



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Regattas are fun

So, hey, the next time we hold one you should come out and join us! We had sun, wind, waves, spirited competition, shouting (someone should tell that guy to tone it down and leave his poor crew alone – “make it go faster, Lauren!” doesn’t do anything but alarm folks), fights (with lightsaber water cannons), camaraderie (with Lauren, Steve and a few others joining us exceptionally and/or from out of town), food (chard pesto pizza with chili garlic sauce and seitan FTW!), libations (hic), spectators (although those might have just been homeowners curious as to what all of the ruckus was about), dogs (sundogs, that is! Or ice halos around the sun – however you choose to call them yourself!), birds (the bald eagle was fishing at Maplewood Point for hours), fish (at least you hope the eagle got some, right?), good organization (thanks Ricky!), good officiating (thanks Ricky!), good scoring (thanks Ricky!), great prizes (thanks Ricky! And, Clare, please get that boy a check – he keeps paying for the prizes himself!), and an Oxford comma because why not?

Did that give you any sense of what the event was like?

It was in the 60s, started mostly cloudy and finished mostly sunny. Winds were straight down the lake. They started at 6 or 7 kts, dropped to 0 for a frightening 5 minutes of the second race, then built to 8 or so with some occasional gusts as high as 12 or even 13 kts.

Seven boats came out to compete and interestingly very few of those (that would be 2, to be exact) had their regular crew as skippers brought friends out, shared crew around or otherwise. It sure looked to me like all had a good time (although the IYC Vice Commodore did look awfully chilly out there on the Hobie 14).

Our first race was **F**ar Maplewood, **W**est Shore. That turned out to be a bit long so our next courses were **N**ear Maplewood, **W**est Shore. We did some crew swapping (thanks Ricky!) and *A Boat Has No Name* left us and we had the last two races as **N**ear Maplewood, **A** Gate twice around.

Snitch had a pretty dominating performance taking the line four times and winning three. The Hobie crushed us all in the second race – when the wind (and waves) dropped she was still able to move. *Fantasy* took a race in there, too. *Quetzal* proved what a powerhouse she is at the bottom of the field by completing each race!

There were no broaches to report and I only saw one auto-gybe (well, actually, I missed seeing it as I was on the foredeck and looking forward) followed by a completely out of control turn directly towards another boat. At that point the offending skipper (surely no one you know so names are not worth mentioning) was seen to gesticulate madly while screaming something along the lines of “It’s not safe! Don’t come anywhere near me or you’ll

be in big trouble!” As I understand things, this was interpreted from *Snitch* as being trash talk. Nothing could be further from the truth – it was nothing but (very loud) friendly banter followed up with copious amounts of lightsaber water cannon action between boats.

So, you know that I could just go on and on, right? I guess I’ll just give you the results instead... Hmm. I can’t effectively copy and paste those so you’ll get the final tally for now. At some point I’m sure full results will show up online, in the reference location.

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett
1st	Snitch	168	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	7.0	7.0
2nd	Fantasy	192	2.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	12.0	12.0
3rd	Arcadia	222	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	17.0	17.0
4th	Adelante	168	5.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	21.0	21.0
5th	IYC Hobbie 14	180	3.0	1.0	5.0	6.0	7.0 FIP	22.0	22.0
6th	Quetzal III	237	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	31.0	31.0
7th	No Name	297	6.0	5.0	6.0	7.0 FIP	7.0 FIP	31.0	31.0

Snitch is the Feavearyear J/24, helmed by Schweizer. *Fantasy* is the Alsen Tanzer 25 (prototype). *Arcadia* is the Tulumello O’Day 27. *Adelante* is the Bullock J/24. IYC Hobbie 14 is a Hobie 14 helmed by Witherup. *Quetzal III* is the Durkee Cape Dory 28 helmed by Witherup. *No Name* is *A Boat Has No Name*, the Lloyd Cape Dory 25.

Races the next three weekends

The final four races in the Fall Series will occur the next two weekends so October 6 and 13. The 13th will also be our end-of-season BBQ/fetch.

The 20th will be our Frostbite Regatta for any boat still on the water. I make that qualification because all lake facilities including IYC are closing early this year in an attempt to reduce flooding next year. There is some logic to all of that. Honest. We’ll probably have a BBQ/fetch featuring leftovers from the end-of-series BBQ!

Marks Out!

Marks will come out starting the following weekend so sometime the last weekend of October or the first weekend of November. Ricky will need 4-6 on the water and 2-4 on shore, total, so if you can help out please let him know! He’s CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com.

Awards

Then we’ll have an awards banquet – date tbd although likely sometime, I’m sure. I’ve been volunteered to hold it at my house but you’re always welcome to offer up yours if you have an appropriate space :) If it is at our place I’d guess that it will be the 2nd or 3rd of November. Or 16th or 17th. Maybe Ricky will make a survey and ask you what you prefer!

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