



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

We have been a very, very bad fleet

We raced! It was awesome! It was wonderful! Sailing is great (just ask Liz – she'll tell you!)! So, let's see... It must have been in the upper 60s again and blowing well out of the NW. Partly cloudy and maybe 16 kts? That's pretty close to what the scoring sheet says so that's probably about what it was, don't you think? I do!

Oh! Wait! The most important thing is that I forgot multiple things in last week's Pennant! The first was that I shouldn't just write whatever I feel like (and I'm sorry about that when I do it). The second was that we had a real live man overboard last weekend! Now, I've been told that I shouldn't say who it was because they might be embarrassed about it all but I can tell you that I think the name rhymes with Dallas. No, that's not it. Close to Houston? San Antonio? Well, whatever! I can't tell you who it is anyway (ooh – admire the restraint I'm showing this week in what I publish! It's palpable, no?)!

But this past week we had a bunch of boats come out! To race! Woot!

But that was bad. Very bad, in fact. Awful. Our illustrious Fleet Cap'n (Liz!) has been chatting with the **Tompkins County Board of Health** and they're big meanies. Ahem. I mean, their interpretation of Phase Two regulations is that **we can't race**. Now... I could argue with them (quite a bit and using lots of abstruse (and otherwise erudite) vocabulary and colloquialisms (or just plain vernaculars) and other stuffs) about how none of that stuff actually applies to us until I'm blue in the face. Well, ahem. I've been wearing a mask a lot and I might start out blue in the face from lack of sun. But I'd still argue!

But they're in charge. And if we don't obey there will be consequences. So... There you have it. We were bad and didn't know we were bad. Now that we do know we have to stop being bad until we're told that our bad behavior is actually really quite good and then we can carry on.

If all of this seems confusing to you, you are probably just paying too much attention to what I'm writing. We'll be back racing soon! Like we did last weekend! But probably not officially this weekend!

Six boats came out to contest the first two races of the Spring Season *last* weekend! We had the VanDermeer Catalina, *Gail Storm*. There was the Dennis Melges, *Smiling Bulldog*. We also had along Alsen with his Tanzer, *Fantasy*. And we can't forget Fewtrell with her J/24 *Mehitabel*. The Fleet was rounded out by the Bonniwell J/112e *Mojito*.

Both courses on the day were FP (**F**ar Maplewood, **P**ile Cluster) and given their lengths (6NM) both were finished rather quickly (under an hour each for the first boat across).

Fantasy was light on crew and didn't fly a chute. *Gail Storm*... *Gail Storm* was sooooo ready to join us in her first buoy race and then broke her outhaul while at the dock! Arg! That tends to put rather a damper on the downwind legs! Enough so that she didn't race, in this case. Still, I hear from a reliable source that this is a great opportunity to upgrade the boom! *Mehitabel* was set on crew and I believe she was flying a chute. *Smiling Bulldog* had a full crew and a full chute up and a blast, from what I hear. Ha! Roger tells me that she's easier to handle above 10 kts and that they hit 13.5 during the first race! *Mojito* had enough crew on board to give their chute a go for the first time. Yes, yes, this resulted in rounding up a few times (broaches. Fine. We'll call them broaches. Happy?) as well as a fair amount of rerunning of rigging but we're still getting used to the boat - we'll do better! (*)

All of that leaves us with results from Race 1:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	33	14:24:56	0:54:56	1:01:15	1.0
2	Smiling Bulldog	99	14:33:05	1:03:00	1:03:06	2.0
3	Mehitabel	168	14:44:10	1:14:10	1:07:09	3.0
4	Mojito	69		1:05:25	1:08:42	4.0
5	Fantasy	192		FIP		5.0
6	Gail Storm	138		DNF		7.0

And race 2:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Trevelyan	33	16:03:53	0:53:53	1:00:05	1.0
2	Mehitabel	168	16:24:23	1:14:23	1:07:20	2.0
3	Mojito	69		1:04:41	1:07:55	3.0
4	Fantasy	192		FIP		4.0
5	Gail Storm	138		DNF		6.0

With Spring Results (perhaps final!!!) as:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	Total	Nett
1st	Trevelyan	33	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
2nd	Mehitabel	168	3.0	2.0	5.0	5.0
3rd	Mojito	69	4.0	3.0	7.0	7.0
4th	Fantasy	192	5.0 FIP	4.0 FIP	9.0	9.0
5th	Smiling Bulldog	99	2.0	11.0 DNC	13.0	13.0
6th	Gail Storm	138	7.0 DNF	6.0 DNF	13.0	13.0

Results are subject to change and the results of record are always those found on the web site. This season's scores are up now at:

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

Special Notes on Scoring

In the interest of getting Pennants out as quickly as possible the scoring of races will change in appearance. The Scoring Committee Chairman reports:

For scoring (if/when we have official races) I will score the race with all the times received as soon as possible after racing (normally within 24 hours). If I don't receive a boat's times, I will score them as FIP (last) if I have any reason to think they finished the race, and as DNS if I have reason to believe that they were in the race area at the start. Otherwise they get a DNC. These results will be published as "provisional". If I receive updated information within the next week, then the score will be updated.

So... Awesome! This means that we're extending the time you can turn in your results to a full week! But it also means that you're going to look worse in Pennants if you don't get your results in before they're published. And if (woe unto you) you don't get your times in before the week is up then you finish last. Really... You should just get your times in to Richard when you get off of your boat! Honest!

So... Racing?

Under today's rules we're not allowed to race and score races. I am truly sorry about that! This Friday we should enter Phase 3 and then 2 weeks later we should enter Phase 4 so unless something changes in the meantime I expect that we'll be racing again on June 28. If anything changes (like, if we can race!) I'll let you know. Really. Because I want to race, too!

Sailstice? And the rest of the season?

We're in a pandemic – I don't know what's going to happen! We're playing it by ear and doing the best that we can! We will let you know when we have more information.

We'll figure out how and when to hold some meetings (online?) to discuss moving forwards with a racing schedule – as and when we're allowed to do anything!

Sailstice is a special event that we can maybe get away with holding as it's a rally celebrating sailing! Each crew is on their own boat and responsible for themselves, and all. We'll have to see and we'll let you know.

The bathroom door code is 215!

We will hold a long Skippers' Meeting next time (or hold one virtually) to discuss the rest of the racing season. Much will depend on what we are allowed to do!

See you on the water and stay safe out there!
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(*) *Trevelyan* raced, too 😊 They had a chute up and were really fast!