

# The Pennant

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## Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

It's going to be sailing time again in less than a month! At last Saturday's organizational meeting, the fleet captain, Richard Stephens, led a discussion of what worked well last season and what we could do better. The following is a summary. Minutes of the meeting are attached. Also attached are a Schedule of Events and a Map of Racing Marks.

### Things Unchanged

The sailing instructions will remain the same as last year, including special provisions for novice (i.e. non-spinnaker) skippers. The membership dues will also remain at \$100 for new skippers, \$ 225 for returning skippers, and \$ 10 for crew.

We will again have a spring and a fall series, and there will again be two open fun events that everybody liked. One is the Sheldrake race and raft up (Saturday, June 27), and the other is the Sailathon and Water Balloon Battle back and forth between the Yacht Club mark and the East Shore mark (August 23).

The Johnson Boat Yard Cup series (JBY) will again be mid-distance latitude races, that is, faster boats will sail to a latitude farther away from the start/finish line, and slower boats will sail shorter distances as computed according to PHRF handicap numbers.

### Changes

The Yacht Club invites CLCF skippers to participate in Wednesday evening races for centerboard boats and Thursday evening races for keelboats. These races will start at 6:00 p.m., and they will begin in the week of May 25 and end in the week of September 7.

The Johnson Cup series will once again be a summer series, running from July 4 to August 29. It will be an "open" series to which non-members are cordially invited and may sail in the "relaxed" non-spinnaker fleet. There will be no starting fees.

An additional open fun event will be a Saturday overnight raft-up at Taughannock Park followed by a Sunday race from Taughannock to the Yacht Club (June 20/21).

We will deploy a new racing mark halfway between the Yacht Club mark and the old Maplewood mark. The new Maplewood mark will be further north than the old one. The Ladoga mark will be a temporary tetrahedron, used whenever there's a call for it. All other marks will be in the same co-ordinates as last year.

Austin Duvernoy volunteered to be Assistant Fleet Captain. He will be in charge of the Johnson Cup Summer Series while Richard Stephens is away.

Dave Ahlers has rejoined the Cruising Fleet and plans to conduct a Safety at Sea seminar. Date and details will be published as soon as they are available. Dave holds a coast guard captain's license and sails a Tanzer 10.5. Welcome back Dave!

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