



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

The Best of Races

Race 8 in the Fall Series was one of those that just goes down as awfully nice. We had a course of SNWF (**S**ycamore, **N**ear Maplewood, **W**est Shore, **F**ar Maplewood) and pleasant air with just the tiniest touch of a nip – temps rising to as much as 60F at times. Winds seemed mostly steady and mostly South getting up, perhaps, as high as 8kts. As has been happening recently boats set out in waves with the first comprised of 4 J/24s and a Tanzer 24 and the second, starting five minutes later, comprised of a J/100, a J/112e and a Corsair 28.

Things seemed to go well. All had multiple sail changes and flew chutes and the race ended rather quickly with a Fleet average 4.6kts VMG. *Trevelyan* took line followed by *Mojito*, *Grey Owl*, *Wild Guinea Pig*, *Snitch* & *Mehitabel*, *Fantasy* and *Adelente*. This was a tight race with the top 6 boats finishing within minutes of one another and *Snitch* and *Mehitabel* ending up with identical corrected times! Wow! How often does that happen???

The Worst of Races?

How could any day sailing be considered bad? Well, this one wasn't, either. But the second race of the day was a bit lackluster to say the least. Lackluster. Pallid. Vapid and matte. Weak and wan. Bleh.

Ahem. I mean that there wasn't as much wind as all that! We tried to sail the same course and many of us did but the Fleet average speed for this race was more along the lines of 2.4kts VMG. Now... That might sound like only half of the previous and you might think, in general terms, that such a thing might not be as bad as all that. But you might be wrong! In this case the bits making the average VMG so high were concentrated in the first hour of the race and the bits making this average so low were concentrated in the following two hours.

So things were a bit slow. Ah well – it's racing! Sometimes you get a Race 8 and sometimes you get a Race 9! We kept busy on our boat rigging things, shooting the breeze and changing sails. How'd you pass the time?

Scoring and what it means

First off let me throw down finishes for these last two races. Here's **race 8**:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	14:47:43	1:17:43	1:10:21	1.0
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:48:42	1:18:42	1:11:15	2.5
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	14:48:42	1:18:42	1:11:15	2.5

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
4	<i>Mojito</i>	69		1:09:06	1:12:34	4.0
5	<i>J-100</i>	90	14:46:40	1:11:40	1:12:47	5.0
6	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	14:40:48	1:05:48	1:14:07	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	14:57:02	1:27:02	1:16:15	7.0
8	<i>Adelante</i>	168	15:10:33	1:40:33	1:31:02	8.0

And **race 9**:

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1	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	14:47:43	1:17:43	1:10:21	1.0
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:48:42	1:18:42	1:11:15	2.5
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6	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	14:40:48	1:05:48	1:14:07	6.0
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These bring us to the current **standings**:

Rank	Boat	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>R5</u>	<u>R6</u>	<u>R7</u>	<u>R8</u>	<u>R9</u>	Net
1st	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	(6.0 FIP)	(6.0 FIP)	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	13.0
2nd	<i>Snitch</i>	(3.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	(3.0)	3.0	2.5	2.0	15.5
3rd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	2.0	3.0	(4.0)	4.0	1.0	(9.0 DNS)	2.0	2.5	4.0	18.5
4th	<i>Mojito</i>	4.0	4.0	(5.0)	3.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	(6.0)	22.0
5th	<i>Trevelyan</i>	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	(9.0 DNS)	(9.0 DNS)	6.0	3.0	26.0
6th	<i>J-100</i>	5.0	5.0	(6.0)	(8.0)	6.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	35.0
7th	<i>Adelante</i>	(8.0 DNS)	8.0 DNS	7.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	(9.0 RET)	48.0
8th	<i>Fantasy</i>	(9.0 DNC)	(9.0 DNC)	9.0 DNC	7.0	4.0	9.0 DNS	9.0 DNS	7.0	7.0	52.0

The easiest scenario to imagine (for podium at the end of the series) involves having the boats stay where they are relative one to the other and thus having *WGP* take the series. Still, *Snitch* could take it by finishing 1 and 1 ½ places ahead of *WGP*. And there are definite paths for *Mehitabel* to win. It gets more hazy after that and it's probably best just to assume that one of these three boats will take the series! Go J/24s!!!

Last two Fall races Sunday and BBQ

We have two final Fall series races on Sunday the 11th. These will be followed by the end-of-season BBQ. Now... This is a fetch (that's a potluck) with the Fleet providing grillables and some beverages. But we are still in a pandemic! And potlucks can be scary! So... Please (please) please be considerate of others and maintain distance! Sanitize your hands before touching any serving utensils! Mask up and/or stay back as much as possible. "We're all in this together, kid!" We want to celebrate the end of the season with you! And we want everyone to be safe!!!

And then the season will end with the Frostbite...

Sunday the 18th will be our Frostbite Regatta (and BBQ as well). I believe we're going to be allowing spinnakers this go around as there are unlikely to be many boats on the water any longer – the region has been in a moderate drought, the lake level is down, the inlet is sludged in and all of these things lead to extremely active pulling of boats from the lake. Sailing Instructions will be available before the races! Next week I'll let you know when the skippers' meeting will be and give you all of the details I can ahead of time!

Calendar

As above!

11 October: Fall Series 10 & 11, end of season BBQ. Skippers' meeting 12:45 Race 10 1:30.

18 October: Frostbite Regatta and BBQ

Later (but soon): pulling marks and cleaning up!

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