



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

And there was more racing for Latitude 3

Although you didn't get the news here (sorry about that), there was, in fact, racing a few weeks ago. No kidding! You might know that but, well. Right. I'm not even sure, alas, who raced! There was racing, however! It was pleasantly breezy (fifteenish from the NNW) genuinely warm (mid 80s) and quite sunny. The RC called a course of D and the boats were off!

The lake was the most amazing fluorescent green – a lovely and typical color for the glacier-fed waters of Banff's Lake Louise but quite surprising for Cayuga Lake, actually. And, um. The boats that were present raced!

Let's see... I believe that *Snitch* took the race, *Mehitabel* was second followed by *Shawondasee* and then mumble mumble mumble (*Fantasy* and *Trevelyan*, at least, were in the race and probably finished after those others. I don't actually have the results so, well, just take this for what it's worth and assume the finish order that pleases you most!).

And racing continued this week for Latitude 4!

This week I was there (!!!) so I have more of an idea of how things went! It was sunny and quite warm, again, but this time our wind was closer to 6 or 7 and from the quarter centered on the South. Three boats set off to race to latitude C.

With a big Southern component to the wind and a slight West component, *Quetzal III* began the race with her chute up, on port tack and in the center of the lake. This proved very effective as she easily held the outright lead in boats well past **NM** and was quite handily the first boat to round her latitude. *Snitch* and *Fantasy*, as members of the Cruising Fleet, were constrained to starting inside of **A** mark and were thus sent on courses that both had worse VMG and required gybing rather early.

Still, boats do turn around and must do their upwind legs and no one will ever (alas) accuse *Qiii* of being quick on the upwind leg and thus she was passed by not only *Snitch* but also *Invictus* (who wasn't even in the race but who had sailed from quite a bit further up the lake right past *Qiii*'s nose on the line). To repeat myself more succinctly, the finish order for this race was *Snitch*, *Quetzal*, *Fantasy*.

Official Latitude 3 and 4 results

Oh. Ahem. I'm quite sorry – I don't have the results to share. They'll be available online soon, I'm sure. It appears that race 2 isn't up, yet, either. Well, I'm sure they'll all be up

soon and we can all marvel at how well *Snitch* is doing in the series. After 4 races I put her at 5 points so in the lead with a comfortable margin, I would venture.

Please come to IYC to honor John Feavearyear August 11, 10:30 AM

A memorial ceremony in the honor of John Feavearyear will be held on the point at the Ithaca Yacht Club on August 11 beginning at 10:30AM.

Latitude 5 next Sunday

Sunday (the 4th!) we'll hold the 5th race in the Latitude Series. Skippers' meeting is at 1PM at the IYC South Pavilion and the race will begin at 2. Per the updated sailing instructions, following the successful completion of a fifth race in the series there will be one throwout. There is no second throwout!

End of Latitude Season race and BBQ August 11

Sunday (the 11th!) you should plan on arriving at the Ithaca Yacht Club in time to honor John Feavearyear. That means that you should be on the point by 10:30, please! At 1PM we will hold a skippers' meeting at the South Pavilion and at 2PM we will race. The race will be followed by a traditional end-of-season Fetch. That means that the Fleet will come with food to throw on the grill and beverages and you should come with a dish to pass!

White sail regatta August 18

On the 18th the Fleet is holding an open regatta for all sailboats. Spinnakers will not be allowed! Our hope is that we can entice members of the Red Jacket Yacht Club to come down and crew on boats and that we can entice members of the Ithaca Yacht Club to sail their boats – with RJYC crew, perhaps. And perhaps other boats will join us, as well! We would like to have as many short races as we can – followed by a BBQ (Fetch-style again, I'm sure – bring a dish, please!) at the South Pavilion.

Red Jacket Regatta – Saturday August 24

The 41st annual running of the Red Jacket Regatta, from the Ithaca Yacht Club to the Red Jacket Yacht Club, will take place Saturday, August 24. The race is open to all sailboats. The start will be held Bermuda-style in which boats with the highest handicaps start to race first. There will be a raucous greeting for us at the Red Jacket Yacht Club followed by lawn games pitting IYC against RJYC in “friendly” matches. They have an inexpensive cash bar and then will hold a dinner in honor of the long-standing club friendship.

The cost of the dinner (a complete chicken BBQ with all of the fixings and dessert) is \$14 (cash only, please). You must register with Ricky (CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com) by August 9 for your food! That doesn't mean that you have to sail up if you don't have the time or if the weather is awful or whatever! You can drive up! You can bike up! You can swim up! You can fly up! Get there however you can! But please register with Ricky ahead of time!

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