



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Spring Races 5 and 6

We started arriving at IYC for the day's races a bit before 9 AM. That is to say that we started arriving before 9 AM so that we could race in or help run the IYC Wine Keg Laser Regatta. Skippers and crew from *Mehitabel*, *Trevelyan* and *Ayla's Ride* raced, did race committee or were otherwise present for the regatta.

Although... The weather for this regatta was a bit like the weather for the CLCF races that would happen later in the day. There was plenty of weather! Some parts of that were even good for holding sailboat races in that they scared away the motor boats that one would normally expect to see on the water Memorial Day weekend. Other parts of the weather were a little less than ideal – like the lack of wind.

Skippers from 6 boats came out to the point – *Mehitabel's* Clare Fewtrell, *Trevelyan's* Richard Stephens, *Fantasy's* Eberhard Alsen, *Little Wing's* Bill Russell, *Snitch's* David Feavearyear and *Ayla's Ride's* Tim Bonniwell. *Mehitabel* didn't race for lack of crew (much of hers was on Lasers!). Then, during a lack-of-wind race delay, *Trevelyan* went out on the lake to look for wind and after some fair bit of time not finding any she came in for the day.

That left us with 4 boats to battle it out against... Well, this literary conflict would be man vs nature, mostly, with some man vs man thrown in.

Because, indeed and again, while there was weather it wasn't really sailing weather. It was overcast and pleasantly warm in the mid 60s however there was also a low-lying fog, an occasional drizzle and a distinct lack of, ahem, wind. There was a whisper of that about a half hour into our lack-of-wind delay so the Fleet Captain quickly called a course – West-Home-West (allowing for easy shortening). The race began and that whisper of wind remained very light – showing 1kt with gusts as high as 4kts one time (!!!) mostly from the south. The lighter boats – *Snitch* and *Ayla's Ride* – were able to catch it and to ghost along at around 1kt through most of the course. The heavier boats – *Fantasy* and *Little Wing* – took over 10 minutes just to cross the starting line! And then, finally, nearly two hours later, they finished!

After some discussion amongst the boats, we convinced the Fleet Captain to hold one more race. Being quite gun shy at this point he set the course to West Shore and back. *Little Wing* decided to sit this one out – they'd had enough of just bobbing around on the water! Then the winds built. I'm not going to say that they got crazy or anything, but they did build enough that *Ayla's Ride's* average speed shot up to over 2.5kts (with a maximum of nearly 6kts!). This was a tight and fast race with the boats finishing quickly in PHRF order with only a 33 second spread on corrected times. See full results of the races and series standings on the following page.

Scores and standings

Race 5 - May 27

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 14:10, Course: WAW

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Snitch	168	15:28:47	1:18:47	1:11:19	1
2	Ayla's Ride	117	15:26:10	1:16:10	1:14:14	2
3	Fantasy	204	16:02:45	1:52:45	1:37:12	3
4	Little Wing	195	16:06:13	1:56:13	1:41:24	4

Race 6 - May 27

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 16:20, Course: W

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Ayla's Ride	117	16:41:57	0:21:57	0:21:23	1
2	Snitch	168	16:43:59	0:23:59	0:21:43	2
3	Fantasy	204	16:45:26	0:25:26	0:21:56	3
4	Little Wing	183		DNS		5

Overall

Sailed: 6, Discards: 2, To count: 4

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>R5</u>	<u>R6</u>	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	1	1	(3)	(2)	1	2	10	5
2nd	Ayla's Ride	117	2	3	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	2	1	24	8
3rd	Fantasy	192	(4)	2	(4)	4	3	3	20	12
4th	Little Wing	183	3	4	(5)	(5)	4	5.0 DNS	26	16
5th	Trevelyan	33	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	1	1	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	34	18
6th	Mehitabel	168	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	2	3	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	37	21
7th	Jenny Too	195	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	48	32

Upcoming Dates:

- June 3/10/17 – more Spring series racing!
- **June 23 – Sheldrake Cup Regatta** – race (and **Sailstice rally!**) to Sheldrake Winery for glory (or food, wine and camaraderie)! You don't even have to race up – you could just drive! Menu coming soon – must sign up by June 10 for guaranteed food and wine!
- August 4 – Night 50! If your name is Bill we want to see you there!

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