



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 *Snitch* would just take the BOTY (Boat of the Year) trophy by simply winning a few races this past weekend. It turns out that I was just kind of winging it on the calculations I was making and there are/were actual rules and stuff on who gets the trophy. No kidding! And thus I don't actually have any idea who is going to win! I do hope that someone lets me know before I have to print the list of winners for the year but, hey, that isn't really as important as all that to those who, ahem, don't stand a chance of winning it...

And, again, 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 – you came out Sunday!

Regattas are fun and some boats came out! It felt a little sketchy at 10 AM as there were only three boats and a slower boat present. It was a little chilly (50s), cloudy and not super windy at this point (maybe blowing 6-8 from the Clocktower). Still, hey, we're troupers and, frankly, it feels like there aren't 20 boats still afloat for the whole southern end of the lake so we had a huge showing percentagewise!

Ricky zoomed out (there's really no other way to drive a Zodiac-like conveyance) and placed a starting gate and then by 11 we were racing. First course was **West Shore, A Mark**, twice around except for the slower boat who got to go around only once. Neener neener all of you fast boats. Ha! Second course was something or other... It's not written in the results! Let me see – I have the GPS tracks... Second course was, perhaps, **West Shore, Near Maplewood**. Now... A funny thing happened during this race... *Fantasy* showed up right after the starting sequence had begun so they joined in! They even (alas) beat the slower boat on the course! Third course might have been **Sycamore, A Mark, West Shore**. While we were racing in this one we had *Wisp* show up and follow the other boats along around the marks... After the race we tried hailing her on 80 and 16 but receiving no response we went straight along with things.

Our fourth course was, perhaps, **West Shore, A Mark**, twice around. During this race we verbally accosted Arne (skipper of *Wisp*) and made him turn on his radio. This meant that he was able to officially join us in the final two races! The fifth course was announced and the RC stated it would be the last race of the day. Three of the other 5 boats present moaned and wailed on the radio and convinced the RC to declare there'd be 2 more races and not just one! Yeah!

And then the wind kicked up! Instead of 8kts it was now blowing closer to 12kts. I heard it said that there were several gusts in this bit of over 18kts. So the fifth course was called and run. Perhaps it was **S**ycamore, **A** Mark, **W**est Shore? I can't really say. The last course was **S**ycamore, **A** Mark, **S**ycamore. That one, at least, I'm sure of!

If I'm not sure of all of the courses it's that I was in the slower boat and I didn't sail the entire course for 4 of the 6 races. As it happens, well, our boat is awfully slow and I didn't want folks to have to wait forever between races for me. As it also happens I was sailing solo and flying a chute... That was fine enough until the winds went over 10kts. Then I did like Arne (also sailing solo) and flew wing-on-wing with my pole up. Arne did sail the full courses... Still, I was last to finish every one of the races – chute or no.

There was plenty of starting-line excitement this time. In fact, much more excitement than I can recall seeing here. With the can that Ricky had placed for the starting line we had several hundred feet of a line that was nearly perpendicular to the wind – with plenty of room for maneuvering outside of either end. The favored start was to go to the north docks, tack and then scream down the line on starboard until the start and then head up. The only issue with this is that, of course, all of the skippers know that this is the better start. So we ended up with a few bunched starts with folks pushing folks pushing other folks up and over and down and around. In the last two races, in particular, with more boats at the start and with higher winds, we had half of the racers ducking back under the line after the start and/or doing circles.

Why, even in the middle of one of the races we had *Mehitabel* spinning circles. Although, it appears that this was an impromptu MOB drill (“floating winch handle overboard! Starboard aft!”).

So, anyway... We had 6 boats come out and, frankly, we had some awesome fall sailing. The sun came out, the winds came up, it wasn't too cold. Afterwards we had good times on shore with leftovers from last week and other goodies folks brought.

Quetzal III, the Witherup/Durkee Cape Dory 28 had a commanding and utterly unbeatable performance in the race to the boat with the highest PHRF. *Wisp*, the Feyling Catalina 320 put in a great showing (although doesn't show in the scoring). *Fantasy*, the Alsen Tanzer 25 had some good races. *Little Wing*, the Russell Catalina 320, did a decent job of surprising Arne and beating him in each race they both participated in (although, to be fair to Arne, Bill did have a full crew and a spinnaker – I'm sure both of those helped!). Clare Fewtrell had her J/24 *Mehitabel* out and, rounding out the boats we had the Feavearyear J/24 *Snitch*. Now, the order in which the boats were laid out actually does have a rhyme and a reason and that is that it's close enough to the finish order of the regatta – from the bottom to the top.

As for food we had the last (alas!) BBQ of the Bray reign. Boo! Maybe we should make him do a BBQ for the awards ceremony, too, so that he gets let off of grill duty gently and slowly... He also brought a big pot of chili, from what I understand. Thanks for the races, Ricky, and for running the show for a few years!

Unofficial (sorry!) results are at the bottom of the Pennant. Those probably show 2 throwouts. Seems to me that there should probably only be 1 for the regatta. However, I have heard that it wouldn't make a difference in the results. I did check the top of the list and the bottom of the list to verify for those positions and it held true so I'll just go with it.

As for the rest... Well, it shouldn't make a difference for BOTY so you'll be fine. Honest. Trust me!

The Fall Series Ended!

That is so last week! Yes, the Fall series ended and so has the sailing season altogether! That means all kinds of things... Like...

Marks Out!

Ricky needs help. Saturday - wet crew (pulling marks) - meet at the North Docks at 10. Shore crew (sometimes equally wet) - meet at the north docks around 11:30. He's hoping to have **C**rowbar, **W**est Shore, and **S**ycamore pulled in time for the shore crew to start working. Shoot him an email and let him know you're coming! CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com.

The Awards Banquet Cometh! For realz!

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 of last week's Pennant if you've forgotten by now) but it will still be a fun time. This year it will happen on November 3. It will happen at the SoNG Common House at 218 Rachel Carson Way from 5 to 8:30 PM. You are requested to bring a side or dessert and \$5 a person to help defray costs on the main dishes and beverages that the Fleet will provide. RSVP (please honor us with the courtesy of a reply) at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2019clcfbanquet>. You are encouraged to get in contact with Ricky (CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com) to figure out a means of getting him more pictures as he does plan on running a slideshow.

Quantum Coming to Store/Repair Your Sails

The last week of October (or so!) Quantum Sails will come down to grab sails and then inspect and store them over the winter – free of charge. Of course, there is always a chance that they will find issues in which case they'd be happy to get you a quote for repairs. If you don't have space to store your sails or you know that you need repairs done this is a great opportunity!

David Feavearyear will temporarily store some of these sails in the South Pavilion of IYC and will be happy to work with you and Quantum regarding the transfer of sails. So... If you need them to take care of your sails, in whatever sense, please see with David about any details I haven't covered here. He's available at snitch4028@gmail.com or (607) 227 8044.

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Sigh. This is what “technically challenged” looks like. I mean, seriously, look at this font, would you? And the formatting? It makes me sad, really. It’s, in fact, not that I’m technically challenged it’s that this software doesn’t do simple and normal things in a simple and normal fashion. It’s enough to make some smart people feel dumb! It’s also enough to make some managers and software folk realize and acknowledge that doing programming from a static spec is rarely (read ‘never’) the way to get the best software. But, please, pay me no never mind and focus your attention on attempting to make sense of the mess that is the following set of results – from this weekend’s Frostbite Regatta!

2019 Frostbite Regatta

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2019 CLCF Frostbite Regatta

Overall

Sailed: 6, Discards: 2, To count: 4, Rating system: PHRFTOT, Entries: 5, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank Boat PHRFTOT R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 Total Nett

1st Snitch	168	(1.0)	(1.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	4.0
2nd mehitabel	168	(2.0)	(2.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	12.0	8.0
3rd Little Wing	183	(3.0)	(3.0)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	18.0	12.0
4th Fantasy	192	(6.0 DNC)	(4.0)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	26.0	16.0
5th Quetzal III	237	4.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	5.0	5.0	5.0	29.0	19.0

R1

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place

Rank Boat PHRFTOT Finish Elapsed Corrected Points

1 Snitch	168	112206	0:22:06	0:20:00	1.0
2 mehitabel	168	0:22:45	0:20:36	2.0	
3 Little Wing	183	112932	0:29:32	0:26:11	3.0
4 Quetzal III	237	114020	0:35:56	0:29:41	4.0

R2

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 10:59

Rank Boat PHRFTOT Finish Elapsed Corrected Points

1 Snitch	168	120655	0:21:55	0:19:50	1.0
2 mehitabel	168	122801	0:22:21	0:20:14	2.0
3 Little Wing	183	121003	0:25:03	0:22:13	3.0
4 Fantasy	192	121344	0:28:44	0:25:10	4.0
5 Quetzal III	237	123530	0:33:07	0:27:21	5.0

R3

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 11:27

Rank Boat PHRFTOT Finish Elapsed Corrected Points

1 Snitch	168	125855	0:33:55	0:30:42	1.0
2 mehitabel	168	131606	0:34:22	0:31:07	2.0
3 Little Wing	183	130400	0:39:00	0:34:35	3.0
4 Fantasy	192	130600	0:41:00	0:35:55	4.0
5 Quetzal III	237	132421	0:55:18	0:45:40	5.0

R4

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 12:14

Rank Boat PHRFTOT Finish Elapsed Corrected Points

1 Snitch	168	133540	0:20:40	0:18:43	1.0
2 mehitabel	168	141138	0:21:02	0:19:02	2.0
3 Little Wing	183	133906	0:24:06	0:21:22	3.0

4 Fantasy 192 133932 0:24:32 0:21:29 4.0
5 Quetzal III 237 141518 0:33:22 0:27:33 5.0

R5

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 12:53

Rank Boat PHRFTOT Finish Elapsed Corrected Points

1 Snitch 168 142325 0:28:25 0:25:44 1.0
2 mehitabel 168 145227 0:31:58 0:28:56 2.0
3 Little Wing 183 142932 0:34:32 0:30:37 3.0
4 Fantasy 192 143215 0:37:15 0:32:38 4.0
5 Quetzal III 237 145709 0:44:18 0:36:35 5.0

R6

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Finish time, Time: 12:53

Rank Boat PHRFTOT Finish Elapsed Corrected Points

1 Snitch 168 152353 0:38:53 0:35:12 1.0
2 mehitabel 168 0:39:19 0:35:36 2.0
3 Little Wing 183 153152 0:46:52 0:41:34 3.0
4 Fantasy 192 153300 0:48:00 0:42:03 4.0
5 Quetzal III 237 0:56:03 0:46:18 5.0

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