



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

And the season endeth

Finally! It's true again and I didn't have to change the template text! The Latitude season has endedeth!

Race 5: I missed telling you about race 5 last week. Terribly terribly sorry about that! It was a few weeks ago in case you weren't there. It was sunny, warm and fekkin' windy out. Sure, from shore it just looked like it was blowing 8 or maybe 10 but from the water it felt more like 16 or 20 – the West shore hides the true impact of a NW very well. Ricky gave us a latitude of C and we headed out. Keith and Richard joined us on *Wetas* and Richard did a very nice horizon job on us! (Keith wasn't really racing – he was just killing time by screaming around on the lake. He still zipped right up the shore well ahead of us until he decided to turn.) After the turn around (had Richard already finished???) for the keelboats *Snitch* popped her chute. That was brave of them! I hear they were doing over 10kts (IIRC) right around Crowbar.

After we rounded Crowbar and got a bit more in the lee of the land *Shawondasee* popped her chute so *Quetzal* was forced, by the honor rule, to do so as well. *Fantasy* took a more reasoned approach (than following “honor” rules) and kept her chute down. She still took *Quetzal* so it wasn't a bad choice regardless.

Race 6: Last Sunday we showed up early at the yacht club to honor John Feavearyear. After a lovely ceremony the commodore fired the canon and David spread John's ashes on the lake and then we set off to race.

Now... The morning weather was perfect and lovely for the ceremony – clear skies and around 70F with nary a whisper of wind. That didn't bode particularly well for a race. Still, the forecast said things will build after noon to around 10 from the West. Things built enough that by race time Liz called a course of C. Getting out on the water closer to 2 it was clearly a bit more than 10kts in wind. I'm more inclined to believe more like 12 to 14. However, it was clearly not West – it was NNW. We had a few different things happen this race... We had *Shawondasee* and *Snitch* crew on *Quetzal*, for example. We also had a special guest appearance by *Smiling Bulldog*! Unfortunately they arrived without a GPS or their coordinates so they just had a blast screaming up and down the lake...

The rest of us did what we do – we raced. It was an interesting race in the setup and strategy in that any of *Quetzal*, *Fantasy* and *Mehitabel* could have had any of 2nd, 3rd and 4th places. *Quetzal* felt well-placed to podium what with the extra crew but, alas, she also had, apparently, hundreds of gallons of extra water in her bilge in addition to the extra crew and all of this extra weight made her downwind leg astonishingly slow. Indeed, the helm kept declaiming the lack of progress against other boats despite the hot angle to the wind. And he

deeply regrets the series of events that led to this unfortunate experience and profoundly apologizes to our crew for the entire season for such an egregious and easily-rectified fault. Ahem. Oh. Right. We raced! And *Mehitabel* took this race and thus second in the series followed by *Fantasy*, *Trevelyan* and finally *Quetzal*.

The race was followed by the end-of-season BBQ helmed by Ricky. We enjoyed, thus, burgers and tubular meats provided by the Fleet and delicious sides and desserts provided by the sailors.

Latitude Final Standings

With all of the text and such have you figured out, yet, who took the series? If you only looked at this newsletter there are hints... Oh, well, heck, I'll just put it right out there for you! *Mehitabel* was the only J/24 mentioned in the 6th race and she took second in the series. *Snitch* didn't race in the final race because the skipper was on shore helping commemorate the memory of his father – and because they already had a lock on the season. You must know, given what you know of John, that if there had been any question over who would win the series *Snitch* would have sailed. In third place we have *Fantasy* and then after that we have the other boats. The official results, as with the official calendar, are always the ones posted online. Said results are always available (after they've been published!) on the fleet website which is <http://www.CruisingFleet.org>. Just navigate over to the results and you'll find something that looks something like this:

Ran k	Boat	PHRFTO T	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	2	1	1	1	1	2	17	7
	Mehitabe					(10.0	10.0			
2nd	I	168	3	2	2	DNC)	DNC	1	28	18
3rd	Fantasy	195	5	4	(6)		3	4	24	18
					(10.0					
4th	Quetzal III	237	4	5	DNC)		2	5	30	20
					(10.0	10.0				
5th	Trevelyan	33	1	6	4	DNC)	DNC	3	34	24
			(10.0	10.0		10.0		10.0		
6th	Shawondasee		DNC)	DNC	3	DNC		3	46	36
			(10.0			10.0	10.0	10.0		
7th	Little Wing		DNC)	3	5	DNC	DNC	DNC	48	38
			(10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0		10.0		
8th	Weta 437		DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC		1	51	41
				(10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0		
9th	Ripple		6	DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	56	46

(Something like this. Perhaps with better page formatting.)

Sunday it's a regatta!

Looks like Sunday we're holding a non-spinnaker regatta. No kidding! So... The intention is to have something cool and casual that we can sail with minimal crew – to encourage folks just to come out and sail! And then... And then we'll have another BBQ! The Fleet will provide all of the leftovers from last weekend (meat, tube meat, drinks) and you should come with your boat and a dish to pass! It will be great. Honest :) Skippers' meeting at 9:30 followed by 5 or 6 short races starting around 10. It's just like a real regatta only a bit more

chill... So, sure, there will be scoring and awards and all of that but, still, we'd just like to get you out on the water with us! We're fun. Just ask me – I'll tell you. Fun incarnate. Oh yeah. Fun. All of us have a middle name of eff you enn. No kidding. And sailing instructions are attached and posted at the South pavilion. Ask your sailing friends to come along! Ask other boats to show up! We are totally F – U – N and so is sailing.

Then on Saturday the 24th it's a regatta!

Then Saturday morning we'll set off (early!) on the Red Jacket Regatta! I have played around with the numbers somewhat so we can have a few more people come up with us trivially and a few more than that easily. Food is only \$14 and the experience is pretty awesome even if you don't sail up. That is to say, that on the 24th we'll race up to the Red Jacket Yacht Club and then starting at around 4PM up there we'll be drinking, playing games and whatnot. Closer to 6PM we'll eat the aforementioned food. It will be good. It will be cash and it will also be good if you tell me as early as you can that you're going. Honest. Really. Because if you haven't already told me you're going I can still get you food (that's part of the "playing with numbers" thing mentioned above) and you'll have fun and we'll have more fun with you along!

There will be a limited number of Red Jacket Yacht Club members down who will be sailing up with us on our boats, too! Since I get to be race committee I've decided that we get a PHRF bonus of 6 pts per RJYC member on our boats! This is a bit to try to convince you to have them aboard but I do have to admit that agreeing to have them on your boat doesn't mean that you will actually have them... As of right now I've heard of a total of three of their members who would like to sail up and one of those (Trevor – ha!) may well sail his own boat back up. I'm going to be out of town this week and might have trouble organizing getting people paired up with boats but if you already registered with me as being willing to take them as crew I will pass your info along and do what I can to hook people up with boats!

The start will be in the Bermuda format with the boat with the highest PHRF starting first followed, based on T-on-T PHRF, by the others. So, hey! You have to tell me before Friday the 23rd, late, if you're racing or not and if you've managed to get any RJYC crew so that I can do the magic (it's just math) and get you a starting time for the race! The first and slowest boat will start at 8AM. If you're not my crew then there's a really good chance you don't have to start that early!

I'll try to work on a more final version of the Sailing Instructions for the next Pennant.

Last Bell

And, again, for David Feavearyear and all other family and friends of John Feavearyear, we are profoundly sorry for your loss.

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