



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

We will race again!

Now, when will that be? Ay, there's the rub.

Race prep news

- We received the new marks and lights. They're very shiny.
- I've charged and tested the lights and have installed the difficult ones.
- I still need to make a light base (or two) so that we can float all of the marks.
- I've put Ruffin's battery on a charger.
- Richard has volunteered his son to assist with dropping marks.
- We have really rough plans to think about working some on that this week and might firm things up depending on weather.
- Marinas have opened! So... In some sense... Maybe some of us could race. Although that would mean not having anyone on a boat who doesn't live together as it's impossible to hold to the "no groups" rule in the state and to have anyone else on your boat.
- New York is officially on PAUSE until May 15. Seems unlikely that we'll have racing before PAUSE is over but we will adjust as things change.
- Still... There's a chance that many marks will be in this week. For what that will be worth!

Fleet Captain's Notes:

[LOL. These notes are so "last week!" it isn't funny. I'm going to put the things that no longer apply in italics. Because, well, things are changing rapidly! And I'll also editorialize and add new information in italics as well. Because, well, things are changing rapidly!]

Well, so much for getting marks in now and that calendar... in the meantime here are updates:

- Marks in... *well I'm sure we're disagreeing with NYS calling Marinas a "nonessential business" but here we are.* It really just takes a day of good weather to put them in so we'll wait until we can gather again to put them in the water. We'll also revisit the calendar at that point too. Charles has already put the new marks in the chapel (thanks Charles!) so they are just waiting and ready to go! *And Richard and Pete and maybe Charles will maybe get most of them in this week anyway. Maybe!*
- Clare has been looking into aligning the nautical charts out there and it appears as though this might not be necessary. Richard suggested that we place crowbar near a stream that bring sediment into the lake, a bit more south near the Girl Scout camp.

Most people wanted to keep crowbar at the spring meeting so if we like this we can reach out to the Girl Scout camp (good call Clare!) and ask their permission. Random thought for a mark on the south end: I live south of east shore mark but north of Cornell sailing, if it's easy enough / seems like a day we might use that mark I could keep an inflatable at my house and toss it in on days we might want to use it. We can discuss closer to marks in. *And given that we're short on light bases right now we may as well just not sink Crowbar mark until we have decided on all of these things. I mean float. Marks float. Most marks float!*

- Thank you Tom for scanning the old pennants and Charles for popping them [here](#) (https://vectormagnetics1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/charleswitherup_vectormagnetics1_onmicrosoft.com/EniiCh0o8LtEj1h24GRr_5cBKxfC3iItEtCxYlMQB9stQ?e=BoVqt5) so everyone can check them out! Wow! That was some fast work :) *This link only holds back to 1990. TJ is working on things elsewhere and when I get proper Internet access again and we decide where to put things I'll try to get everything everything in one place!*
- I juuuuust emailed Mik the old CLCF logos Clare and Tom passed along after the spring meeting. So we'll have updates on CLCF gear once we get that organized!
- Ricky has agreed to host an online Sailing Instructions happy hour! Please fill out [this survey](#) (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev1q-cvk2u_SbRsuuAqezhmEWb4qaVXJ0oBH9jkumVOOP7jQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1) for dates / times / topics and I'll fwd the results to Ricky and he'll pick a date and time for our first SI happy hour!
- What? You don't even know where to start to refresh your SI knowledge? Take this handy dandy [quiz](#) (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/dave-perrys-100-best-racing-rules-quizzes/>) Clare passed along! This is based on the book Clare recommend at the spring meeting.
- I'm starting to get reacquainted with Instagram [@cayugalakecruisingfleet](#) (<https://www.instagram.com/cayugalakecruisingfleet/?hl=en>) and will post entertaining sailing fails, knot demonstrations and anything cool you all tag me in! Later I'd like to highlight people on the fleet and fun sailing adventures we have outside of Ithaca.
- Re:posters to get the community interested... well we can put these out once we have a better idea of the revised calendar. In the meantime I'll try to drum up interest online Clare has been passing on a few boats who would like to sail with us so hopefully we'll have more boats on the line once we can get out there!

Cool. Stay safe, sane and healthy.

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