



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

First Race of the Year!

We had some really nice sailing weather yesterday – it was perfectly clear, around 70F and with consistent winds to around 8 kts. And on Sunday, when we raced, we had clouds, rain, fog, temps around 55F and very consistent winds of around 10 kts from the NNW until approximately 30 minutes before the first race.

The Fleet Captain set a course of **F**ar Maplewood, **B**lue Things, **E**ast Shore for our 1:30 start. Unless it was **N**ear Maplewood, **B**lue Things, **E**ast Shore. I don't recall, actually. And it doesn't matter, other than in some kind of abstract way, given that the winds went from NNW to nowhere and we went into postponement.

“We” were, in PHRF order, *Trevelyan*, *Mehitabel* and *Snitch*, and *Shawondasee*.

After 10 minutes of postponement the winds built from the South, of all places, enough for a course to be called. The new race was to be **W**est Shore, **E**ast Shore, **N**ear Maplewood. Unless it was **W**est Shore, **E**ast Shore, **F**ar Maplewood. Once again, it doesn't matter except in some kind of abstract way.

Regardless of abstractions, we were able to start the race successfully at 1:45 PM! By successfully I mean that the race started! In fact, not only did the race start, but, as you might even be wondering at this point, all of the boats finished! We did not, however, finish whichever course had been laid out.

No, verily, we spent a fair amount of time out there bobbing around. Bobbing around is actually a bit harsh to say because it seems that when you're bobbing you are not moving and may, even, sometimes drift in the wrong direction. I do have to say that every single time I checked our boat was moving and was moving in the proper direction. It was not, however, moving at anything you would like to call sailing speeds. No, no, it was not a snail's pace. Seriously – snails can not hope to manage our average speed or total distance. And an ant that could walk without rest couldn't have made it more than .13 NM in the time it took us to cover nearly 1.67 NM and ants can't walk that long or that far anyway! So we were better than ants!

Shawondasee took a commanding lead across the starting line and managed to hold on to it for at least 15 minutes and .2 NM. I mean, for the at least 15 minutes it took to cover the first .2 NM.

Snitch eventually overtook her and held that lead to her finish nearly 2 hours later. *Trevelyan* hopefully raised a spinnaker for .1 NM (15 minutes) at one point. It was around this time that Richard made himself a cup of tea – anything to warm the bones and pass the

time, I suppose!

And we finished. Early. At **E**ast Shore. Because fog, rain and, most importantly, little to no wind. *Snitch*, *Trevelyan*, *Mehitabel* and *Shawondasee* crossed, in that order, to be PHRF corrected to *Snitch*, *Shawondasee*, *Trevelyan*, *Mehitabel*. The most interesting bit to point out about that is that while it took *Shawondasee* 2 hours 39 minutes to complete the course she beat *Trevelyan* by 5 seconds of corrected time. That's 0%. I mean, seriously, you have to add a lot of digits after the decimal to see something that isn't a 0.

There was no second race.

Results

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Snitch</i>	168	15:54:12	2:09:12	1:56:58	1
2	<i>Shawondasee</i>	216	16:24:05	2:39:05	2:15:00	2
3	<i>Trevelyan</i>	33		2:01:10	2:15:05	3
4	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		2:31:08	2:16:49	4

The winds for the race are recorded as "wind dir none, avg wind 0".

Standings

Standings are always online at <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/results.html>. You may have already guessed it, but *Snitch* has a commanding lead, after one race, of a point!

Rank	Boat	Model	Owner	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u>	Total	Nett
1st	<i>Snitch</i>	J/24	Feavearyear	168	1	1	1
2nd	<i>Shawondasee</i>	Catalina 27	Ford	216	2	2	2
3rd	<i>Trevelyan</i>	Corsair 28	Stephens	33	3	3	3
4th	<i>Mehitabel</i>	J/24	Fewtrell	168	4	4	4

Next Races!

We are taking one week off for Mother's Day so we will next see you for racing on **May 19!** Skippers' Meeting at 12:30 and racing at 1:30!

Register, Please!

I've been instructed to bug you to register! We updated the registration form so that it's easier to distinguish between crew and boat owners. And because it changed and I have to bug you, I've attached the new form!

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