



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Fall 6 & 7

Isn't just about time that we actually had some Fall sailing? Maybe? So... A week ago the forecasts were saying that it would be breezy Saturday and all the more so Sunday but as the weekend approached things shifted a bit and they knocked both forecasts (following most models!) down to low teens with perhaps a bit more Saturday than Sunday.

Saturday a group of us went out and had some practice doing spinnaker hoists and douses and experienced winds in the mid teens. It felt pretty windy and we were a bit thankful that it would be quieter both in the evening (for the commodore's gala) and the following day (Sunday, for the races).

Well golly gee wilikers if it wasn't just windy as heck on Sunday. Not so windy that we canceled races or anything, but seriously windy. Windy enough that two of the eight boats present didn't race at all. Windy enough that only one flew a chute – and in doing so broke things. Windy enough that another boat tore or otherwise damaged another two sails.

Seriously windy, in this case, was mostly 15-20 with some gusting seen to 30kts. Given that it was from the South it actually made for some very nice sailing – with that little fetch there really aren't any waves and we can just scream along as fast as our boats can manage.

Here's the time for a cute little anecdote about one of the boats that was present but didn't race – *Trevelyan*. Richard (the owner) has said something like this about sailboats, "When the winds get stronger a monohull will tip more and more and eventually go slower. A trimaran will stay flat and go faster and faster until it just flips over." It seems to me that the 30kts were just a bit too close to the "just flips over" threshold for Richard to feel really comfortable. (Besides, he is selling the boat and you don't want to break things on something you're trying to sell.)

Our first course was a long one – **P**ile Cluster, **N**ear Maplewood, **S**ycamore, **N**ear Maplewood. It was during the first downwind leg (**PN**) that *Snitch* first flew her chute. It was also during this leg that she broke one of her spinnaker blocks – eliminating the chute from the rest of this race. Although, as mentioned before, there was *Trevelyan* who didn't race at all as well as *Fantasy* who came to the line as well and chose not to race either – feeling undercrewed for the conditions at hand. Not in this race we also had *Mehitabel* who had every intention of racing but who had some issue with losing a halyard up the mast and having to recover it.

The three J/24s who did participate in this race (*Adelante*, *Snitch* and *Wild Guinea Pig*) all seemed to have a lovely time out there as did the larger J boats – *Grey Owl* (J/100) and *Mojito* (J/112e). It was fast and furious with the winds howling but, again, the waves kept down and it was quite warm out so most were rather comfortable.

Our second course on the day had been called as **Sycamore**, **East Shore**, **Crowbar** but was shortened and straightened to simply **Sycamore**, **Crowbar**. By the time the race started *Mehitabel* had figured out her halyard issue so we managed a proper J/24 fleet for the first start with four of them competing. Between races *Snitch* had worked out another spinnaker block and *Mojito* had worked out her whisker pole so we had a bit more canvas showing properly on boats heading directly downwind as well.

Mojito took line honors in both races showing an average VMG of 6kts for the first race and just a touch less in the second. *Grey Owl* managed second across the line for each and the J/24s mixed things up and around amongst them.

Results

Race 6 results:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Mojito</i>	81		1:11:31	1:13:40	1.0
2	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	180	14:56:34	1:26:34	1:17:05	2.0
3	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:57:05	1:27:05	1:18:50	3.0
4	<i>Grey Owl</i>	102	14:55:10	1:20:10	1:19:55	4.0
5	<i>Adelante</i>	180	15:02:12	1:32:12	1:22:06	5.0
6	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		DNS		9.0
6	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27		DNS		9.0
6	<i>Fantasy</i>	192		DNS		9.0

Race 7 results:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Mojito</i>	81	16:21:19	0:56:19	0:58:01	1.0
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	180	16:27:06	1:07:06	0:59:45	2.0
3	<i>Snitch</i>	168	16:26:04	1:06:04	0:59:49	3.0
4	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	180	16:28:06	1:08:06	1:00:38	4.0
5	<i>Grey Owl</i>	102	16:26:35	1:01:35	1:01:24	5.0
6	<i>Adelante</i>	180	16:32:50	1:12:50	1:04:51	6.0
7	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27		DNS		9.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	192		DNS		9.0

Now... The combination of mixing things up amongst J/24s coupled with the dominance (in these two races) by *Mojito* and the absence of *Trevelyan* on the day leads us to a very tight race for the series although we do, admittedly, have four or so more races left to determine who comes out on top. This week it's fair to say that any one of four boats could very easily take the top spot and a fifth boat is definitely in the running.

Series Standings

Rank	Boat	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>R5</u>	<u>R6</u>	<u>R7</u>	Net
1st	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	(6.0 FIP)	(6.0 FIP)	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	11.0
2nd	<i>Snitch</i>	(3.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	(3.0)	3.0	11.0
3rd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	2.0	3.0	(4.0)	4.0	1.0	(9.0 DNS)	2.0	12.0
4th	<i>Mojito</i>	4.0	4.0	(5.0)	3.0	(5.0)	1.0	1.0	13.0
5th	<i>Trevelyan</i>	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	(9.0 DNS)	(9.0 DNS)	17.0
6th	<i>J-100</i>	5.0	5.0	(6.0)	(8.0)	6.0	4.0	5.0	25.0
7th	<i>Adelante</i>	(8.0 DNS)	(8.0 DNS)	7.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	32.0
8th	<i>Fantasy</i>	(11.0 DNC)	(11.0 DNC)	11.0 DNC	7.0	4.0	9.0 DNS	9.0 DNS	40.0
9th	<i>Smiling Bulldog</i>	(11.0 DNC)	(11.0 DNC)	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	55.0
9th	<i>Slippery Fish</i>	(11.0 DNC)	(11.0 DNC)	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	11.0 DNC	55.0

Upcoming!

4 October Fall Series 8 & 9

11 October Fall Series 10 & 11. Fall BBQ.

18 October Frostbite White Sail Regatta and BBQ.

24 October onwards -> marks must come out! Volunteer to help!

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