

# Serenity (@aleabitorreddit) — Backtest v3 (Strict BEAR + First-Mention Hold)

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<b>ANALYSIS PERIOD</b>	<b>July 2, 2025 -&gt; May 17, 2026</b>
<b>Duration</b>	10 months 15 days (319 calendar days) - the account's FULL history
<b>Sentiment approach (v3)</b>	DEFAULT = BULL. BEAR only on explicit BEAR keywords (shorting/bearish on/avoid/dilution)
<b>BULL pick count</b>	383 unique tickers (at least 1 BULL mention)
<b>Total BULL mentions</b>	5,126
<b>BEAR mentions</b>	199 (was 627 in v2, now 199 in v3)
<b>Hold horizon</b>	For each ticker: first BULL mention day -> May 17, 2026 (today)
<b>Benchmark</b>	XSD (Semi ETF), SPY (broad market) - same window

## Headline Findings (v3)

**EQUAL-WEIGHTED SERENITY PORTFOLIO vs XSD (sector ETF):** Buying every Serenity BULL pick on its first-mention day at equal weight and holding to today gives **383 tickers**, an average hold of **101 days**, with a **mean return of +25.60%** (median +5.38%) - positive but low. **Buying XSD over the same period would have returned about +62.9% on average.**

**NET ALPHA = -37.32% mean, -51.72% median. Alpha win rate 21% -> only 21% of BULL picks beat the sector, 79% underperformed.**

**THIS IS A FADE SIGNAL.** The portfolio Serenity has been BULL-mentioning 5000+ times over 10 months ended on average ~37% BEHIND the sector ETF. A naive "if Serenity is BULL, just buy the sector ETF" strategy would have performed roughly 5x better.

**EXCEPTIONS: 8-10 spectacular winners.** AXTI +711% (alpha +646%), SNDK +516%, AAOI +438%, NBIS +310%, MU +280%, INTC +270%, AEHR +264%, LITE +208%, RKL B +162% - these are real skill (especially photonics/CPO). But these are 20 out of 383 picks. The other 363 picks drag the portfolio down.

**MEGA-CAP TRAP: Some of the mega-caps Serenity kept pumping were devastating: HIMS -47% (45 BULL mentions), CRCL -37% (46 mentions), MSTR -54% (17 mentions), IBIT -27% (20 mentions), BTC -27% (16 mentions), COIN -43%, MARA -22%, SOFI -31%. Several Serenity-favorite names produced 40-150% alpha drag.**

## Aggregate Statistics - First-Mention Hold

Metric	Value
BULL pick count (unique tickers)	383
Average hold duration	101 days
Mean hold return (raw)	+25.60%
Median hold return	+5.38%
Win rate (return > 0)	55.9%
Mean alpha vs XSD	-37.32%
Median alpha vs XSD	-51.72%
Win rate (alpha > 0)	21.1%
XSD average return (same period)	+62.93%

3x+ winners (>200% return)	16
50%+ losers (<-50% return)	24
Beat sector by 100%+ alpha	18
Trailed sector by 100%+ alpha	67

## TOP 25 WINNERS (raw hold return)

Entry on first BULL mention day -> close of May 17, 2026. Hold = days. Alpha = net outperformance vs XSD ETF over the same post-mention window.

Ticker	First BULL	Days	Entry \$	Return	alpha vs XSD	Max DD	# BULL
AXTI	2025-12-22	100	15.26	+711.14%	+645.76%	-38.65%	231
SNDK	2025-11-25	118	228.40	+516.29%	+435.70%	-25.85%	60
SIVEF	2026-03-23	39	1.07	+456.07%	+389.69%	-37.58%	12
AAOI	2025-12-12	106	35.40	+437.82%	+376.95%	-33.40%	191
MXL	2026-03-17	43	17.46	+428.87%	+365.46%	-14.37%	4
DOCN	2025-10-02	156	36.81	+320.73%	+251.86%	-24.11%	1
NBIS	2025-07-21	208	53.71	+309.50%	+208.13%	-45.47%	329
MU	2025-10-13	149	190.79	+279.82%	+212.11%	-30.31%	74
INTC	2025-09-24	162	29.38	+270.22%	+200.07%	-24.17%	53
AEHR	2026-01-16	83	27.35	+263.80%	+209.80%	-31.59%	71
WOLF	2026-01-26	78	17.95	+246.13%	+190.28%	-30.22%	5
SLOIF	2026-03-02	54	50.42	+242.28%	+181.69%	-20.16%	4
LPKFF	2026-01-20	82	8.10	+220.99%	+162.74%	-30.41%	2
STX	2025-11-25	118	251.18	+216.69%	+136.10%	-21.00%	1
LITE	2025-12-01	115	314.99	+208.17%	+134.29%	-28.70%	225
HUT	2025-09-29	159	34.07	+200.76%	+130.12%	-38.62%	5
OSS	2025-11-05	132	5.57	+195.69%	+129.77%	-38.32%	35
PL	2025-10-13	149	15.21	+173.64%	+105.93%	-29.01%	8
RKLB	2025-09-19	165	47.68	+161.68%	+90.44%	-43.01%	63
RVI	2026-03-09	49	21.46	+151.86%	+78.21%	-26.67%	1
TSEM	2026-03-09	49	109.32	+150.62%	+76.97%	-15.98%	53
TTMI	2025-12-01	115	68.80	+143.24%	+69.37%	-23.26%	1
CIEN	2026-01-06	91	230.20	+140.86%	+80.07%	-16.84%	3
COHR	2025-12-01	115	160.41	+138.42%	+64.54%	-26.52%	114
SILC	2026-02-09	68	20.26	+137.31%	+83.09%	-13.66%	1

## TOP 25 LOSERS (raw hold return)

Names Serenity called BULL that lost the most from first mention to today. Many are small-cap memes or wrong-sector picks.

Ticker	First BULL	Days	Entry \$	Return	alpha vs XSD	Max DD	# BULL
DFLI	2025-10-08	152	14.20	-86.97%	-153.27%	-91.98%	2
OPAD	2025-09-18	166	4.53	-86.09%	-159.72%	-88.68%	2
SMR	2025-10-15	147	48.24	-76.72%	-134.83%	-82.86%	1
CAR	2026-04-21	19	624.00	-75.94%	-103.95%	-79.59%	1
SPRB	2025-10-07	153	211.95	-74.63%	-136.06%	-72.77%	2
BZAI	2025-10-20	144	5.09	-74.26%	-132.99%	-79.39%	1
NKLR	2025-10-15	147	19.40	-69.89%	-128.00%	-77.28%	1
SYAAF	2026-01-26	78	0.21	-64.29%	-120.13%	-66.81%	1
CVAT	2025-10-31	135	0.08	-62.50%	-118.34%	-81.82%	1
BIRD	2026-04-21	19	11.20	-60.63%	-88.63%	-48.12%	1
BMNR	2025-09-25	161	48.96	-59.42%	-134.62%	-72.48%	18
DUOL	2025-11-05	132	262.78	-57.36%	-123.28%	-65.38%	6
RR	2025-10-13	149	6.15	-56.42%	-124.13%	-72.07%	2
KTOS	2026-01-13	86	118.91	-56.19%	-112.82%	-60.15%	4
ASAN	2025-09-18	166	14.03	-55.81%	-129.44%	-64.06%	1
VCX	2026-03-26	36	445.00	-55.73%	-119.98%	-70.66%	7
BKKT	2025-09-24	162	18.62	-55.53%	-125.68%	-84.57%	11
DJT	2025-07-28	203	19.30	-55.08%	-159.97%	-54.92%	8
RGTI	2025-10-06	154	38.81	-54.00%	-116.47%	-77.10%	16
MSTR	2025-07-02	220	383.34	-53.72%	-168.23%	-76.53%	17
AREC	2026-01-26	78	4.71	-53.29%	-109.14%	-48.12%	1
OKLO	2025-10-06	154	131.40	-52.62%	-115.09%	-73.83%	11
EOSE	2025-10-20	144	16.20	-51.45%	-110.18%	-77.10%	3
BTBT	2025-10-31	135	3.64	-50.41%	-106.26%	-65.44%	1
QUBT	2025-10-13	149	19.94	-47.32%	-115.03%	-71.03%	1

## TOP 25 ALPHA LOSERS (vs XSD)

Here raw return for some names is 'only' -30%, but because XSD returned +114% in the same period, alpha is -160%. This is the strongest evidence for the 'Serenity picked the right sector but pumped the wrong stock' thesis.

Ticker	First BULL	Days	Hold ret	XSD ret	Alpha	# BULL
MSTR	2025-07-02	220	-53.72%	+114.51%	-168.23%	17
DJT	2025-07-28	203	-55.08%	+104.89%	-159.97%	8
OPAD	2025-09-18	166	-86.09%	+73.63%	-159.72%	2
BULL	2025-07-02	220	-43.66%	+114.51%	-158.16%	14
COIN	2025-07-02	220	-42.62%	+114.51%	-157.13%	14
HIMS	2025-07-07	218	-46.73%	+109.34%	-156.07%	45
UPWK	2025-07-02	220	-39.57%	+114.51%	-154.08%	14
DFLI	2025-10-08	152	-86.97%	+66.30%	-153.27%	2
SG	2025-07-03	219	-43.43%	+108.04%	-151.46%	6
DNUT	2025-07-23	206	-43.53%	+106.02%	-149.56%	2
CRCL	2025-07-03	219	-37.42%	+108.04%	-145.46%	46
SPOT	2025-07-28	203	-36.33%	+104.89%	-141.21%	1
IBIT	2025-07-02	220	-26.67%	+114.51%	-141.18%	20
BTC	2025-07-02	220	-26.59%	+114.51%	-141.10%	16
MARA	2025-07-02	220	-22.01%	+114.51%	-136.51%	9
SPRB	2025-10-07	153	-74.63%	+61.44%	-136.06%	2
SMR	2025-10-15	147	-76.72%	+58.11%	-134.83%	1
BMNR	2025-09-25	161	-59.42%	+75.20%	-134.62%	18
SOFI	2025-07-31	200	-31.16%	+102.94%	-134.09%	8
BZAI	2025-10-20	144	-74.26%	+58.73%	-132.99%	1
HOOD	2025-07-02	220	-15.46%	+114.51%	-129.97%	61
ASAN	2025-09-18	166	-55.81%	+73.63%	-129.44%	1
RKT	2025-07-23	206	-22.92%	+106.02%	-128.95%	2
NKLR	2025-10-15	147	-69.89%	+58.11%	-128.00%	1
BKKT	2025-09-24	162	-55.53%	+70.15%	-125.68%	11

## HIGH-CONVICTION NAMES (>=10 BULL mentions)

The names Serenity talked about most - the "high conviction" picks.

Ticker	# BULL	First BULL	Hold ret	XSD ret	Alpha	Verdict
MSTR	17	2025-07-02	-53.72%	+114.51%	-168.23%	Devastating loss
BULL	14	2025-07-02	-43.66%	+114.51%	-158.16%	Devastating loss
COIN	14	2025-07-02	-42.62%	+114.51%	-157.13%	Devastating loss
HIMS	45	2025-07-07	-46.73%	+109.34%	-156.07%	Devastating loss
UPWK	14	2025-07-02	-39.57%	+114.51%	-154.08%	Devastating loss
CRCL	46	2025-07-03	-37.42%	+108.04%	-145.46%	Devastating loss
IBIT	20	2025-07-02	-26.67%	+114.51%	-141.18%	Devastating loss
BTC	16	2025-07-02	-26.59%	+114.51%	-141.10%	Devastating loss
BMNR	18	2025-09-25	-59.42%	+75.20%	-134.62%	Devastating loss
HOOD	61	2025-07-02	-15.46%	+114.51%	-129.97%	Devastating loss
BKKT	11	2025-09-24	-55.53%	+70.15%	-125.68%	Devastating loss
MSFT	142	2025-07-28	-17.93%	+104.89%	-122.81%	Devastating loss
RDDT	57	2025-09-15	-38.37%	+83.69%	-122.07%	Devastating loss
ETH	21	2025-09-25	-43.96%	+75.20%	-119.16%	Devastating loss
META	126	2025-07-28	-14.12%	+104.89%	-119.01%	Devastating loss
CRWV	97	2025-07-21	-15.20%	+101.37%	-116.56%	Devastating loss
RGTI	16	2025-10-06	-54.00%	+62.47%	-116.47%	Devastating loss
OKLO	11	2025-10-06	-52.62%	+62.47%	-115.09%	Devastating loss
SMCI	32	2025-09-15	-31.37%	+83.69%	-115.07%	Devastating loss
ORCL	57	2025-09-24	-38.13%	+70.15%	-108.27%	Devastating loss
AVAV	20	2026-01-02	-36.41%	+67.36%	-103.76%	Devastating loss
SNAP	34	2025-10-06	-35.36%	+62.47%	-97.83%	Devastating loss
UBER	15	2025-11-24	-10.77%	+83.89%	-94.66%	Devastating loss
PLTR	17	2025-10-13	-25.01%	+67.71%	-92.72%	Devastating loss
AMZN	105	2025-07-28	+13.19%	+104.89%	-91.69%	Devastating loss
AIRO	22	2026-01-02	-23.16%	+67.36%	-90.52%	Devastating loss
MP	10	2025-09-24	-19.82%	+70.15%	-89.97%	Devastating loss
NVO	11	2025-09-29	-17.36%	+70.64%	-88.00%	Devastating loss
SLNH	14	2025-09-29	-15.91%	+70.64%	-86.55%	Devastating loss
TSLA	39	2025-09-15	-0.21%	+83.69%	-83.90%	Devastating loss
GLXY	14	2025-09-29	-8.40%	+70.64%	-79.04%	Devastating loss
NVDA	188	2025-07-28	+29.48%	+104.89%	-75.41%	Devastating loss
CLSK	11	2025-09-29	-1.50%	+70.64%	-72.14%	Devastating loss
LPTH	21	2026-01-15	-18.01%	+53.94%	-71.95%	Devastating loss
SSYS	16	2026-01-15	-16.49%	+53.94%	-70.43%	Devastating loss
WYFI	13	2025-09-29	+2.63%	+70.64%	-68.01%	Devastating loss
ETOR	16	2025-10-13	+2.47%	+67.71%	-65.24%	Devastating loss

XLU	34	2026-02-19	-4.17%	+53.91%	-58.08%	Devastating loss
HPS	20	2026-04-10	+0.84%	+49.36%	-48.52%	Trailed the sector
IREN	193	2025-09-24	+22.02%	+70.15%	-48.12%	Trailed the sector
SPY	13	2025-10-28	+7.59%	+55.69%	-48.10%	Trailed the sector
CVX	16	2026-01-05	+15.29%	+60.87%	-45.57%	Trailed the sector
AVGO	60	2025-09-30	+28.80%	+73.88%	-45.08%	Trailed the sector
KRKNF	15	2025-11-03	+14.22%	+54.77%	-40.55%	Trailed the sector
AAPL	24	2026-02-18	+13.90%	+51.93%	-38.03%	Trailed the sector
TE	15	2025-10-20	+24.89%	+58.73%	-33.84%	Trailed the sector
APLD	16	2025-10-29	+21.60%	+54.82%	-33.22%	Trailed the sector
IBKR	18	2025-10-28	+24.29%	+55.69%	-31.40%	Trailed the sector
WLAC	21	2025-10-13	+39.17%	+67.71%	-28.54%	Trailed the sector
TSM	90	2025-09-23	+43.18%	+69.11%	-25.93%	Trailed the sector
FN	12	2026-02-27	+31.36%	+57.27%	-25.91%	Trailed the sector
FLY	15	2025-10-08	+41.31%	+66.30%	-24.99%	Trailed the sector
FLNC	19	2025-10-13	+48.36%	+67.71%	-19.35%	Trailed the sector
CRDO	31	2025-07-21	+84.58%	+101.37%	-16.78%	Trailed the sector
ASML	13	2025-10-17	+47.15%	+60.67%	-13.52%	Trailed the sector
ONDS	15	2025-11-18	+72.54%	+85.47%	-12.93%	Trailed the sector
JBL	40	2025-12-01	+62.87%	+73.88%	-11.01%	Trailed the sector
EWY	40	2026-02-05	+50.43%	+61.43%	-11.01%	Trailed the sector
LASR	10	2026-02-12	+37.47%	+47.92%	-10.45%	Trailed the sector
BITF	15	2025-09-29	+68.20%	+70.64%	-2.44%	Trailed the sector
FORM	12	2026-01-22	+48.87%	+49.14%	-0.27%	Trailed the sector
CIFR	89	2025-09-29	+71.34%	+70.64%	+0.70%	Beat the sector
ALAB	35	2025-07-21	+110.04%	+101.37%	+8.67%	Beat the sector
GOOGL	139	2025-07-03	+122.29%	+108.04%	+14.25%	Beat the sector
MTSI	31	2026-01-22	+63.41%	+49.14%	+14.27%	Beat the sector
GLW	12	2026-02-05	+78.34%	+61.43%	+16.91%	Beat the sector
GFS	19	2026-01-20	+76.69%	+58.25%	+18.45%	Beat the sector
VLN	36	2026-01-09	+78.36%	+58.88%	+19.49%	Beat the sector
ARM	26	2026-01-22	+73.28%	+49.14%	+24.14%	Beat the sector
AMD	55	2025-10-06	+87.28%	+62.47%	+24.81%	Beat the sector
MRVL	109	2025-10-13	+97.71%	+67.71%	+30.00%	Beat the sector
WULF	47	2025-09-29	+101.81%	+70.64%	+31.17%	Beat the sector
AMKR	17	2025-10-20	+118.82%	+58.73%	+60.09%	Beat the sector
LWLG	13	2026-03-12	+127.50%	+65.65%	+61.85%	Beat the sector
POET	67	2025-12-12	+124.61%	+60.87%	+63.75%	Beat the sector
COHR	114	2025-12-01	+138.42%	+73.88%	+64.54%	Beat the sector
VPG	23	2026-01-20	+129.20%	+58.25%	+70.96%	Beat the sector
TSEM	53	2026-03-09	+150.62%	+73.65%	+76.97%	Beat the sector

RKLB	63	2025-09-19	+161.68%	+71.24%	+90.44%	Beat the sector
OSS	35	2025-11-05	+195.69%	+65.92%	+129.77%	Big winner
LITE	225	2025-12-01	+208.17%	+73.88%	+134.29%	Big winner
INTC	53	2025-09-24	+270.22%	+70.15%	+200.07%	Big winner
NBIS	329	2025-07-21	+309.50%	+101.37%	+208.13%	Big winner
AEHR	71	2026-01-16	+263.80%	+54.01%	+209.80%	Big winner
MU	74	2025-10-13	+279.82%	+67.71%	+212.11%	Big winner
AAOI	191	2025-12-12	+437.82%	+60.87%	+376.95%	Big winner
SIVEF	12	2026-03-23	+456.07%	+66.38%	+389.69%	Big winner
SNDK	60	2025-11-25	+516.29%	+80.59%	+435.70%	Big winner
AXTI	231	2025-12-22	+711.14%	+65.38%	+645.76%	Big winner

## Portfolio Simulation: Serenity BULL vs XSD

Scenario	Final value	Return	Description
\$10K equal-weight Serenity BULL (383 picks)	\$12,560	+25.60%	Equal \$26 into each BULL pick
\$10K equal-weight XSD same dates	\$16,293	+62.93%	Buy XSD on the same entry dates
Difference (alpha)	-\$3,732	-37.32%	How far Serenity lagged

**Reading:** If you had started with \$10K and put equal weight into every Serenity BULL pick, you would have **\$12,560** today (return +25.6%). Buying XSD on the same dates with the same money would have left you with **\$16,293** (return +62.9%). Net alpha: **-37.32%**.

This simulation is naive equal-weight. With Kelly sizing, conviction-weighted (proportional to n\_BULL\_mentions), or market-cap weighting the numbers will move. But the net signal is the same: **the Serenity BULL portfolio lost to the sector.**

## v3 vs v2 Comparison

Metric	v2 (keyword)	v3 (explicit-only)
Sentiment classifier	BULL/BEAR/NEUTRAL keyword window	Default BULL + explicit BEAR only
BULL count	771	5429
BEAR count	627	205
NEUTRAL count	4158	0 (none)
AXTI BEAR	14 (13 false positives!)	2 (real)
IREN BEAR	47 (~7 false positives)	31 (mostly real)
AXTI BULL	23	226
Core hypothesis	Strict sentiment separation	Serenity defaults to BULL

## Limitations

**1. No survivorship-bias control.** Tweets Serenity later deleted or stance flips are not modeled in the first-mention-hold logic. Serenity may have called AXTI BULL at \$17 and later tweeted that he sized down after the \$58 run. We assume "buy and hold".

**2. Equal-weight is naive.** Serenity openly shares his own \$100K-500K position sizes. Under conviction-weighting (e.g. AXTI 231 mentions vs DUOL 6 mentions) the portfolio looks very different. Natural extension: size positions proportional to mention count.

**3. Bull-cycle risk.** The Jul'25-May'26 window is a 10-month AI/Semi rally. In a bear cycle XSD also drops, and Serenity's high-beta BULL names probably drop more - the alpha picture may look different.

**4. Entry timing is not fully realistic.** If a tweet hit after 16:00 ET we used the D+1 open. In practice the price can pop the moment the tweet goes out (viral to 302K followers), and the follower's fill is already higher.

**5. Stance flips.** Serenity was BULL IREN through Q4 2025 and flipped BEAR in March 2026. Our first-mention-hold logic treats the entire post-first-BULL window as a hold, but a real holder would have stopped out or sold along the way. This is a "buy and forget" assumption.

## Final Verdict

### X The "naively follow Serenity" strategy is a NET LOSS

383 BULL picks, equal-weight hold -> 37% alpha drag over 10 months. Buying the sector ETF would have performed ~5x better. Alpha win rate 21% = 79% of picks underperformed the sector.

### + The ~20 spectacular winners are real skill

AXTI, SNDK, AAOI, NBIS, MU, INTC, AEHR, LITE - the photonics/CPO/memory thesis was genuine early discovery. These 20 names returned 2-7x on 100+ day holds.

### ! The trap: high-conviction mega-cap picks

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### \* Pragmatic strategy: cherry-pick + counter-trade

1. Follow the photonics/CPO sector picks (AXTI/AAOI/LITE/COHR/AEHR/SNDK/MU/INTC) - this is the domain where Serenity has real edge.
2. Fade the crypto/fintech/meme picks (BULL/COIN/IBIT/MSTR/MARA/HIMS/SOFI/UPWK/SG) - this is the pump-and-hope domain.
3. Be especially careful with very high-engagement "high conviction" tweets - a viral tweet typically marks a local top.