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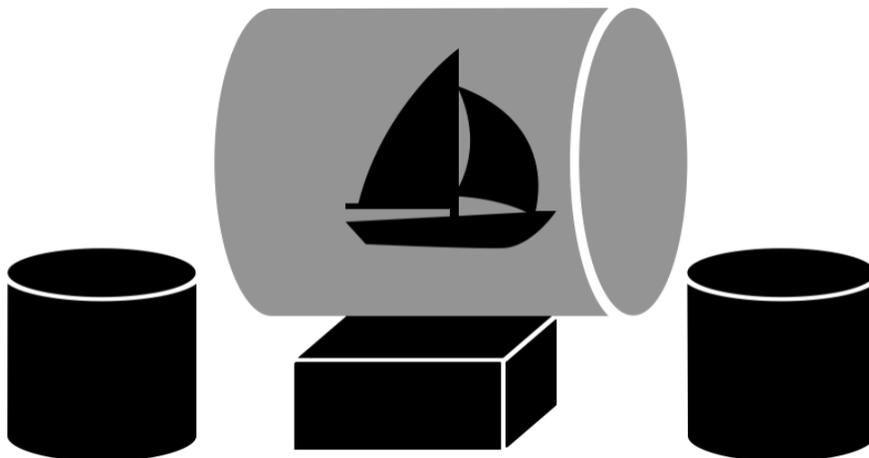
And the winner is...

Those who attended the end-of-year banquet know who won the most coveted award in the Fleet and some of the others of you might be able to guess but the award was not given out for any of the boats/reasons that I had given as guesses/possibilities in recent Pennants! As stated in our rules, the Fleet Captain has a good deal of autonomy and things are subject to interpretation regardless but I am thrilled to announce that *Viento*, in her first full year of sailing in the Fleet, won the prestigious Bent Stanchion award for having her motor explode right before a race! The Fleet Captain determined that this is approximately the most exciting thing that's happened in many years and it's definitely about the worst thing that can happen to our boats while still being relatively minor, simple and inexpensive to repair (in this case!). Luckily *Viento's* bilge pumps were both out of commission at the time thus preventing the three quarts of oil involved in the explosion from flowing directly into the lake! Equally luckily the exploded part was genuinely inexpensive and easy to replace and *Viento* was racing again the following weekend.

And speaking of results...

As an attachment to the Pennant you'll find the awards banquet brochure. To actually read it you might want to print it out double sided and flip on the proper edge (although I don't know which edge that is off hand) and then fold it into a nice booklet form. Or, hey, you just open it! No worries!

The brochure handed out at the awards banquet was missing a few of the trophies (the individual distance races) so I've added those in to the attached. The other thing probably worth noting is that *Snitch* took BOTY (boat of the year) and thus took home a boat-in-a-bottle decanter with glasses. Here's an artist's representation of what it looks like:



In other big news...

For many and various reasons relating to different agencies, bureaucracies, practicalities and other, the Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet has inched a bit closer to the Ithaca Yacht Club (IYC). Now, I'm not a lawyer or anything but it kind of feels like we're pretty much one organization now but we (we the Fleet!) do still have our own budget and about all of the autonomy that we had previously so, barring complications or crashes or other big and terrible things happening, I don't believe that this even really changes anything for us. We will still set up the courses (with the marks that IYC owns, using their boats), we will still race in the same location at the same time, boats/crew will still be IYC members or not, we will still meet at the South Pavilion for BBQs, beer and chatting. But, hey, now some of the things we'll be doing will be even more official (whatever that means)!

In fact, our outgoing Fleet Captain (viz. Liz Singh) will be the Race & Regatta Chair at IYC so, well, yes, actually, since I mention it, big changes are coming! We will begin the year by using IYC's boats to place IYC's marks and then throughout the year we'll get together, at roughly the times we have been getting together for decades, to race! Then we'll gather at the South Pavilion for BBQs, conversation and beers. And everything will be much, much better than it has been previously.

Plea for work

If you are working for a large institution with tons of money and you need your telescope tracking fixed please don't hesitate to contact me – I'm very interested in making a lot of money so that I can afford all kinds of fancy new sailboat stuff that will allow our boat to crush yours in races in the coming years. Alternatively, if you feel like just throwing tons sums of money at things we are quite happy to be a thing, If either of these ideas interests you please don't hesitate to contact me for my bank routing numbers. Also, please do that rather quickly as I have volunteered to give up being the Fleet Secretary and as such might lose access to the Secretary's email address if someone else steps into the darned role. Hello! Yoo hoo! Fleet members! Don't you want to give us tons of money I mean write Pennants? History, as I always say, is not written by the victors – it is written by those who volunteer to write it! And when you're writing history you can make it anything you want it to be – who can prove you wrong???

It's been a pleasure

It has been fun writing these for you and I will surely still step in from time to time but it is time to pass on the baton... Enjoy your winters – building your boats better, plotting your strategies, having your telescopes repaired – and we'll see you on the water in the spring!

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