



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

I mean, who really cares about the results anyway? Am I right?

Of course I'm not right. Sheesh. There are around five boats a series who care... Those are the three at the top and the next two who might have been left out of the top three due to bad sailing days or other missed opportunities. Well, we will get to those five boats soon enough but right now I need to focus on other things – so that they happen early enough in the newsletter that maybe you'll read and remember them!

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY'S RACING

- 1: Please carpool (seriously)!
- 2: Please be early (honestly)!
- 3: Park and double park and park people in – on the road (not in the main lot) or in the marina lot or in the hoist area or in the lower lot for the Pines.

The FCSI cardboard boat regatta (<https://www.fcsith.org/events/cardboard-boat-race/>) is happening Sunday. They will have boats arriving in and filling the main lot starting at 1PM. It will be crazy over there and they will not let you park. There will be hundreds of people around for the event. Parking will be tight. So, again, arrange carpooling, block fellow sailors you know in, show up early! Please!

And, hey, your family and friends are TOTALLY invited to go watch the cardboard boat regatta! It's \$50 for adults (\$25 for children) but you get fed (well and fully) and a couple of drink tickets! And you are supporting a great local cause whose (Family and Children's Services of Ithaca) whose resources have been severely taxed during the pandemic times!

Important notes for the day 50 miler (September 18)

Fichtre! It's the day of the Commodore's Gala at the yacht club! So... Let's see... If you're in line to be commodore or you are a past commodore, you should definitely prioritize going to the Gala and you should let *Viento* take the distance series. You're totally welcome for my entirely unsolicited and self-serving advice.

2: It seems like it would be a good time to start talking about who is sailing a boat up and needs crew and who is willing to crew but needs a boat. Liz likes organizing things between these groups of folks so you can/should hit her up or you can shoot me a message. Despite how awful the first paragraph of this section makes me sound I am (alas) really quite honorable and do my best to get crew for everyone and to distribute the assets in an equitable manner. [And that was a good "2" even though there was only an implied "1". I mean, come on. Work with me!] Sailing instructions for the race are attached as well.

3: Sigh. LATE BREAKING NEWS (I would not kid you)! [Well, shucks. I would kid you. But this time I'm not kidding that the news is late-breaking! But I'm not going back and changing the previous text, darn it!] The Commodore's Gala will happen on a different night from what I hear! Good grief! *Grey Owl* has a nearly-insurmountable lead in the series (ha ha – but I won't share the tally with you and tell you what that lead is) and is, thus, very likely to take it. Unless.... Unless we get some ringers in the game and we take 'em out of contention somehow! So, come on! All of you wicked fast boats! This is YOUR RACE! Tell Liz you're in and need some crack crew and we can do this thing!

Summer! Oh! Summer how I miss you!

Well, fine. It's still technically Summer but it feels like Fall, doesn't it? More than half of our garden has been fully harvested and laid bare for the winter. And it seems a bit nipper... The winds, well, the winds feel about the same but that's just because we haven't had the usual weeks-on-end of blisteringly-hot-and-still days.

Oh. Ah. But, yes, Summer. Well, I have Summer's final results for you! Let me find those... You would laugh if I told you that as a high-level smart person in IT I can't find them. Good grief! It is, actually, in this case quite rational that I cannot do so as I'm on a Mac and while Apple is good at many things it is definitely not good at making usable software. Oops! I digress! Let me look using the online version of Outlook! That worked! Lucky you!

So, the VAVOOM virtual mark latitude series final results are (drum roll):

| Boat | Place | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Total | Net |
|------------------------|-------|----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------|-----|
| <i>Snitch</i> | 1 | 1 | (3) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 8 |
| <i>Grey Owl</i> | 2 | (13 DNC) | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 23 | 10 |
| <i>Mehitabel</i> | 3 | 4 | (13 DNC) | 2 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 12 |
| <i>Mojito</i> | 4 | 2 | 4 | (6) | 4 | 5 | 21 | 15 |
| <i>Adelante</i> | 5 | (6) | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 24 | 18 |
| <i>Viento</i> | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | (13 DNC) | 13 DNS | 41 | 28 |
| <i>Wild Guinea Pig</i> | 7 | (13 DNC) | 13 DNC | 1 | 13 DNC | 1 | 41 | 28 |
| <i>Peter Lent</i> | 8 | 5 | (13 DNF) | 8 | 7 | 9 | 42 | 29 |
| <i>Squabbles</i> | 9 | (13 DNC) | 13 DNC | 13 DNC | 6 | 8 | 53 | 40 |
| <i>Fantasy</i> | 10 | 7 | (13 DNF) | 9 | 13 DNF | 13 DNC | 55 | 42 |
| <i>Invictus</i> | 11 | (13 DNC) | 13 DNC | 13 DNC | 13 DNC | 7 | 59 | 46 |
| <i>Sundance</i> | 12 | (13 DNC) | 13 DNC | 13 DNF | 13 DNC | 13 DNC | 65 | 52 |

Congratulations *Snitch* and crew!

And we have had some Fall racing as well

Why, just this past Sunday we held races 3 and 4 of the Fall series! It wasn't hot or cold and it wasn't super windy but it was certainly damp in the end. The first race began with perhaps 15kts of wind and the second race terminated with perhaps 2kts of wind and 15kts of rain.

First course was SNWN (**S**ycamore, **N**ear Maplewood, **W**est Shore, **N**ear Maplewood). Let's see... That makes it about 5NM in length. Boats finished this one in about an hour.

Second course was WFS (**W**est Shore, **F**ar Maplewood, **S**ycamore [and you notice how the course letters match with the first letters of geographical locations on the lake? Just saying in case you haven't been following along over the years! I highlight the first letter of those locations so that it's easier to see the correspondence between the representations]) which would have been 5NM as well except that the winds dropped precipitously (presaging something) and after over an hour of sailing (and a good check on the radar) the last mark was eliminated from the course and it was now a mere 3NM in length.

Shortening the course didn't feel like it made anything happen any faster at the time although the lessening of the wind did allow each boat to check the radar on their own and to put on appropriate foul weather gear (I hope you others checked the radar and got on gear) before the deluge dropped precipitously soaking one and all in the final minutes of the race.

One little anecdote from this race... *Grey Owl* could be seen sailing to E (**E**ast Shore) after F – surely with the intention of going to S. They were hailed the good-old-fashioned way (on the telephone) and informed that the course had been changed more than half an hour prior. And despite having sailed quite a good bit further than any other boat they did quite well and earned a spot on the podium. Let this be two lessons to all:

1: carry a working VHF

2: if you're a kind and generous person others will try to emulate that (and tell you when you're clearly off course)

Oh, and, heck, one more little anecdote from the Red Jacket Regatta, too, since I forgot to put that in the newsletter... So... Jamie brings home-made cinnamon buns on the distance races (good crew to have on board!). Perhaps 45 minutes in to the regatta he called out over the VHF (he had a working one!) "Has anyone seen my cinnamon buns?" To which I replied, "Oh, sure, I saw them at the South Pavilion." Well... The Stratford/Lloyds had friends whose children had spent the night at the club (Pirate's Night!) and Jamie was able to hail them (the good-old-fashioned way) and to arrange for them to deliver the buns by motorboat (which wasn't a huge deal as *Invictus* hadn't managed to drift more than half a mile in the hour since they'd begun racing).

Fall 3&4 Results

Perhaps I'm hoping that if I write enough here you'll beg me to leave off with being secretary. I guess we shall see how well this strategy works as I do have a fair bit more to share today. In particular I have the results from the two races we just held!

| Place Race 3 | Boat Name | PHRF | Start time | Finish time | Time Elapsed | Corrected Time |
|--------------|------------------------|------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | <i>Snitch</i> | 168 | 13:30:00 | 14:30:29 | 1:00:29 | 0:54:45 |
| 2 | <i>Mehitabel</i> | 168 | 13:30:00 | 14:31:55 | 1:01:55 | 0:56:03 |
| 3 | <i>Wild Guinea Pig</i> | 168 | 13:30:00 | 14:33:35 | 1:03:35 | 0:57:34 |
| 4 | <i>Adelente</i> | 168 | 13:30:00 | 14:37:00 | 1:07:00 | 1:00:39 |
| 5 | <i>Grey Owl</i> | 87 | 13:35:00 | 14:34:39 | 0:59:39 | 1:00:52 |
| 6 | <i>Mojito</i> | 69 | 13:35:30 | 14:33:31 | 0:58:01 | 1:00:55 |
| 7 | <i>Viento</i> | 87 | 13:35:00 | 14:37:26 | 1:02:26 | 1:03:42 |

| Place Race 4 | Boat Name | PHRF | Start time | Finish time | Time Elapsed | Corrected Time |
|--------------|------------------------|------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | <i>Mehitabel</i> | 168 | 14:55:00 | 16:21:30 | 1:26:30 | 1:18:18 |
| 2 | <i>Snitch</i> | 168 | 14:55:00 | 16:23:11 | 1:28:11 | 1:19:50 |
| 3 | <i>Grey Owl</i> | 87 | 15:00:00 | 16:24:33 | 1:24:33 | 1:26:17 |
| 4 | <i>Adelente</i> | 168 | 14:55:00 | 16:32:24 | 1:37:24 | 1:28:11 |
| 5 | <i>Wild Guinea Pig</i> | 168 | 14:55:00 | 16:32:29 | 1:37:29 | 1:28:15 |
| 6 | <i>Viento</i> | 87 | 15:00:00 | 16:37:37 | 1:37:37 | 1:39:37 |
| 7 | <i>Mojito</i> | 69 | 15:00:00 | 16:35:25 | 1:35:25 | 1:40:12 |

Fall Series Standings

You were hoping that I had finished. But no! There's more! Standings, for example!

| | PHRF | F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | Total |
|------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| <i>mehitabel</i> | 168 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| <i>Snitch</i> | 168 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| <i>Grew Owl</i> | 87 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 14 |
| <i>Mojito</i> | 69 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 18 |
| <i>Adelante</i> | 168 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 20 |
| <i>Viento</i> | 87 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 23 |
| <i>Wild Guinea Pig</i> | 168 | 8 (DNC) | 8 (DNC) | 3 | 5 | 24 |
| <i>Fantasy</i> | 204 | 7 | 7 | 8 (DNC) | 8 (DNC) | 30 |

Calendar

And we do have upcoming events...

September 12: Fall 5&6. Carpool, be early, block sailors you know in

September 18: Day 50 Miler. Email Liz/me to say you want to come

September 26, October 3, October 10: Fall races.

October 17: Frostbite Regatta

(All as seen here, on the calendar: <https://ithacayc.org/IYC-Sailing-Calendar>)

Then we'll have a weekend or two of pulling out and cleaning up marks and at some point we'll have a fantastic end-of-year something to honor our winners and to pass out trophies and such.

Sound good? Sorry, we're not done just yet! I have a few things to share from the Fleet Captain...

Word from the FC

We're looking for an Assistant Fleet Captain! As AFC you'd do scoring and help out with setting races when the Fleet Captain isn't around. Easy peasy.

Charles has done an awesome job as Secretary these past few years and we're going to miss these spirited Pennants. Are you interested in recording fleet history?? It would be great to have someone all year, but I'm also thinking getting a person for each series: Spring, Summer and Fall could be fun. That's two months of Pennant writing! We got a taker for the Fall Series, so if committing to a series vs the whole year is easier please step up to help out!

Lots of blank space

I will fill the rest of the newsletter with blankness. You can imagine it as a canvas upon which you might put your sailing dreams in some form or other. Or perhaps you don't print it at all. Well, whatever! Up to you! I believe my work is nearly done for the day!

cheers!
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