



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## Well that was fun

We held a regatta today. And it was a lot of fun! It was a little sparsely populated with 7 competitors but it was great sailing and we all had a brilliant time out on the water.

Our courses were basically West Short once or West Shore, home, twice. Sounds simple enough, right? Maybe. But this wasn't beer can racing – this was short course regatta racing. The races happened one right after the other until we had a threatening front just over the hill... We managed to get 5 races in from around 10 AM to around 2 PM. The weather, during this time, was just lovely. It was partly cloudy and around 80F. Myers weather station shows that winds were largely SSE and varied from around 3 kts (first races!) up to 10 gusting 15 for later ones. Fine racing – a bit of a shakedown on running gear and then some reasonably serious stuff followed by a lovely BBQ on shore.

Richard and Keith sailed *Wetas* with us but not exactly against us as they are preparing for Weta Nationals. Susan sailed the IYC Hobie 14 with and against us. We also had Mik with *Arcadia*, her O'day 27, Gwen and her J/24, *Adalente*, James on his Cape Dory something, *A Boat Has No Name* (ABHNN), and Charles on the family Cape Dory 28, *Quetzal III*. Crew numbers varied from one for all three of the multihulls past ~1.4 for ABHNN (I heard from crew that they stayed carefully below decks and out of the way for most of the racing. That has to be worth something but not something that will round up to something more substantial just yet) to 2 for *Quetzal* and *Arcadia* up to 5 for *Adalente*.

And that's all good, right? So you should come out next time and, like, sail with us. Sailing isn't bad! Non-spinnaker sailing is less involved than sailing with one!

I suppose I might mention the winners, while we're at it... Fine, fine. OK. So, the *Wetas* had their own gig going and they didn't really count in scoring (although I'm sure there was quite a bit of rivalry between the gents) and we end up with *Quetzal* taking fifth, ABHNN taking fourth, *Adalente* took third (and a bottle of Mount Gay), *Arcadia* was second (winning a bottle of Kraken) and the IYC Vice Commodore sailing the IYC Hobie 14 won the day (and a bottle of Bacardi)

Full results are online at: <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2019-White-Sail1.html>

## Well, that will be fun. You should figure out how to come!

Saturday August 24 is the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Red Jacket Regatta – race from Ithaca Yacht Club to the Red Jacket Yacht Club! After the race RJYC hosts a big party for us on the lawn, in the bar and with a banquet. There will be lawn games, drinking and eating. Many of the boats having sailed up for the event will stay overnight and sail back the following day. They have very nice facilities including a pretty darned awesome saltwater pool...

If you're thinking about racing a sailboat up you should get a start time from me before the race happens! I should be back in town by Friday and if you tell me which boat you're sailing up I should be able to work out when you start. Starting times vary in this race because we're using a Bermuda system where the slowest boat starts first and then successive boats start later based on their handicaps. The handy thing about this format is that your place on the podium is very easy to tell – it's your place in the line of boats crossing the finish line! All of the handicapping was done ahead of time – for you!

I can manage to squeeze in a few more people for meals (a \$14 chicken BBQ with fixings and whatnot) but you really need to get back with me ASAP so that I can convey the information to the right people! Me: [CLCFcrew@gmail.com](mailto:CLCFcrew@gmail.com).

I'm also Race Committee for this one so if you decide Saturday to race but you haven't contacted me then feel free to just start at the appropriate time. This works if you have a well-established PHRF (handicap) in the fleet. We're basing the earliest start on the highest PHRF boat presumed to be in the race (ie among those who have already agreed to buy dinners!) and thus for all others your start times should quite simply be 8 AM +  $[(249 - \text{your PHRF}) * 22.5 / (24 * 60 * 60)]$  seconds. (Just ask me when you start. I'll tell you!) Now... This formula will also apply if you are taking Red Jacket members on your boat but your PHRF will go up by 6 points per RJYC member! Great, right? Maybe! If you haven't already signed up to have any on board let me know so I can attempt to distribute them! Cool little kickback, right? We'd like to encourage more interaction among the clubs and this is one way of doing that.

And, again and to insist, you do not have to sail up to come up and have fun with us! Drive. Fly. Swim. Whatever! But let me know ASAP if you're not already signed up – please! The party starts at RJYC at 4PM!

*Presumed* start times (to give you an idea) follow. This is just to give you an idea! For your official start time you will need to wait for an email from me Friday night. This will allow us to work out allocating RJYC members as well as fixing PHRF ratings.

Sailing instructions are attached.

Presumed Red Jacket Regatta start times (not counting RJYC crew):

Boat	PHRF	Start Time	NS Start	
Bayfield 29	237	8:04:36 AM	8:00:00 AM	Serenity
Hobie 16	126	8:47:06 AM	8:42:31 AM	Hobie!
Corsair 28	33	9:22:43 AM	9:18:08 AM	Trevelyan
Oday 27	222	8:10:20 AM	8:05:45 AM	Arcadia
Cape Dory 25	261	7:55:24 AM	7:50:49 AM	ABHNN
J-24	168	8:31:01 AM	8:26:26 AM	Adalente
Niagara 35/dinghy	189	8:22:59 AM	8:18:23 AM	Sans Souci
Ranger 29	189	8:22:59 AM	8:18:23 AM	Ripple
Catalina 30	174	8:28:43 AM	8:24:08 AM	Invictus

There will be other fun things, too

But you'll have to look at the calendar for now. Fall Series starts whenever the calendar says! Soon but not next weekend! Maybe September 1? Well, again, look at the calendar!

<http://www.cruisingfleet.org/calendar.html>

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