



# The Pennant

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## Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

### Tune-Up Race, Sunday, May 1

Here is Charles Witherup's report (Attached: 2 Photos and a GPS track):

Two boats came out to participate in the Spring tune up race. Tim Bonniwell came with his new J/70 - *Ayla's Ride* and Keith Rice was out on his Weta - *I Make All of This Look Easy* (I just made up his boat name). Wind speed average at RUSS was 12 to 16 kts from the South East with gusts to 23. The temperature was right near 48F. It was one of those blustery Spring days!

The Race Committee set the course for West Shore, Near Maplewood, Sycamore, Far Maplewood, Pile Cluster, home. Under the conditions presented to us (a wet and muddy launch area, brisk winds, crew new to the boat) it took a bit longer than would generally be accepted to get under way and the race began 35 minutes late.

And a brilliant race it - was until shortly after rounding the first mark (reminder - 1/2 mile from the starting line) when *AR's* crew attempted a spinnaker hoist that they weren't quite prepared for. There were a few troubled moments during which the spinnaker somehow managed to tangle itself, rather soundly, around the keel but after a few more exciting moments all was well and we were under way once more. As it happens, *IMAOTLE* seemed quite content to sail broad circles around *AR* while things got properly sorted and we were able to continue with the race as if nothing untoward or otherwise unsavory had happened.

*AR* then proceeded not to follow the course and to have an interesting time learning how to handle the spinnaker in wind for which there are no trim guides (the guides stop at 20kts). *IMAOTLE* sure looked like she was also having fun just sailing around, so we'll just call it good.

There is a bit of confusion in the GPS tracks, distance and time as all of these include both time setting up *AR* and (ahem) the Shrimping Incident in addition to actually getting back to the dock (which was no small feat). The crew will learn the boat, which halyard needs to be hoisted and to which height, etc. We probably won't be seeing *IMAOTLE* racing with us often but we will surely see her crew on the water soon!

It was a great sailing day and great to be on the water!

### First Race Day of the Spring Series, Sunday, May 15

The Skippers' Meeting will be at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The first of two races will start at 1:30.

See you at the South Pavilion.

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