



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Spring Series Racing Begins Sunday!

Actual racing! Racing that counts towards things! Sailboat racing! It looks, right now, like we'll have just two longer series – Spring and Fall. Distance races are still on starting with the Sailstice on June 20 (and including Red Jacket!)! See the attached schedule which will surely end up on the shared calendar in short order!

Attached you will also find the revised Sailing Instructions and (again!) the registration form for the year!

Sunday (and for the Spring Series) we will have the Skippers' Meeting at the South Pavilion as **12:45** followed by racing beginning at **1:30**.

Need a boat or need crew? Let us know!

If you need a boat to crew on or need crew for your boat please let us know and we'll pass that information along to boats/crew!

We did it – we held 'races' with more than two boats!

Heck yeah we did! Where to begin... Well, hmm. Weather? It was just about 60 and just about sunny and, actually, quite breezy from the NW. So it wasn't sunny enough or West enough to get the weird wind from the shore and it wasn't quite North enough to get any kind of real fetch so what it turned out to be was some really nice and fast sailing on some reasonably flat water.

At least, that was my take on things! I do note that of the five boats out racing (preseason still!) only the Wetas flew chutes (not just any Wetas but national-champion-like Wetas so maybe they had some idea of what they were doing). Of course, flying their chutes propelled said Wetas so far ahead of the competition that they might as well have been sailing together on Trevelyan.

But I digress, as they say.

We sailed! Bonniwell brought out his new (new new new) J/112e for her inaugural race (and even sail) on Cayuga Lake. Alsen came out on his Tanzer 25. Fewtrell was helming her J/24 and Stephens and Rice were on their respective Wetas.

And we had a smashing first race! I don't really know what the Wetas were doing but the Tanzer and J/24 were right on the line on the starting time. The J/112e did eventually manage to show up (reminder: first sail this year. First time getting sails up. All new (to this

boat) crew) on the line not too awfully long after the official start. And we were off! Let's see... We had a 1:45 start and went to **F**ar Maplewood, **S**ycamore and **F**ar Maplewood (don't you just love the mark names that make sense? Here's to more changes that make sense!). As mentioned above the Wetas were the only ones flying chutes and they did a horizon job on the fleet.

The rest of us did the best we could! *Mojito* (that's the J/112e) managed to hit roughly 8.8 kts (on jib and main) for one 10 minute stretch so it couldn't have been calm and quiet out there. I'm really sorry but our wind instruments weren't working and I didn't check Cornell's until too late to see anything so I really don't know how strong the winds were. Our weather station at the house shows pretty steady 17 kts for the time of the races but we're also nowhere near the lake so it doesn't feel like a useful metric.

The Wetas finished way before anyone else then *Mojito* crossed followed by *Mehitabel* (the J/24) and *Fantasy* (the Tanzer).

And after a brief interlude RC called a second course of FSNW (**F**ar Maplewood, **S**ycamore, **N**ear Maplewood, **W**est Shore) with a start time of 3:25. And the three keelboats were off again (well, the Wetas were off, too, but they were off doing their own thing)! And we were screaming up the lake at super high speeds once again! And after 10 minutes or so the skipper says, "Where are the other boats?" We (the crew of *Mojito*) looked and looked and saw a Weta in the harbor and maybe a keelboat with one sail up.

So... Quite near the start of the race (the only place it can really happen) *Fantasy* ran aground. *Mehitabel* went back into the harbor to get a RIB to help pull Fantasy off ground. During this time *Fantasy* freed herself. *Mehitabel* and *Fantasy* decided that it was a fine time to join the Weta[s?] on shore/at dock and go have a beer leaving *Mojito* as the only boat to finish that second race. But finish it they did in all their glory! Because sailing is great and, besides, they need to learn this boat!

Preseason results

As the only boat to complete two races in the three race series *Mojito* takes the preseason with aplomb. Not only did she win the preseason, she won a race on her first outing! Congratulations Tim and me, I mean crew (which includes more people than just me)! Good job!

All of the other boats only completed or almost a single race and are thus just chaff in this case. Alas. If you really want to know how chaffy they are you might have to wait for 'official' preseason results or until I make something up that kind of resembles them. OK. Fine. You asked for it. Let's see...

	race 1	race 2	race 3	
mojito	8	3	1	12
keith	8	1	6	15
richard	8	1	6	15
qiii	1	8	8	17
mehitabel	8	4	6	18
trevelyan	3	8	8	19
fantasy	8	5	6	19

Mojito wins! But you already knew that. Whoever of Keith and Richard who crossed first in race 2 took second (they're listed alphabetically and with an identical score above), etc. And *Fantasy* probably beats *Trevelyan* in that *Fantasy* was in two races. That kind of makes some sense, right? But... We all had a good time, darn it!

I spoke too soon – there are “more official” results/comments from Scoring

Richard is measured in his comments and scoring. He's here to keep things fair and honest. I, on the other hand, am here to regale you with fantastical tales! I may take some liberties from time to time... It would appear that I have taken some of those and thus I will throw in Richard's comments as well for a little balance in the discussion. And if Ricky gives another webinar on the rules of sailing he and Richard can hold forth on how I played things, perhaps, a bit fast and loose in scoring each of the three “races” held thus far. Still, in my defense, this is all preseason, darn it, and I was kind of hoping that I could weasel my way onto the podium with my inventive scoring method!

The more-official preseason results plus commentary. Richard's words

I have scored the tuneup race... but I don't think we should publish it!

<http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2020Spring.html>

For the first race [race 2], the race committee postponed the race for the convenience of one boat but then started the race while another boat was still heading back to the start area, and was late for the start. To be fair, she should have postponed until everyone was ready and not favored one boat over another. This could have resulted in a request for redress due to an improper action of the race committee.

In the second race, one of the boats stopped racing in order to render assistance to another boat that was in distress. They could have requested redress for that.

In both cases the protest committee would be able to award an arbitrary score to the boat requesting redress. Normally, what they would do for the boat that was not able to compete in a race is to award a score equal to their average score up to that point in the series.

Although, to be honest...

Although to be completely honest I'll have to point out that *Mojito* knew the starting time of the first race and could have requested a delay and didn't. This was our shakedown cruise and we had some shaking to do. Since the scoring doesn't actually count for anything we were fine with being a little late to the line.

The official results are reproduced on the following page but, as always, the scores of record are those found on the Fleet's website and not something I've published, here. If you have issue with those then we should have a discussion! And we're sure to have a discussion of these particular ones during our next webinar (hint hint) but as they don't actually count I think we should just let them stand as they are.

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	Total	Nett
1st	Mehitabel	168	9.0 DNC	1.0	1.0 RDG	11.0	11.0
2nd	Mojito	69	9.0 DNC	2.0	1.0	12.0	12.0
3rd	Fantasy	192	9.0 DNC	3.0	4.0 RET	16.0	16.0
4th	Quetzal III	237	1.0	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	19.0	19.0
5th	Trevelyan	33	3.0 DNS	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	21.0	21.0

Eight Bells

Longtime IYC fixture Jake has passed. He was a good boy - a happy boy - and a loyal companion. We are very sorry for your loss, Bill, and we'll miss him, too.

Charles Witherup

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You can use this space to draw a Cayuga Lake sailing scene... A big blue C&C with Bill and Jake sailing?