



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Errata!

I am so very sorry that I led you into thinking that there wasn't any real drama last weekend! There was, in fact, contact at a start during one of the fouls! I'm not entirely sure what transpired but I received word that *Mehitabel's* hull has swirly marks down the side from where it intercepted the prop of *Fantasy's* outboard. Clare apparently wants to buff the swirls out but I also heard that the crew thought they looked kind of cool and wanted to keep them.

If you see any other errors in my newsletters please feel free to send them my way and I'll be happy to twist and distort your corrections at least as much as I twist and distort the rest of what I report!

Regattas are fun – come out on Sunday!

Regattas are fun so you should come out for the last one of the year. That's Sunday. That's the Frostbite Regatta. The weather, ahead of time, looks awfully nice... Should be sunny and 60s with a South breeze near 10. At least, if you believe the forecast this far out! Skippers' meeting at 10 and then racing starting at 11 and going until *Snitch* has enough points to win boat of the year! Just kidding – we'll have racing until we're done! (And *Snitch* will, as an added bonus, probably have enough points to comfortably win BOTY). We're hoping for up to 6 races. After the races we'll have another fetch/BBQ/potluck on shore. The Fleet will provide (wait for it) the leftovers from last weekend! You should come with a super fun attitude and a dish to pass! Come out even if you don't have a boat on the water any longer – we'll get you out there!

And saying that regattas are fun isn't twisting or distorting anything – it's a fact! Hello!

The Fall Series Ended!

It wasn't *just* this past Sunday. It didn't rain, either, on the just or the unjust. It did, however, blow. And it blew nicely – like we like. As discussed last week, “like we like” is from the South. That means that we get wind without waves. Our wind, this time, was close to 15 gusting very low 20s. It came in a straight line from the clocktower to IYC – some kind of SE, I suppose. Given that's not the orientation of the lake and that the winds were a tiny bit higher we had more interesting races this week than last.

Ricky called our first course as PAW (or PIW or PAWI, depending on which one you think makes the best word. PIWI?). That's **P**ile Cluster, **A** Mark (also known as **IYC**), **W**est Shore (and finishing at **A** as usual although this letter can be left out of the course). Given the clocktower breeze, port tack was favored by 10 degrees or more on the way to the pile. The

J/24s must have taken some advantage of this as on the first leg they rounded very quickly after *Trevelyan*. Boats that went shore-to-shore on both tacks lost a lot of ground when they were heading East!

This race had a course length of 4.6 NM. *Trevelyan* managed to finish in only 51 minutes (VMG of 5.5kts) but at barely 7 minutes ahead of *Snitch* so it was *Snitch* who took the race on corrected time.

Our final race of the Fall Series had a course of SFWN – 5.4 NM from **S**ycamore to **F**ar Maplewood, **W**est Shore and **N**ear Maplewood. *Trevelyan* had a more-expected performance with VMG of 6.75kts and finished before any of the rest of us were on the last leg of the course.

Days out it's so hard to recall all of the specifics of every bit of excitement in the races but there were quite a few of those. There was the part where at the start of a race *Little Wing* lost helm and fouled *Snitch* who fouled *Shawondassee*. There was the bit with *Shawondassee* sailing on port straight for *Trevelyan* on starboard. This one ended with *Trevelyan* on port (??) and *Shawondassee* doing circles! There were other bits down by the pin that I didn't quite catch but that involved *Mehitabel* doing circles as well. *Fantasy* had one of those really frustrating spinnaker sets where the hourglass **would not** sort itself out for minutes! Then there was more than a mile of a downwind leg that saw *Little Wing* tens of feet to leeward of *Shawondassee*. *Little Wing* flies an asym and *Shawondassee* a symmetrical chute so *Shawondassee* was pinned in place sailing a much hotter angle than ideal for VMG. Eventually (10? 15 minutes later?) *Little Wing* gybed away and *Shawondassee* was able to head down to a more reasonable course.

Just time for a quick plug and reminder – the Fleet's private Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CayugaLakeCF/>) is a good place to (privately) share photos and there are some from some of the events mentioned above (although none of the swirls down *Mehitabel*'s hull at this time. Sorry about that!). Since it's a private group you do need to ask permission to join but, hey, we're accommodating – for persons known to us or with a clear interest in the local sailing scene!

Fall Results

The reference version of the results is always the one online! That's at <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/results.html> That shows, for example, race 9:

Rank	Boat	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Snitch	14:28:20	0:58:20	0:52:49	1
2	Mehitabel		59:09:00	0:53:33	2
3	Trevelyan	14:21:17	0:51:17	0:57:46	3
4	Shawondassee	14:39:09	1:09:09	0:58:41	4
5	Little Wing	14:37:47	1:07:47	1:00:06	5
6	Fantasy	14:43:15	1:13:15	1:04:10	6

You'll also see race 10:

Rank	Boat	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	15:48:48	0:48:48	0:54:58	1
2	Snitch	16:07:05	1:07:05	1:00:44	2
3	Mehitabel		1:09:08	1:02:35	3
4	Shawondasee	16:16:20	1:16:20	1:04:46	4
5	Little Wing	16:21:01	1:21:01	1:11:51	5
6	Fantasy	16:23:16	1:23:16	1:12:57	6

And thus the Fall Series ends with these results:

Rank	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Total	Nett
1st	Trevelyan	1	1	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	2	1	1	1	3	1	25	11
2nd	Snitch	(2)	(2)	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	17	13
3rd	Mehitabel	(3)	(3)	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	26	20
4th	Little Wing	4	4	3	4	(5)	5	(6)	5	5	5	46	35
5th	Fantasy	5	(6)	4	3	4	4	5	(6)	6	6	49	37
6th	Shawondasee	6	5	5	5	(7.0 DNC)	(7.0 DNC)	4	4	4	4	51	37

After these races (but before we had results) we had another fine fetch at the South Pavilion with delicious grillables served up (on a platter) by our very own FC... Folks brought a surfeit of delicious dishes this go around and we enjoyed a pleasant meal on the lawn... I encourage you to do your best to reproduce this experience next Sunday after the Frostbite Regatta. It will be lovely, I'm sure!

Marks Out Soon! You should volunteer to help!

You, too, can participate in getting the marks out of the water, cleaning them up and putting them away! It's *not* a thankless job - you will receive the thanks of many! You will also, likely, get cold, wet and stinky given how things typically go. But, hey, at least we have the party barge for marks, now, and there's very low risk of, well, er, drowning! What more could you possibly want from a day of your time?

Tell Ricky (CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com) that you want to help and he'll try to work out whatever needs working out and get you there.

The Awards Banquet Cometh!

And then... We'll have the end-of-year awards banquet! Now, you already know how that's going to turn out (or you can always refer back to paragraph 3 if you've forgotten by now) but it will still be a fun time. This year it will happen on November 3. We'll get you more details next week.

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