



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

And the season endeth

Where to begin with the end? There's so much to recount! We had weather, we had races, we had camaraderie, we had food, we had final results on the season! Since I've gotten my page setup back this week I'll try to keep things more linear for you. So... We we'll start with the weather.

It was Father's Day! So I thought that my kids would be out with me for sailing and a BBQ. Why not? What a great way to spend a day! We woke to 60 and drizzly but the forecast said the rain would stop by noon and the wind might pick up at some point a bit later. Well, that was fine. I'd still bring them out. I pushed the arrival of our crew at the boat back by a ½ hour – to give the rain time to really stop and for our sailing adventure to be the best possible. As we got closer to noon, however, the forecast said that maybe the rain would stop by 5:45 and the winds might still arrive at some point... We decided not to torture our children by bringing them out and we headed off, childless, to IYC.

At IYC it was still drizzling, of course, and the wind wasn't anything to speak of. In the harbor the anemometers weren't even turning... But Myers and Pile Cluster were both showing 10kts – something was going on but we just couldn't see it from shore. Luckily we were able to talk the Fleet Captain/Race Committee into actually setting a course and we set out to sail it -> EB. Well, get this, once we actually got out of the lee of the hill we could feel this aforementioned 10kts and the RC reset our course to FAN.

We shot off (with *Mehitabel* pulling a lovely dip start – like *we* had planned to do!) and went up and back and around and such. We all got quite wet as it had not stopped raining. The course was finished quickly (under an hour) and the RC set a second course of C. This race seems to have seen more wind but that could just be that we, for the most part, sailed our boats more in the center of the lake and away from the lee – at least getting to the mark. We, ah, right. We. Well, we were, in PHRF order, *Trevelyan*, *Mehitabel*, *Snitch*, *Fantasy* and *Shawondasee* (helmed by Jamie Lloyd this day).

Anyway, we all rounded and popped chutes and headed back. Now... The comments about being “in the lee at IYC” and “having more wind in the middle” might clue you in, some, as to the wind direction. And it might have clued us in, some, as well, although quite a few of us seemed to willfully ignore the fact that it was a NNW wind with plenty of gusting from due W – near shore at any rate. We could have jybed out to the middle and taken a generally stronger and more steady NNW but most of us chose to stay within 500' of the West shore and to take the gusty winds coming over land. It's a bit late to try it again and to see if staying out or staying in was the better course of action but as the case was we were the westernmost boat and we rarely saw below 4kts boat speed and during the Westerly gusts often saw more than 7kts... I guess we finished last, too, so there could have been

something to staying more to the East. Well, next time John will remember to do that, I'm sure. If the identical conditions present themselves.

That brings us to results... Race 10, FAN, finished like this:

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Trevelyan</i>	33		40:21	0:44:59	1
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:20:20	0:50:20	0:45:34	2
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		51:45	0:46:51	3
4	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	14:25:25	0:55:25	0:48:33	4
5	<i>Shawondasee</i>	216	14:29:12	0:59:12	0:50:14	5

Race 11, C, finished like this:

Rank	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		48:08	0:43:34	1
2	<i>Trevelyan</i>	33		39:16	0:43:47	2
3	<i>Snitch</i>	168	15:34:17	0:49:17	0:44:37	3
4	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	15:40:30	0:55:30	0:48:37	4
5	<i>Shawondasee</i>	216	15:42:45	0:57:45	0:49:00	5

We have the final standings for Spring Series 2019...

Rank	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Total	Nett
1st	<i>Trevelyan</i>	(3)	1	2	3	3	(4)	1	1	1	1	2	22	15
2nd	<i>Snitch</i>	1	2	(6 RET)	1	1	2	2	2	(3)	2	3	25	16
3rd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	(4)	(3)	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	3	1	25	18
4th	<i>Shawondasee</i>	2	4	3	4	4	3	4	(5)	(6)	5	5	45	34
5th	<i>Fantasy</i>	(7 DNC)	5	(6 DNF)	5	5	5	6.0 RET	4	5	4	4	56	43
6th	<i>Little Wing</i>	(7 DNC)	(7 DNC)	7 DNC	7 DNC	7 DNC	7 DNC	7 DNC	6	4	7 DNC	7 DNC	73	59

11 races! 5 wins for *Trevelyan* (plus the series) has her well in the lead for BOTY but there's still plenty of time for the rest of us to catch up! Congratulations Richard and crew!

The end of season BBQ

Thankfully we did have some family come out (despite the fact that it never, in fact, stopped raining) so the deviled eggs did finally show up with Mik's family! We also had lovely (and delicious) nautical-themed sugar cookies from the Bray clan, there were Feavearyears in the house (and on the water) and we had some from the Stephens clan. Still, things were clearly more subdued than usual, what with the awful weather, and many of the usual (oh *Little Wing*!) boats and family members were noticeably absent. Well, darn it, we still had fun and we'll do it again! (And thanks FC for grilling up grillables for us!!!)

Sheldrake Cup, Sailstice, Rally, Picnic, this coming Saturday

In fact we'll do it again on Saturday as we race in the Sheldrake Cup and/or just participate in our part of the international Sailstice. In both cases what we'd like to see happen is for you to get your boat up to somewhere near Sheldrake Point somewhere near noon this coming Saturday.

Plan change: now, the race will actually feature a Bermuda start (not like I said last week) so boats will start based on handicap with the highest handicap boat probably starting at 8 AM. However, it would be nice if you registered your intent to race with my (CLCFcrew@gmail.com) by Wednesday noon so that we can fully calculate starting times based on who that slowest boat actually turns out to be! **If you're not racing you should still plan on leaving at 8ish** (certainly not much later) as you want to be at Sheldrake Point to raft up with us for lunch, don't you? The weather will be lovely – it always is – and sailing is fun. Honest!

Liz (Assistant Fleet Captain and RC for this race) says, “Please sign up for the Sheldrake race by end of the day Wednesday! We'll be in touch with start times by Friday at noon along with details about where we will raft up. Right now, the slowest boat will start at 8am. Please bring lunch for your boat but feel free to bring a snack or drink to pass! If anyone is short / over / willing to take on extra crew please also reach out.”

The end of the newsletter

No, not the end of it forever – just the bottom of this week's installment!

Full **results** are online: <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2019Spring.html>

The Fleet is on **Facebook** (you have to ask to join the group):
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CayugaLakeCF>

The Fleet is on **Instagram** from what I hear:
<https://www.instagram.com/cayugalakecruisingfleet/> (although we could use more people posting!)

The **calendar** is online and is the reference. It says all kinds of things like first Latitude race is whenever it says! Yes! I do want you to look! Please! It's the most up-to-date source of times and dates! <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/calendar.html>

Sailstice is here: <https://www.summersailstice.com/2019/event/sheldrake-sailstice> Again, if you sign up with them you can win stuff. Honest. We did. It's real. Really real :)

For racing in the **Sheldrake Cup** next weekend get me your boat info (CLCFcrew@gmail.com) so we can be sure sure sure to have a starting time set for you!

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