' meeting at 12:45. Please respond to sswensen@ithaca.edu

Second Latitude Race, Sunday, June 30

This series of seven races is open to non-members of the Yacht Club at no charge. However all skippers need to have a GPS to find the latitude to which they have to sail before turning around and heading back to the finish line. Newcomers will be given a latitude chart at the skippers' meeting to find out their latitude. That meeting is at 12:45 p.m. at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start is at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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