



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## The Circus that was MMSVMS races 4 and 5

Circios, the god of the north northwest wind, had a fair deal to do with the winds of yesterday. He's quite the scoundrel, as it turns out!

Somehow, surprisingly (for those not knowing local geography and meteorology) our predicted winds, our Zephyr, our 10 (gusting 14) from due west turned out to be largely not very much (nothing, nada, zero, nil) up to fairly decent (8kts or so) and usually from somewhere close to the NNW.

But, again, with a little local history, geography and meteorology under one's belt (or even having read these missives for the past few years) one could have guessed that something predicted to be "steady and west" in the heat of the summer would be anything but those things.

And so it was that Circios ruled the day.

## Ease me into racing, Liz

And so it was, as well, that Liz (that's the Fleet Captain, don't you know?) eased us from latitude-style racing into buoy racing by having only one rounding in each race. Had the winds been stronger or steadier that could have meant quite short races but, ah, but we had Circios to contend with and he was about as fickle as fickle can be this go around.

For our first race we had a course of **B**lue and home and despite the course being perhaps only 3 or 4 miles in length it still took the final finisher nearly 2 hours to complete. Which is to say that while, at times, it felt like there was wind there must have been quite a lot of "golly – it's not blowing anything from anywhere" in this race. Still, there was something (when it was blowing) and it was almost enough to make symmetrical spinnakers fly on a course directly from rounding to finish. Those flying assyms were constrained, of course, to higher sailing angles and thus did a fair amount of gybing.

Still, consider, if you will, the vast advantage accrued from being one of the higher boats on a low wind day – when the wind kicks up from the prevailing direction. And so it was that *Fantasy* got into this wind line far before anyone else and with her chute fully deployed she was able to move down the lake quite rapidly compared to anyone else and thus to make up enough time to win this race. Good job Eberhard!

The winds were now a touch higher and appeared a touch steadier so our next course was set a touch further – to **L**adoga and back. By this point the winds had largely filled in all of the way across the lake (still, NNW and decidedly not the W predicted) but we still had local

geography to contend with and thus generally boats sailing up either shore had lifts and boats sailing in the middle had stronger winds but from less favorable quarters. The generally more consistent winds gave advantage to more typical race winners in our fleet and thus we had *Mehitabel* win this second race on the day. Yes, *Mojito* looked quite strong out there and took line honors in both races – finishing around 7 ½ minutes ahead of her nearest competitor each time, but handicaps being what they are these weren't *Mojito's* races to win! Good job on that second race, Clare! Results and standings follow.

#### Race 4:

| Rank | Boat      | PHRFTOT | Finish   | Elapsed | Corrected | Points |
|------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1    | Fantasy   | 195     | 14:55:50 | 1:25:50 | 1:14:53   | 1.0    |
| 2    | Snitch    | 168     | 14:54:09 | 1:24:09 | 1:16:11   | 2.0    |
| 3    | Mehitabel | 168     | 14:54:50 | 1:24:50 | 1:16:48   | 3.0    |
| 4    | Mojito    | 69      | 14:46:46 | 1:16:46 | 1:20:37   | 4.0    |
| 5    | Galaxy    | 90      | 14:53:15 | 1:23:15 | 1:24:33   | 5.0    |
| 6    | Adelante  | 180     | 15:17:44 | 1:47:44 | 1:35:56   | 6.0    |
| 7    | Bacchae   | 177     | 15:20    | 1:50:00 | 1:38:21   | 7.0    |

#### Race 5:

| Rank | Boat      | PHRFTOT | Finish   | Elapsed | Corrected | Points |
|------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1    | Mehitabel | 168     | 16:38:15 | 1:08:15 | 1:01:47   | 1.0    |
| 2    | Snitch    | 168     | 16:39:00 | 1:09:00 | 1:02:28   | 2.0    |
| 3    | Mojito    | 69      | 16:32:13 | 1:02:13 | 1:05:20   | 3.0    |
| 4    | Galaxy    | 90      | 16:38:05 | 1:08:05 | 1:09:09   | 4.0    |
| 5    | Fantasy   | 195     | 16:55:38 | 1:25:38 | 1:14:43   | 5.0    |
| 6    | Adelante  | 180     | 17:00:40 | 1:30:40 | 1:20:44   | 6.0    |
| 7    | Bacchae   | 177     | 17:06    | 1:36:00 | 1:25:50   | 7.0    |

#### MMSVMS Standings with 4 races remaining (1 throwout so far)

| Rank | Boat      | R1         | R2         | R3         | R4         | R5       | Total | Nett |
|------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-------|------|
| 1st  | Mehitabel | 2.0        | 3.0        | (6.0)      | 3.0        | 1.0      | 15.0  | 9.0  |
| 2nd  | Snitch    | (3.0)      | 2.0        | 3.0        | 2.0        | 2.0      | 12.0  | 9.0  |
| 3rd  | Trevelyan | 1.0        | 1.0        | 1.0        | (10.0 DNC) | 10.0 DNC | 23.0  | 13.0 |
| 4th  | Mojito    | 4.0        | (10.0 DNC) | 2.0        | 4.0        | 3.0      | 23.0  | 13.0 |
| 5th  | Fantasy   | 6.0        | 6.0        | (8.0)      | 1.0        | 5.0      | 26.0  | 18.0 |
| 6th  | Galaxy    | (7.0)      | 4.0        | 5.0        | 5.0        | 4.0      | 25.0  | 18.0 |
| 7th  | Adelante  | (10.0 DNF) | 9.0 RET    | 4.0        | 6.0        | 6.0      | 35.0  | 25.0 |
| 8th  | Q III     | 5.0        | 5.0        | 7.0        | (10.0 DNC) | 10.0 DNC | 37.0  | 27.0 |
| 9th  | Bacchae   | 8.0        | 7.0        | (10.0 DNF) | 7.0        | 7.0      | 39.0  | 29.0 |

## Sheldrake Cup Sunday August 2

Come race with us on our easiest distance race! Or, if going to Sheldrake Point is too far for you to go then rally with us up to O'Malley's. The Sheldrake Cup race (or rally!) is one of the simplest ways to get more comfortable sailing longer distances on our lake in that it really isn't that far up the lake and chances are very good that you'll be within direct sight of another sailboat the entire way up and back.

We're running this race with a Bermuda start. That means that a boat's starting time in the race is determined by the boat's handicap with the slowest boat starting first and the fastest last. This makes registering a tiny bit more complex in that you really should tell us (email the Fleet Captain! [CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com](mailto:CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com)) ahead of time that you're coming so that we can get you a starting time! But it makes scoring the race much simpler – as with latitude-style races the finish order is determined by the order in which boats cross the finish line.

Sailing instructions for this as well as for the MMSVMS are attached!

### And then rally for lunch at O'Malley's

O'Malley's Cabin On The Lake is happy to accommodate us for lunch! The way we're going to do this is we're going to order takeout and eat out on the docks and/or on our boats off the end of the docks. Each boat will be responsible for dealing with their own food! You can reach O'Malley's by phone at **(607) 532-8846**. Their specials should be posted on Facebook Thursday so you'll know what to expect for those. You can find them here: <https://www.facebook.com/goody69/> The owner advises ordering before arriving as on a busy day after noon it can take an hour to have your food ready. My feeling is that ordering after you finish the race (pass Sheldrake Point) should be about right in terms of having food ready approximately when you get back to O'Malley's – especially if you do so before noon.

They can be found physically at 42.639645N, 76.693029W!

### Short term calendar

August 2: Sheldrake Cup

August 9: MMSVMS buoy races 6 & 7

August 16: MMSVMS buoy races 8 & 9 and some kind of end-of-season celebration. BBQ?

August 22 (Saturday!): Not-really-Red-Jacket regatta. Not sure what it will be but a race to Union Springs for sure!

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