



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Marks in Party. Report by Charles Witherup

6 people (5 Invictus crew members plus the fleet captain) showed up to put in marks. What with the mild weather we had hoped to put in all of the marks. Alas! Such was not to be! The four marks that went in were Far Maple, Ladoga, East Shore, Sycamore.

Andrew and Keith drove the motorboat while towing Ted and Russell. Tim and Charles did shore crew.

It was quickly apparent after our arrival at the chapel that something wasn't quite right. Only the newest anchors, the replacements we had just purchased and modified, were present. Where the heck did the other ones go?

Still, all together on shore we worked out enough anchors and tackle for 3 marks. After the water crew left the ground crew did more sorting, searching and part swapping and we were able to come up with one additional mark for a total of 4.

Then we did what sailors do and we went drinking rum. I mean, we went sailing. There were a few hours of gentle north breeze - most of the enjoyment during this time came from the company and the rum. Then the winds switched to strong and south and we had some awesome sailing until we called it quits.

If they can forecast accurately out a week (hint: they can't) we're going to have some trouble getting marks in next weekend. Maybe we can get a second motorboat out and tow marks instead of using the skiff.

Regardless, we need to get some chain, anchors and shackles. We made up a shopping list that assumed 4 more marks (including A) would go in. Eberhard is working on the light for a fifth mark so (Keith!) we will probably need 6 anchors with full ground tackle (reminder for others: A mark has 2 anchors).

Thanks for bringing the boat Andrew! Thanks for the help, guys!

Damage to the Pile Cluster. Report by Steve Little

The ice this year severely damaged the pile cluster, broke pilings in two and removed the top platform and ladder, with the light and weather station on it. It is somewhere on the bottom of the lake. No plans for its replacement.

Tune-Up Race, Sunday, May 3

The skippers' meeting is at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The start is at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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