



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Do not pat the marks on the light. Or on any other part of the mark

We'll get to results of the last two Fall series races in a second but we do have a couple of important rule reminders for all who might want to race in the Fleet:

- You are required to carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on channel 80A
- You are not allowed to hit a mark of the course with your boat or to caress it, pat it, tap it or even to wipe the weeds from it until you have finished your course and have passed free and clear of the line

Speaking of results...

And regarding results... The previous paragraph is relevant, of course. In the first case it would have been very helpful had every boat had a working radio – the second race could have begun while there was still wind. As not having a working radio is in infraction of the rules the boat could have been disqualified.

In the second case, well, the boat did end up disqualified. It was, alas, a very slow passage of the line (after 2 hours and yet barely 2 miles) and it seemed quite innocent at the time but the rules are a royal PITA – no contact with a mark of the course. Bleh. Just bleh. The boat disqualified itself based on the gentle caress of the mark – not by the boat itself but by the helmsman and midship. Again, reminder, no patting marks!

Actual Fall Series results

We showed up at IYC to see a nice and lively if fickle breeze. It was mostly South and mostly tenish but there were bits of East and bits of West and bits of 2 and bits of 15. Why, no one except those who had looked at the forecasts would have expected anything of the sort!

It was pleasantly warm, and not too sunny or too cloudy out and we set off for a jolly bit of sailing. First course was SA (**S**ycamore, **L**adoga) and set off promptly at 1:30. There were boats going in every direction and they went upwind and they went downwind and they flew their chutes and did their things and the winds kind of got lighter (as per the forecasts) and the not-too-long race ended up taking the PHRF-LOW boats on to two hours to finish. It was getting on to three hours after the start when contact was finally made via cell phone with boats who didn't have working VHF. They were promptly finished in place and a second course was called (to beat the 4:30 deadline for starting a race).

The second course was WN (**W**est Shore, **N**ear Maplewood) which was nice and short to account for the low winds but which wasn't, in this case, quite short enough as, again, it took the PHRF-LOW boats nearly 2 hours to finish. You will note, of course, that this course

was approximately 4.37% as long as the first which also indicates that despite how slow the first race was this one was another order of magnitude of slow altogether...

So, for the fifth race in the series we have:

	Boat Name	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Snitch</i>	13:30	15:31:30	2:01:30	1:50:00
2	<i>Grey Owl</i>	13:35	15:25:12	1:50:12	1:52:27
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	13:30	15:35:41	2:05:41	1:53:47
4	<i>Viento</i>	13:35	15:26:37	1:51:37	1:53:54
5	<i>Mojito</i>	13:35	15:24:12	1:49:12	1:54:40
6	<i>Adelente</i>	13:30		2:36:20	2:21:32
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	FIP			

And then for the sixth we have:

	Boat Name	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Snitch</i>	16:25	17:52:31	1:27:31	1:19:14
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	16:25	18:27:20	2:02:20	1:50:45
3	<i>Mojito</i>	16:30	18:22:49	1:52:49	1:58:28
4	<i>Viento</i>	16:30	18:27:37	1:57:37	2:00:01
5	<i>Adelente</i>	16:25		2:16:20	2:03:25
6	<i>Grey Owl</i>	DSQ			
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	DNF			

Which gives us standings that kind of resemble the following (unofficial results!):

	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	Total
<i>Mehitabel</i>	2	1	2	1	3	2	11
<i>Snitch</i>	4	2	1	2	1	1	11
<i>Grey Owl</i>	3	3	5	3	2	7 (DSQ)	23
<i>Mojito</i>	1	4	6	7	5	3	26
<i>Adelante</i>	6	6	4	4	6	5	31
<i>Viento</i>	5	5	7	6	4	4	31
<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	3	5	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	40
<i>Fantasy</i>	7	7	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	7 (FIP)	7 (DNF)	44

You should race Saturday

Saturday is the last race in the distance series – the day 50 miler. We'll head out at 8AM and be back when we're done. If you need crew or a boat on which to sail you should let me (your fearless race committee for the day) know, like, yesterday. Because people are looking for crew. And some might be looking for boats. And this is an epic challenge of person vs nature and person vs self and person vs person and whatever. I'd bring plenty of fluids and a swim suit if I were me because you never know.

And... Bonus! There will be 3 past and future IYC commodores (at least!) racing! Heck, I'm throwing down the gauntlet, right now, to all past and future IYC commodores! 51A! Saturday! Be there or don't!

And then

And then we'll have the rest of the Fall series on the following Sundays after which we'll have a few weekends during which we might pull and clean marks. There will be a few parties and such thrown in and all. You can always get some kind of idea on what is going on by looking at the calendar (<http://ithacayc.org/IYC-Sailing-Calendar>) which seems to say that Fall will last through Sunday October 10 and then we'll close the season out with a Frostbite Regatta on October 17. Well, huh.

Still, right now we have a distance race. Epic, adventure, struggle and all. Saturday. HMU if you need a ride!

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