



# The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

## The antepenultimate day of racing on the year

Oh, was it ever a day to remember, this one! We had it all – action, dram, adventure, racing, water, sky, people. Everything!

## Speaking of results...

I don't actually have the official results, yet, so I'm just going to imagine how that went. Let's see... *Viento* was done by 11:55 AM so clearly won the 1:30 PM race (with a 1:35 PM start as she's in the PHRF-LOW fleet). On corrected time and using the formula I have in Excel I believe that means that she finished the race last week. Congratulations, *Viento* and crew, on a fantastic race!

The rest of the lubbers, them that were there, were there sometime after that. They are heard to have huddled together for warmth, dryness and comfort under the awning at the south pavilion where there was much moaning, wailing and gnashing of teeth. Again, from what I hear! They are said to have begged, pleaded and whined to the best of their abilities (as acclaimed method actors) to have the courses shortened by half and half again and half again. And yet, as any mathematician will tell you, you can cut the course in half all you want – you're still going to have to get your bum out on the water and race the half that is left to race!

So half of half of half was a course of **WNWN**. Now, can anyone tell me what the marks were for this half? Good job, Janie! You're absolutely right! That was **West Shore, Near Maplewood, West Shore, Near Maplewood!** This foreshortened course has the benefits of staying close to the **I (Ithaca Yacht Club)** mark and of being easy to aftershorten in case of intemperies, impetuoussness or other impish things. And, alas, one of those things that's making you go, "Hmm..." actually is a word. Just for your edification I'll tell you that it's intemperies and it means bad weather. You're welcome.

Now, I tend to generally wax quite a bit (and hopefully eloquent) in these missives. So much so, in fact, that I may even find myself, from time to time, getting lost in all of the darned words. So many words! So don't you worry if you're getting a bit lost as well – it happens to the best of you (oh, please! Stop it!)? And there was a point to this paragraph before I started it and got lost in the wonder of it all... Well, I suppose it may come back to me. If it does I'll be sure to try to remember to let you know!

Uh. Hopefully you're still with me (or skipped ahead) because the bit that follows is actually important!!!

## SHOW UP NEXT WEEKEND (party after the race)! And the one after! (idem)

Terribly sorry – can't talk about the races that were. We have the end-of-season races next Sunday! And after those we'll have a lovely fetch!

Janie! Oh, yoo hoo! Janie! Can you please tell the class what a fetch is? “Well, Mr. Secretary, a fetch is a very common thing, you see, but the word, itself, is used uncommonly. The only reference our former commodore, John Webster, could find to it was concerning our very own yacht club! So, a fetch is really just a potluck! We're having a potluck!”

Well, thank you, again, Janie, for clearing things up for the rest of us. So, yes, next weekend we're going to have a potluck after our races. There's a special theme to this particular fetch and that is, “Bring the fleet secretary a devilled egg!” The Fleet is going to be bringing, I do believe I read somewhere, Italian sausages for the grill! The Fleet is also going to be bringing beverages! The Fleet is also going to be bringing all manner of utensils, plates, cups and buns and condiments that serve as conveyances for the sausages (and veggie options!) and beverages. Now... You should come out for the day with your **A** (best) racing game and a dish to pass! You don't all have to bring devilled eggs because that would be silly but it would be lovely to have one, don't you think? I certainly do!

## I don't even really know what happened

As I mentioned, we finished before you started and then, well, I wasn't even there. I do have a keen eye on the forecasted and actual weather maps, however, and I do have an awful suspicion based on said eye that it wasn't a super duper incredible nail-biting screamer of day. In fact... The winds at Myers... Well, they were blowing nicely at around 7 kts or so for a bit and that might have been swell and all for starting that first **NWNW** race (maybe!) but then 2 PM hit and they were blowing at something closer to 2 kts gusting all of 3. And, hey, uh, there was that rain, too. No, no, no! I wasn't the deluge of the last time I missed racing with you! It was just piss. But it was, as near as I can tell, gentle piss for the entire afternoon.

And then... And then *Mojito* called for outside assistance by the *Teal* in blocking *Grey Owl* on the course. Had *Mojito* been, you know, subtle then perhaps it wouldn't have amounted to anything but it turns out that *Mojito* didn't, perhaps, realize that she was broadcasting on an open channel and that *Grey Owl* had managed to get her radio working again. Well, things got very testy, from what I understand, and we could have ended up with some kind or other of a giant mess or incident or something just otherwise bad. But, again, I wasn't there so I don't really know. You'll have to *Ask Amy* or someone with a VHF scanner and maybe a drone what really transpired. All I know (all I think I know) is that at the end of the day *Mojito* was happy with the outcome and *Grey Owl* less so and many others were amused.

## Back to the results?

*Snitch* won. Or *Mojito* did. Or some other boat. Oh, there were two races. The two races were identical except that nothing happened in the same way. Let's try that again... The two courses were identical but the races had little to do with each other besides having similar courses and competitors. And I didn't have results until 15 minutes ago! Well, now I do! And *Snitch* didn't win! Tough on them – leaves the series WIDE OPEN for next Sunday!!!

Race 9:

Fall 9	NWNW	Wind			
Place	Boat	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	<i>Mehitabel</i>	13:30	14:29:51	0:59:51	0:54:11
2	<i>Mojito</i>	13:35	14:29:30	0:54:30	0:57:14
3	<i>Snitch</i>	13:30	14:33:21	1:03:21	0:57:21
4	<i>Grey Owl</i>	13:35	14:35:25	1:00:25	1:01:39
5	<i>Fantasy</i>	13:30	14:50:32	1:20:32	1:09:26
6	<i>Adelente</i>	13:30	14:55:45	1:25:45	1:17:38

Race 10:

Fall 10	NWNW	Wind			
Place	Boat	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	<i>Mojito</i>	15:15:00	16:19:31	1:04:31	1:07:45
2	<i>Grey Owl</i>	15:15:00	16:23:19	1:08:19	1:09:43
3	<i>Snitch</i>	15:10:00	16:30:19	1:20:19	1:12:43
4	<i>Mehitabel</i>	15:10:00	16:30:32	1:20:32	1:12:54
5	<i>Adelente</i>	15:10:00	16:44:00	1:34:00	1:25:06
6	<i>Fantasy</i>	15:10:00	16:53:23	1:43:23	1:29:07

Series standings -> 2 races remain, 2 throwouts applied, results not official (I just did them):

	PHRF	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	Total
Snitch	168	(4)	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	(3)	13
mehitabel	168	2	1	2	1	(3)	2	2	3	1	(4)	14
Mojito	69	1	4	(6)	(7)	5	3	3	1	2	1	20
grey owl	87	3	3	(5)	3	2	(9)	4	4	4	2	25
Viento	87	5	5	7	6	4	4	5	5	(9)	(9)	41
Adelante	168	(6)	(6)	4	4	6	5	5	6	6	5	41
Fantasy	204	7	7	9	9	7	9	(9)	(9)	6	6	60

That's pretty tight for first! There could be a changeup around 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 5<sup>th</sup> is a total crap shoot!

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