



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## Ah – wind!

It does happen and it seems to happen a bit more in the Spring and Fall series and it happened this past Sunday that we had some wind for our races. The Meyers Point wind station is situated reasonably well to tell the story of what went down as we had winds from the NNW/NW. And that station said that we saw mostly holding at 15kts with gusting to 27 from time to time. The big keelboat (Bonniwell's J/112e – *Mojito*) took it like a champ. Many of the small boats like the Witherup Columbia Sport Sailor 30, *Viento*, had a bit more of an issue keeping the tiller under control. Going down in boat size a bit more we had an impressive strong-wind showing from *Adelante*. *Adelante* practiced all day Saturday from what I hear and then I believe I saw Jimmy Spithill at the helm Sunday... Well, ok, fine. I didn't see him. Or *Adelante*'s crew after the races, frankly, so I don't have the full story. I do have the results and any minute now you will, too!

We'll get to results in one of those minutes but right now we'll finish up the setup. It was mostly overcast and for all of the second race it was downright threatening but still, we didn't actually get rained on and the big storm cells passed a full lake away from where we were. Yes, yes, it was plenty windy out, but from our vantage point there was plenty of good boat handling going on with almost everyone flying a chute and even those who didn't showing quite-good downwind speeds.

I saw much jockeying for position in and around many of the marks – often resulting in a boat doing turns. I didn't get any pictures on the water and didn't see others getting any, either, as it was a bit windy and wavy out. Well, next week, I'm sure! We did manage to sail nearly twice as far as a week ago in just a bit more time.

## Race Results

The fifth race in the series was **Blue**, **Crowbar**, **West**. I heard other sailors call **Blue** to **Crowbar** a reach but we beat the whole way there albeit on one tack... We all surely thought that the first leg to **Blue** would be the same but the winds were variable enough in direction that we all had to do multiple tacks to make that mark.

**Race 5, Time: 13:30, Course: BCW, Wind dir: NNW, Ave wind: 15-27**

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:32:19	1:02:19	0:56:25	1.0
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	14:32:46	1:02:46	0:56:49	2.0
3	<i>Adelante</i>	168	14:33:46	1:03:46	0:57:44	3.0
4	<i>Mojito</i>	69	14:25:10	0:55:10	0:57:56	4.0

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
5	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	14:30:39	1:00:39	1:01:53	5.0
6	<i>Viento</i>	87	14:32:51	1:02:51	1:04:08	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	204	14:53:05	1:23:05	1:11:37	7.0

The sixth race had quite a long ride down to **Pile Cluster**. And it may not be reflected in the results but it was pretty amazing, to me, that *Fantasy* running wing-on-wing was doing a great job keeping right up with the downwind rocket that *Viento* is. Being able to go dead down on a strong wind day has some advantages! And *Adelante* took a fine bullet there. Good job Gwen and Jimmy (and crew)!

**Race 6, Time: 15:05, Course: FP, Wind dir: NNW, Ave wind: 15-26**

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Adelante</i>	168	16:16:22	1:11:22	1:04:36	1.0
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	16:18:06	1:13:06	1:06:11	2.0
3	<i>Mojito</i>	69	16:08:20	1:03:20	1:06:30	3.0
4	<i>Snitch</i>	168	16:20:12	1:15:12	1:08:05	4.0
5	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	16:14:00	1:09:00	1:10:24	5.0
6	<i>Viento</i>	87	16:16:34	1:11:34	1:13:02	6.0
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	204	16:35:10	1:30:10	1:17:44	7.0

## Spring Standings

**Sailed: 6, Discards: 2, To count: 4, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A**

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>R5</u>	<u>R6</u>	Total	Nett
1st	<i>Snitch</i>	168	2.0	(8.0 DNC)	3.0	1.0	1.0	(4.0)	19.0	7.0
2nd	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	4.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	18.0	8.0
3rd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	1.0	3.0	(4.0)	(5.0)	2.0	2.0	17.0	8.0
4th	<i>Viento</i>	87	5.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	(6.0)	(6.0)	24.0	12.0
5th	<i>Mojito</i>	69	3.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	4.0	4.0	3.0	24.0	14.0
6th	<i>Adelante</i>	168	(7.0)	6.0	(7.0)	6.0	3.0	1.0	30.0	16.0
7th	<i>Fantasy</i>	192	6.0	4.0	6.0	(8.0 DSQ)	(7.0)	7.0	38.0	23.0

## Racing next week!

Spring Series racing continues for the next 3 Sundays! As always – right on the calendar!  
<https://ithacayc.org/IYC-Sailing-Calendar>

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