



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

We Raced!

Yesterday we raced! We raced like the wind! We raced!

Yes, we raced like the wind. We raced in every direction, at every speed and with wonton disregard for the proper word to use in a sentence (although some of us did wantonly enjoy our Asian dumplings after racing). Sorry for the liberties I'm taking in describing the adventure of it all – I just like to try and keep things exciting and interesting for those who weren't able to join us on the water as well as those who were.

So, yes... Well, it wasn't really windy or sunny or hot or cold or much at all around the time of the start of the first race. The race committee (Mr. Fleet Captain Hissself) called a course of WAWN. But the winds died. And they switched from not much South to not much North. The RC changed the course to NANW and we were off at a good clip! And the North winds picked up from not much to exciting – 18kts gusting 28kts as measured at Myers – where they stayed for nearly a half hour. So we screamed through this course with the last boat crossing in only 45 minutes.

The RC set a second course of CSF – expecting the madcap winds to hold. Well, they certainly did for the first long leg up to **C**rowbar. This leg saw *Trevelyan*, Richard Stephens' Corsair 28r, with a scrap of jib and reefed main, passed at many points, even past **F**ar Maplewood and nearing the mark, by the J/24s *Mehitabel* of Clare Fewtrell and *Snitch* of David Feavearyear. John Ford's Catalina 27, *Shawondasee*, helmed by Susan Witherup, and *Arcadia*, Mic Tulumello's O'Day 27 followed at what I like to think was a respectably close distance.

But the winds tapered off. Down to 15kts by 3PM and then down to 5kts at 4PM. For the boats that hadn't finished by this time viz. *Arcadia* and *Shawondasee* it became quite a slog to finish. Indeed, *Arcadia* retired from the race and *Shawondasee* only succeeded in finishing an hour after the last J through sheer willpower, tenacity (with Jamie at the helm at this point), skill, good humor, great looks and, of course, impeccable humility.

I suppose I do have to mention, as well, that it poured buckets for at least 10 minutes and then sprinkles for another half hour at some point during this race, too. Things were really quite exciting on the water with rapidly changing wind speeds and directions for much of the windier periods (everything up through 3:30). Sure – we flew chutes for the downwind legs (*Arcadia* aside) but everyone was all over the place. Boats were more losing their chutes than rocking back and forth, but it was still quite shifty (and exciting).

Race 6 results:

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Mehitabel	168		33:45:00	0:30:33	1
2	Snitch	168	14:03:58	0:33:58	0:30:45	2
3	Shawondasee	216		39:01:00	0:33:06	3
4	Trevelyan	33		31:29:00	0:35:06	4
5	Arcadia	222	14:15:06	0:45:06	0:37:58	5

Race 7 results:

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	33	16:04:12	1:34:12	1:45:02	1
2	Snitch	168	16:29:23	1:59:23	1:48:05	2
3	Mehitabel	168		2:03:23	1:51:42	3
4	Shawondasee	216		3:03:09	2:35:25	4
5	Arcadia	222		RET		6

Spring 2019 Standings (throwouts apply):

Rank	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	1	(2)	(6.0 RET)	1	1	2	2	15	7
2nd	Mehitabel	(4)	(3)	1	2	2	1	3	16	9
3rd	Trevelyan	(3)	1	2	3	3	(4)	1	17	10
4th	Shawondasee	2	(4)	3	(4)	4	3	4	24	16
5th	Fantasy	(7.0 DNC)	5	6.0 DNF	5	5	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	42	28
6th	Arcadia	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	5	6.0 RET	46	32

Race results and standings are always available online at:

<http://www.cruisingfleet.org/results.html>

Coming up this month

Saturday 6/8 is the IYC Wine Keg Laser Regatta. I believe IYC is still short a volunteer or two – let me know if you can help out on the water. Should be ~8:30 to ~3.

Sunday 6/9 and 6/16: Two more days of Spring Series! The 16th will be the end-of-series BBQ! Stay tuned for more info on that one but plan on bringing a dish and hanging out with us after the races! The Fleet provides grillables and drinks! Families are welcome!

Saturday 6/22: Summer Sailstice/Sheldrake Cup Regatta! A really fun race/rally from IYC to Sheldrake Point followed by a raft up and picnic! I will get you details as I have more!

And if those dates seem a little off or wrong you should check the official Fleet calendar for confirmation! You can always find it through <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/calendar.html>

First Summer Latitude race will be June 30! Open to any sailboat! Skippers' Meeting 1PM!

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