



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Eight Bells

Before discussing races, at the beginning of our skippers' meeting this past Sunday, we had a moment of silence as we held John Feavearyear in our thoughts. Again, peace be on you and yours, John.

Spring races 2 and 3

Before we can talk about races 2 and 3 I need to badger you to pay your dues! Oh. No. Wait. Hmm. Before we talk about races 2 and 3 I need to badger you about something else! Please get your times to Richard after the races so that I can get this newsletter out to you in a timely fashion! The fleet thanks you for your consideration!

So, anyway, we had races! Why? Because we like sailing. How? Well, on sailboats. Which ones? This week Eberhard joined us on *Fantasy*, his Tanzer 25, so we were up to five boats. Richard was there, again, with *Trevelyan*, his Corsair 28. Rick skippered the Feavearyear J/24 *Snitch*. Clare was there with her J/24 *Mehitabel* and John brought out his Catalina 27 *Shawondasee*. So this week only 60% of the boats (as opposed to the 75% of the first race) had unusual and difficult to spell names. I'm not sure if this is good or bad, but, hey, it did feel worth pointing out.

It was warm (hot) and sometimes sunny. Thankfully it was breezy enough most of the time for us not to worry about the heat. It was sunny enough for us to need sunscreen but also not sunny enough for us to need full-on fowl [quack!] weather gear. According to RUSS winds ranged from 2kts to 28kts and came from every direction on the compass.

But for Race 2 (of the season) the winds were steady enough, the skies were clear enough and the wind direction was steady enough. There we saw 13kts from a southerly direction for most of the race. Ricky gave us a paperclip course of **S**ycamore, **F**ar Maplewood, **W**est Shore. We sailed upwind, we sailed downwind, I think most (all?) of us flew chutes although that felt a little sketchy at times. But hey, whatever! It's sailing! Fast! And furious! Boats finished and times were corrected and time corrections do not appear to have changed the finish order – *Trevelyan*, *Snitch*, *Mehitabel*, *Shawondasee*, *Fantasy*.

For Race 3 the winds became those mentioned earlier – all over the place in every sense. This race was **S**ycamore, **E**ast Shore, **F**ar Maplewood, **S**ycamore. We headed up to **S**ycamore and all (I'm pretty sure!) flew chutes to **E**ast Shore. It was a little too close of a reach to **F**ar Maplewood to hold chutes comfortably and we all dropped them. Then we headed back towards **S**ycamore. And then Zephyr gave us a taste of his sweet breath. Indeed, we got pounded by wind and rain (and some say hail). You may recall that earlier I wrote that

RUSS showed a maximum windspeed of 28kts. Well, Meyers Park showed a maximum of 42kts. I can tell you which of those numbers I believe more and it isn't the smaller one!

Anyway, in more pedestrian terms, it got really windy and then it rained like heck. Boats scattered (all) and dropped sails (*Trevelyan* and *Snitch*) and did whatever they could to stay safe while the thunder (did I mention lightning?) boomed. No worries – we all made it out OK! *Snitch* did head back to shore but, hey, it's not Ricky's boat and I'm sure that you'll agree that it's better to trash your own boat and drown your own crew than it is to trash someone else's boat. After the squall passed *Trevelyan* hoisted her sails and finished before anyone else. *Fantasy* missed rounding the last mark (oops!) in this one but will surely make them all next week! *Mehitabel* came in only 7 minutes behind *Trevelyan* and thus took her on corrected time. *Shawondasee* eventually finished – against the now mild and north winds (and just ahead of another squall) to round out the podium.

Race 2

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	33		43:51:00	0:48:53	1
2	Snitch	168	14:32	1:02:00	0:56:08	2
3	Mehitabel	168		1:04:39	0:58:32	3
4	Shawondasee	216	14:43:50	1:13:50	1:02:39	4

Race 3

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Mehitabel	168		1:20:18	1:12:42	1
2	Trevelyan	33	16:08:41	1:13:41	1:22:09	2
3	Shawondasee	216	16:32:42	1:37:42	1:22:54	3
4	Snitch	168		RET		5

Unofficial Standings

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	Total	Nett
1st	Trevelyan	33	3	1		6	6
2nd	Snitch	168	1	2	5.0 RET	8	8
3rd	Mehitabel	168	4	3		8	8
4th	Shawondasee	216	2	4		9	9
5th	Fantasy	192	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	21	21

Spring races 4 and 5

Be at the South Pavilion of IYC on Sunday May 26 at 12:30 PM for the Skippers' Meeting and on the water for races beginning at 1:30 PM off the point. This is Memorial Day Weekend and it is expected to be quite busy at IYC -> if you do not moor a boat in the IYC marina they request that you do not park down by the boats! Please be nice to our hosts and they'll continue being nice to us!

Out of room!

Oops! I'm out of room and I can't name and shame laggards! But please register as crew and pay up! Your boat might not get scored if you don't pay up. Honest! It's happened before!

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