



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## What's up?

- 1: We're having a party because that's what we do. This one is for the end of the year 😞
- 2: We held a regatta and people had fun (they really had fun!) and we'll do it again! 😊
- 3: We need to get the marks out of the water. Are you in?

## We're having a party because that's what we do

It's so sad – the season has reached its end! [Actually, ha. I've spoken with many and they've not been as sad... "One season ends and another begins! It's nice that we have seasons!" So, take it as you will... A mixture? Sad that this season is done but happy that another has begun? Sounds like a good enough way to think about it!]

So... What should we do? Hmm. Oh. Hmm. Well, Ricky (Mr. Fleet Captain Himself) had an idea -> why don't we celebrate it??? Looks like that will probably be on **Saturday, October 27**. [That's the date (mostly real!) for the **2018 Awards Banquet!**] Date (ahem), time and details tbd! I'll let you know when there's a solid plan because (get this) it's my job in the Fleet!

## We held a regatta and it was awesome!

This past weekend we held the Frostbite Regatta! It was well attended and (surprise?) frosty! And yet, while frosty (40s and low 50s) it was sunny and (thankfully) just windy enough (~6kts generally with higher and lower bits) to actually keep boats moving and to keep things interesting!

9 boats came out to join us in our folly. We had many of the season regulars in *Snitch*, *Mehitabel*, *Little Wing*, *Fantasy* and *Trevelyan*. We also had sometimes participants in *Quetzal iii* and *Adrenalin*. To add to those we had Mik and her new (to her) boat *Arcady* as well as our friends on *Boat With No Name*.

We held 4 races. With the winds always from some Southerly direction each race began with **West Shore** as the first mark. The first race was, in fact, just to that mark and back. And, as it happens, the slowest boat to finish that race took only 16:15. [For those following this newsletter for the past year I would like to point out that in this case we're talking minutes and seconds vs the days, hours and whatnot that the distance races take some of our boats.] However... "Slowest boat to finish" doesn't exactly cover all that transpired given that 3 of the 9 didn't even finish this course. Indeed, there was some kind of (monumental) kerfuffle at the start of the race where *Boat With No Name* got stuck in irons near the start of the race forcing *Trevelyan* off to the right (closer to the flagpole) thus pushing *Little Wing* off

closer to the flagpole. Well, the result of all of this pushing was that *Little Wing* got pushed off to within feet of the flagpole and thus ran nicely aground (although... Calling “running aground” nice does seem rather unkind).

In the end of this mess *Little Wing* freed herself but none of the three boats in the incident finished this race.

We held more races, as well. There was the second race where Ricky made the faster boats (poor faster boats!) go to **S**ycamore while the slower ones went to **W**est Shore. There was the third race, too, which was **W**est Shore, **E**ast Shore, **N**ear Maplewood. Then there was the last course. This one was **W**est Shore, infinity (and beyond), **N**ear Maplewood. During the “infinity (and beyond)” section each boat was required to make a figure 8 (an infinity) on the course.

As a gift to *Little Wing* I suppose that I should point out that, for them, the most exciting part of the regatta was not, in fact, when they ran aground. Indeed, the most exciting and noteworthy part of the regatta was when they were fouled on their first two attempts at rounding the first mark on the fourth course (**W**est Shore – if you missed that). Yeah, verily, *Quetzal iii* missed her first rounding and found herself in irons and then totally in the way of *Little Wing*. Well, *Qiii* (*Quetzal iii*, eh?) did a 360 – as penance (I’m sure) and made another go at the mark. Ha. Ha and ha ha. Doing a 360 had no effect on making the mark and she found herself in irons once again. Not only in irons but also again afoul of *Little Wing*. This go around *Little Wing* cleared the mark but *Qiii* did yet another circle (albeit larger and a bit less round) before finally clearing the mark.



GPS tracks of *Qiii* for this rounding. A total mess, alas.

Anyway... We all did (more or less!) our infinities and then we came back in for some yummy grub! Thankfully we had at least 3 hot soups – people who had thought things through and considered that it might be cold as heck and that folks would be happy to have something hearty and warm to eat! Must have been a good plan as those soups were wiped out in short order!

Results? You want results? From a “let’s have fun!” regatta? Well, you can always find those on the fleet website if you’re really careful and someone gives you the direct link. In this

case that appears to be the only way to get these results so I'll go ahead and give the final and that link.

Final:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u> 14-Oct	<u>R2</u> 14-Oct	<u>R3</u> 14-Oct	<u>R4</u> 14-Oct	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	1	8	1	1	11	11
2nd	Fantasy	192	3	1	4	3	11	11
3rd	Mehitabel	168	2	7	3	2	14	14
4th	Quetzal III	237	5	3	5	8	21	21
5th	Arcady	231	4	4	6	10.0 DNF	24	24
6th	Adrenalin	210	6	5	8	6	25	25
7th	Trevelyan	33	10.0 DNF	10.0 DNF	2	4	26	26
8th	Little Wing	183	10.0 DNF	2	7	7	26	26
9th	No Name	261	10.0 DNF	6	9	5	30	30

Congratulations Ricky on your win helming *Snitch* in the absence of the owners!  
Congratulations, *Fantasy*, on a close second/first running with short crew! Congratulations *Qiii* on your podium finish for this one (our crew told me that we're third because of the tie for first and since they did such a great job watching the sails, hey, I'm with them!!) And if you want the results to come out differently then you should write the newsletters!

Full and complete results, race by race:

[http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2018\\_Frostbite.html](http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2018_Frostbite.html)

We need to get the marks out of the water. Are you in?

Saturday, October 20, it looks like we're going to make a go at getting the marks out. Will the weather be our friend? Ah. Sure. Sure it will. It will be lovely marks-out weather. I give you the Fleet Captain's word on it.

And we'll do it. Because, well, life is so much easier with the party/work barge. No one need fear for their life while pulling marks! That might be, alas, about all that I can say for it in positive terms.

But I can say that it will offer adventure and memories. Remember the time we pulled an anchor and brought up (with great difficulty) a tree? Or the (innumerable) times we were out in wind/snow/etc in a 12' (leaking) john boat? Well, this won't be anything like that! For one, we don't have the john boat any longer! For another, Ladoga mark has already floated to IYC – it couldn't have done so with a tree attached!

Anyway, things have changed radically since I wrote about this last week. We could, ideally, use a shore crew at the same time as boat crews this year because Crowbar is already on shore with all of its tackle and Ladoga is minutes from being in the same position.

I feel that we could get it all taken care of this Saturday. Please let me and Ricky know if you can come out to help! So [clcfCrew@gmail.com](mailto:clcfCrew@gmail.com) and [CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com](mailto:CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com)! We'll work out little details! And, well, you'll get to work out in the elements. It will be memorable if nothing else!

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