



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## She Hath Spoken – We Shall Race This Weekend!

Ok, well, you know life isn't that simple but, hey! Guess what! We'll race this weekend! We are now allowed to have groups of up to 10 people as long as we're all chill and safe and so... Oh... I won't keep you in suspense any longer... We get to race!

Yes, I do, actually, know that I have a rather conversational and informal style. So sorry about that – it's not as easy a thing to change as all that. So, I guess, I need to leave you with a combination of the Fleet Captain's notes mixed in with my own for the following bit.

## Spring Warm Up Races 2 and 3

Alright, we can gather in groups of 10 or less! Everyone is eager to start sailing but we need to comply with NYS mandates and IYC rules. So, wearing masks while sailing is a must and socializing on shore after will have to wait a couple weeks.

Here is what we have in mind this Sunday:

- We're planning on running two tuneup races.
- Under the guidelines in place today (which might change before Sunday!) we do not plan on having an on-shore gathering afterwards. Please respect this and plan on NOT coming ashore and gathering after the races!
- If you have people on your boat from multiple households you must all wear masks at all times. Non compliance is an automatic disqualification in races!

Skippers' meeting will be Sunday, May 31, at 12:45 PM in front of the IYC South Pavilion. Please send ONLY ONE (masked!) representative from each boat to the skippers' meeting. The first race will begin at 1:30 PM. As always, please bring a VHF radio capable of using channel 80A and your good will!

As I understand things today, I expect that Trevelayn, Mehitabel and Mojito, at least, will compete. Others are, of course, welcome!

[Please fill out this survey](https://bit.ly/36zXoRv) (<https://bit.ly/36zXoRv> if that didn't work) to see when you can start sailing, if people are still getting boats in the water we can have a couple tune up races. Otherwise this Sunday will be a tune up race and next Sunday will be an actual race. When survey results are in I will send a tentative racing schedule. I'm thinking we can keep the distance races and fall series as is and just use the remaining Sundays (10 of 'em) to form it's own series. This will probably follow the spring / fall format but we'll have some races in there that give it that latitude feel... and maybe try to work in requests for sailor

overboard drills. Ok! Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend and have been enjoying getting some time on the water!

That paragraph was mostly Liz, in case you didn't notice :)

### Now is as Good a Time as Any – Register for the Year!

You want to race? We do, too! This year and next year and the year after! And paying your dues helps to pay for the things that let us all race! Like the buoys! All of them are new style now but the starting mark! We have a couple of shiny new ones out there and they all seem to be reasonably close to where we dropped them last month. Take a minute to fill out the attached PDF and email a copy to Clare along with your check. You'll appreciate the good that you're doing for the common as well as the good you're doing for yourself (when we're allowed to have BBQs again!).

### APS is Going out of Business

For what it's worth... You can get at least 30% off on their remaining clothing. They had just moved to an all-apparel business model and a new store when Covid 19 hit. They were not able to weather that storm at this time in their business so everything must go for bargain prices. I'm sure those will go lower as the selection gets worse so maybe act now.

### First TuneUp Race and Results

Last weekend the Fleet held our first tuneup race! Trevelyan and Quetzal III showed up at the starting line to battle things out. I served as Race Committee and was most impartial and fair as you can well imagine. Previously Trevelyan had indicated, via email, that they would be monitoring channel 80. The race was announced at 13:32 and began at 13:40 with a downwind start. The course went to Crowbar, Ladoga, East Shore and West Shore – all with starboard roundings. Quetzal III didn't record her finish time but resoundingly beat Trevelyan on the day as the latter sailed well off the course and may not have rounded even a single one of the marks for all that I can tell. While I do freely admit that I can't see all that far and that Trevelyan is generally far enough ahead that she's out of my sight in this particular case I am reasonably certain that she did not start the course despite being quite present. But, as it says in the rules, a failure to hear the Race Committee doesn't make it not a race (or something along those lines).

Thus for the preseason thus far that gives us the following results:

Quetzal III 1 point.

Trevelyan 2 or 3 points.

Good job Quetzal II!

And see you on the water soon, I hope!

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