



IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

The Cruising Fleet (CLCF) is a group of people who love to sail and who organize sailing races on Cayuga Lake. We organize a variety of events taking place on almost every Sunday from early May to the middle of October.

Our sailing events include around-the-buoys races, middle distance races, and long distance races.

Our spring and fall series races include 11 around-the-buoy races and are open to skippers registered in the CLCF.

Our mid- and long-distance events are open to any keelboat and there are no entry fees.

Whether you have a keelboat or not, we invite you to join us

If you have a keelboat, consider sailing in our events! If you don't have a boat, consider sailing as a guest or crew with one of our skippers. There are always some boats that are short-handed. Come to the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club around noon on a Sunday and ask to be directed to the Fleet Captain who can help you find a boat to sail on as a guest or crew.

Questions? Contact a Fleet Officer!

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2015 Dates

Spring Series: May 17 - June 21

Latitude Series: July 5 - Aug 30

Fall Series: Sept 6 - Oct 18

Long Distance: Jun 27, Jul 31, Aug 31, Sept 12



No-Pressure Sailboat Racing




The Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet organizes a series of middle-distance “low-key” races designed for cruising sailors: the **Johnson Boatyard Latitude Races**. This is an “open” series, which means that it is open to anyone who has a keelboat, and there are no entry fees.

The Latitude Races eliminate crowding at the start line and at mark roundings, making it the perfect, low-key way to get involved in our racing events.

The Latitude Series 2015

Seven Sundays this Summer:

July 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug 9, 16, 30



Starts: Boats registered in the CLCF will start between the Yacht Club’s flagpole and racing buoy “A.” All others start on a line extending from the flagpole and the “A” mark all the way across the lake. This way, newcomers don’t need to worry about congestion at the starting line.

Mark Roundings: There are none! All boats turn around at separate latitudes assigned to them by the race committee according to each boat’s official Performance Handicap number (PHRF). Each skipper needs to have GPS to determine his/her turn-around point. In this system, faster boats sail farther than slower boats and the boat that re-crosses the start/finish line first is the winner.

Get Started! Dock at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club between 12:30 and 12:45 on any race day and ask the race committee to assign you a latitude. Then go back out on the lake and wait for the 1:30 pm starting signal.

The races last from 1 to 3 hours, depending on the wind. Afterwards, skippers usually congregate at the South Pavilion to share beverages and exchange sailing stories and tips.