



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fleet Captain's Spring Meeting Notes

Covid: We'll just roll with the punches. Whooooaaaaa.

Marks:

- West Shore and Sycamore will be replaced this year and A next year. Charles ordered the marks (\$752 / here in 2-3 weeks).
 - Does anyone have any suggestions for an easy way to adjust the location of A before races?
 - Does anyone have any suggestions on (regulation approved) preventative maintenance on marks?
 - We won't make the A mark an inflatable because IYC uses the mark.
- Charles also ordered 2 lights (\$172.78), one to use this year and one back up.
- We need to make sure the Coast Guard maps and the IYC maps are the same.
 - We haven't done that in awhile. Clare will look into it and will tell IYC what updates need to be made, as they own the charts.
 - We'll hopefully use a depth meter this year when putting in marks.
- **Crowbar:** Problem: keeps floating away.
 - Suggested new location: 1/2 mile south of East Shore.
 - Many people also liked the current location because it's fun to have a mark far away.
- **Pontoon boat:** hinge on door, propeller and floor need fixing.
 - David F will look into repairs and will be in touch with Bill P
- **Calendar:** approved except the July 50 miler will be decided 2 weeks prior if it should be Friday late evening (~8pm) or Saturday afternoon (~4pm)
- **Staying Competitive / Practice:**
 - Ricky will lead a SI clinic before Spring and Fall Series. Maybe that will be a remote class.
 - Drills requested: Sailor overboard (using fender in spring and person in warmer water), hove to.
- **Digitizing the Pennants:** Tom Johnson (and Denise!) kindly offered to digitize the old Pennants!
- **Web Hosting:** Keith is going to look into hosting options as Mike had previously provided web hosting. Possibly move to IYC website.
- **Growing the Fleet:**
 - **Outreach:** Social media, posters, Ithaca newspapers (article), CLCF crew shirts
 - **How do we get more boats on the startline?**
 - Handicap for boats with new crew
 - Latitude (distance series): Change rating to beer based PHRF - last boat should be back before beers are over.

Secretary's Spring Meeting Minutes

"I work with children who spray boogers everywhere." Ew!

Present:

- Charles, Mike, Mik, Liz, Eberhard, Dave, Rick, John, Lauren, Thomas, Denise, Keith, Clare

Toast to Mike Newman and moment of silence. Memories shared. Sadness. [Memorial services and celebration of a life well lived to be held in Ithaca, NY in July, tentatively on the 24th or 25th.]

Covid 19: don't come out and race if you're going to infect everyone. If everyone is infected then you can all sail. If you're not going to infect anyone you're welcome out, too. Be reasonable and rational, please. Wear face masks if you can find them. Wait, no. Leave those for the medical personnel. OK. Do not show up if you have it or have been near anyone else. Wash your hands before beer! And we'll stay in close touch with IYC and go with what they tell us we have to do.

Lights: we'll talk about lights later but we really need 1 light absolutely. Charles would like to buy 3 of the inexpensive ones we've been getting lately (all Coast Guard [CG] approved natch).

Marks: West, Sycamore and A are all in bad shape... IYC uses A... Rick sez A is in rough shape and taking on tons of water... So A can't be inflatable – as it is used. But we really need more to talk with IYC and see about whatever.

"We really need to replace 3 marks, frankly. We shouldn't mess around trying to repair them or make our own."

Crowbar... We might move things... Last person to register marks with CG was Peter Gould. If we want to move/register it may be difficult. That is to say that it might be good to move C to the east shore so that we have a line of marks on that side of the lake, too, but we'll need to register things properly for liability reasons. But... IYC owns them so IYC will have to register them. If we want to move the mark we probably need to see how big the population density is and if the CG will even let us move it there. Besides... As it happens... Dave says that there are two Maplewood marks in the water but only one on the charts. And Eberhard says that the marks on the water aren't in the right locations anyway! Rick, as person formerly in charge, accepts responsibility for where they went because it was pretty close to the locations we give in the SIs and, hey, there's a lot of scope and the bottom of the lake is a mysterious thing with ledges, shelves and unmapped stuff and we do the best we can – if you want them in a specific place then come out and help put them on the water.

Are there any other locations where C might work? We'll think about it.

Clare, Charles and Eberhard like the current location 😊 But it keeps going AWOL. And Rick says that it's really nice being close together (having all of the boats in close proximity) so it feels like we're racing against each other. CC&E all see the point.

Would a 300# anchor solve the problem? Maybe not. Liz will send another survey. Maybe. Liz will have to look up and see how hard it is moving it first. And then maybe send out a survey.

Pontoon... Door needs new hinge, propeller is pretty chewed up, floor is getting rough. Youth Program should pay/help pay for repairs, darn it! The floor sucks. Maybe we take the top off, put metal up front and something uncomfortable in back? This would prevent further damage to the boat and it would also keep the boat from being used as a swim platform. David said he'd investigate options. And thinking about it right now... Other than tearing doors off of their hinges and chewing up propellers what harm really comes to the boat from common use? Well, the parts we do like tearing up the carpeting.

Sailing Instruction changes: Are we going to rename the Latitude series the Virtual Mark series? Yes! And Richard is going to sponsor it! The Memory Map Summer Virtual Mark Series [MMSVMS]. Seconded by Thomas. Passed unanimously. So we'll do summer based on distances. Richard needs to come up with locations for us and his sponsorship of the event may well all be in-kind. And, ahem, he might need to agree to the name change, too.

Questions on things to do for the year... Learning how to race. Rick encourages talking about infractions after the rules! [I don't know what I was trying to say. Maybe after races – so that things are fresh in our minds.] The number one rule is rule 14 – “avoid collision”. Liz and Mik would like a class. Mik wants to do it with toy boats. Steve has the magnetic board with boats. “It would be awesome if someone facilitated the discussion.” And... “We all sit at our little tables after races... We're not talking about it. We need to have discussions when we have problems.” Proposals: “1: mock protest hearings, maybe a week after, where we all talk about what happened. 2: proactive/preemptive where we have seminars...” Rick is nominated as moderator. Seconded by Lauren. None opposed. Rick has to be the moderator (of the part 1 proposal). Ha ha. Further proposal – do it as a fetch (part 2) with IYC. If we're friendly with them they'll be friendly with us. Rick might do part 2. Someone should second that and then we'll not have any opposed and he'll have to do that as well.

Clare will send details of the book. [The book! You know? Rules or discussion thereof, I imagine.] There will be a survey for dates for part 2. Liz will do that. No seconds but clearly none opposed.

Calendar is pretty much the same as always plus the addition of woman-at-helm event (races) weekend of mother's day. Clare is in and will let Liz drive.

Marks prep is not a lot – especially if we've put them up rationally which we have because we rock! Although Charles hasn't charged the lights all winter so we might need to get a few batteries...

Marks in: please make sure that they go in in the right locations and verify. We blame the fleet captain. Ted Zmansky [spelling, of course. But you get the idea, right?] had a document with lat/long/depth. Perhaps we should use those. Clare says we should use the specific locations from the CG charts. Clare will do the verification of locations and such. Charles seconded. None opposed although Clare points out that Charles is not the one running the meeting. Well, whatever. Delegated! This sounds suspiciously like the previous item where I said Eberhard said the marks weren't in the right place. Well, I added that afterwards so it was probably Clare because it said so right here before. Or we talked about things multiple times. Eberhard probably didn't say it. Well, whatever!

Clare would like to move the night 50 mile race to Saturday so that she can have a better chance of getting crew – “like it was until a couple of years ago”. Charles says, “maybe more than 8 years ago? Didn't Tim move them to Fridays?”. David says maybe 8PM Friday? Clare says that doesn't change her crew situation. 2PM Saturday? Vote taken with some representing the absent. The vote is a tie. Sort of. So we'll decide later 😊 In the typical case it's decided by who will actually race on the given days.

Calendar is approved.

Mike: please highlight “white sail” races. And advertise 'n' stuff. Liz says, “OK!” She'll make posters and distribute. There are all kinds of places these could go around town including in/near the gym at IC, for example. But, ha. If there were any students still in town.

Combine an Ithaca Festival Parade float with IYC? Find some kind of boat we could use. Liz is going to look into it. Charles seconds. None opposed although Dave (probably the third or fourth time I've said that but I always call him David. Hmm. Well, I dunno. I guess we'll clarify it with him at some point if he's Dave or David and then I'll forget again) did point out that “we” have done it multiple times with various boats but that it's difficult to get a bigger boat out for multiple reasons (too tall, not roadworthy, no license plate, etc) and recently they've asked for money and blown us off or refused us otherwise.

Practicing: throwing someone overboard, do with a simulacrum, do it for realz. We should have a nice talk/presentation on it ahead of time.

Treasurer report: IYC needs to pay us for last year (although we might still need to ask them to pay for last year). And then we'll be roughly where we were at the beginning of last year except that the coffers are dwindling as we've had more big parties recently. Rick says that the big parties were combined expenses and it didn't really work like that [and all seem fine with having more and bigger parties, anyway, I'm sure]. We should buy what we need for marks. Buy two lights now. Charles will. Buy 2 cans now. Charles will.

TJ will scan the Pennants for us! Charles needs to get with him to get the documents to him. And then we can put those online. Probably in a place where people can get to them. Password protected seems like a good idea.

Web... Our web hosting was through Mike Newman... Keith will see if we can piggy back on IYC. Or John will ask. There's a technical side and a policy side... We want to host the current and past cruising fleet newsletters, some documents, photos, perhaps? Keith will send John the technical info we need and then John will see with Mike on Monday at the IYC board meeting and they'll discuss things... Hopefully we can get a few new capabilities and maybe some space. [Although Susan says she's happy to create a page for us and make us admins and whatnot but she'll have to run it by the board first.]

Ratings committee: we just need to know the specifics on the boats so that we can assign proper ratings. John's new boat has lots of options in the book so he'll have to be specific. TJ's boat has a number of variants, too, but Charles has graciously agreed to tack 21 PHRF points on to his rating. [Although, as with not running the meeting Charles is also not the ratings chair.]

Outreach: Liz will add stuff to social media on Thursdays – to get folks interested and excited about sailing on the weekend. We'll, hopefully, be able to coordinate in with other local tourismish sites. Liz will work on things and stuff. Where should we put posters? All over. We need to get IYC folks involved with us! It's OK – we'll just make Susan tell people!

Charles/Clare will send "old" logos to Liz so that we can make tshirts and things. Does Mel have any old shirts? TJ will email a picture of the old-style flags...

So... Hey... What about informal weeknight sailing/racing?

Let's talk about adjusting PHRF... If we do that for the summer series... How can we make it more fun and whatnot? Give points to bathtubs! But... How do we get more people out? Give QIII a 270 PHRF. I'm sure that will help! Dave says, "I can't make the math work!" I think we need to use new math and it will be fine.

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