



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Spring tune-up race next weekend

Sunday May 2 pre-season racing will begin (and end!). I imagine we'll be playing it by ear but there will surely be a couple of races. Depending on the number of boats and who gets on the water we may have one or two starts. This is just practice and getting used to things so use it to practice and get used to things if you already have a boat on the water! If you don't have a boat on the water yet... We can try to find a place for you on another one – come on down!

Competitors' meeting is 12:45 with the first race start scheduled for 1:30. If you are looking for a boat to ride on then plan on being down by the south pavilion by 12:30 or so and/or shoot me or Liz an email and we'll try to hook you up with a boat.

Spring races 1 and 2 **SATURDAY** May 8

As decided at the Spring meeting, in order to give mothers a day and still get in the most sailing we are going to have our first official races of the year on a Saturday. These races will be the first 2 of the 12 of the Spring Series. Please, if you will, refer to the attached official calendar. As with all Spring and Fall Series races, skippers' meeting is 12:45 and first start is 1:30! And we have new rule of note: please list your finish time in GPS time and not elapsed!!!

Finalized racing calendar attached

The most current version of the racing calendar is attached. The only thing worth really noting is that the 50 mile race dates are not set in stone and may change (a little!) based on weather and confirmed competitors. The discussion on dates/times will happen among the likely competitors and very close to actual race dates.

The online calendar through the Ithaca Yacht Club will be updated with times and will be considered the calendar of reference. If you are on their general web site browse to sailing information and you can find the calendar. A direct link to that calendar is:

<https://ithacayc.org/IYC-Sailing-Calendar>

And now the bla bla... Marks are in!

OK, so you've had the key information for the coming 2 weeks so now we get back to the stuff that has been happening... You can just tune the rest out and still be fine!

Over two weekends eight of us prepared and launched the racing marks. The A mark is a

touch further North than most years. This should provide a little more keel room to help make starting safer in that regard however it is likely not quite as square to the wind. As with everything, if it doesn't work where it is we can change it!

Anyway... Thanks to all of those who showed up for repairs, manufacturing, launching of launches and launching of marks!

Spring meeting notes

Rules changed

The Racing Rules of Sailing – the published rules that are the foundation of our rules – have changed this year. You can download a copy here:

<https://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules> It is probably worthwhile at least looking over the changes!

Communications

- We're going to be coordinating a bit more with IYC and their Race&Regatta folks. We're on their calendar now and Susan will be updating websites over the year so that we are probably hosted completely through the IYC website. If you have WildApricot experience and want to help her I'm sure she'd be thrilled.
- Liz made posters and those are being put up around town. This will help draw in more boats and more crew. A copy is attached – feel free to print it out and post it around!

Full notes

I have the full meeting notes if anyone really wants to see more of what was discussed! As we are a small and dynamic group of people some of the things discussed have already changed...

Subfleet thoughts

Depending on how many boats come out and of which kind we may be splitting off scoring and perhaps even courses into separate fleets. The J/24s have requested fleet status as have the sub-100 PHRF boats (which already have a separate start) so some kind of change doesn't seem unlikely.

Submitting results

Lauren will be scoring for us this year. She and I try to work out a good online form that you can use for submitting times. We'll have QR code stickers that you can scan with your phone to go straight to the form. As always, we intend to publish results 24 hours after racing has finished so you are (strongly) encouraged to use the QR code and to file your finish times (in GPS time!) as you finish racing! Finishes are final after a week so if you haven't filed your times in that time then you didn't even race with us!

Membership and dues

This year we're going to be hounding skippers to hound crew to join and to pay the (tiny!) crew membership dues. Clare and I will be keeping our lists so you'd better be good! Reg form attached (but I'm not hounding you yet 😊!).

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