



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

We had a party this weekend! And races! And the Fall Series is over!

We had wind (finally!) and races (woot!) and an end-of-series BBQ! The weather was creepy and threatening and awful and surely scared many away... The forecasts... Well, I didn't see any that called for actual wind so we totally lucked out, there! And rain? Well, there was rain. And fog. And mist. But... It was only a tiny bit of rain and not really that much mist. There was a lot of high-level fog (preventing Little Wing from having a full complement of sailors! They couldn't land their plane with the cloud cover at ground level at the airport!). (That is "high-level" – the airport is much higher than the lake!) But at the level of the lake things were really not as bad as all that!

We raced around... In PHRF order... We had wind! Right! Wind. Oh, 9-14kts out of Northerly quarters... Good wind. Especially good wind for the reaching boats on the reaching legs. We had a Far Maplewood, East Shore, Sycamore course and then we had a Far Maplewood, East Shore, Sycamore, Near Maplewood course, The FE and ES legs of those courses were plenty fast – those that race chutes carried them (although a bit precariously at times) with the pole right on the headstay or with the working sheet good and taught depending on whether you were flying a symmetrical or asymmetrical spinnaker.

And then Mr. Fleet Captain, Ricky, himself, grilled us up some yummy vittles to accompany the salads and desserts the rest of us brought. This go 'round attendance was limited, largely, to those who had sailed the races. I attribute this to the weather which was, honestly, mean. There. I said it. Mean weather. Bad, mean weather kept families from coming out and joining us. Well, poo on the weather! We still had fun sailing! And we will again, darn it!

Results at the bottom of the Pennant!

We're having a party next weekend! And some races! And the sailing season will be over!

Next Sunday, October 14, is the Frostbite Regatta! This event is open **TO SAILBOATS**. We will have **FUN** on the water! Then we will eat and drink! Please bring a dish to pass! And a sailboat or your willingness to crew on one! And... A **FUN** attitude! And if the Race Committee decides that you're going to sail the word *Managua* with your boat then you're going to sail the word *Managua* with your boat! Ahem. A couple of quick comments on that one... He probably won't make you do that but if he did *you would have fun doing it*. Honest. And you'd also have fun watching the other boats doing the same thing.

So, be at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club at 12:30 Sunday for a skippers' meeting and then expect races to start at 1:30. We'll probably be on shore and eating by

5ish if you want to have family come out and join up with us after the races! We are nice, fun and we do not eat people we don't know!

We are all about parties! Here are a few more that are coming up...

First party... Weather dependent... Is Marks Out! October 20 and/or 21 there's a decent chance that we'll meet up at the Yacht Club and pull marks. Now... This can go a lot of different ways. If the weather is decent for marks pulling (warmish and low winds) we can actually get all of the marks off of the water in 4 hours of work. After around 2 hours we'll have one set of marks on shore and then after 2 more they'll all be in. When they are on shore they need to be cleaned up, appropriately catalogued and then put away neatly.

Minimum requirement to make pulling go well and smoothly:

- 2 people on the marks boat
- 2 people on the "pull" boat

Ideal situation – getting all of the work done in one day:

- 3-5 people on the marks boat
- 2 people on the "pull" boat
- 2-4 pressure washing people on shore. Show up around 2 hours after the boat crews
- Any other people who want to come along and have fun on the water and just hang out encouraged to come along!

Make yourself known to Ricky (CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com) or me (CLCFcrew@gmail.com), please, so we can figure things out! I'll bug you again about this next week 😊 You're welcome!

End of the year party!

We will have a party to end all parties! Probably this month! And by "to end all parties" I mean "to end all of our official parties for 2018 probably"! We'll let you know what's up when we know what's up!

Fall Series End and Results

As always, full results are available on the Fleet website, here:

<http://www.cruisingfleet.org/results.html>

For the last two races... mentioned at the top of the other page... of this season... we finished in PHRF order. At least, we crossed the line in PHRF order. Which, again, is how it is supposed to happen! Final results, after adjustments, come out a little differently...

Race 10:

Course: FES, Wind dir: NW, Ave wind: 7

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Snitch	168	14:25:50	0:55:50	0:50:33	1
2	Trevelyan	33		45:39	0:50:54	2
3	Mehitabel	168		56:22	0:51:02	3
4	Ayla's Ride	117	14:24:53	0:54:53	0:53:29	4
5	Fantasy	192	14:34:30	1:04:30	0:56:30	5
6	Little Wing	195	14:39:07	1:09:07	1:00:18	6

Race 11:

Course: FESN, Wind dir: NW, Ave wind: 7

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	33		52:03	0:58:02	1
2	Ayla's Ride	117	15:51:20	1:01:20	0:59:46	2
3	Snitch	168	15:57:22	1:07:22	1:00:59	3
4	Mehitabel	168		1:08:37	1:02:07	4
5	Fantasy	192	16:06:45	1:16:45	1:07:14	5
6	Little Wing	195	16:13:40	1:23:40	1:13:00	6

Which leaves us with the series results left to report... And... *Snitch* takes the Fall Series!

Rank	Boat	PHRF	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	1	-3	1	1	-3	1	3	2	2	1	3	21	15
2nd	Trevelyan	33	2	1	6	(7.0 RET)	4	2	(7.0 DNC)	1	3	2	1	36	22
3rd	Mehitabel	168	3	(7.0 DNF)	3	2	1	-4	2	4	1	3	4	34	23
4th	Ayla's Ride	117	-4	4	4	-5	2	3	1	3	4	4	2	36	27
5th	Fantasy	192	-5	2	2	4	-5	5	4	5	5	5	5	47	37
6th	Little Wing	183	6	5	5	3	6	6	6.0 RET	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	6	6	63	49

Note how the R10 results mimic the series results? That might be because of magic. Maybe! You never do know!

Ahem.

See you on the water! Soon! Like, uh, Sunday? Frostbite? No spinnakers? Racing? Sailing??

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