



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Race Day of the Summer Series, Sunday, June 26

Today we tried out the new format of the summer series: Centerboard races in the morning, using the Portsmouth handicap formula, and keelboat races in the afternoon, using the conventional PHRF handicap formula.

Despite the ominous weather forecast of 90 degree temperatures and next-to no wind, six boats showed up at the starting line for the centerboard race.



Start of the centerboard race in a northerly mini-zephyr of 0-1 knot.

Only Len Dolhert's A-Cat (extreme left in the picture) finished the return trip to a large mooring buoy south of Maplewood. The rest of the boats never made it back from that (no)windward mark.

Although this may not have been an auspicious beginning, it should be noted that the concept worked: All the centerboard boats were sailed by skippers and crews of keelboats,

and three of the boats were loaned to us by the Yacht Club. By the way, the Yacht Club loans out only JY15s to us, not US420s as previously reported.

The keelboat race, which had only three entrants in B-Fleet and one in A-Fleet, was the first in this year's Johnson Cup series. Due to lack of wind, the race was postponed from 2:30 to 3:20. At that time, a short-lived breeze of 2 knots sprang up at the starting line, but it soon evaporated. Further north, though, and in the middle of the lake, a bit of wind seemed to be building. Ever optimistic, our fleet captain decided to send us north to Ladoga and then back south to the Yacht Club.

It took us B-Fleeters about ten minutes just to clear the starting line and another half hour until the first boat got out into the middle of the lake where a lively breeze was springing up. Once we all caught that wind, we were able to beat north at over five knots. But the doldrums at the beginning of the race took their toll. The leading B-Fleet boat finished over 11 minutes ahead of the second place boat.

The B-Fleet winners were Dave Feavearyear and crew with their J-24, SNITCH. Detailed race results are on a separate page.

A-Cat Regatta, Saturday/Sunday, July 9/10

The Ithaca Yacht Club will host the first Finger Lakes A-Cat Regatta on July 9-10. The A-class catamaran is an extremely lightweight, one-person, trapeze boat capable of 25 knots. It is known as the "Ferrari of the Sea" for its speed and nimble handling. The A-class cats are an open or development class with only a handful of rules: Minimum weight of 165 pounds, maximum length of 18 feet, maximum beam of 7 feet 6 1/2 inches, and a sail area of 150 square feet. This translates into a carbon fiber boat and rig with one sail and a rotating mast 30 feet tall. The boat's extremely narrow hulls are designed to pierce the waves rather than ride over them.

Ten boats are expected from Chesapeake, New Jersey, Canada and New England. The skippers meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, with races starting at 11:00 Saturday and at the Race Committee's discretion on Sunday. Seven or more races are planned, with Finger Lakes wine glass trophies for the top 3 competitors.

Come on out and support this event! Watch some lighting-fast sailing!

Second Race Day of the Summer Series, Sunday, July 17

The skippers' meeting for the centerboard race(s) will be at the Ithaca Yacht Club's dinghy lawn at 11:00 a.m. The first start for the centerboarders is planned for 11:30. The skippers' meeting for the keel boat race will be at 2:00 p.m. at the South Pavilion of the Yacht Club. The start of the keel boat race is scheduled for 2:30, wind permitting.

Wishing you all lots of wind and great sailing!

Eberhard Alsen
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CLCF Race Results, Sunday, June 26, 2005

Portsmouth Division

Center-board Series #1-26-June -05

Wind: 0-1 (BS 0)

Course: Large Mooring Buoy south of
Maplewood and Back

Boat Crew	Portsmouth Number	Start Time	Finish Time	ET	CT
Dolhert	69.5	12:09:00	12:43:52	0:34:52	0:50:10
Feavearyear	92.5	12:09:00	DNF(Almost 2nd)		
Fewtrell	93.8	12:09:00	DNF		
Leftwich	93.8	12:09:00	DNF		
Byrne/Filiberto	92.5	12:09:00	DNF		
Yoshida	92.5	12:09:00	DNS		

PHRF Division

A-Fleet	JBY Series Race #1	Course EA	Wind N 0-8	Start 15:25:00
Skipper	Boat	Sail# Rtg	T-on-T FT	ET CT
Dolhert	A-Cat	189 60	1.0656 16:35:15	1:10:15 1:14:52

B-Fleet	JBY Series Race #1	Course EA	Wind N 0-8	Start 15:20:00
Skipper	Boat	Sail# Rtg	T-on-T FT	ET CT
Feavearyear	Snitch	4028 168	0.9053 16:54:35	1:34:35 1:25:38
Alsen	Fantasy	001 174	0.8978 17:06:58	1:46:58 1:36:02
Walsh	Aujourd'hui	216 171	0.9015 17:12:09	1:52:09 1:41:06