



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

“Racing” Happened!

Yes, racing in quotes. It doesn't feel as much like racing when you're not really moving. Literally not making headway. My GPS shows that on *Quetzal iii* we were on the course for 2h46. It also shows that we were stationary around ¼ of the time. We didn't jump in and swim but we could (should?) have.

It was hot and sunny and awfully quiet out... We still had a number of competitors show up although perhaps not as many as would have come had there been wind.

As for J/24s we had Feavearyear's *Snitch*, Fewtrell's *Mehitabel* and Bullock's *Adelante*. Moving through the rest of the J boats we had Ford's *Galaxy* – a J/100 and Bonniwell's *Mojito* – a J/112e. The Gerretsen/Oldemans Rival22 *Bacchae* came out. We also had the Alsen Tanzer 25 *Fantasy* and the Stephens Corsair 28 *Trevelyan*. Oh, and I've already mentioned *Quetzal III* the Durkee Cape Dory 28 helmed by Witherup. Well, that looks like nine boats to me – I suppose that's not bad for a day without wind!

For the race we went through multiple “no wind!” postponements before finally starting with just a little bit of wind. As noted above there were many times with, gosh darn it, not much wind at all.

Other than that little bit of wind at the end, of course... Just enough to have *Quetzal iii* doing 3 or 4 kts with her big chute up... Perhaps not great but not nothing! And enough, with the chute up, to have her overtake *Fantasy*, spinnakerless, in the last half mile of the race. Oh, that was a nail biter for sure!

Results follow but there were a few things of note that we'll talk more about first! During the race we had *Fantasy* protest *Adelante* for not sailing the proper course – *Adelante* was lower on the lake than *Fantasy* and has a lower rating yet turned before *Fantasy*.

Formal Protests

Richard looked up the rules for protesting a boat that did not sail the course.

- A boat wishing to protest another boat for an error in sailing the course does NOT have to fly the protest flag or hail "protest".
- She should inform the other boat, at the first reasonable opportunity after the other boat finishes, or before they finish.
- As with all protests, the protest shall be in writing and delivered within the protest time limit.

Fantasy did most of these things. She did inform *Adelante* by radio during the race. She did send a written report of the incident. Our SIs don't specify a time limit, so the default (RRS 61.3) is 2 hours after the last boat in the race finishes. It looks like her email was sent at 10pm, whereas the last boat to finish was around 5pm. If *Fantasy* had sent the email by 7pm, then I think it would be a valid protest.

In addition to Richard's thoughts, I imagine that gathering the interested parties together with the RC after the race would be a good way to hash things out quickly and expediently.

Regardless, in this case *Adelante* admitted that they likely had some kind of error with their GPS/coordinates as it appeared, to them, as if theirs were on land. They sailed the best course they were able given the information they had available to them at the time and have agreed to "retire after the race" to avoid any hard feelings. They'll get things sorted before the next virtual mark race!

Memory-Map Virtual Mark Series Race Standings

The reference location for results is always the one online so that's <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2020Latitude.html> for this series. And those look like this right now:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	R1	R2	Total	Nett
1st	Trevelyan	27	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
2nd	Snitch	168	3.0	2.0	5.0	5.0
3rd	Mehitabel	168	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
4th	Quetzal III	237	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
5th	Galaxy		7.0	4.0	11.0	11.0
6th	Fantasy	195	6.0	6.0	12.0	12.0
7th	Bacchae		8.0	7.0	15.0	15.0
8th	Mojito		4.0	16.0 DNC	20.0	20.0
9th	Adelante		13.0 DNF	9.0 RET	22.0	22.0
10th	Phoenix		13.0 DNF	16.0 DNC	29.0	29.0
10th	Gail Storm		13.0 DNS	16.0 DNC	29.0	29.0
10th	Slippery Fish		13.0 DNF	16.0 DNC	29.0	29.0

Get Ready to RACE!!! Night 50 is This Friday!

The 15 second optional skippers' meeting will be someone posting the rules on the bulletin board at around 5:15PM. The race begins at 6PM. Instructions are attached! And... It's pretty nutty for a distance race but I do believe that we're going to have seven boats out there! Heck, we might even talk Justin into racing (if there's enough wind!!) Wouldn't that be something???

Anyway, we hope to see you there! The wind forecasts are starting to look like it might actually be something other than a floater. Yay! Boats expected to be there include *Arcadia*,

Bacchae, Mojito, Trevelyan, A Boat Has No Name, Invictus and Galaxy. Not bad, right??? If you would still like a spot on a boat we can probably work something out – I've had multiple boats call for extra crew!

And Take Some Pictures! And Get Those to Liz!

Your Fleet Captain makes the following request:

We need sailing photos! Happy people sailing (with masks! Unless it's a family only boat!), boats on the water, cool lake photos, traveling to sail anything and everything! I'll be using them for weekly social media updates to raise community awareness and hopefully get more people involved with the fleet! If you're not on social media you won't be missing any new information and all photos will be put into the end of year slideshow at the banquet. Please send photos to and include:

cayugalakecruisingfleet@gmail.com

Name of photographer / IG account

People / boat(s) in photo

Any fun story about moment / when it was taken

I'll update weekly with all photos on IG and will cross post to FB!

Upcoming

The Fleet website is getting updated but it might not be quite there yet. So here are a few of the data coming up soon:

10 July 6PM 50 Miler Night Race

19 July 1:30PM (skippers' meeting 45 minutes before!) MMVMS Virtual Mark race

26 July 1:30PM (skippers' meeting 45 minutes before!) MMVMS buoy race

Closing Note

And congratulations Liz 😊 She'll be busy as we all are on Saturday morning (we won't have finished our race by then) but she'll be getting married from what I hear...

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