



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Red Jacket Rocks

And another Red Jacket Regatta is ready to be set in stone – done and gone. We had nine (ten?) boats show interest; in the end we had six boats race and a seventh accompanied us much of the way. The forecasts called for clear skies, winds at 9 from the North and temps in the lower 70s. At least none of that was right. Um. I'm supposed to say "some", right? Well. OK. The temperatures were closest!

Given the forecasts (pretty close to unanimous on the winds, I should add), the Race Committee decided that there would be no non-spinnaker bonuses. So... Imagine how red in the face he was when the first boat left a bit before 8 AM with their chute up. Indeed, for the first, oh, 2h28 of racing there was a South wind. Still, of course, the Newfield Drift did eventually die (approximately 30s after *Trevelyan* started) and we all dealt with North winds.

Those started small, of course, but did gradually build to 10 or 11 kts gusting nearly 20. Still, on the positive side of things, they did stay that high for 4 or 5 hours in a row and most boats managed to finish. *Trevelyan* pointed out that during this time they tacked multiple times while holding roughly the same course – the winds were a bit fluky in their direction!

Trevelyan took the race handily followed by *Adalente*, *Invictus*, *Arcadia* and *Ripple*. *Quetzal III* couldn't come close to finishing on time and motored for an hour to finish bare minutes before *Arcadia* and *Ripple*. This Winter I'm almost positive that *Quetzal* will start a GoFundMe site asking for contributions towards carbon sails because surely that is all that is holding her back at this point.

We arrived at the Red Jacket Yacht Club and were greeted with enthusiasm by those of their members who hadn't sailed up with us. Ah. Of course. So, hey, did you know that we finally convinced a few of them to come and sail with us up the lake? We did! Really! Maybe we'll convince more next year – who knows? Regardless, Melinda and Colette took places on *Quetzal* and *Adalente*, respectively, and made their ways up the lake with the Fleet!

A few more than one hundred joined us for dinner and other various enjoyments before we went back to sleep on our boats and again make the journey from one end of the lake to the other. Sunday, this return trip, was a bit more interesting to predict in that the wind forecasts truly called for everything and nothing from every direction possible and changing at every moment possible. As it turns out, this is reasonably close to how things felt on the water although included in all of that I must admit that there was a good deal of really nice sailing – everything from dead runs with the chute deployed to hours of hard tacking beats to hours of (ahem) motoring from one wind patch to another.

Series Standings

Oh, those will be online, I'm sure. Right now I imagine, rather easily since I'm pretty good at math, that the podium is *Invictus*, *Trevelyan* and *Arcadia*. Although, hey, *Quetzal* is pretty close behind and might get on some kind of podium this year. Maybe!

It's Clearly Fall Now

It was in the 40s this past Monday and it's been cool and breezy all week! Cornell and IC classes have begun, again! That means that it's time for the Fall racing series to start. So... This coming Sunday we'll hold Fall 1 & 2. The skippers' meeting will be at 1PM at the South Pavilion at IYC and then the first race will begin at 1:30. Be there or be somewhere else! But we'd like it if you came. I'm talking to you Smiling Bulldog! This is around-the-buoys racing so should be right up your alley!

The 8th we'll have races 3 & 4 and then the following weekend, on the 14th, we'll hold the Day 50 Miler – our last distance race of the year.

The Rest

Look online! The online calendar is the calendar of reference! You can see that here:
<http://www.cruisingfleet.org/calendar.html>

Lots of things are shown, there, like another White Sail regatta! The last one was good but we'd like to try and get a few more people and a few more boats out there with us for the next one. We'll try to get more IYC people in as well as Red Jacket members for crew. We'll see how it pans out! Tell your friends with boats or skills about it now and maybe we'll crush previous attendance records! Sunday – September 29!

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