



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sailstice Regatta, Sunday, June 19

It was sunny, 87F with winds variable (from every direction possible) and ranging from 1 (zero) to 6kts. A beautiful day for waterskiing! We, silly people that we are, decided to sail.

Well, we had decided to sail many months ago when we set out the racing schedule. Today was the day for our end-of-Spring-season picnic and, hey, while we were at it we decided to have a white-sail (no spinnaker) regatta. This coincided with the international Sailstice ("get people to sail and, hey! It's near solstice!") event so we signed the race up for that, too.

We had a bunch of new faces show up and managed to drum up a total of 9 boats (although, out of those, the Weta wasn't technically signed up for the races. She did, however, run the second course with us)! A great showing of sailboats on the water for how things have been going for years, now!

The weather, alas, wasn't up to it. We had planned on (hoped for) having 4-5 quick races and then meeting up for a BBQ. We managed almost 2 races.

The first course was set NWI. As the winds were quite light that was shortened to finish directly at N, around 1/2 mile total. *Snitch* took line honors. Also finishing this race were *Jenny Too* and *Thumbaloo* - a few of the newcomers. The rest of us squirted each other with water pistols, swam, goofed off and searched (vainly) for the least bit of wind before giving up and getting ourselves back to the starting line for the next race.

The second course was set EI. As there was a healthy breeze for a few minutes before the first boat was to round E it was decided to let the race continue as it's better to sail the wind that you have than to end a race and hope for more wind in another! Alas, the wind gods were fickle and shortly after that first boat rounded the winds died to nearly nothing. *Jenny Too* took line honors on the race and, as far as I know, was actually the only boat to finish (other than the Weta which didn't count).

Thus I am happy to pronounce *Jenny Too* as winner of the 2016 IYC-CLCF Father's Day Sailstice Regatta! Congratulations, Jed and crew!

Then we had a nice picnic out by the lake. We would like to extend our kindest regards and sincerest thanks to our partners and hosts, IYC, for the use of their facilities in this fashion!

And we look forward to seeing everyone on the water, soon! In fact, next Sunday would be a good time for that, no? We have a race and rally planned! The race will feature a Bermuda start and goes to the lighthouse off of Sheldrake Point. The Bermuda start means that boat starting times will be in reverse handicap order such that, in theory, we all finish at the same time. So... If you plan on racing please let me know ASAP so that we can get you a starting time! The boat with the highest PHRF will have a starting time of 8AM. Email me - I will get you a starting time!

Concurrently, we plan to rally boats up to Kidder's Landing. I encourage rally boats to leave IYC at around 9AM and to sail collectively - keep an eye on each other, sail together, just have fun heading up the lake! The race (previous paragraph!) is around 12.5NM up - plus a few back to Kidder's Landing. The rally should be much more low key at around 11NM. In either case - rally or race - I encourage you e-mail me CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com as soon as possible! We are trying to organize food through the Busy Bee and it will be very helpful for them to know how many to expect!

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