



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Weather we will or won't

Did you catch the pun? Oh, no, really, no need to give kudos – I know what I'm about. I don't necessarily know whether it will be windy or not but I do imagine that I had some kind of suspicion, based on all of the different wind models and predictions, that last weekend would be quite windy.

Heck yeah. Weather! Boom! So... So far this year we've had a floater (check!), a gusher (check!) and a screamer (check!). All that we're missing is a baker and a snowder and we'll be set for the year! Bear in mind, of course, that we're not likely to have either of those this weekend. But we did have one of the five this past weekend.

You call that a screamer?

Thanks for asking! Yes, I do call the weather we had last weekend a bit of a screamer. I mean... There was wind, right? It was blowing 15-20 steady with gusting 5-10 above that. For a big keelboat like *Mojito* that's nothing – I mean, did they even have a reef in their main??? For smaller/lighter boats there was a lot going on. *Mehitabel* and *Viento* had a few issues, from what I understand, with being a bit overpowered and over sideways. Although, hey, from the outside it appeared that *Mojito* had a lot of trouble, too, but that might have been mostly just getting her sail out from under her keel... [Side note – she did get it out but it was all of the way under the boat! It took a full crossing of the lake to get it on deck and then into the air. Lucky for them it didn't result in any more harm than a bit of a blow to the ego!]

Actual results! Official ones!

And so we're about to have actual results and standings (ha ha. Or not ☺) for the Vavoom 2021 series! And, wow, we had another three boats join us in the series! Three joined in for the third race! Reminder: two additional joined us for the second race. I mean, at this rate we'll have at least 20 boats sailing with us by the end of the season! [Well, three more races adds 15 more boats. Well, shucks! That would be a lot more than 20 total!]

Friday night we'll race!

Even if you can't have actual and real results yet you can hear that it's official, real and on for Friday night. We're racing to 50A and back starting at 6PM from IYC. If you are still (at this late venture) looking for a boat or crew we might be able to help out. You can email me or Liz and we'll see what we can see! The forecast looks a bit on the not-screaming side of things but you never do know – maybe a hurricane or anti-cyclone or something that no

weather model has ever imagined will just pop right up and blow us all to heck. Or, hey, maybe it will be a little slow as all of the weather models predict. Gosh, I'm sitting on the seat of my couch in anxious anticipation of what the night holds for us. My guess is that it will involve setting the spinnaker at least 15 times with at least 3 changes in which spinnaker gets set.

Unreal results

In the continuing saga of not having it all together I do still have more totally unofficial results and standings that I can present you with. Great, right? So...

Sunday... It was freaky windy (as mentioned) so Keith raced his Weta with us after spending the morning sailboarding. He sailed to Grey Owl's virtual mark instead of his own (ie. he went quite a long way further than he needed to) and for as much of the race as I was able to see he completely and utterly dominated the entire Fleet. Why, I imagine that he finished half an hour before us and then went back out to go boarding again.

Wild Guinea Pig has begun joining us in races again (and should race in the 50!) and thus we have more real competition, there, as well. I do believe that they crossed the line second...

Following these two we had a whole host of the usual suspects in a usual order. *Snitch*, *Mehitabel*, *Grey Owl*, *Adelante*, *Mojito*, *Viento*, *Peter Lent*, *Fantasy*. *Sundance* was the third new boat joining us in the series – they took the safer route in this (wild) day and chose to head back in rather than to break things (as happened on *Mojito* and *Fantasy*, for example). We do hope to see you again out there for some more normal sailing!

With all of that said, I did just kind of make up the scores again so these are kind of not actual and don't worry about it and if you're not happy we can discuss it on the water tomorrow over water cannons or something. 'Kay?

| Place | Boat | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Total |
|-------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| 1 | <i>Snitch</i> | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| 2 | <i>Mojito</i> | 2 | 4 | 7 | 13 |
| 3 | <i>Adelante</i> | 6 | 2 | 6 | 14 |
| 4 | <i>Viento</i> | 3 | 5 | 8 | 16 |
| 5 | <i>Grey Owl</i> | 12 (dnc) | 1 | 5 | 18 |
| 6 | <i>Mehitabel</i> | 4 | 12 (dnc) | 4 | 20 |
| 7 | <i>Peter Lent</i> | 5 | 10 (dnf) | 9 | 24 |
| 8 | <i>The Weta Master</i> | 12 (dnc) | 12 (dnc) | 1 | 25 |
| 9 | <i>Wild Guinea Pig</i> | 12 (dnc) | 12 (dnc) | 2 | 26 |
| 10 | <i>Fantasy</i> | 7 | 10 (dnf) | 10 | 27 |
| 11 | <i>Sundance</i> | 12 (dnc) | 12 (dnc) | 11 (dnf) | 35 |

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