



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Sign up for Sailstice lunch NOW! Please! Today would be good :)

The menu is attached, and I would appreciate seeing your orders tomorrow! (But I need them by Wednesday!) If we don't get more orders, there may not be catered lunch! You know you want to drive, motor, sail or race up to Sheldrake Point with us on **June 23**. (Race/Sailstice details in last week's Pennant!) And the lunches will be awesome! Sandwich, salad, dessert, chips, water... Then wine tasting at Sheldrake Point Winery (not included with your lunch – sorry about that).

End-of-season BBQ next week!

The Spring series is ending next Sunday - Father's Day! We'll hold Spring Races 11 and 12 and then eat. The Fleet will provide grillables and some beverages and you should come with a dish to share and your good humor! It will be great! The BBQ will begin right after the races!

It should be a busy day at the Yacht Club so please be respectful and remember that the marina parking lot is for people who have boats in the marina! Sometimes we get away with parking there but on really busy days, like Father's Day, we're in the way! Parking on the hill or at the back of the main parking lot is probably best – even for Yacht Club members.

Spring races 9 and 10

Yesterday we held a few more races... Most of the wind forecasts looked dire (something close to 'not much' from 'not any one direction' would probably be a pretty good average of those) but at least it was warm and only partly overcast. Heck, it probably would have been an enjoyable day to be out water skiing. Thankfully for us, there weren't many motorboats out because they sure can make those light wind days awfully difficult to sail in!

No one likes to just sit and bob around on the lake, so the Fleet Captain called a lack-of-wind delay. And then things gradually built from the North reaching maybe even 6 or 7 kts. We watched the weather reports from Myers Point show a steady 7 or maybe even 8 kts for 15 minutes in a row so Rick called a course of **Near Maplewood, West Shore**. Once the course was called we started seeing 8 or maybe even 10 kts on the **Pile Cluster** weather station – but coming from the South. The winds at the Yacht Club dropped close to nil – so that even with over 10 minutes left to the first start it didn't look like *Mehitabel* would make it from the South Pavilion to the start line in time.

And then we had a great race! But we'll get back to that... First, let me tell you the players in this game... You already know that *Mehitabel*, Clare Fewtrell's J/24 was there. We also had all of the boats that have raced in the season so there was the Feavearyear J/24 *Snitch*,

Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25 *Fantasy*, Tim Bonniwell's J/70 *Ayla's Ride*, Richard Stephens' Corsair 28 *Trevelyan* and Bill Russell's Catalina 320 *Little Wing*.

There was clearly something going on with the competing forecasts... And as the start time of the race approached we began to see this wall of wind approaching from the South... *Mehitabel* was the first to catch it and she screamed up to the starting line so quickly that we thought she had her motor on! And just as the race began we frantically hoisted our spinnakers for the newly-downwind start.

There were interesting strategies at play in the race and we could see, unusually, the J/24s picking different lines and *Trevelyan* getting pushed onto unfavorable tacks a time or two. And then quickly the boats finished with *Ayla's Ride* taking line honors and *Mehitabel* the win.

The second race was called as a big triangle with **S**ycamore, **E**ast Shore and **F**ar Maplewood as marks. We beat to **S**ycamore and then popped chutes for a quick run to **E**ast Shore and then it got a little more interesting. The winds on the lake curved around just enough to make what seemed totally doable at **E** – a spinnaker run to **F** – quite unreasonable. *Trevelyan*, being quite a bit out front, was the first to drop her chute and move to her screecher and then, not too long afterwards, to her jib. *Ayla's Ride* tried to ride out this leg by depowering her chute by flying her jib as well dropped the chute altogether perhaps 2/3 of the way through this leg. And then *Little Wing* surprised us all with a most elegant chute dowsing... They let the halyard out such that their spinnaker was flagging above the water from the bottom and not the top. They were able to pull it in by the foot and to keep it mostly dry. It was quite a sight to behold and may have even been intentional!

Race Results

Race 9 - June 10

Start Time: 13:50, Course: NW, Wind dir: S, Ave wind: 0-7

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Mehitabel	168	31:59:00	0:28:57	1
2	Ayla's Ride	117	0:29:57	0:29:11	2
3	Snitch	168	0:34:13	0:30:59	3
4	Fantasy	192	0:36:13	0:31:44	4
5	Little Wing	183	0:37:06	0:32:54	5
6	Trevelyan	33	33:30:00	0:37:21	6

Race 10 - June

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Start Time: 14:40, Course: SEF, Wind dir: S, Ave wind: 5-10

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	33	45:55:00	0:51:12	1
2	Snitch	168	0:57:17	0:51:51	2
3	Ayla's Ride	117	0:53:35	0:52:13	3
4	Mehitabel	168	58.27	0:52.55	4
5	Fantasy	192	1:02:30	0:54:45	5
6	Little Wing	183	1:02:02	0:55:01	6

Spring Season Current Standings

Sailed: 10, Discards: 2, Rating system: PHRFOT

Rank	Boat	PHRF	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	1	1	(3)	2	1	2	(3)	1	3	2	19	13
2nd	Ayla's Ride	117	2	3	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	2	1	5	2	2	3	34	20
3rd	Mehitabel	168	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	2	3	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	1	3	1	4	42	28
4th	Fantasy	192	(4)	2	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	(5)	37	28
5th	Little Wing	183	3	4	(5)	5	4	5.0 DNS	2	5	5	(6)	44	33
6th	Trevelyan	33	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	1	1	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	6	7.0 DNS	6	1	50	36

Snitch has a lock on 1st - any score they get worse than 3 will become a 3 through discards thus their worst net possible is 19. Congratulations David and crew!

2nd place is most likely to go to *Ayla's Ride* although there are scenarios where *Mehitabel* or *Fantasy* could squeak in. Ayla's Ride's spread from best to worst possible net is 22 to 34.

The race for 3rd place has the most drama. *Mehitabel's* best possible score is 30 and worst is 42. *Fantasy's* best possible score is 30 and worst is 37. *Little Wing's* best would be 35 and worst 44. *Trevelyan* is out of the running for the podium this season, but Latitudes are coming July 1!!!

Upcoming dates

June 17 – Spring Races 11 and 12, end-of-season BBQ! Bring a dish to pass!

June 23 – Sailstice at Sheldrake Point Winery at 1:30PM! Or race up for the Sheldrake Cup! Sign up *today* for catered lunch! Sign up by June 22 for racing! Race rules will be coming next week! Sailstice info is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8ao6u6v>

July 1, 8, 15, 22 – Latitude Series Races begin! Skippers' Meetings at 1PM, races at 2PM!

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