



# The Pennant

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## Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

### **Short-handed Handicap Bonus**

To make our races more cruiser-friendly, we will add a substantial handicap bonus to the PHRF ratings of boats that are sailed short-handed and do not use spinnakers. For instance, a Ranger 26 with a fully crewed PHRF rating of 183 will get a bonus of 29 points for a short-handed rating of 212. Short-handed boats will start 5 minutes before the regular fleet but will be scored on the basis of elapsed time like the rest of the single PHRF fleet (No more A and B fleets). The full text of the short-handed rule is on a separate sheet.

### **Cruising and Social Activities**

The calendar of events on the back of this sheet features a series of raft-up parties. Four of those parties will occur at the finish of point-to-point mid-distance races (you don't have to race to join the parties), one of the "non-race raft-ups" will be at Stewart Park for the Ithaca Festival, one at the Yacht Club for Labor Day, and the rest will be on Saturdays at Taughannock when there are concerts at the park. In addition there will be the customary "Keg & Barbie" parties at the Yacht Club with free food and drink on the last race days of the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series. Non-racers are welcome at those parties as well.

### **New Membership Dues Structure**

Crew membership dues remain at \$10.00, and first year skipper membership dues remain at \$ 75.00. There is now a new base membership category at \$ 25.00. This is intended for skippers who don't want to race but want to participate in cruises and social activities. Returning racing skippers pay the base membership of \$ 25.00 plus \$ 50.00 for each series they want to race in (Spring, Summer, Fall).

### **Thursday Evening Races**

Racing on Thursday evenings begins on Thursday, June 1 and ends on Thursday, September 7. More info to follow.

### **Start-of-the-Season Work Parties**

There will be two Saturday work parties, each beginning at 10:00 a.m. On April 15, we will get the marks ready, and on April 22, we will launch the marks. Put on work clothes and gloves and join us!

### **Spring Banquet/Fetch**

The traditional spring sailors' banquet and fetch will be on Saturday, April 29. The kitchen of the Yacht Club will provide a meat and a vegetarian entree for a fee of \$ 6.00 per person. Each person should bring along ("fetch") a dish-to-pass (side dish or dessert). The bar opens at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00.

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