



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

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Action and adventure on the high seas of Cayuga Lake were ours! I mean, the weather was perfect for a Virtual Marks race, right? 70ish and overcast, blowing South at 10-15 (with a few gusts up to maybe 20). A VM of C was agreed upon and the boats set out to get ready!

Smaller chutes were chosen as the simplest to deal with for boats with light/new crews (there were a fair number of those) and a good breeze.

And 15 minutes before the race began the skies opened up and the winds came down. Generally (on boats with enough crew to handle them) larger chutes went up.

The sky did not stop coming down for the next 4 ½ hours. The winds were really quite fantastic from 12 to 2 but during the race they were 2-3kts with very occasional gusting to 10. And it rained. It rained softer and it rained harder and it rained down and it rained.

We had a Cape Dory Typhoon, two J/24s, a Tanzer 25, a J/100, a Columbia 30 Sport Sailor, a J/112e and I swear there was a gaff-rigged schooner... Of course, with the torrential rains and light winds it took quite a while for boats to finish and during the time that it took finishers to finish it also finished some non finishers. The gaff rigger was the first to finish (although perhaps they weren't racing anyway) well before finishing.

Grey Owl was the first to finish the course. *Adelante* finished 10 or 15 minutes later. Then we had *Snitch* followed by *Mojito* then *Viento*. By this time it had been raining for 4 hours straight (it was still pouring) and there was a big lull in the wind so the *Peter Lent* and *Fantasy* finished themselves without finishing.

The most vivid image for me of the day was the *Viento* crew dumping buckets of rainwater out of the cabin of the boat back at the dock after finishing. It was an astonishingly damp day on the lake.

Vavoom 2 standings!

So, again, I'm calling this series of races Vavoom! That contains a V and an M for Virtual and Marks and there's another V so that might as well be for *Viento* and then are some other letters, too, because you can never have enough letters!

Heck, you can never have enough scores, either, right??? And given that I'm not the scorekeeper you'll probably get some more of those when she's back – some more official ones. For now you can have these numbers that are kind of close. No, I didn't use the scoring software and all of the right rules so these are surely off a point or two here or there

(on all of the DNC and DNF scores) but those small changes shouldn't really shake things up. What will shake things up is... Having real scoring? No! It's having you all come out and compete with us! We have a lot more Vavoom left in us – things can change very easily!

~Standings after 2 races:

Place	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Total
1	<i>Snitch</i>	1	3	4
2	<i>Mojito</i>	2	4	6
3	<i>Adelante</i>	6	2	8
4	<i>Viento</i>	3	5	8
5	<i>Grey Owl</i>	10 (dnc)	1	11
6	<i>Mehitabel</i>	4	10 (dnc)	14
7	<i>Peter Lent</i>	5	10 (dnf)	15
8	<i>Fantasy</i>	7	10 (dnf)	17
9	<i>Mystery gaffer</i>	10 (dnc)	10 (dnf)	20

Vavoom race 3 – Sunday July 18 at 2PM!

Lauren will EmCee for us and guide us on the wonderful ADVENTURE that are Virtual Mark races! Skippers' meeting is at 1:15! If you need crew or need a boat to sail on then maybe being a bit earlier is good and it's certainly best to let us know via email if either of those are the case – we'll spread the word around and try to help you out!

Night 50 Miler July 23 or 24!!!

LET US KNOW if you're planning on sailing the Night 50 Miler so that we can involve you in the discussion around which night we should hold the race! We can try to talk some next weekend about who needs crew and who needs a boat but, hey, it will be easier if you let us know ahead of time – we'll make lists and let parties know!

The race will probably start one of those nights (most likely Friday but we'll see next week!) at 5 or 6 PM and it will run 50 miles! Everyone starts at the same time, we race through the night, you record the time that you round the 51A channel marker and the time that you cross the finish line. I don't have the Sailing Instructions yet but they are quite explicit about a few things like:

- The race shall not be shortened and
- You shall record the time you round 51A

Of course... The only reason you'd record your time rounding 51A would be because the race was shortened! I suppose that could happen if all of the boats on the water agree to it... Well, if I'm feeling peckish or Puckish and we're in the lead again I might ask around for a shorter race – that worked marvelously for us the last time I did it!

Full sailing calendar: <https://ithacayc.org/IYC-Sailing-Calendar> -> we are CLCF events!

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