



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Racing Starts Sunday part 1

Let's get this party started! The J's and the Catalina 27 are ready to go. I expect the Corsair will be as well. Who else will join us on the water? Who can't wait to see? Who has two thumbs? You know it!

This Past Weekend part 1

Saturday I helped Ricky and Bill get the marks on the water. We used *Ruffin* (the rocking party pontoon boat!) and were able to get all of the marks floated in two trips and just over three hours! We didn't even run out of gas until we'd crossed back into the marina after having finished! Ricky and Bill were happy (that it was over and) to paddle us back into our slip. Oh. Right. Ha. Hey... So... You know... About *Ruffin*... Without her we could not have done the marks. It was around 40F and blowing up to 30kts. In this big, stable, safe platform we were submarining as we came around Crowbar Point. While it may have been safe enough (what could go wrong?) it didn't exactly feel safe! So remember us fondly every time you go around **C**rowbar mark this year and blow us all kisses!

This Past Weekend part 2

Sunday was the tuneup race! It was, again, roughly 40F out. Winds were NNW at a pretty steady 10kts. After it stopped snowing and the sun came out it warmed up a little more and was really quite lovely sailing.

Five came out to contest this non-contest. Five people, that is. Here's Ricky's telling of the day:

The weather was great for sailing towards the late afternoon, and the crew of snitch was ready to go out and tune in our rig... but sadly we had to rerun a halyard that I pulled through the mast, so we ran out of time. No one else was out there, so we look forward to breaking in the hoists with everyone on Sunday!!

Archives

I've digitized four years of newsletters and other documents starting with 1975! There are some real gems in these and I will be sharing bits and pieces as we go through the year. Or, if you want direct access to the full archive let me know and I can get you a link.

I have over 40 years total of these paper archives! Alas, my scanner just stopped accepting bulk paper entry after the first 4 years. I'll see what kind of method I can come up with for continuing with the digitizing or perhaps we can have Challenge do the work for us. If you

have any clever ideas let me know! Oh, and if you know where I can find anything dating to before 1975 let me know that, too, please!

Registrations!

We're going to be aggressive about getting people to register this year! Sorry about that but it's just the way things are! There will even (alas) be some naming and shaming, I'm told.

Right now we have two paid boat registrations and seven paid crew. So... The rest of you need to step up! Oh. Wait. Nine paid crew, now! See how easy that was! Boom!

So, hey, I'll just attach that registration form again! It's small! It's important to the mission of the Fleet! Thanks for filling that out and sending it and your check to Clare!

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Reminder! Racing Sunday! Skippers' Meeting is at 12:30 at the South Pavilion of IYC. First race starts at 1:30! If you do not have a boat in the IYC marina they request that you do not park in the marina! And if you're not an IYC member please be as respectful as you can when you park in the main lot – maybe take a spot further in or less accessible? Be nice to IYC and IYC will continue being nice to us!

No races are scheduled for the following Sunday – May 12 – in honor of Mother's Day! The calendar of reference is always the online one found here:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=cayugalakecruisingfleet%40gmail.com>

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