



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Tales From The Frostbite Regatta

Well that was exciting. I'm sorry, please, do let me try that sentence one more time with a bit more enthusiasm. WELL THAT WAS EXCITING! Ahem. We happened to have a rather windy day for our last sailing day, this past Sunday. It was a tad nippy but not so much so that you'd need a drysuit or even, generally, foul weather gear. And it was a tad breezy – generally building to the point where foul weather sails would have been quite appropriate.

Sweat Pants bowed out of racing when the gusting hit 25 and *Trevelyan* (and the rest of the fleet) did likewise when the gusts got closer to 40. Perhaps with backstays and a second reef in the main the former, the Witherup's newly acquired Columbia 30 Sport Sailor, would have stayed out a bit longer. As for the latter – the Stephens Corsair 28? We were a bit surprised to see her out in this much wind but we did note a few things... It was the first time in memory that we saw her fly her central hull and it was also the first time we recall seeing her fly a storm jib!

Whether the memory simply fails or these were firsts will, perhaps, never be known. "Why" might be known after I write it (and then you subsequently etch it in the pathways of your neurons) and that would be, of course, that it was a touch windy.

Eight boats came out. Let's see... Three J/24s, a Tanzer 24, a J/112e and the two aforementioned boats. That's only seven. What am I missing? I saw a few other J/24s on shore but none on the water... Oh. Well. I'm bad at math? There were seven! I guess I was thinking eight because we had a few scores of eight!

As Richard points out in the official scores (online, as always! And here this time: <http://www.cruisingfleet.org/Results/2020Frostbite.html>) the winds built a bit on the day. The windspeed graphs from Pile Cluster and Myers show that they were basically strong and then nearly instantly doubly that. I'll go along with the order of magnitude for sure! We had a couple of races where it was blowing around 15. *Sweat Pants* did fantastically in her first two races in the fleet and, as you can clearly see in the linked results, crushed all comers like bugs. She did fantastically until the winds really ramped up and she dropped sail and went back to harbor. All of the other boats finished not only that third race but also the fourth where the higher winds (a good solid 20 with gusting to 30 or even 40 on some anemometers) had settled in to stay.

Races were fast. Races were furious. Races were fun, too, I'm sure. And then races were cut just a little short on account of folks feeling that gusting to 30 (or 40) was a bit much. That's ok – we got to go in and have some great charbroiled meats served up by Lauren as she was grilling her first (ever!) BBQ. Yes, those who were there will know that "charbroiled" is a reference to the grill fire and yet, hey, Lauren! They really did come out just fine

(great!)! No worries! It's just part of having/making/eating BBQ! Thank you so much for being RC and for running the food!

The results for individual races are published online (link above!) and the final results are there as well as here:

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Nett
1st	<i>Snitch</i>	168	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	9.0	9.0
2nd	<i>Trevelyan</i>	27	1.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	10.0
3rd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.0	11.5	11.5
4th	<i>Mojito</i>	69	6.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	12.0	12.0
5th	<i>Fantasy</i>	204	3.5	5.5	6.0	5.0	20.0	20.0
6th	<i>Adelante</i>	180	7.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	25.0	25.0
7th	<i>Sweatpants</i>	90	5.0	5.5	8.0 RET	8.0 DNS	26.5	26.5

Kind of interesting seeing two ties (on corrected time!) on the same day!

Marks Out This Sunday

Sunday 25 October we will make a go at getting all of the marks out of the water and put up for the year.

Please contact Liz with your availability to assist!

Needs:

- 3 or 4 folks on marks boat. Expected to last 3-4 hours starting at 9AM
- 2 (or more?) on pulling boat. Expected to last 3-4 hours starting at 9AM
- 1-2 people to power wash and put away marks and lines. Expected 1-2 hours starting at 11AM
- 1-2 more people to power wash and put away marks and lines. Expected 1-2 hours starting at maybe 12:30?

Please let Liz know if you can help! (She's cayugalakecruisingfleet@gmail.com!)

Not every part of every job is physical but nearly everything will be cold and dirty (and wet!)! Plan appropriately! Bring gloves! And warm clothing!

Awards Banquet November 8!

This will be at the IYC South Pavilion from 1-3PM. We'll have a fire and hot cider!! Dress warmly and bring a dish to pass! More details to follow closer to the date.

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