



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## Fall Series Races 4 & 5

And the Fall Series moves onward. This past weekend it was a bit Fall-like in being bright and sunny and a bit brisk. It wasn't, alas, Fall-like in that the winds were quite light and definitely fluky. Ah well! This coming Sunday we will 100% have Fall weather as it will actually be Fall!

So... Eight boats came out to contest the course – to vie for the podium. The winds showed up nice and steady and as predicted – at around 6PM. Before then there was some of everything. Half an hour before the first race we were showing 6 from the South. 15 minutes before it we were showing nothing. But 8 minutes before race time things filled in, generally speaking, with 4-5 from the North so on time we shot off with separate starts on a course of **F**ar Maplewood, **W**est Shore.

Shooting off is, perhaps, a bit of a misnomer as the winds were, again, light, fluky and variable. What was most interesting about what we saw during this race was how incredibly variable it was across the lake. The wind would hit the lake and run in little channels a few hundred feet wide. But outside of the channels there didn't really appear to be much of anything going on. Sometimes in them it didn't really feel like anything was going on, either. Now, yes, as often happens on light wind days a J/24 (*Wild Guinea Pig*, to be more precise) did take the race. What is a bit more surprising and which also helps better illustrate the variableness of the wind is that a Corsair 28 (*Trevelyan*, to be more precise) had an elapsed time that was 25% greater than *WGP*! It seems that *WGP* took some whispers of wind up the West shore and *Trevelyan* went after a channel in the middle of the lake. Unfortunately for her the channel became a creek became a trickle became nothing and she ran aground in 400' of water.

We did eventually finish that race and the winds did fill in across the lake so we held a second race. This one was **F**ar Maplewood, **E**ast Shore with starboard roundings of those marks and a port finish. The **F** to **E** leg started as a pleasant downwind trot that quickly built with the winds into a bit of a ride making the **E** rounding and last leg interesting. Some tried for a bit to hold a chute there but the closely reaching nature of the wind/course didn't allow for such a thing. The J/100 formerly called *Galaxy* (and now called *Grey Something-or-other* to be more precise) managed to hold her Code 0 quite well on the **E** to **A** leg (although it was a bit too much of a reaching sail for the downwind **F** to **E** leg!).

And we finished that race, too, and gathered distantly to shoot the breeze, quaff beers and attempt to sell boats. Many of these things were successfully quaffed and we sat around watching the by-now-lovely sailing weather happen from shore and the docks. There was a cute moment in there where we successfully wrapped the entirety of *Sans Souci* beautifully

in red. Alas! There exists no picture proof but those present did say that it was quite the sight to behold.

### Race 4 results

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>PHRFTOT</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Elapsed</b>	<b>Corrected</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	14:31:45	1:01:45	0:55:54	1.0
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:33:37	1:03:37	0:57:36	2.0
3	<i>Mojito</i>	69		1:00:26	1:03:28	3.0
4	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		1:12:16	1:05:25	4.0
5	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27		1:16:00	1:25:37	5.0
6	<i>Adelante</i>	168		1:37:20	1:28:07	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	15:11:26	1:41:26	1:28:51	7.0
8	<i>Gray Cat<sup>i</sup></i>	90	15:05:15	1:30:15	1:31:40	8.0

### Race 5 results

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>PHRFTOT</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Elapsed</b>	<b>Corrected</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	16:10:53	0:50:53	0:46:04	1.0
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	16:14:33	0:54:33	0:49:23	2.0
3	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	16:15:23	0:55:23	0:50:08	3.0
4	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	16:20:00	1:00:00	0:52:34	4.0
5	<i>Mojito</i>	69		50:18	0:52:49	5.0
6	<i>Grey's Anatomy<sup>i</sup></i>	90	16:19:00	0:54:00	0:54:51	6.0
7	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27		48:56	0:55:07	7.0
8	<i>Adelante</i>	168		1:03:42	0:57:40	8.0

### Fall Series Standings

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Nett</b>
1st	<i>Snitch</i>	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	11.0	11.0
2nd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	14.0	14.0
3rd	<i>Trevelyan</i>	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	17.0	17.0
4th	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	6.0 FIP	6.0 FIP	1.0	1.0	3.0	17.0	17.0
5th	<i>Mojito</i>	4.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	21.0	21.0
6th	<i>Grey Goose<sup>i</sup></i>	5.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	30.0	30.0
7th	<i>Adelante</i>	8.0 DNS	8.0 DNS	7.0	6.0	8.0	37.0	37.0
8th	<i>Fantasy</i>	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	7.0	4.0	44.0	44.0

(Slippery Fish? Smiling Bulldog? Bueller? Anyone???) Sailing is great – just ask me!)

## Upcoming Dates

It shouldn't surprise you too much to know that the dates that I gave last week are still quite valid. I'll copy and paste those:

September 20, 27; October 4, 11: Fall Series races. 2 per day. Skippers' meeting at 12:45. Racing beginning at 1:30

October 11: end of series BBQ after the last series races!

October 18: White Sail Frostbite Regatta and surely BBQ

It's super important that you don't try to make the September 20 races if you already missed them but we will hold races next weekend so maybe you could show up twice for those!

The calendar above also leaves out some other important Fleet dates...

## End of Season Coming!

Oh no! Sailing is almost done for the year! Fingerlakes is pushing hard to get boats off of the water as the lake level is low and falling rapidly so it's hard to say how many boats will be left for the White Sail Regatta. All of the J/24s I should hope, at least! And, exceptionally this year, I expect more boats to overwinter at IYC so perhaps some of those will come out and play with us – as Arne, for an example, did last year.

And then the Saturday after Frostbite we will start to pull marks. Although, as in recent years, this is made ridiculously simple through the use of the pontoon boat. Why, it will be simpler still this year as we have already recovered one mark from the lake. This is a bit unfortunate as the **B**lue mark was retrieved just this past weekend – anchorless and smashed in two – but still fortunate in making rounding up marks quicker (I find it quite surprising the number of marks lost and damaged but I suppose it really is just the way things go – they're well out in boat traffic and there is a fair amount of that on the lake).

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Perhaps he was trying to give you gently rolling waves? I wish, for you, those gently rolling  
waves and wind in your sails! See you next weeked!!)

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<sup>i</sup> I don't recall the official name that *Galaxy* has taken. Oh. Drat. Now I do recall it! Well, uh, the pages wouldn't be full if I changed the text so my apologies to the Fords and congratulations on choosing a name! (That's *Grey Owl* to be precise. I think! Maybe? I'll let you know!)