



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Choose your own adventure!

Imagine, if you will, that you're going on a sailboat race! In this race the distance you travel will be based on your boat's handicap and thus the order in which boats cross the finish line will determine their place in the race.

Now, start by picking a weather scenario. I'll give you three choices! **7** is the forecast that calls for **7** kt winds, 68F temps and thunderstorms bringing gusts to the low 20s. **11** is the forecast which calls for **11** kt winds, 71F temps and gusts in the mid 20s. **18** is when there are **18** kt winds with temps in the mid to high 70s with gusts showing low 30s. With regard to all of your weather choices, the only way you will be able to accurately measure windspeed will be at the Pile Cluster and the winds will be coming from the South. As such winds will read on the low side as opposed to what you will actually experience on your boat.

Next you will need a boat. Pick one of these: **F** is *Fantasy*, the Alsen Tanzer, **Q** is *Quetzal iii*, the Witherup Cape Dory, **T** is *Trevelyan* the Stephens Corsair, **M** is *Mehitabel*, the Fewtrell J/24 and **S** is *Snitch* the Feavearyear J/24.

Now you get to choose interesting events for your boat! You may choose more than one! They may be chosen more than once! **M** will represent a skipper who just got **m**arried. **O** will mean that you lose a crew member **o**verboard. **K** will mean instead of losing your crewmember you **k**eelhaul them and then bring them back aboard. **W** will mean that you turn around at the **w**rong latitude and then have to turn around, again, and sail back to the right one. **R** means that you bring an out-of-town **r**inger on board and have a jolly good time. **C** means that you are absolutely freaking out of your mind and flew your **c**hute. **R2** means that you **r**ipped it. **D** means that you **D**o Finish Last (DFL) but **D**idn't **D**ie and **D**idn't Break Anything (although your bilge might have been rather full of water. To the point of soaking anything in the cabin. Ahem.).

Latitude Race 4!

Yesterday we held the fourth race in the Latitude series! Weather was interesting and good and crazy. OK, it was **18** from above – not as forecast at any point by anyone that I saw! Still, again, given that it came from the South there was little fetch and the waves were of a very manageable height – at least near the Yacht Club! Richard, with his crack crew, shot off the starting line at approximately 8 times the speed of any other boat. David was looking pretty sharp as well with his crew – also with a spinnaker flying (most of the race, anyway). The rest of us just held on because, well, it was windy. Heck, *Quetzal* was out with only her #2 up for the first half hour of the race and was still doing nearly 6 kts.

Despite the winds all of the boats present did the whole race. No one broke anything (torn spinnakers aside) and the boats finished in PHRF order. Congratulations Richard! And congratulations Richard! And congratulations Melissa, too (even though she wasn't there)!

The Race – As it Happened

Weather 18. And, in finish order, boats and events:

- **T:** M, R, C; **S:** C, R2, O; **M:** K; **F:** W; **Q:** R, D

Latitude Standings

All very unofficial and hush-hush... And, oh dear. Maths. Moment! Here you are! Sorry for any errors [sic, eh?] and whatnot! Must be close enough!

	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	Sum
1st	Fantasy	3	1	4	4	12
2nd	Quetzal III	2	2	5	5	14
3rd	Trevelyan	4	9	2	1	16
4th	Invictus	1	9	1	9	20
5th	Snitch	9	9	9	2	29
6th	Little Wing	9	9	3	9	30
7th	Mehitabel	9	9	9	3	30
8th	Ripple	9	9	9	9	36

But we will see you on the water NEXT SUNDAY, right???

Red Jacket 40th year! August 18! Register NOW!

The 40th year of the Red Jacket Regatta will be Saturday August 18! You should come up to RJYC and just hang out with us and them and have a blast even if you don't sail up! But you should sail up! And you should *register before August 4* for food so they can know what to make for us! It will be a chicken BBQ and will run you \$13! RJYC also has a nice cash bar and, hey, the folks are friendly! In fact... They'd like to race up with you, as crew, too!

Anyway, **please** register for food with Trevor – the Fleet Captain at Red Jacket – for your meals *before August 4!* Terb@stny.rr.com 607-725-3072. Race up, sail up, motor up, drive up. *It will be fun.* Honest!

Night 50!

The night 50 mile race is August 3!!!! That's coming up in under 2 weeks!!! Get your big person sails on and come out and crush the competition like spiders on the spreaders!!! And if you need crew or a boat to sail on shoot me a line and I'll try to hook you up with folks! Seriously! It's *an adventure* regardless of the scenario that plays out in the end!

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