



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

And the season endeth

No. Wait. That was a different newsletter. Well, let's see. And the calendar changeth! I'd tell you the new schedule but it wouldn't be official because the only [official calendar is the online one](#).

Changes that I'm, thus, not telling you about:

- The Red Jacket Regatta will be on August 24. You must register for the race and for food with Ricky before August 9.
- The rest of the schedule shifts earlier by a week and thus we have whatever it says on the [official online calendar](#) viz. there are races and such every Sunday until Red Jacket.
- Noting that the 18th is the White Sail Regatta (and surely BBQ) and,
- The 11th is the last Latitude Series race and thus there's also a BBQ.

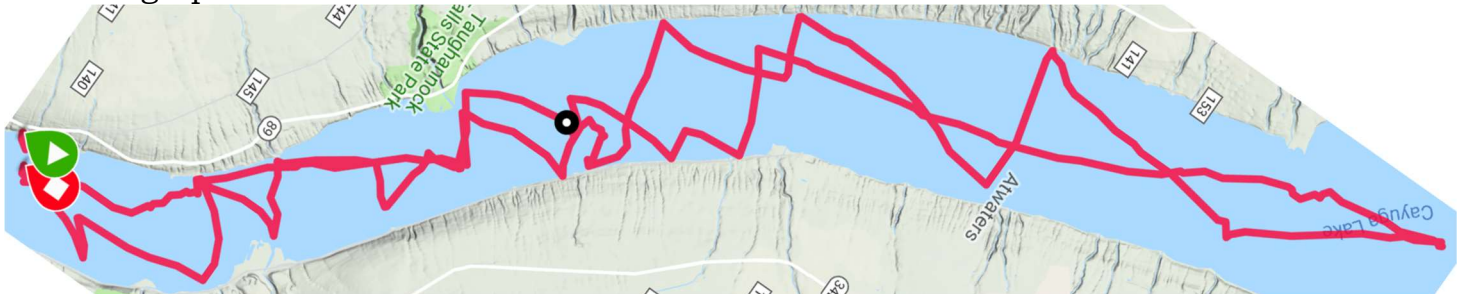
Long Distance Race 2: The Night 50 Miler

Four boats showed up to compete in the Night 50 this year. We had *Invictus*, helmed by Bonniwell, *Arcadia*, helmed by Tulumello, *Quetzal 3*, helmed by Witherup and a surprise Weta entrant helmed by Rice. We shot off the line promptly at 6PM and were not seen at IYC again for some time.

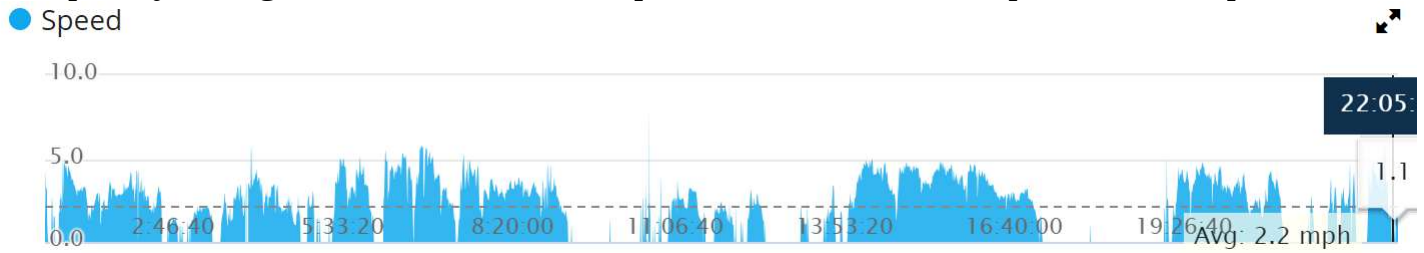
Most of us shot off, that it. More of us shot off than didn't. *Invictus* and *Arcadia* crossed at about 6, *Quetzal* a few minutes later and the Weta a bit after than.

We beat up the lake, back and forth. Although it seemed like the Weta went straight up the West shore – out in front from before Taughannock to out of our site for good. Heck, it wasn't hard to be out of our sight on this race as there were over 4 hours out of our 22 hour total were we (*Quetzal*) didn't have measurable boat speed. Our total distance traveled came out to 48.6 SM with an average speed of 1.9 kts.

Here's a graph of our course:



And here's our boat speed. I guess the scale goes up to 10 because I must have moved my arm quickly enough at a few moments to put the instantaneous speed over 5 mph.



In giving you our total distance and a representation of the map you might have figured out that we did not finish the course. I admit that we didn't even make it to Long Point! And down by Camp Comstock? We ran aground twice (although boatspeed wasn't measurable so saying running aground makes it sound much more aggressive than it was).

Arcadia was unwilling to complete the course as well although they actually did round the mark (good job!). Still, they turned on their motor after 23:30 hours of racing when they had not yet made it back to Milliken Station. (We didn't turn ours on because it wasn't working.)

And that leaves us with the actual finishers... We had text reports, in the night, that they were trading tacks (although I'm not entirely sure what that means. Trading positions on opposite tacks?). They were still close enough, well into the night, that the race could easily have gone either way.

And yet, as with in tennis, there does come a point where someone has to win the race. Who could it be???

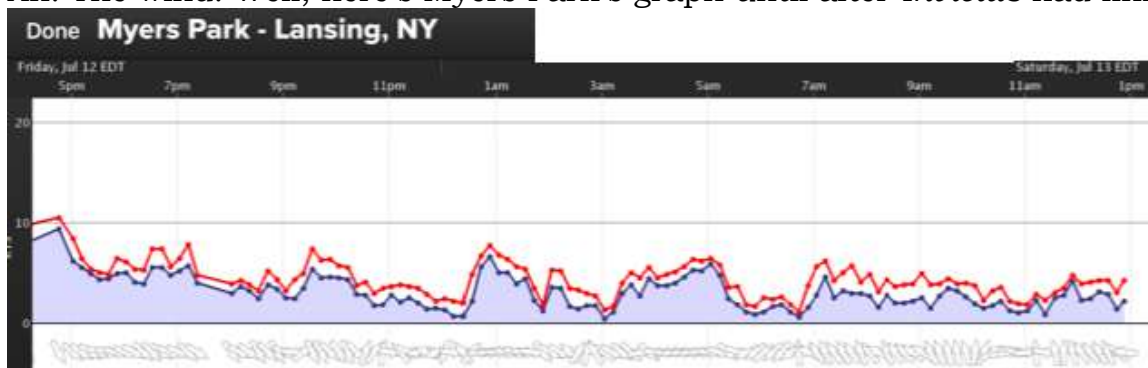
Perhaps you'll have to look [online at the official scores](#) to know! Or here you have it:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Keith's Weta	165	11:26:11	17:26:11	15:51:05	1
2	<i>Invictus</i>	174	13:54:44	19:54:44	17:52:37	2
3	<i>Quetzal III</i>	237		RET		5
3	<i>Arcadia</i>	222		RET		5

Congratulations, Keith!

Keith very carefully prepared for the race and had contingency plans in place. For example, in case of a squall his plan was to capsize and wait it out. Given the winds that we experienced this, thankfully, wasn't necessary.

Ah. The wind. Well, here's Myers Park's graph until after *Invictus* had finished:



So it was great until right before the race and then it was never truly great again. And a lot of the not great times involved not really having wind from every direction. A real treat.

Upcoming

Again, as the calendar shifted, there will be Latitude Series races each of the next four Sundays in a row! Then we'll have an open regatta on the 18th and the 24th is Red Jacket. YOU WANT TO SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME. Honest. It will make life better for everyone.

Latitude Changes

Ah. We may sail distances up the lake based on our ratings and thus each boat may well sail around an imaginary mark (a GPS location) with the total straight line distance being proportional. As opposed to the current system where the latitude alone is based on ratings. Given the prevailing winds on the lake this means that faster boats must go further than they would under the new system. Were it to be put in place. Which it might. Soon. We'll get you all imaginary marks to round!

See you on the water!

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