



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Organizational Meeting, Saturday, March 10, 2013

The following sailors were present: Fleet Captain Susan Swensen, Assistant Fleet Captain Keith Rice, Secretary Eberhard Alsen, Webmaster Peter Hutchins, IYC Race and Regatta Chair Richard Stephens. Also Tim Bonniwell, Andrew Gil, Charles Witherup, Liz Clark, and Peter and Danni Stephens

1. Calendar. To avoid conflicts with Mother's Day and Father's Day, Spring Series races #1, #2, and # 11 have been scheduled for the preceding Saturdays, i.e. May 11, and June 15.

There will again be four long distance races (Sheldrake, Day and Night 50 Miler, and Red Jacket). But instead of a BBQ party after the Sheldrake race, there will be a get-together at the restaurant of the Sheldrake Winery. And if the Red Jacket Race is again canceled due to scheduling difficulties, we will once more substitute a race to Kidder's Landing.

We will also again have a Latitude Series, and those races, like the long distance ones, will be (as usual) free and open to anyone with a keelboat.

The season will conclude with the nine-race Fall Series. So that we can have the customary end-of-the-series BBQ parties, there will be only one race (and not two) on the last days of the Spring and Fall Series.

2. Racing Marks. It was agreed to ask the Yacht Club to replace the four remaining battery powered lights with solar powered ones at the rate of one each year. The savings in batteries will eventually pay for the purchase of the solar lights.

3. New Closer Connection Between the Ithaca Yacht Club and the Cruising Fleet. At the recent meeting of Yacht Club members interested in racing, it was proposed that the Cruising Fleet, under a new name, should officially become the Yacht Club's keelboat racing organization. This would entail that instead of paying the Yacht Club a so-called "Point Fee" for the use of the club's facilities for racing purposes, the reorganized Cruising Fleet would pay part of its registration fees with the Yacht Club, and Cruising Fleet participants who are not members of the Yacht Club would pay a higher registration fee than the IYC members. Richard suggested that the use of the name "CLCF" has some negative connotations in the IYC, and that it would be useful to change the name. This proposal was well received by those in attendance at the Cruising Fleet meeting, and various new names for the Cruising Fleet were suggested. Fleet Captain Susan Swensen invites everyone to e-mail proposals for a new name to sswensen@ithaca.edu and to visit the CLCF facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/CayugaLakeCF/) for discussion on this topic and others. If you would like to be part of this facebook group, also please e-mail Susan.

4. Participation Dues. Cruising Fleet skipper dues for Yacht Club members will be \$ 200 per year, or \$100 for sailing only the Spring or Fall Series. Skipper dues for those who are not members of the Yacht Club will be \$250 per year, or \$125 for sailing only the Spring or Fall Series. Dues for crew are \$25 for those who are not Yacht Club members. Crew who are members of the Yacht Club pay no dues.

5. Changes in the Sailing Instructions. The race committee can shorten the course at any time (Previous references to Mark A are deleted). The committee will announce changes in the course via VHF broadcast.

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