



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Spring Season is DONE! Long live the Spring Season!

We finished up the Spring Season on the water yesterday with our final race – the eleventh in the series. Now... You'll remind me, of course, that we had 12 races scheduled. Well, hey, it didn't work out that way...

We showed up at the Yacht Club to some really beautiful Father's Day weather – pleasantly warm in the low 80s with nary a whisper of wind. Ah! A perfect day for a barbeque! Right? But, uh, we did also come to sail and, well, this wasn't propitious for that, to say the least.

Still, the winds gradually built into something really quite pleasant – maybe even 7 or 8 kts out of some kind of northerly quarter. So the Fleet Captain set us a first course for **F**ar Maplewood, **W**est Shore, **N**ear Maplewood and off we went! And go we did – for the first 30 minutes or so! That's around the time it took us all to reach the first mark. Still, hey, 30 minutes for 1 mile upwind? That felt like moving. That felt fine. That felt like a happy place. Why not?

So there's this thing about hot days on our lake... It's funny, really, but, well, they generally just don't have all that much wind. So after the first 40 minutes, or so, of racing the winds fell. A lot. Not to nothing at this point but a lot. Enough that the course got shortened to **FW** and even at that it still took most boats roughly 2 hours (some one side of that some the other side) to finish the now 3 mile course. That makes for an average speed made good of a whopping 1.5 kts. Admittedly, the initial average of 2+ kts VMG sure felt better than the terminal VMG of less than a kt. Indeed, at least one of the boats was becalmed for a solid 15 minutes in the last .5 NM of the course. Thankfully the Fleet Captain also required boats to perform a MOB drill after the race and we were thus encouraged to cool ourselves in the frigid waters of our race course.

And the last race of the season was called off on account of no wind and not a hope of having any. So we went ashore and chef Ricky, Mr Fleet Captain, served us up some wonderful burgers, sausages and dogs to go along with our side dishes and desserts. It might have been a little hot in the sun but there was plenty of opportunity to go for a swim and, hey, it was just pleasantly warm in the shade. All was good and we all had a wonderful time!

Last race results and overall standings follow but, hey, if you were paying attention to last week's Pennant you already know that *Snitch* won the series (good job folks!!!) and that (since there wasn't a second race) *Ayla's Ride* took second (best showing for the boat thus far! Way to go!). The real race was for third... Well, I'll spare you the suspense and say that *Mehitabel* found just the right wind line, won the race and thus won third in the series! Good job Clare and crew!

Race 11 - June 17

Course: FW, Wind dir: N, Ave wind: 5

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Mehitabel	168		1:32:15	1:23:31	1
2	Snitch	168	15:08:28	1:38:28	1:29:08	2
3	Trevelyan	33	14:56:06	1:26:06	1:36:00	3
4	Little Wing	183		1:53:00	1:40:12	4
5	Fantasy	192	15:40:06	2:10:06	1:53:58	5
6	Ayla's Ride	117	15:32:07	2:02:07	1:59:00	6

Spring 2018 Final

Sailed: 11, Discards: 2

Rank	Boat	PHRF	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	(3)	1	3	2	2	21	15
2nd	Ayla's Ride	117	5	2	2	3	6	40	26
3rd	Mehitabel	168	1	3	1	4	1	43	29
4th	Fantasy	192	4	4	4	(5)	(5)	42	32
5th	Little Wing	183	2	5	5	(6)	4	48	37
6th	Trevelyan	33	6	7.0 DNS	6	1	3	53	39

(Full series online at <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2018Spring.html>)

Sheldrake Cup Regatta and Sailstice next Saturday!

Let's meet up at Sheldrake Point for a picnic! Say... A bit before 1PM? Cool! If you ordered food from me it will be there so I hope you will be, too! If you didn't order food SHOW UP ANYWAY! We like sailing, we like being on the water, we like camaraderie, we like wine! Oh. Right. Wine tasting at Sheldrake Point Winery at 1:30PM! Starting times for racers are in the attached spreadsheet. Sailing instructions are also attached. We'd love to see you up there – even if you don't race or even boat up!

Upcoming

The Summer Latitude Series of races will start the following weekend so you'll have races on July 1, July 8, July 15... These are easy races open to any sailboat. Only one race a day. Skippers' meeting at the Ithaca Yacht Club South Pavilion at 1PM and the race starts at 2PM! Go on – you know you want to give it a try! It's always helpful to have some kind of GPS and a VHF radio that will receive on channel 80!

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