



# The Pennant

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## I mean, who really cares about spelling anyway? Am I right?

Sheesh! Two glaring spelling errors in the first paragraph last week. Two! Someone should really edit these things! Liz! We need a Secretary and an Editor!!! Make a note!

## Speaking of results...

So, like... For those that care... I forgot some results from a while ago. There were boats racing and they did the racing thing (I already talked about that) and they finished and they were scored based on where they finished. So here are the times:

Hmm. I can't find them. Oh. Wait! I did!

Place	Fall 1					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed (minutes)	Corrected Time (minutes)
1	<i>Mojito</i>	69	13:35:00	14:32:13	0:57:13	1:00:05
2	<i>mehitabel</i>	168	13:30:00	14:36:40	1:06:40	1:00:21
3	<i>Grew Owl</i>	87	13:35:00	14:34:22	0:59:22	1:00:35
4	<i>Snitch</i>	168	13:30:00	14:39:35	1:09:35	1:03:00
5	<i>Viento</i>	87	13:35:00	14:40:51	1:05:51	1:07:12
6	<i>Adelante</i>	168	13:30:00	14:45:07	1:15:07	1:08:00
7	<i>Fantasy</i>	204	13:30:00	14:50:20	1:20:20	1:09:15
Place	Fall 2					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed (minutes)	Corrected Time (minutes)
1	<i>mehitabel</i>	168	15:05:00	16:31:28	1:26:28	1:18:17
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	15:05:00	16:31:32	1:26:32	1:18:20
3	<i>Grew Owl</i>	87	15:10:00	16:28:55	1:18:55	1:20:32
4	<i>Mojito</i>	69	15:10:00	16:27:12	1:17:12	1:21:04
5	<i>Viento</i>	87	15:10:00	16:31:51	1:21:51	1:23:31
6	<i>Adelante</i>	168	15:05:00	16:40:58	1:35:58	1:26:53
7	<i>Fantasy (N/S)</i>	204	15:05:00	17:04:10	1:59:10	1:42:44

So this tells us how we started and got to where we are in this series!

## Sailing sucks!

Ask any teenager in my house and they'll tell you! They wouldn't have said anything different being out with us on the water last weekend but there is really very little nuance in saying that. Sailing was fine this past weekend but thankfully the RC called short races because good freaking grief was sailing also frustrating this past weekend!

## Fall something and something+ 1!

I'm feeling ornery and I'm not going to look up what numbers these races were. Take that crappy winds! Ha! That will show you!

So, ahem. I've said it at least twice, now, but I can repeat, if you like, that the winds weren't all that great Sunday. And I don't mean that there wasn't wind because HELL YEAH there was wind! The Myers wind station showed, in fact, very steady at ~20 (with little puffs to 25) for most of the afternoon. And they also showed a rock solid wind direction. So, well, if the wind was steady and from one direction then what the heck am I whining about???

Ah! Well, hey, please, let me inform you! The super solid and super steady winds were blowing directly from the west. 100% pure west, all the way. At least, at Myers (and my house, incidentally, which is not anywhere near Myers). But, like, whoa: geography. Indeed, hey, we have hills around here. The hills run pretty much north/south. And the wind was west. And our start line (and most of our marks) are on the west shore of the lake – in the lee of these freaking hills.

So the winds that we had, on the west shore, were all over the place. We don't have a wind station but we do have people who were sailing on the lake and on the left (west) side and even out through the middle we experienced winds at every speed and from every direction. "Call the puffs!" says the helm. OK! That's easy! "Puff in 2!" And puff there usually was (although not always – right Lauren?). But no one could call, reliably, the direction of these puffs... Having other boats nearby wasn't even as helpful as you might think because a boat that was 5 lengths from you in seemingly the same wind line could very well be going the same direction as you on the opposite tack.

No, seriously, it was incredibly frustrating. Honest!

## Speaking of results...

Right, so for Fall something we went to some marks... I suppose I do need to look things up, now, don't I? OK... Hmm... Ha! I can't! I don't actually know what the courses were! Well, there were courses, sailed, on the lake. Both started north because the hills do a reasonable job of funneling the west wind down the lake (towards the south). For the first race we probably had marks only on the left (west) side and then for the second we went to **B**lue and then came back. Perhaps to **S**ycamore? Well, whatever! The first was sort of up/down except the winds were west and fluky and all over the place but the race was called north/south. The second race went over to the land-of-more-steady winds and then came back on a screaming reach (holy-freaking-cow screaming reach) that was a tiny bit broad then close then a bit tight then a beat and then squirrely-as-all-get-out (as we moved closer to the leeward shore).

So the first race (number 7 in the series!) was kind of closer to traditional and was taken by *Snitch* then *Mehitabel* (sailed by a crack crew in Clare's absence). The second race had that long and insane reaching leg which allowed *Mojito* to take the crown quite handily (minutes corrected ahead of the nearest competitor – on a race that lasted barely an hour).

Race 7: something north (**F**ar?) and something south (**W**est?). Winds extremely steady at Myers of 20 W. Ha ha.

Place	Fall 7					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Snitch</i>	168	13:30:00	14:14:50	0:44:50	0:40:35
2	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	13:30:00	14:16:34	0:46:34	0:42:09
3	<i>Mojito</i>	69	13:35:00	14:16:15	0:41:15	0:43:19
4	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	13:35:00	14:17:29	0:42:29	0:43:21
5	<i>Viento</i>	87	13:35:00	14:21:57	0:46:57	0:47:54
6	<i>Adelente</i>	168	13:30:00	14:31:15	1:01:15	0:55:27

You see the 2 seconds corrected between *Mojito* and *Grey Owl*? Every maneuver, sorry, every move you make, is magic and matters in the end! That's under .01% of a difference. It really was just one tack or one hoist or one anything. We're all that close – all of the time! Work at it! Make it happen – make it work! And congrats, this time, Tim and crew and bumper, this time, John and crew. Work at it and keep it real, fleet!

Race 8: Maybe **B**lue **S**ycamore? Sounds close! Again, winds rock solid at 20 W if you were at Myers and shite if you were anywhere on the left 76.23% of the lake.

Place	Fall 8					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Mojito</i>	69	14:50:00	15:33:44	0:43:44	0:45:55
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:45:00	15:37:53	0:52:53	0:47:52
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	14:45:00	15:39:34	0:54:34	0:49:24
4	<i>Grey Owl</i>	87	14:50:00	15:39:34	0:49:34	0:50:35
5	<i>Viento</i>	87	14:50:00	15:41:02	0:51:02	0:52:04
6	<i>Adelente</i>	168	14:45:00	15:52:38	1:07:38	1:01:14

This race... This race *Mojito* was able to hold a chute much longer (and with a much greater angle of heel) than others (thank the weight and the keel) and just crushed 'em all... Good job Tim!

### Many more races to come

Still, as I have said before, the most important thing to bear in mind and remember for the weekend after next and the weekend after that is that the fleet secretary really likes it when you bring devilled eggs to the BBQs. You will remember, right? There's one of those October 10 and another October 17 so you have:

- Plenty of time to prepare yourself for making the eggs
- Enough time to make them.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we have the last four Fall Series races and, again, the 10<sup>th</sup> we have devilled eggs that you will provide and things that can be thrown on the grill that the Fleet will provide.

The 17<sup>th</sup> of October is the Frostbite Regatta which will be followed by much eating of devilled eggs that you will provide (as well as things that can be grilled and beverages that the Fleet will provide).

## And then sailing is done for the year?

Well, yes. There is a very good chance that things are pretty darned close to done after the 17<sup>th</sup>. A few boats may stay on the water over winter but those are usually wrapped up tight and not sailable. We will keep *Viento* on the water until we don't but the "until we don't" part will be determined by the weather we're seeing (and not by the lake level as is the case for so many). Still, when it starts getting colder it also gets windier and those winds come more from an unfavorable direction – one that beats the heck out of boats staying at IYC.

So, yes. October 17 is probably pretty much the end for sailing. There will still be opportunities to be on the water (and help) when we pull marks. And you'll still be able to see us at the end-of-year banquet/awards. But sailing will be done with for the year.

## This time is different

This time is different from the last. This time I'll let you fill in the blank space with whatever you like. I think I'm good for this week! I should send this so, well, I think that's what I'll do! See you on the water, as they say!

## Ha ha ha ha ha ha

At least I do some self editing sometimes. Hey! Guess what! I haven't mentioned the standings in the season yet! OK, well, so, here we go... Standings... And, bonus! That means that the page is filled and you don't have to think of anything to write to take up the extra space. It works out for everyone that way.

	PHRF	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12	Total
<i>Snitch</i>	168	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	2					14
<i>mehitabel</i>	168	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	3					16
<i>Mojito</i>	69	1	4	6	7	5	3	3	1					30
<i>Grew Owl</i>	87	3	3	5	3	2	8 (DSQ)	4	4					32
<i>Viento</i>	87	5	5	7	6	4	4	5	5					41
<i>Adelante</i>	168	6	6	4	4	6	5	6	6					43
<i>Wild Guinea Pig</i>	168	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	3	5	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 DNC					56
<i>Fantasy</i>	204	7	7	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	7	8 (DNC)	8 DNC	8 DNC					61

Now... We have four more races in the series and we will have two throwouts. So, let's think about this. What if *Mojito* (or *Grew Owl*) scored bullets for the rest of the season... Well, I can do the math for you, but I'm saying that it doesn't look easy for either of them to take the season is all. And for *Viento* and *Adelante*? It's orders of magnitude more unlikely and would involve all kinds of craziness. Sure, it's possible but it's just ridiculously unlikely. Darn it. Maybe next year!

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