



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

Wind, you call that wind?

When the day is long
And the lake, the lake is yours alone
When you're sure you've had enough
Of this wind, well hang on!

Don't let yourself go
'Cause everybody bleeds
And everybody broaches sometimes

A sad, sad day on the lake

And the saddest day in a while came to the lake... Indeed, we had a Frostbite BBQ (fetch!) and, well, there weren't any devilled eggs. I knew I should have asked for them! Darn.

And other sad things, too

And if we have a Frostbite BBQ it's that we had a Frostbite Regatta and if we had a Frostbite Regatta it's that sailboat racing is done for the year – at least on this lake.

Pay attention! Important thing 1! Free sail storage pick up next week

Doug (with Quantum) will be down with a trailer to pick up sails next week. Quantum will pick up, inspect, store and drop off your sails for free. What's the catch? There isn't a catch. It's real. It happens every year. Yes, of course, they're in it to sell you sails and repairs. But... If you don't need those, well, hey, at least it is someone storing your sails for you. That's a good thing, right? If you want in on this you should email me at CLCFcrew@gmail.com and I'll let you know when Doug is coming so you all can arrange for things to happen.

Important thing 2: marks out on Saturday and WE NEED YOUR HELP

This Saturday it won't rain and it won't be windy and we're going to pull the marks! And clean them! And inventory them! And store them for the winter! And we need your help to do this!

We need boat crew: 3-5 people for 4 hours or so. 2 people should probably be willing to lift 80-100 pounds and to get grossly slimy. 1 people gets to just be all casual and stuff and

drive the boat and I bet you can guess who that lucky guy will be. The work will consist of motoring around and pulling marks onto the boat. They're heavy. And gross.

We need shore crew: Probably a couple of ~2 hour (maybe less!) shifts of 3 people each. The boat crew will be out for an hour and a bit and then will bring in the first batch of buoys. The lights need removing and the buoys, lines and chains need cleaning, inventorying and storing for the winter. The cleaning happens with pressure washers and is noisy (we'll have the pressure washers but ear muffs are good to have), wet and dirty. The lifting is easier on shore in that the marks can be rolled (don't have to be carried) and there are wheelbarrows for moving things around. The job is still wet and slimy, like I said.

You should let Liz know if and when you can help. We need bodies to make stuff happen! Email her at CayugaLakeCruisingFleet@gmail.com to let her know of your availability. She brings coffee and carbohydrate rafts (doughnuts and/or bagels), too! Great, right? Totally makes it worth it all. Well, those things plus the camaraderie! And if the winds come up we'll think about sailing afterwards (but the wind forecast is looking like, well, nothing at this point. That's great for getting marks out but not great for sailing).

Important thing 3: Do you wanna party?

Oh. Wow. Harsh. I suggest that if you don't know the lyrics to the song that you just maybe don't look them up and you go on thinking that maybe it's just a party song. OK. Wow. Harsh. Uh. This isn't important any longer and holy cow that was awful. Dang it. Sorry.

Important thing 3 for real (sigh): When, oh when, will the awards banquet be?

We'll party. Like, nicely. Sheesh. Dang. I'm still thrown for a loop. Ouch. OK. Uh. Back on topic. Racing is over! We need to do a few things to finish up the season! We need to pull and clean the marks (important thing 2!) and we need to hold an awards banquet! And anyone who has been paying attention will know what the theme is going to be!

But, we do need to decide when and where it will happen. Your vote counts! Every vote counts! Vote early! Vote often! Madame FC herself will then take your votes under her careful consideration and do something appropriate. I mean, this isn't exactly a democracy, eh, but we do try to take your opinions into consideration!

You should follow the link provided by said FC and let your opinions be known:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc14pbl5Z0IscUFbsdI00tnaE3DBoZKP5bVdjgS3gdqjuN_4A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

In short form that's <https://tinyurl.com/27hrtdb4>



Heck, in a QR code that's this:

Important thing 4: I need your help!

I CBA to read through all of the drivel I've produced for you this year but I don't believe that I need to! I believe that **YOU** know the bad things that happened on your boat that caused damage to it, to people, to other boats! And **YOU** should let me know what the bad things were so that you can WIN THE COVETED BENT STANCHION AWARD! It's a totally awesome piece of artwork that you can proudly hide in a closet until you can (hopefully!) give it up to some other sucker next year! Great, right? I think that the worst thing that happened to us was shredding our mainsail. What happened to you??? Inquiring minds want to know! Email me at CLCFcrew@gmail.com!

Also, hey, I'll be needing your sailing pix from the year so that I can compile those for a slideshow! You know where I am so go on – get them to me, please!

Oh. And we held a regatta Sunday.

Ah, right. News that you care about! Finally! At least, if you're still with me... Anyway, hey! We held the end-of-sailing-year Frostbite Regatta this past Sunday! And... It wasn't frosty! It did, however, feature an extra special guest this year...

Epigishmog made a RESOUNDING appearance! He's the Anishinaabe god of the west wind and spiritual being of ultimate destiny (ie. the end of the sailing season). And, boy, was he all kinds of resounding. Why, he was resounding from the left, resounding from the right, resounding sitting, resounding standing, resounding fight fight fight. Also resounding from directions I didn't even know that we had on the lake.

I mean, truly, seriously and honestly you could go from a beat on a port tack to a run on a starboard tack while maintaining constant helm and speed. IT WAS CRAZY for much of the day. Well, at least, it was for the first 2 or 3 races. The last race featured wind that was much more constant in direction (kind of NNW) and speed (kind of low 20s gusting kind of high 20s). Not that this was any less crazy just that it was a generally more manageable kind of crazy.

Our race committee (thank you Keith and Eberhard!!!) set courses with **N**ear Maplewood as the windward mark and an inflatable a bit south and west of **E**ast Shore as the leeward mark. Epigishmog is a bit constrained, locally, to generally make this a pretty darned straight windward/leeward course. After a long slog in the first race which featured both two laps and also 360 degree wind shifts, we settled in to three single lap races which finished much faster owing to "steadier" winds (at least ones that didn't just die).

The results don't surprise me a whole lot and I can't imagine they'll surprise you too much. Yes, yes, with the crazy wind directions and speeds that come with a strong west wind there can be a good deal of luck involved in winning races and yet there's also the fact that the biggest and heaviest competitor (*Mojito* – hello!) eats the big winds up for breakfast and doesn't really seem to care all that much. Which, I suppose, is giving things away a little, isn't it? Well, you're about to get the full results so I'm sure it's not too much of a spoiler. *Snitch* and *Mehitabel* held up well with enough seasoned crew on board to keep things real and *Viento* and *Adelante* are still learning their boats – getting better and putting chutes up in the tough breezes (unlike last year for both of them!) but not totally in the mix yet. We'll

get there! It will take more sailing and more practice in all kinds of winds to get there but we will!

Races:

Place	RACE 1					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Mojito</i>	69	11:25	12:24:51	0:59:51	1:02:51
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	11:25	12:45:35	1:20:35	1:12:57
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	11:25	12:45:53	1:20:53	1:13:13
4	<i>Viento</i>	87	11:25	12:46:39	1:21:39	1:23:19
5	<i>Adelente</i>	168	11:25	13:16:00	1:51:00	1:40:29
Place	RACE 2					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Snitch</i>	168	13:30	13:55:51	0:25:51	0:23:24
2	<i>Mojito</i>	69	13:30	13:52:46	0:22:46	0:23:54
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	13:30	13:56:33	0:26:33	0:24:02
4	<i>Viento</i>	87	13:30	13:57:17	0:27:17	0:27:50
5	<i>Adelente</i>	168	13:30	14:06:53	0:36:53	0:33:23
Place	RACE 3					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Mojito</i>	69	14:17:00	14:37:59	0:20:59	0:22:02
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	14:17	14:41:23	0:24:23	0:22:04
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	14:17	14:43:51	0:26:51	0:24:18
4	<i>Viento</i>	87	14:17	14:43:52	0:26:52	0:27:25
5	<i>Adelente</i>	168	14:17	14:48:21	0:31:21	0:28:23
Place	RACE 4					
	Boat Name	PHRF	Start time	Finish time	Time Elapsed	Corrected Time
1	<i>Mojito</i>	69	15:00	15:20:18	0:20:18	0:21:19
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	15:00	15:24:57	0:24:57	0:22:35
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	15:00	15:26:54	0:26:54	0:24:21
4	<i>Viento</i>	87	15:00	15:27:15	0:27:15	0:27:48
5	<i>Adelente</i>	168	15:00	15:37:14	0:37:14	0:33:42

Results:

							Total
1	<i>Mojito</i>	69	1	2	1	1	5
2	<i>Snitch</i>	168	2	1	2	2	7
3	<i>Mehitabel</i>	168	3	3	3	3	12
4	<i>Viento</i>	87	4	4	4	4	16
5	<i>Adelente</i>	168	5	5	5	5	20

I'm not on my regular computer so you'll just get funny-looking tiny results. Congrats, Tim and crew, on a dominant play in this little game!

Charles