



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Third Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 25

Report by Charles Witherup and Steve Little:

Beautiful fall weather for this, our third day of the fall racing series. It was gloriously sunny, roughly 60F and with winds from 5 to 10kts that came from the west and north.

The usual suspects were on hand with the Feavearyears' J/24, *Snitch*; Fewtrell's J/24, *Mehitabel*; Bonniwell's J/70, *Ayla's Ride*; Stephens' Corsair 28, *Trevelyan*; Alsen's Tanzer 25, *Fantasy* (skipped by Mardelle Shepley); and Lippert's Benneteau 325, *Jenny Too*. We were joined, exceptionally, by Steve Little and five Cornell students with a Ranger 26, *The Purple Pumpernickel* (or something like that).

We held two races. The first course was NWNW: Near Maplewood to West Shore, twice around. The second race went CBCW: Crowbar, Blue, Crowbar, West. With the winds we had every leg was a beat or a dead run.

Normally, at this point, I would wax poetic on the races. Instead, I will leave you with the observations of the Cornell crew, narrated by Steve Little. Those students called today "awesome."

It was their first day on a race course. Comments were:

- "I did know this was so much work." (Huge genoa will do that. They will sleep tonight).
- "I did not know how much teamwork was involved."
- "I did not know there was so much verbal communication."
- "Starts are frightening."

At the first weather mark, the person on the helm got excited and gybed out into the lake before the chute was even up (Remember those days?)

Helm on the way back said he was "terrified." No idea why, except perhaps that I had him broach the boat three times. It was a perfect day to practice spinnaker broaches!

Steve Little wants to advise the skipper on *Jenny Two* that [during the start] it was his plan "to duck him and then clear the mark." Steve explains: "I was watching the distance closely and had the main in my hand. I hope he did not have a heart attack. Half the plan worked, as Rangers will spin on a dime. But the crew was so busy mentally and verbally processing the duck that they forgot about not hitting the starting mark. All five would be good crew for those in need!"

Fourth Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, October 2

Once again two races are scheduled. The skippers' meeting at the South Docks of the Yacht Club is at 12:45. The start of the first race is at 1:30.

See you at the South Docks.

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Postscript by Charles Witherup

Come out and join us in October for our Frostbite Regatta (last sailing of the year)! That's a White Sail Regatta (non-spinnaker), and we'll try to think of some fun courses and things to do! That will be followed by a BBQ/picnic (we provide the grillables and some beverages and everyone brings a dish to pass). That's October 16!

If you do Facebook you can join us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CayugaLakeCF> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CayugaLakeCF>

And ... If you have a boat you'd like to donate or sell (for cheap!) to the fleet/IYC (aluminum and beat up is preferred - we're not going to be kind to it) for the purpose of placing and pulling race marks, we'd love to hear from you! Don't all jump on this one at once! But we almost bought a 20' pontoon platform this week. Since our old rowboat was stolen from IYC (sad face) we've been wondering how we're going to get the marks out of the water in October. It's a really dirty and nasty job and it would not be kind to a plastic or fiberglass boat.

Lastly (can there be more???), we have more boats tracking times using raceQs! You can find us on (wait for it) raceQs.com! You can use their apps to record your boat tracks then you can upload them and see how you raced against the other boats in the fleet. We have 4 boats uploading at this time. You can add to this and make it all the more interesting for all of us! You might be able to compare us at this website (won't work on a phone!):

<http://raceqs.com/tv-beta/tv.htm#userId=1042556&divisionId=44004&updatedAt=2016-09-26T02:02:10Z&dt=2016-09-25T13:24:16-04:00..2016-09-25T14:54:56-04:00&boat=Ayla%27s%20Ride>