



The Pennant

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Some Exciting Fall Sailing Just Went Down

The Fall series ended with a couple of exciting races and a BBQ. Exciting races? How is that even possible – the forecasts were calling for 4kts gusting 6?!? So the winds weren't that – they were more between 4 or 6 (depending on the race) and 10 with gusting to perhaps 14 – but, even so, any competition can have excitement to it under any conditions.

The excitement, here, came from a variety of sources with a bit of random chance thrown in. We had a photographer and videographer on hand for the first race so there's a video and a large stock of photos up on the Facebook group – exciting stuff for sure. Ricky sez:

If anyone sees one they would like to have all they need to do is comment on the picture, and then send me an email at flyingbrickphoto@gmail.com. To be honest, I'm pretty much staying off Facebook until after the election, so I won't see things there. But I would be happy to send anyone a full res image at no cost.

Exceptionally (I hope!) for those races we had not one but two boats showing clear need for more Cunningham as is clearly indicated in the arial photos Ricky took.

Other exciting things? Well, the weather was freaking awesome for an end-of-season! It was 60ish and gorgeously sunny... And I did mention that we had wind and that it was much better than forecast?

What made it more exciting, this time, was having more boats at critical junctures at the same time. In part this is because we have more J/24s sailing and thus nearly a fleet of boats with remarkably similar sailing characteristics on the course at the same time. This gave us the unusual (for us!) situation of having three boats rounding the windward mark at exactly the same time – with all of the rules and whatnot that go along with that. There was clearly overlap and *Mehitabel* clearly needed room at the mark – pushing *Snitch* and *Wild Guinea Pig* (perhaps?) to take higher lines than they wanted but then *Mehitabel* didn't actually make the mark and tacked back and forth (a few times?) to finally make it. From afar the whole thing was amazing to watch.

Watching up close during similar events was exciting, for sure, but also more nerve wracking. We had *Trevelyan*, *Mojito* and *Snitch* finishing the second race upwind as *Fantasy* and *Adelante* crossed over the line downwind. I suppose that in this pileup *Mojito* had the most rights as she was most leeward and on starboard. *Trevelyan* was on starboard as well and high enough to be clear of *Mojito* but still to leeward of the boats still sailing downwind. *Snitch* was awfully close to shore and had to tack back to port. *Adelante* and *Fantasy* were on tacks, too – whichever they were! They managed to thread their ways through the three upwind boats so it was surely all good (and for the best!).

That does sound a bit dry and bland but it was not dry and bland as it was happening for the boats in question. There was a lot of traffic in a confined space, going all kinds of different directions on all kinds of tacks. We managed it without collision and with no protests called. Good job on all of those skippers for keeping it clean and getting it done!

And then the Fleet Captain's husband grilled us up a bunch of yummy burgers! And we ate the delicious things that folks had brought and libated and all of that (as pandemically safely as possible and while maintaining good hygiene and social distancing. Of course!) and had a jolly good time.

This brings us to results!

Last Week's Results

First off, I have to correct the incorrect race results I posted last week. The end results were good but the second race times were just a repeat of the first race's times. But, as I always write, you can't trust anything I write, here! I don't do the scoring – I write whatever I feel like (or whatever I copy and paste incorrectly)! So... Last week... **Race 9** went like this:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	17:51:17	2:31:17	2:16:57	1.0
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	17:54:46	2:34:46	2:20:07	2.0
3	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	17:32:40	2:07:40	2:23:49	3.0
4	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	18:03:21	2:43:21	2:27:53	4.0
5	<i>J-100</i>	90	17:52:36	2:27:36	2:29:54	5.0
6	<i>Mojito</i>	69		2:35:21	2:43:08	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	18:26:26	3:06:26	2:43:19	7.0
8	<i>Adelante</i>	168		RET		9.0

This Week's Results (and the series)

Race 10 - FWN

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	14:25:25	0:55:25	0:50:10	1.0
2	<i>Mojito</i>	69		49:16	0:51:44	2.0
3	<i>J-100</i>	90	14:26:25	0:51:25	0:52:13	3.0
4	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:27:51	0:57:51	0:52:22	4.0
5	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		58:43	0:53:09	5.0
6	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	14:23:53	0:48:53	0:55:04	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	204	14:37:15	1:07:15	0:57:58	7.0
8	<i>Adelante</i>	168	14:37:15	1:07:15	1:00:53	8.0

And then **Race 11** – FW:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	15:31:44	0:41:44	0:37:47	1.0
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	15:32:36	0:42:36	0:38:34	2.0
3	<i>Mojito</i>	69		37:32	0:39:25	3.0
4	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168		45:19	0:41:01	4.0
5	<i>J-100</i>	90	15:35:46	0:40:46	0:41:24	5.0
6	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	15:32:30	0:37:30	0:42:15	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	204	15:45:30	0:55:30	0:47:51	7.0
8	<i>Adelante</i>	168	15:49:10	0:59:10	0:53:34	8.0

You might deduce from seeing three bullets in three races for WGP that they probably did pretty OK in the series and that would probably be a pretty good assumption. In fact, they got bullets in 6 of the eleven races in the **Fall Series** and handily took first place in the overall 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>	<u>R10</u>	<u>R11</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	1.0	1.0	15.0
2nd	<i>Snitch</i>	(3.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	(4.0)	2.0	20.5
3rd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	(9.0 DNS)	2.0	2.5	4.0	(5.0)	4.0	26.5
4th	<i>Mojito</i>	4.0	4.0	(5.0)	3.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	(6.0)	2.0	3.0	27.0
5th	<i>Trevelyan</i>	1.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	(9.0 DNS)	(9.0 DNS)	6.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	38.0
6th	<i>J-100</i>	5.0	5.0	(6.0)	(8.0)	6.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	43.0
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)	8.0	8.0	64.0
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	7.0	7.0	66.0

Congratulations Turnbulls! Your presence is welcomed and appreciated – you’re keeping things lively and shaking the tree. Next year... Hopefully next year we’ll be past this crazy pandemic thing and we can convince Ken and Jeff and the Andersons to race, too. That would make for six J/24s and hopefully even more excitement on the water.

Sunday, October 18, Frostbite Regatta!

The last races of the year are coming up Sunday! The super important things that you need to know right now are:

- Show up!
- Skippers' Meeting is at 9:15 AM!
- Races will be from 10am-4pm, with hopefully around 6 races and a 30 minute break somewhere in the middle
- Races will be followed by a BBQ/Fetch! The Fleet brings burgers and some drinks and YOU bring a dish to pass!
- Since we're totally hardcore racers spinnakers will be allowed (but you don't need one – you'll get a handicap bonus without) and any sailboat can participate!
- Please bring a VHF! We're on channel 80A!
- If we get our boat rigged (we're a bit late to the sailing season) be nice to us, please 😊

And Marks Come Out

Marks out is always weather dependent, but Liz is hoping that we can pull that off on October 24. We'll probably want 3 or 4 on the pontoon boat for a ~4 hour stint and it would be great to have some folks willing to do ~2 hour shifts on shore for cleaning marks up. Keep this in mind and I'll bug you about it again next week as we are closer and have a better idea on what the weather will be like.

IYC will also be having a work party in the morning, too, so there are all kinds of ways that you can help out and contribute to our organization and to our hosting one!

And Then Sailing is Done... Awards?

Please fill out Liz's survey on what you'd like to do for the end-of-year awards! We are still in a pandemic and things can be crazy but we would like to celebrate, somehow, a year well-sailed! Survey: <https://rb.gy/ylbvj7> There are questions on things like venue (in? out? Where?) and dates! Please fill it out!

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