



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Another Lovely Sheldrake Cup is on the Books!

Six boats showed up to contest the Sheldrake Cup this past weekend. We had some really quite lovely weather for sailing with temperatures reaching up to the low 90s – but tempered, made quite reasonable, by the lively southern breeze. As we used a Bermuda start the boat with the highest PHRF started off first.

And thus we had Mik and crew on her O'Day 27, *Arcadia*, lead off 'round about 8 AM. Next we had Maike and Juurinaan on their Rival22 *Bacchae*. Clare followed on her J/24 *Mehitabel* and Keith was under a minute behind her on his Weta. Then we had the Fords' *Galaxy*, a J/100 and last to leave the line was Tim's *Mojito*, a J/112e.

The drama was high, out there, with the lead changing multiple times and in multiple directions. From what I understand Keith must have managed to pull off some kind of horizon job on the rest of the fleet. Way to go, Keith! Behind him (although who knows by how far?) we had *Mehitabel* bearing down on *Arcadia* bearing down on *Bacchae* barreling towards the finish – really exciting and last minute changes very much possible! All of this well out of the view of *Galaxy* and *Mojito* who were both back and also changing relative positions.

And as must happen in all races, it finished. There was a funny gust that came from nowhere – somewhere near 30kts. This one hit *Mojito* and propelled her to nearly 12kts boatspeed (not bad for a big keelboat). *Galaxy* rode it to over 11kts.

Moving on up the lake the gust then hit *Mehitabel* – causing a fairly long broach that ended with her pole going through her main. A bit further on (barely seconds later) this little puff released *Arcadia*'s upper spinnaker halyard block from the top of the mast thus sending her chute on a fishing expedition. This particular seining didn't turn out, perhaps, quite as well as *Mehitabel*'s mishap as the boat then drove directly over the chute and on retrieval I am told that it was rather in tatters. They, and *Mehitabel*, did finish the race and still manage to take the big J boats. Good job, ladies! And in the end we had Tim overtaking John and holding that for the finish.

That leaves us with results in the distance series something like the following (bearing in mind that the official results are always those online!):

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Night 50 July 10	Sheldrake Cup	Total
1 st	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	1	7 dnc	8

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	Keith Weta		7 dnc	1	8
2 nd	<i>Invictus</i>	174	2	7 dnc	9
	<i>Galaxy</i>	90	3	6	9
	<i>Mojito</i>	69	4	5	9
	<i>Bacchae</i>		7 ret	2	9
3 rd	<i>Arcadia</i>		7 dnc	3	10
4 th	<i>Mehitabel</i>		7 dnc	4	11
5 th	<i>ABHNN</i>	297	5	7 dnc	12

After the race the boats convened. Uh. Well, the race finished rather earlier than expected and thus *Arcadia* convened at O'Malley's for lunch and the other boats sailed home. *Bacchae* managed to lose a boathook and tear her genoa – and didn't get any lunch, either. Keith capsized (but did manage to make it back in time for some lively windsurfing), *Mehitabel* had her torn genoa. *Arcadia* tore her genoa on the way home, in a misplaced attempt at keeping things symmetrical. Center of effort, Mik! Both torn sails affect the center of effort in the same way! I have seen picture proof that Hugo's head does go above the wheel of *Mojito*. Still, there's a lot of wheel below the deck and I do believe that overall it is still taller than he is. And John reports that the race was a downwind screamer and that they passed on O'Malley's lunch due to the exposed nature of the docks in a strong wind. Well, that and that it was still quite early. The sail home was lively and a nice beat until the winds swung a bit more west and then, of course, it was just punchy and gross. (My word, not his. Which actually goes for pretty much the entire newsletter, frankly.) Many boats said that the day felt like ocean sailing.

Anyway... The distance series is looking pretty wide open at this point – any of the current participants could take it! And that brings us to...

Red Jacket Regatta August 22

Saturday August 22 the Long Distance Series will continue with a race from IYC to the Red Jacket Yacht Club. They will not be able to accommodate us in any way this year (although, hey, you never know – maybe Trevor will put out a finish mark for us!) so we'll have to figure something else out. If you have ideas on what you'd like that to look like you should be emailing Liz (CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.org) or come to the Skippers' Meeting for Sunday's races. Many of us have anchored off of Frontenac Island for a night (or two) but that works less well on daysailers!

MMSVMS Buoy Races 6 and 7 August 9

The penultimate day of racing in the summer series will happen this coming Sunday. Skippers' Meeting at 12:45, racing starts at 1:30. Please use the QR stickers and online form to submit your results for the day – as you finish! It makes it so easy to get the scoring done and thus helps get these newsletters out to you in a timely fashion!

The reporting page should always be at this link (although the answers are likely to move around a little they should be linked to the current page in the form:

<https://forms.gle/jM51TNDgtKC5W1Cu9>

(See the cute little sailboats in the middle of the QR code???)



Crowbar Marks Recovered!

Tim, Lauren and I braved the elements this past week and had plenty of nice things to drink after Tim and I had reset the mark nearish where it was supposed to be. You will hopefully get a chance to race around it this year! Given all of the trouble it's been wouldn't that be nice? It was sitting rather higher on the water than previously when we left it so there must be 70' of chain in a big coil on the lake bottom. Perhaps this will help it stay in place a little better. Well, we'll see!

Near Term Calendar

August 9 MMSVMS buoy races

August 16 last MMSVMS buoy races (and picnic? Bbq? Gathering?)

August 22 (Saturday) Red Jacket Regatta (with sleeping/mooring where???)

August 30 Fall Series!

Club Chat

I believe some of us will meet soon to discuss what our next webserver might look like. Personally, I'd like to have fleet email addresses (for all who ask? Remains to be seen!), fleet-member only access areas (for 30 years of archives) and more frequent updates. Looks like having WordPress as a middle layer will probably deal with all of that and will also allow for easier sending of newsletters. We'll see, I guess! At any rate we'll be talking about it. If you want to give us (unlimited! Ha!) server space and bandwidth we'd be happy to hear from you



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