



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## I had to go and say it, didn't I?

In Saturday's Pennant I mentioned a bunch of different weather phenomena that we hadn't yet experienced – and that we wouldn't just yet. I mean, Saturday's mesoscale forecast for Sunday was pretty solid right across the board – 7 to 13 kts West. Well, Keith reminded me, Sunday after the fact, that the South end of Cayuga lake doesn't fit any of these mesoscale models when there's a West wind because we have these big hill things that run North to South...

He is right, of course. We're sub-mesoscale at least. Small. Local.

Small, local, variable, scorched and periodically becalmed these past races. But more on that later. I have to get the important bits early in the Pennant or people don't see them!

## **RACES AND BBQ THIS COMING SUNDAY (JUNE 13)**

Did that get your attention? We'll hold the last two races in the Spring series and then have a fetch on shore. The Fleet will provide beverages and things to throw on the grill as well as plates, cups and silverware and **you should come with a dish to pass!** (The Fleet Secretary likes it when there are devilled eggs!) A grand time will be had by all as we discuss things and stuff and libate (hic!) and munch.

## Sheldrake Cup (Sailstice) the following Saturday (or Sunday) – June 19 (1)

No huge emphasis for this one but a little highlighting... Don't forget! We're going to rally/race up to Sheldrake Point soon! Next week we'll decide on the day and let you know! If you're going to race you'll have to let Liz know so that she can figure out a starting time for you! This race features a Bermuda (staggered) start based on handicap so the order that we cross the finish line is the placement order! I will have more details for you early next week. If you're not racing you can still sail up and meet up with us for lunch at O'Malley's (probably!). Sailing, lake, sailors, fun! Got it?

## Let's get back to races 9 and 10, shall we?

So, the forecasts were for 7 to 13 West and we have big hills so the winds were just plain what the heck ever. And there was some sun and it was in the 80s... At least half of the boats had folks jumping in the water between and after the races.

Liz called race 9 as **West Shore, Far Maplewood, West Shore**. That's a 4 mile course. The first boat finished in a touch over an hour and a half – definitely not a screamer of a wind!

There was a lot of *excitement* and talk at two of the roundings. The turn around **F**ar had three boats right at the pin and another two in spitting distance – and approximately zero wind. There was almost contact from a bowsprit on the back of a head and there may well have been a little fending off... I hear that there was also *excitement* at one of the **W**est roundings with a lot of boats and a lot of talk. Now... I use *excitement* semi ironically as, sure, lots of things were happening, but they were definitely happening in slow motion!

Shortly after the **F** rounding *Viento* saw a breeze coming, popped her chute and left the Fleet behind for the rest of the race. Although, with the winds such as they were no one left a chute up for long there was even a fair deal (quite honestly) of tacking with a spinnaker up. In fact, I did hear someone say that there was more tacking than gybing the chute...

Line honors went to *Viento* on this one. She sailed the course 10 ½ minutes faster than *Snitch* and then PHRF being what it is *Snitch* corrected up to take the race by ½ minute!

**Time: 13:30, Course: WFW, Wind dir: SWNE, Ave wind: 3-12**

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Snitch</i>	168	15:13:51	1:43:51	1:34:01	1.0
2	<i>Viento</i>	87	15:03:38	1:33:38	1:35:33	2.0
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	15:17:35	1:47:35	1:37:24	3.0
4	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	15:14:09	1:44:09	1:46:17	4.0
5	<i>Mojito</i>	69	15:11:28	1:41:28	1:46:33	5.0
6	<i>Adelante</i>	168	15:33:04	2:03:04	1:51:25	6.0

As this one was finishing holy cow was there not a lot of wind around but Ms. Fleet Captain herself had faith that the forecast would at least mean *some* kind of wind and called race 10 with a course of **W**est Shore, **N**ear Maplewood. And off we went!

This 3 mile course had the first boat (*Viento* again) cross the line in 45 minutes so I suppose it was faster. It didn't *feel* faster to me!

**Time: 15:50, Course: WN, Wind dir: WEN, Ave wind: 0-5**

Rank	Boat	PHRFTOT	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	<i>Viento</i>	87	16:34:17	0:44:17	0:45:11	1.0
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	16:41:07	0:51:07	0:46:17	2.0
3	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	16:39:37	0:49:37	0:50:38	3.0
4	<i>Mojito</i>	69	16:43:43	0:53:43	0:56:24	4.0
5	<i>Snitch</i>	168	16:53:13	1:03:13	0:57:14	5.0
6	<i>Adelante</i>	168	17:02:41	1:12:41	1:05:48	6.0

Last week it was all about luck and this week it was clearly all about sailing skill, right? Of course, of course! OK, well, this week Keith pointed out (rightly so far, alas) that *Viento* has only done well when the winds have been awful. Uh. Sunday's winds were awful in case you missed that part! Anyway, on *Viento* it felt like we did well because we had good sail

handling. We got that chute up and down in 15 seconds tops (most times!). Yes, hoisting and dowsing were made easier by the fact that we didn't fly one of our giant spinnakers. But quick hoisting and dowsing coupled with our low boat weight helped propel our boat around the courses – as soon as we saw a whisper of wind.

## Current Spring standings

All of this brings us to the current standings... Drum roll?

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b><u>R1</u></b>	<b><u>R2</u></b>	<b><u>R3</u></b>	<b><u>R4</u></b>	<b><u>R5</u></b>	<b><u>R6</u></b>	<b><u>R7</u></b>	<b><u>R8</u></b>	<b><u>R9</u></b>	<b><u>R10</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Nett</b>
1st	<i>Snitch</i>	2.0	(8.0 DNC)	3.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	(5.0)	28.0	15.0
2nd	<i>Mehitabel</i>	1.0	3.0	(4.0)	(5.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	27.0	18.0
3rd	<i>Grey Owl</i>	4.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	4.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	30.0	20.0
4th	<i>Viento</i>	5.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	(6.0)	(6.0)	5.0	6.0	2.0	1.0	38.0	26.0
5th	<i>Mojito</i>	3.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	5.0	4.0	49.0	33.0
6th	<i>Adelante</i>	(7.0)	6.0	(7.0)	6.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	49.0	35.0
7th	<i>Fantasy</i>	6.0	4.0	6.0	(8.0 DSQ)	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	65.0	49.0

It would be very easy for *Snitch* or *Mehitabel* to take this series. It wouldn't be too hard for *Grey Owl* to take it, either. This really does look like it's been quite the season with five different boats taking bullets! Wow!

Well, we can talk about all of it... At the BBQ after the races on Sunday!!!!

## Sheldrake Cup (Sailstice) June 19 (2)

The Sailing Instructions are attached! Read 'em and weep! Erm. No. Read 'em and email Liz if you're racing! And if you're not racing then meet us at O'Malley's for lunch! I'll bug you again next week about all of this, of course!

## Sunday June 13 – Father's Day!

And, hey, for Father's Day we're going to hold a couple of races! And have a BBQ! The Fleet will provide things for the grill and beverages and you will come with a dish to pass. Right? The BBQ/fetch is after racing so who knows when it will really start but it will really start and will really happen! You should come!

These events are made possible through registration fees! If you haven't registered yet you should! Reg form attached again to encourage you to do so!

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