



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## We SO did not race

We were good this past weekend. Very, very good. So good that we had 3 (THREE) new boats out for buoy “not races”! Now, I know that we’ve already seen Gwen’s *Adalente* (J/24) participate in events but this was her first go around the marks, wasn’t it? And then the Andersons just bought themselves a J/24 (*Slippery Fish* was the only name I heard thrown out although I admit that it sounded perhaps not as official a name as all that) and they came out and raced, er, did not race. Nope. Nothing to see here. We didn’t race. Officially, no racing occurred! And lastly (lastly? Well, in the list, anyway!) the Pochals (and crew) brought their C&C *Phoenix* out (and crushed us all like bugs).

Others who came out *TO SAIL* (not race! No racing allowed!) include the Alsen crew on *Fantasy*, Fewtrell and co. on *Mehitabel*, Bonniwell et al. on *Mojito* and Stephens plus two on *Trevelyan*. A really fine showing at any time but all the more so on a “not race” day during a pandemic! Thanks to all for coming out!

So we didn’t race NSNW and NWF. The “not racing” was made all the more interesting by the “not wind”. That is to say that, sure, there was wind enough to complete these courses but not all of that wind came at the same time and it sure didn’t come all across the lake. If I can jump ahead in time to the second race, I’d point out the time where *Trevelyan* went close to the western shore and parked – and this under 1/3 mile from the last windward mark. *Mojito* watched this happen and still went in a bit too close to shore and was also nearly becalmed. All the while, of course, the rest of the fleet was steaming up the lake (out in the middle) straight towards the mark doing 4 or 5 knots. Still, interestingly, after the rounding *Trevelyan*, *Mojito* and *Phoenix* went out in the lake and held some wind while much of the rest of the fleet stayed closer to shore and were quasi becalmed for the last leg of the, uh. Course. The course. Not a race – just a course! Here’s Eberhard’s take on that last part:

When we four boats were on the last leg from Far Maplewood to the finish line, the wind died and we drifted for a long time until we were able to finish.

FANTASY took drifting honors and oozed across the finish line first.

Still, again, hey! It was great having the new boats out! The J/24s stayed right close – in the mix! Good job! Get those spinnaker lines worked out and you’ll be more than just in the mix! And Pochals? Well, Will knows how to start, that’s for sure! And they found some wind lines that the rest of us didn’t see... Seems to me that they would have handily won the second event had it been a race!

But there will be racing and other events. We need to decide what those will be.

Lord willing and the creek don't rise we'll be in Phase 4 a week from Friday and we'll be able to officially race. Thank goodness! But... What does that look like? Well... We can only do what we're allowed to do so there may need to be a bit more flexibility during the year... But there's a pretty good chance that we'll get some racing in and that it will start this month!

Zoom meeting Wednesday night at 8PM to discuss!

First off you have the Zoom link. Please copy and paste now, put it on your calendar and everything.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89981432621>

Liz says...

We'll discuss this upcoming Salistice. Please ponder...

1. Sailstice
  1. Saturday or Sunday? Currently we have Saturday on the schedule but we might have more boats available Sunday (or not!). We'll chat about what we want the race to look like as well.
2. Schedule
  1. We need to reschedule Sheldrake and decide how we want to divide up the rest of year. I think it's easiest to roughly keep the fall series as is and combine the remaining spring series into either a latitude series or keeping it as a spring series.

The most recent schedule is attached as a reference.

And then I'll let you know!

So Wednesday we'll have a better idea of what weekend weather looks like and so we can make a great decision on what to do. I will create a Sailstice even (after I know what the event will be!) and you can sign up for it. You don't have to, but when you do you can win exciting prizes. We have won three times in the past three years so I'm thinking that your odds of winning are pretty good if you register (and maybe send in a picture).

And Thursday I'll shoot out another letter with at least the weekend schedule and Sailstice link. Maybe more if we have decided more Wednesday evening!

Anyway... Here's some general info about Sailstice to get you thinking about that meeting:  
<https://summersailstice.com/>

Stay safe out there and we'll see you on the water!

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