



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Red Jacket Regatta Soon – Register/Pay **NOW**

The Regatta (41st running, IIRC) will be held on July 27. It will feature a Bermuda start in which boats with the highest PHRFs will start first, probably around 8AM, and then we'll all meet up at the Red Jacket Yacht Club for dinner, fun, games and whatnot.

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR FOOD RIGHT NOW. And, hey, if you're going or thinking about going, this year they've asked us to pay in advance. So you should do that last week. Because the due date is July 10. Like, wow. That's day after tomorrow! And the Vice Commodore (who is dealing with the finances this time) has not yet received a single check. Bummer.

So here's the entire section copied from last week with even more emphasis added!

Please register and pay for meals now (address just below)!

Join us for our annual race to the Red Jacket Yacht Club on July 27. A mooring field and dock are available. Spend the night on your boat or camp on the beautiful grounds (bring your own tent). They have a wonderful saltwater pool & shower facilities.

There is a cash bar (with very reasonable prices!) and a chicken BBQ (\$14 each). **RJYC requests that dinners be paid in advance:**

Send a check to Susan Witherup (Vice Commodore of IYC) **by July 10.**

587 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850; Switherup@ithaca.edu; 607-592-6117

If you miss the July 10 deadline, send your check (by July 13) to:

Paul Kolb (RJYC Fleet Captain) pkolb41@gmail.com or 585-732-3024 (you have to figure it all out this way. I suggest using the previous method – it sounds simpler and more reliable!)

If you plan to race to RJYC, please contact: Rick Bray (CLCF Fleet Captain) by text/phone at +1 (607) 222-5350 or at CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com

Latitude Race 2

We raced yesterday. It was quieter than a week ago but still plenty fast for all but the fastest boats. Indeed, as I saw it, 5 boats finished within 5 minutes of each other! Heck, some of those finishes were quite close and had lead changes in the last ½ mile of the race! (The finish was exciting and nerve wracking! The start was exciting and nerve wracking! It was a great day to race!)

So, right, we raced. I know, I know. I do write that rather a lot. Well, because, ahem. It was pleasantly warm, mildly overcast and a touch (25%) windier than forecast. We sailed to the C latitude although, admittedly, given how easy the upwind sailing was we might have been able to go all of the way! If, that is, people were willing to risk having the winds die.

But the winds were already more than forecast and, please, do not mistake my words! We LOVED sailing and racing! And C was perfect. Sigh. (Sorry, FC/RC for introducing doubt. I'm just saying that if we knew then what we know now we could have done other! That, however, is almost always the case! And those who will sail, will sail! And those who don't won't!.)

We zipped up, zipped over, zipped across, zipped back and finished. Looks like it was *Snitch* (Feavearyear J/24) [by well more than 5 minutes], *Mehitabel* (Fewtrell J/24), *Little Wing* (Russell Catalina 320), *Fantasy* (Alsen Tanzer 25), *Quetzal III* (Witherup Cape Dory 28) and *Trevelyan* (Stephens Corsair 28) crossing the finish line – in that order. In that order and in under 2h05! Although... What do I know? The official results are always online (although perhaps not posted for this race yet):

<http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2019Latitude.html>

Night 50 Mile Race this Friday

We'll have Sailing Instructions posted for you but they are very simple. Here's a summary:

- 1: Skippers' Meeting at 5:15 (optional!). Start between IYC flagpole and A mark at 6PM.
- 2: Leave mark 51A to port.
- 3: Finish between IYC flagpole and A mark and make a note of your GPS time.
- 4: It would be nice if you had a VHF tuned to 80A so you could hear us near the start of the race. Otherwise it's good to listen on 16 most of the time.

Upcoming Latitude Race Trial Change

It seems that we'll be sailing distances based on our handicaps and not latitudes. As such we'll round imaginary marks on a line in the middle of the lake. The FC/RC will get us a spreadsheet of marks per rating and we'll use that, as a trial, the next time we hold a Latitude race -> July 21.

In both cases, Night 50 and Summer Distance (Latitude) races, I do not expect to email you again until next week so please *let me know ASAP if you are planning on attending the Night 50* (especially if you need crew or want to crew!) or if you have questions concerning the new (trial) Latitude format. I'll do my best to answer questions or to forward those to the appropriate people (the Fleet Captain!).

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