



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## Sheldrake Cup Race, Saturday, June 27

Here is Keith Rice's report:

We had four boats show up for a rather grey morning: Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Susan Witherup's Cape Dory 28, QUETZAL III; and Clare Fewtrell's J-24 MEHITABEL. The weather was cooperative for the race to Sheldrake. We had a fairly steady 12 knots or so from the South, and although the skies remained grey we had only light rain. The finish was fairly close with all boats finishing within about 5 minutes of each other around 11:30. INVICTUS was first across and retained the Sheldrake Cup, followed by MEHITABEL, TREVELYAN, and then QUETZAL.

TREVELYAN decided to return directly to IYC rather than tie up at O'Malley's in the building South wind and waves. The afternoon brought rain and increased breeze for a wet and chilly return trip!

To this, Charles Witherup added the information on facebook that during the after-race party at O'Malley's restaurant, the wind increased dramatically and that two boats tore loose when cleats ripped out of the O'Malley's dock.

## First Latitude Race of the Johnson Boatyard Series, Sunday July 5

This is the first of seven latitude races that are open to anyone with a keelboat. In latitude races, boats do not sail around buoys but to different latitudes and back, with the latitudes assigned to them on the basis of their PHRF handicap ratings. Thus slower boats sail shorter distances than faster boats. Each boat needs to have a GPS to find the latitude where she will turn around and head back to the start-finish line.

If you have not yet sailed in our latitude races, you should attend the skippers' meeting at 1:15 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club where the race committee will assign a latitude to you. The start is at 2:00 p.m.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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