



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## And a good time was had by all

It feels appropriate enough just leaving the chapter like this, doesn't it? Isn't that what we're about – having a good time? As far as I could tell and in any direction I could see, a good time was had by all last weekend.

## Ah, and we had some wind

So, what did we have this good time doing? Well, sailing! Sunday we raced again! And, for the first time this series, we had winds over 10 kts for a goodly portion of the races. Perhaps not much over 10 kts, but, hey, after canceling races and having races that were (tiny woot) 1 nm in length I think it's pretty exciting that we had 10 (+!!!) kts of wind.

Heck, the first race (course of SEFW) was 5.3 nm in length and the most time taken to finish was under 1h20. The second race (course of PFW) was 6.9 nm in length and the most time taken to finish was just over 2 hours.

I suppose that does mean that the winds died somewhat for the second race, but, still, that was a VMG of 3.5 nm/hr. Taken in the context of the Day 50 (44 nm total!) that would have meant they could have finished in around 12 hours instead of the 16 it took them to actually complete the "50". I like those numbers. I'm sure everyone was happy with those numbers!

## Races 8 & 9 of the Fall Series

All of that bla bla was just telling you something of what happened during races 8 and 9 of the Fall Series. We finally had some wind (heck to the yeah) and the weather wasn't otherwise bad enough to warrant wearing anything crazy like a drysuit (although I brought one along just in case...). That is to say that it was mostly overcast and around 60F. There were gusts in the high teens but the winds stayed largely right around 10 kts from one of the Southerly quarters. There were a few tiny sprinkles for a few tiny minutes but there were also a few tiny sunbreaks for a few tiny minutes.

We sailed. We raced. We, this time, were *Trevelyan*, the Stephens Corsair 28, *Snitch*, the Feavearyear J/24, *Ayla's Ride*, the Bonniwell J/70, *Mehitabel*, the Fewtrell J/24 and *Fantasy*, the Alsen Tanzer 25. *Ayla's Ride* was helmed by Susan Witherup and *Fantasy*, in the absence of any Alsen (and I do hope things are going well for Alsens), was helmed by Mik Tulumello.

So... The first race, as mentioned above, was SEFW (Sycamore, East Shore, Far Maplewood, West Shore). With the two reaching legs this one ended up with the boats strung out along

the course in PHRF order. Come to think of it, the second race ended up with the boats strung out along the course in PHRF order, too. Yes, yes, that is how things are supposed to work. I understand that! We all do! It's just that it doesn't seem to happen that way all of the time! But, hey! When there's a little wind things work like they're supposed to. Crazy.

We had these two races. We ran around the courses (in PHRF order) and we finished. As it happens... On corrected times we did not finish in PHRF order. Sure, *Trevelyan* took the first race – with more reaching and a bit more wind – but the J/24s beat her handily in the second race with a bit less wind and a course that had a lot of dead-down to it (PFW – Pile Cluster, Far Maplewood, West Shore – as mentioned above!).

We sailed, we had fun. Join us out there sometime!

## BBQ! Regatta! End of the Season!

**Sunday, October 7**, we have **the last two Fall Series races!** *That's next weekend!* We'll have a **BBQ** afterwards! The Fleet will provide grillables and drinks but you *should come with a dish to pass!* Well, you should come with your boat and you should race with us and then you should come out for our end-of-season BBQ!

**Sunday, October 14**, we will hold a **Frostbite White Sail Regatta**. These races are open to all sailboats! Although you could probably race with us anytime you wanted, this weekend we're explicitly inviting you to do so! And... WE WILL HAVE FUN! I don't know what the Fleet Captain has in store for us (and he probably doesn't have it all fleshed out, yet, either) but it will be something fun... Remember when we made you write the word DOG on the water with your boat? Remember when every boat sailed a different course – drawn out of a hat? Those were fun and surprising races (honest!). Ricky will pull one of those or some other out of his hat and WE WILL HAVE FUN. And if you're not there you won't. It's just the way it works. So, you should come out!

The regatta will be followed by a fetch (the Ithaca Yacht Club way of saying potluck). You'll want to bring your own drinks and a little more food than for the Fall BBQ but you'll be fine regardless. Honest! Skippers' meeting at 12:30, races starting at 1:30. Fetch starting at 5ish?

Starting **Saturday, October 20** (or so!) we'll think about pulling marks... Since we have this incredibly awesome work platform (the party barge extraordinaire!) we can probably make things happen in one day – because we rock as much as the work platform does. We'll send out a call for helpers as we get closer but actual work is likely enough to be weather dependent so think about helping and about being flexible about it!

And... See you on the water!  
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