



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

The End-of-Year Awards Banquet is THIS SATURDAY. You should come!

The awards banquet will be this coming Saturday night – October 27 – at the Ithaca Yacht Club.

Awards will start at around 7 PM so you should come earlier to eat, drink and be merry with the rest of us! The official starting time of our event is 6 PM! Sounds like a good time to show up!

Please RSVP with the Yacht Club - ithacayachtclub@gmail.com

More details:

Buffet & Bar Service 5pm-9pm
\$16.95 Adults / \$9.95 Kids

Rustic Garlic Bread V
Mixed Greens Salad VG GF
Hearty Irish Stew
Chicken Marsala GF
Eggplant Roulettes V GF
Garlic Herb Fettuccine VG
Sautéed Vegetable Medley VG GF
Hot Fudge Sundae Bar V

Registration is suggested. Please email us at ithacayachtclub@gmail.com

And... There might be a special guest speaker! Or not. You never know. You can hope!

We got the marks out, clean and put up!

This past Saturday we braved the weather to come out and help IYC put away their sailing dinghies. Hmm. No. Hmm. Well, this past Saturday we did a little quid pro quo with IYC and helped them put away their sailing dinghies for the year! And they helped us launch the RIB so that we could use that and the party barge to gather up the race marks remaining on the water.

Ricky, Liz, Mik (and a helper!), Jamie, Keith and I headed out on the water a bit after 11 AM. In our first hour and a half on the lake we grabbed 5 marks. We then used the Bonniwell method of offloading (slowly and gently ground the party barge by the North docks) and were thus able to unload in a few minutes. Our last sortie on the lake couldn't have been much more than 45 minutes but brought the last three marks in.

With a couple of people running pressure washers and others assisting by moving things, removing lights and generally tidying up we were completely catalogued, cleaned and put away for the year well before 5 PM.

I'd like to take a really quick moment to point out that this is 1 hour faster than last year which had been, to that point, the fastest this had ever been done. The assistance and contributions of Joe Miller, Clare Fewtrell, Tim Bonniwell, the Witherups, the Ithaca Yacht Club as well as CLCF and IYC members have truly and genuinely helped make a formerly long, arduous and even dangerous weekend into a pleasant (and safe!) afternoon. Truly, genuinely, from my heart, thank you!

The only immediate needs for marks for the coming year are very minor. We'll have to repair the line on Sycamore, get some new batteries for one of the buoy lights and buy some reflective tape. We think it would be best, however, if we continue with replacing at least one mark a year as there are four of them that are pretty sorry shape!

Get your sailing pictures to Ricky!

There may well be some kind of slideshow of sailing pictures at this awards ceremony. Or Ricky will make bumper stickers or something! Regardless, he has asked that you get him your sailing pictures from this year! Please include a picture of the GPS tracks from your boat when you sailed 'To Infinity and Beyond!' during the Frostbite Regatta!

Ricky, Mr Fleet Cap'n Hissself, can be reached at CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com.

AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON SATURDAY! Hopefully! And if you don't RSVP with the Yacht Club because you are going on a date but then your date falls through (what a meanie!) it's OK – you can still come and still do the buffet and stuff. It's just (really!) helpful for the kitchen to have an idea of how many people are coming! But get your pix to Ricky!

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