



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

No more fun Pennants for you!

Just kidding! Ha! I had you going for a second, didn't I? It's all fun, all the time in the Pennant! On the water is a totally different story, but right here we have fun!

On the water... Oh dear! Well... Last week we ripped sails (four, actually, and not the three reported! Two spinnakers got caught on one anchor, one jib got caught on at least one stanchion and one jib lost its tack on the hoist) and this week we ripped... On each other? There wasn't a whole lot else going on!

Fall Series Race 3

So the Fall Series advanced – figuratively. Not literally because, hey, it sure felt like we weren't moving all that much. From 24 minutes in the race to 1:54 in the race our instruments showed a speed of 0.0. Although in that hour and a half we did manage to move around $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in the right direction. As many a racer was heard to say, at least it wasn't hot!

We sailed a shortened course of **West Shore, Near Maplewood**. That's 2 miles. It took the last boat to cross roughly 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to complete. That's .8 kts average boatspeed. It was rough. Very rough! And you wouldn't believe the number of sail changes we did! From jib 2 to jib 1 to Code 0 to spinnaker to jib 1 to spinnaker to Code 0 to jib 1 -> all in the first mile! Things calmed a bit in the changing of sails after the wind died but when zephyrs dropped in for a visit they as like as not were accompanied by another 2 or 3 sail changes!

Although the race was kind of funny and ironic, too, in a way. We started the race with wind and we finished the race with wind! Why, we finished with enough that many called for a second race! The Race Committee wasn't having any of that and Lauren held steady in canceling the second race on the day. The wind we had experienced during the first race (light and variable) was the forecast for the entire afternoon and, indeed, not long after the second race was called off the winds went to zero again.

We had two starts with four J/24s in the first start and three bigger boats in the second start. Line honors went to *Trevelyan* – the Stephens Corsair 28 (on the market as of last week if you're interested in a super fast and easy to sail boat!) and it looks to me like the race went to *Wild Guinea Pig* – the (new to the Fleet!) Turnbull J/24. She crossed the line a bit ahead of *Snitch* – the Feavearyear J/24 who may have also taken *Trevelyan* on corrected time (don't take my word for anything! Rely on the official online results and standings! Fall results are posted here: <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2020Fall.html>). It seems to me that the crossings continued with *Mojito*, the Bonniwell J/112e, *Mehitabel*, the Fewtrell J/24, *Galaxy* (not her real name!) the Ford J/100 and *Adelante* the Bullock J/24.

50 Mile Race Saturday

SIs are attached but, hey, it's the same as every year! The race is from IYC to 51A and back! It starts at 8AM by GPS time. There is no time limit but, honestly, according to the wind forecast I see today there's no worry about not having enough wind to sail! I know that we're still five days out but those forecasts tend to be in the neighborhood of real so I think we'll have a fast run up the lake and a bit of a beat on the way back. Why, I'd go so far as to say that this would be only the second Day 50 that Quetzal was able to complete in daylight hours – were she to race it.

So... Get your entries in to Liz (per the attached SIs!) and let us know if you need a boat or need crew and we'll try to hook you up with someone! All we can do is try! But if you're in the Facebook group you can post a message there... Otherwise, again, shooting Liz a quick note is probably your best bet at making it happen!

Updated Fall SIs attached

Couple of tiny changes for the Fall SIs including the new location of the Ladoga mark. Reminder: that's at Myers but not where it was when it was missing at Myers or where it was before at Myers when it wasn't missing.

Upcoming!

Saturday September 12 – Day 50! 8AM!

Sundays September 20, 27, October 4, 11 – Fall Series races. Skippers' meetings at 12:45

October 11 – end of Fall BBQ

October 18 – Frostbite Regatta

Starting October 24 – pulling marks and cleaning up for the year!

Results for Fall 3

Are online, as noted above! And here:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Wild Guinea Pig	168	15:37:10	2:07:10	1:55:07	1.0
2	Snitch	168		2:09:09	1:56:55	2.0
3	Trevelyan	27		1:45:14	1:58:33	3.0
4	Mehitabel	168		2:14:40	2:01:55	4.0
5	Mojito	69		2:03:46	2:09:58	5.0
6	J-100	90	15:44:49	2:09:49	2:11:51	6.0
7	Adelante	168		2:27:35	2:13:36	7.0

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