



## Fleet 5 Newsletter

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May 2017

# R h o d e s 19

## GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ



Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, it's just about that time. To quote my old friend (and temporarily departed) **Brother Jim Raisides**, *I love opening day*. Opening day - there is just nothing like it. I love it all. I love the ritual of putting up the rig, running all the lines and making sure everything is just so. I love splashing the boat for the first time. But there's something so festive about that first sail out to the starting line. Talk about a shit-eating grin! Like the song says, if there's a cure for this, I don't want it. I just can't wait.

But before we go sailing, we have a bunch of other things to get to. First, if you haven't done it yet, please register. Registration is open for everything. You can register for MRA at [www.mheadrace.org](http://www.mheadrace.org), for the fleet and the class at [www.regattaman.com/mem\\_reg1.php?org=142&Xxowneridxxk](http://www.regattaman.com/mem_reg1.php?org=142&Xxowneridxxk) and for Nationals at <http://2017nationals.rhodes19.org/>. Don't put this off as MRA will charge a late fee after May 5<sup>th</sup>, but even worse, MRA czar **Mike Lane** is likely to call you up and yell at you. You heard me. He'll yell at you. He yelled at me a week ago for not yelling at you. So help me keep him off my back and register today. Also, I know that the Nationals committee would love to get some registration momentum going, so while you're thinking about it, why don't you go ahead and do that too.

Second, the long-awaited Spring Clinic is this Thursday night. **Jud Smith**, **Charlie Pendleton** and **Tomas Hornos** will walk us around the course, from pre-start to finish, sharing their thoughts and priorities at every stage of the race. You won't want to miss that, particularly as you gear up for a Nationals campaign. Details are under [Upcoming Events](#) (to the right). You may remember that we did something similar back in 2010 at the Gerry 5, which was packed with at least 200 people. So make sure you get there early to snag a seat. Also as an fyi and speaking of **Mike Lane**, he'll be there helping out with the slide show (so you better be sure to register before showing up or risk you-know-what).

Speaking of Nationals, we are making a concerted effort to make sure everyone has an up-to-date certificate this year. To that end, we're holding a measurement at the EYC on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> a full week before spring series. If your certificate isn't up-to-date, why not beat the rush. Contact **Jim Raisides**, **Peter Sorlien** or **Nat Taylor** for details.

Also, please don't forget to circle June 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar for the first party of the race season. **Ann & Jim Taylor** have generously offered to host at their home at 8 Wyman Road in Marblehead. As she always does, **Elise Nash** will make sure the Fleet bar is stocked and ready. Keep an eye out for the evite and please make a point of responding so the Taylors can plan and Elise knows how much stuff to bring.

Finally, huge congratulations to **Marissa & Joe Fava**, who welcomed into the family their new daughter **Charlotte Theresa Fava** on April 19 at 9:50 pm. Everyone is happy and healthy, except maybe Joe, who I'd guess is busy with sleep deprivation. Joe, just remember, when Marissa's pokes you in the ribs at 2:30 am and says, "It's your turn," that's not an idle suggestion.

Time to go sailing.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spring Clinic – Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>** Fleet 5 will host an evening clinic on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fantail at the CYC, featuring a moderated panel (details below). Cash bar.

**Measurement Day – Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at EYC** Fleet 5 will host a pre-nationals measurement on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the EYC dry sail area. For details, contact **Jim Raisides**, **Peter Sorlien** or **Nat Taylor**.

**Spring Series – May 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** Spring Series will kick off on the Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

**Twilights Commence – June 1<sup>st</sup>** The Twilight Series will start on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the first Thursday after Memorial Day.

**Post Race Cocktail Party – Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the home of **Ann & Jim Taylor**. The party will be potluck, and **Elise Nash** will supply the bar.

**East Coasts** – There will be no 2017 East Coasts Championship.

**Race Week Party – July 27<sup>th</sup>** at the home of **Jennifer & Steve Uhl**. **Elise Nash** will supply the bar.

**2017 R19 Nationals** – August 17-20, hosted by the Eastern Yacht Club. Registration is open. For more information, go to <http://2017nationals.rhodes19.org/>.

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## SHORT TACKS

**Goodbye to Don Smith** Longstanding CYC RC member **Don Smith** suffered a severe stroke last month and passed away a short time later. In addition to being an enduring sailor and valuable contributor to the CYC RC, Don was a true gentleman. The CYC RC honored him at his service with a uniformed honor guard. Fleet 5 sends its condolences to **Judy Smith** and their entire family. Judy's address, in case you want to reach out to her, is 27 Church Lane, Burlington, MA 01803. You can find Don's obituary at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=185128814](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=185128814).

**Ken Cormier on the Mend** The fleet also sends its best wishes to **Ken Cormier**, who shortly after noticing some pain in his jaw and arm, found himself rolling into the operating room for a triple bypass. Everything went swimmingly, Ken is resting comfortably (well, as comfortable as you can be after having your chest cracked), and he vows to be back on the racecourse. We're thinking that Race Week is a lock, though smart money is on Spring Series. If you'd like to drop him an email, his address is [kencormier130@gmail.com](mailto:kencormier130@gmail.com).

**Register Now!** Registrations are open. Register for Fleet 5 and the Class Association at [https://www.regattaman.com/mem\\_reg1.php?org=142&xxw=neridxx](https://www.regattaman.com/mem_reg1.php?org=142&xxw=neridxx). You also can register online for MRA by following the registration link on the MRA web site at [www.mheadrace.org](http://www.mheadrace.org). A couple of reminders. First, you'll have to register for NOOD separately but at no additional charge. The form will be available through prior to the regatta. Second as to cost, members of the Boston, Corinthian or Eastern Yacht Clubs receive a \$80 discount. A \$75 late fee applies for all MRA forms received after May 5th, 2017.

**Nationals Registration** Registration also is open for Nationals. Go to <http://2017nationals.rhodes19.org/>.

**MRA Scoring Byes** As it has in recent seasons, MRA will grant one optional free pass for scoring purposes, which you can use in either Series 1 or Series 2. Boats using their bye will be scored average points for that series, both for MRA and for "Cup" scoring. To use your bye, you must contact MRA Scorer **Jim Whipple** at 617-720-4262 or [scorer@mheadrace.org](mailto:scorer@mheadrace.org) by noon the previous day.

**Spring Clinic** 'Around The Course: Start to Finish' will feature a moderated panel with **Jud Smith**, **Tomas Hornos** and **Charlie Pendleton**, who will walk us around the race course, covering topics like pre-race priorities, starting strategies, speed tweaks, race-course positioning and more. **Kim Pandapas** will moderate. The event will be held

Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Fantail of CYC. Cash bar will be provided. For more info, email [kpandapas@comcast.net](mailto:kpandapas@comcast.net).

**Measurement Day** Fleet measurer **Peter Sorlien** will measure boats on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the EYC dry sail lot. You will need a complete measurement certificate to sail Nationals, so if it is not complete, or if you have made modifications to your boat since the last measurement, get it done. Please contact **Jim Raisides** in advance at [jim@raisides.com](mailto:jim@raisides.com).

**Laser Spring Series** The Laser kicked off its 2017 season on April 23 with a huge turnout of 17 boats – that's a lot of boats for 50 degree water. **Tomas Hornos** won the day (in a borrowed boat) and R19 Fleet Captain **Kim Pandapas** brought up the rear (though in his defense skipped the last couple of races). The Laser Spring Series continues for three more Sundays on May 7, 14 & 21. Juniors are welcome, but the sailor should be big enough and able to hike and right the boat in whatever conditions present that day. For more info, contact **Tom Dailey** at [tomdailey15@gmail.com](mailto:tomdailey15@gmail.com).

**Pleon Still Looking For Coach Housing** Each year, placing visiting coaches with host families is a crucial part of Pleon's summer program, and this year is no exception. As of mid-April, Pleon still needed of five additional homes for out-of-town instructors. These coaches typically do not have transportation (other than bikes), so the need for Marblehead families is great. The coach should have a private bedroom and access to a bathroom and the kitchen, but accommodations do not need to be luxurious. Host families will receive a stipend to offset the cost of food and incidentals. If you're interested, please contact **Meredith Tedford** at 617-852-9015, or email [meredith.tedford@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.tedford@gmail.com).

**Can't Get Enough Racing?** Check out SailX, a high-quality multiplayer online racing simulation that enables sailors from all over the world to race against each other in real-time. You can learn more [www.at.sailx.com](http://www.at.sailx.com).

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## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Who were the top four finishers in the 2016 Spring Series?
2. How about the 2015 Spring Series?
3. When was the last time Fleet 36 hosted East Coasts in Rockport, and who won?

*Answers on page 5*



### NATIONALS 2017 UPDATE

by Regatta Co-chairs Matt Hooks & Nat Taylor



As I hope you all are aware, the Rhodes 19 National Championship is coming to Marblehead in August and it's time to start getting



ready! Hard to believe that with most boats still under their winter covers, our class championship is only three and half months away.



A quick primer on getting prepped for Nationals. First and foremost, **GET REGISTERED!** The NOR has been posted and registration is open. If you plan to sail Nationals, please go to <http://2017nationals.rhodes19.org/> and register. Having some momentum on the scratch sheet is a great recruiting tool and will help us achieve our goal of making this the biggest and best fleet in recent memory. Already, sailors from Maine, New York, Louisiana and Chicago have registered or indicated their intent to be in Marblehead for Nationals. From what we hear, the fleet is shaping up to be a great one and will be that much better with you on the starting line. If you are not planning on sailing, please consider chartering your boat. Providing charter opportunities for out-of-town sailors will allow us to have a truly national Nationals. We appreciate your support in advance!

Second, **GET EXCITED!** The entire Nationals Organizing Committee is committed to making Nationals a great experience both on and off the water. As expected, the EYC's crack Race Committee is already working to provide the first-class Race Management appropriate for a National Championship. The Eastern is prepared to offer first class hospitality to locals and guests alike. And we will also experience some of Marblehead's unique charm with a regatta dinner at the King Hooper Mansion.

Third, **GET YOUR CREW!** As a reminder, the Nationals are a class-sanctioned event that requires three sailors per boat, so get your crew lined up early.

Fourth, **GET MEASURED!** Please make sure you have a valid measurement certificate before Nationals. There will be measurement offered the week of the regatta, but we are hoping that Fleet 5 can get measured before the regatta and allow those slots for people coming in from out-of-town. As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, there will be a measurement day at the Eastern on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up for a slot and get measured!

Fifth, **GET FAST & SMART!** If you want your name to end up on the engraver's to-do list, make sure you start your season with the R19 Clinic on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Don't miss topics like pre-race priorities, starting strategies, speed tweaks, race-course positioning and more.

Sixth and finally, **GET READY TO LEND A HAND!** As Nationals approaches, we will be asking Fleet 5 to lend a hand over the course of the regatta. We will need folks to welcome and house our guests, help with measurement, offer both on- and off-the water support, and generally ensure that all the participants – especially those visiting us from afar – experience the competition, sportsmanship, generosity, and congeniality that we are lucky enough to experience year-round in Fleet 5.

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**HOW TO REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF DOING WELL IN A LARGE FLEET!** *By Kim Pandapas*

*The month of April kind of got away from me, leaving me high and dry for a feature article. So, I shamelessly dredged this out of the archives. The following (with some modest updates) originally appeared in the June 2000 Newsletter.*

With Nationals back in town, we're pretty much assured strong attendance this year, particularly at Race Week. Racing in a big fleet offers a unique set of challenges that requires specific techniques for staying near the front. I remember listening to a former Sunfish national champion describe his priorities in a fleet of 250 boats. He offered some very specific advice, like stay away from the ends of the starting line, always keep your air clear, never round a mark on the outside, and so on. But the thrust of his message was to sail conservatively and wait for opportunities to present themselves. While we won't see 250 boats any time soon, we are likely to see 30, especially in July and August, which means it's a good idea to think about big fleet tactics.

The following is an amusing reprint from **David Dellenbaugh's** newsletter *Speed&Smarts* (subscriptions at [www.speedandsmarts.com](http://www.speedandsmarts.com)).

While sailing in a large fleet, if for some reason, you decide you'd like to sail near the back of the pack, here are a few ways to get there.

- Go for the best start in the fleet at the committee boat or pin end.
- Start in the middle of the line without having a good line sight.
- Be slow.
- Break a rule in the first half of the race and have to do a 720.
- In light air, play the middle of the first beat, and tack a lot.
- Get to the layline early (when you're not leading the race).
- Spend a good part of the race sailing in bad air.
- Get in a luffing match with one or two other boats.
- Allow yourself to round outside the pack at the jibe or leeward mark.

If you do these things, you will successfully move toward the rear of the fleet. If you want to stay near the front, avoid them.

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**ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 0**

Out on the MRA line, it's all tied up.

Place	Sail #	Name	Points
1st	722	Shoreman / Reynolds	0.00
1st	769	Rob Ferro	0.00
1st	892	Smyers / Sachs	0.00
1st	982	Team Pandapas	0.00
1st	1015	Tom Dailey	0.00
1st	1090	Dru Slattery	0.00
1st	1137	Team Adam	0.00
1st	1210	Hourihan / Frisch	0.00
1st	1228	Ramsay Hoguet	0.00
1st	1299	Team Felton	0.00
1st	1316	Team Fava / Nash	0.00
1st	1392	Bolen / Lakin	0.00
1st	1398	Sarah Sheldon / Ann Sousa	0.00
1st	1466	Team Martini	0.00
1st	1496	Team Bloxham	0.00
1st	1643	Stuart Boyd	0.00
1st	1645	Stefan Ianchulev	0.00
1st	1680	Chris Small	0.00
1st	1683	Matt Hooks	0.00
1st	1686	Rick Saunders	0.00
1st	1775	John Casler	0.00
1st	1782	Team Noble	0.00
1st	1790	Team Cormier / Dalton	0.00
1st	1819	Team Thornton / Rothwell	0.00
1st	1926	Team Taylor	0.00
1st	1939	Team McNamara	0.00
1st	2435	Larry Ehrhardt	0.00
1st	2495	David Rubin	0.00
1st	2561	Eric Colzman	0.00
1st	2585	Steve Uhl	0.00
1st	2590	Rick Berliner	0.00
1st	2623	Team Lane Heffernan	0.00
1st	2648	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	0.00
1st	2692	Bill Heffernan	0.00
1st	3172	Dave Nelson	0.00
1st	3183	Team Holley	0.00
1st	3299	JP Zonnenberg	0.00



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### RACER'S RESOURCE BOARD

**Dave Whittier** of **Stuart Marine** in Rockland Maine is the exclusive builder of Rhodes 19s. Call Dave at 207-594-5515 for pricing on new boats, used boats, repairs and parts.

**Doyle Sails** at (978) 740-5950 for new sails and repairs.

**Chris Small** – Full restorations and glass work-  
[csmall9021@yahoo.com](mailto:csmall9021@yahoo.com) (978) 500-9021.

**Seacoast Specialty Marine** Call **Greg Dolan** at 978-255-2769, click on [seacoastspecialtymarine.com](http://seacoastspecialtymarine.com), or visit on Facebook [@seacoastspecialtymarine](https://www.facebook.com/seacoastspecialtymarine).

**Neal Lewanda** – Repairs, fiberglass/gel coat, rudders, keel work, etc. - [neal@lewandamarine.com](mailto:neal@lewandamarine.com), 978-525-2700

**Benjamin Parker** of Aequoris Yachts does glass work and boat repair. Contact Ben at 58 Gregory Street, Marblehead (207) 319-3583 or [benjamin.parker@aequorisyachts.com](mailto:benjamin.parker@aequorisyachts.com).

**Waterline Systems** provides a complete range of services. Call at (401) 682-1661.

**Cape Cod Shipbuilding** makes Zephyr extrusions and a full range of mast and boom hardware and fittings. Call **Dick Landis** at (508) 295-2240.

"**Phil's Foils**" builds Rhodes 19 rudders under the "Phil's Foils" brand name. Go to [www.fastcomposites.ca](http://www.fastcomposites.ca) or contact Phil Locker at (613) 599-6951.

**The Trailer Shop** – Located on 87 High St. in Danvers for any trailer repairs. Call **Dan Sullivan** at (978) 750-6799

**Sailor's Tailor** [www.sailortailors.com](http://www.sailortailors.com) for boat covers, rudder bags and marine stitching.

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### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **Team Pendleton/Raisides** dominated the 2016 Spring Series wire to wire with an adjusted 6 total points, less than half the next finisher. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Team Pandapas** with 13, **Team Frisch/Hourihan** took 3<sup>rd</sup> with 17 and **Matt Hooks** took 4<sup>th</sup> with 18 points.
2. The same four boats finished in the same order in the 2015 Spring Series, except with totals of 7, 15, 16 and 17 points. How 'bout that?
3. Fleet 36 hosted East Coasts last year. **Ben Richardson** won.





**NOTICE BOARD**

Please mail postings and updates to [kpandapas@comcast.net](mailto:kpandapas@comcast.net).

**For Sale:** R19 #1217 Nothing left to do but rig and race. All the ‘big jobs’ are done. Chris Small faired hull. Keel faired (Chris Small) to max thin and placed forward. Chris Small rudder. Chris Small rib job. New mast in 2008. New boom in 2015 (fully rigged spare boom included). All Kenny Harvey lines/running rigging. Floor boards replaced in 2009. Kenny Harvey trailer is rock-solid and highway ready. Multiple suits of Doyle sails including a regatta-ready race set. Possibly the fastest R19 on the planet - multiple National Championships, East Coast Championships and NOOD Race week wins under her belt. Priced to move \$12K firm. Contact Charlie at [pendletons@gmail.com](mailto:pendletons@gmail.com).

**For Sale** Hull completely rebuilt in 2008. Professionally upgraded and race-readied in 2012 by Small/Harvey. All standing and running rigging replaced, keel faired and moved max forward, hull faired and painted, replaced flotation, installed 6 inspection ports, new foam and glass ribs, installed compression tubes, finished with epoxy paint, support added to seats/deck, installed single point lifting system, new mast, aft sheeting traveler and mainsheet barney post, cuddy control console, 2:1 jib sheet system with Harken pin stop dinghy track and ratchet blocks +++. Asking \$14k. Contact **Peter Weise** ([weisep@mit.edu](mailto:weisep@mit.edu) or 781.244.9773).

**For Sale** Cape Cod Shipbuilding, keel Rhodes 19 available to restore to race condition. New ribs and some paint will make this a fleet winner. Comes with trailer, race rig, midships traveler, boom tent, and practice sails. Located in Beverly, MA. Asking \$2900.00. Call Kim at 978.969.3752, or [kcjerman@gmail.com](mailto:kcjerman@gmail.com).



**For Sale** 1970s vintage Rhodes 19 keel sailboat with mast, boom rudder, a set of sails and trailer - no engine. Boat could use some work but was actively sailed in 2016. Boat is currently stored in Barnstable, MA but could help move to south shore if you buy it. \$2,500 obo.



**For Sale** Rhodes 19 hull #2446, “Tigger,” with trailer. In spring 2014 fiberglass ribs were installed; the keel faired, re-bedded and encased in fiberglass; and bottom refinished. Unused last summer. The hull is in great shape, the original floorboards are in excellent

condition, and the sails are approximately seven years old. \$6,000. Call and leave message at (720) 648-7298.

**Trailer Wanted** Need trailer for 19’ Rhodes with fixed keel. Contact: [terrancemjudson@gmail.com](mailto:terrancemjudson@gmail.com) or 631-896-3122 Long Island, NY.

**For Sale** R19 892 **Rick Smyers & Jeff Sachs** are letting go one of the fastest boats in the fleet. “*Rigging includes jib fine tune (accessible from the rails), adjustable jib cars, barney post, and stern traveler. Brand new sails (main was literally never used; jib just used once) and a spare set. Keel ground and faired in 2016. Mast replaced in 2013 and used sparingly since then. Boom replaced in 2011. 2 spin poles. Trailer included. Asking \$11,000.*” You can reach Rick at [ricksmyers@gmail.com](mailto:ricksmyers@gmail.com) or [rick.smyers@dartmouth.org](mailto:rick.smyers@dartmouth.org).

**For Sale** 1978 Rhodes 19 keel version for sale. Needs work to make it a racer but a good foundation. Includes trailer and start sails. \$2,500 or best offer. Located in Barnstable, MA. Geoff [geoff.hurwitch@parkcitysailing.org](mailto:geoff.hurwitch@parkcitysailing.org) 435-659-6641.

**For Sale** Boat is well rigged, Lewanda keel, 2016, new complete set of sails used at 2016 east coast only, as well full set of Doyle’s moderate use. Titled trailer, load rite 2001. Boat is competitive. Top 5 before tactical blunders and crew errors dropped us back several positions. \$9000. Call Rick Saunders at 781-439-9767

**FOR SALE RHODES 19 / O’DAY SAIL # 1194** Great racing boat or daysailer. Hull completely rebuilt in 2008. Professionally upgraded and race-readied in 2012 by Small/Harvey. Key work performed: – all standing and running rigging replaced – keel faired and moved max forward – hull faired and painted with VC performance epoxy – replaced flotation, installed 6 inspection ports – forward 5 ribs

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**Clear Out Those Old Sails** – Reclaim all that space in your garage, attic or sail locker. Please consider a tax deductible donation of your old sails to either Sail Salem at [www.sailsalem.org](http://www.sailsalem.org) or Courageous at [www.courageoussailing.org](http://www.courageoussailing.org).

**Nahant Fleet Needs Sails** – A startup fleet of R19s in Nahant will buy used mains and jibs. Contact **Abbott Lowell** at 978-853-1316 or [abbott.lowell@outlook.com](mailto:abbott.lowell@outlook.com).

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**FLEET PROFILE – MEET FRANK HART**

*Compiled by Christina Pandapas*

*In 2015, Frank Hart's name was etched onto the R19 National Championship trophy for the fourth time. It was the third time he won with long-time friend Dave Nelson, but it was probably the sweetest because Frank's son Collin Nelson was part of the team.*



*Frank, Dave and Tommy Tompkins won their first nationals in 1985 when the three of them were still teenagers. Then, they went out and did it again the following year. And if that wasn't impressive enough, anyone who went to Marblehead High around that time knows that Frank was also a youth hockey legend. Seems like Frank gets the job done no matter what form of water he's on.*

*What was the first boat you ever sailed?*

A 210 my dad brought home from Winthrop one weekend.

*How long have you been sailing Rhodes?*

On and off since 1980.

*Why did you start sailing Rhodes?*

Pleon had a few in their fleet. Back then, we sailed Widgeons, 420s and Rhodes. Kent Hallawell asked me to crew for him and Rob a few times.

*How did you and Dave Nelson start sailing together?*

Dave stayed at my house for many of the summer weeks while going to Pleon so we were friends. I knew he could put up with me and I could put up with him. I guess not much has changed.

*What is your favorite non-sailing activity?*

Spending time with family, and anything outdoors.

*What do you do for work?*

Accounting and Finance.

*What is your most memorable sailing moment?*

I have done many midnight cruises around the harbor. I was a lot younger but did manage to get my wife out there a few times.

*What is the biggest bonehead thing a skipper has ever done during a race?*

Yelled at me.

*What is the biggest bonehead thing you've done during a race?*  
Yelled back.

*What's the best tip you could give someone who just started crewing on a Rhodes?*

Enjoy the time on the water and with the people you are with. Sailing is such a wonderful excuse to spend time with friends.

*What book are you reading?*

Clive Cussler – "Sahara"

*Name one thing about yourself that fellow Fleet 5 members might be surprised to know about you.*

I still play ice hockey once a week.

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**Another Fava** Marissa & Joe Fava welcomed **Charlotte Theresa Fava** on April 19 at 9:50 pm. She measured in at 8lbs 4oz and 19.5" long, and mother and daughter are doing fine. All fell instantly in love. Congratulations to them.



**Who Is The Little Girl On The Right?** We ran across this relic trolling through Facebook. If you know the family, the guy in the background is a sure give-away. But if you don't, it's not so easy. Here's a hint; she sometimes makes that same face when she doesn't agree with her skipper's decisions.



Not sure how old Elise is in this shot, you have to admit that it's pretty entertaining.

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**Late Honeymoon** We hear that **Amanda & Nat Taylor** are just back from a two week deferred honeymoon in Thailand. No reason to leave New England last August in sailing season when it is gorgeous, but going somewhere warm when there's sleet, drizzle and mud season here seems like an easy call. According to Nat's Dad, dog **Sadie** had about given up hope, and was *really* glad to welcome them home.

**Doug Doing An Encore** Old friend **Doug Trees** has generously offered to help measure sails at Nationals. A 20-year Fleet 5 veteran, Doug has contributed to both the fleet and the class in just about every way a person can, including measuring sails. He finally stepped back after building a house in France and spending his summers there. This year, he plans to be back by Nationals and has offered to measure sails again, so the beat goes on. Thanks Doug!

**New Rudders** – Last month we mentioned the rudders being built up at **Chris Small's** shop. Here's one in process.



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### MAIL

Triple bypass patient **Ken Cormier** wrote in from the driver seat of his get-away car, *"I got permission to drive today from the cardio surgeon in charge of my sternum. As **Braveheart** would say...."FREEDOM!!!" Chest not fully healed yet, another 2 -4 weeks and more, but serviceable if I don't jerk it out of place doing something stupid, (like sitting in the crew position???)"* He also added this tongue-in-cheek message to boat partner **Bill Dalton**, *"Bill, since I have lost 8% of my body weight just for the upcoming Nationals, I am wondering if you would like to commit to do the same? And what would that number be by the way? Just curious, you know, for boat speed calculations only."* Ken finished up with this, *"Dodged the big bullet, they tell me, so I am very happy about having another chance to exercise the old skills off of Marblehead with good friends one more time!"* Amen brother. Can't wait to have you back out there steeling my lunch on the starting line and throwing the lunchbox back at my head.

Several folks sent in the obligatory *atta boys* on the last newsletter, most along the lines of this from **Peter Frisch**. *"Well done and well written! I thank you for taking the time and making the effort in promoting R19 sailing. Many thanks, again."* **Elise Nash** wrote in. *"Thanks for this! I always love*

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*reading these. A great way to start a Friday morning!"* And finally from **Forbes Barber**, *"Ok if I post your new F5 newsletter to the CYC Sailing Facebook page? Thank you, it's amazing as always."* I guess circulation is growing, the pressure is on.

**Elise Nash** also sent a shout out through the CYC Facebook page to **Evan Cooke** for his article last month on process. *"Great article Evan Cooke!"* We couldn't agree more.

**Charlie Pendleton** wrote in, *"I wanted to thank you for shout out to Jim and me at the tail end - more than kind and appreciated. Feeling homesick already."* Well, we will miss them too. Of course, they'll still be on our line so they won't be that far away. In fact, you can heckle them, or better yet, ask them which side of the course they like.

**Team Taylor Taking Nationals Seriously** Rumor has it that our 2014 Nationals Champs are looking for the podium again. This from **Jim Taylor**. *"On perhaps the earliest date in memory, **Nat Taylor's** boat concierge has started to prep #1926 for the season. For Rhodes 19 sailors, there is nothing that says 'spring' so much as the joys of dealing with the rusty spots on a cast iron keel. Identifying them, chipping off the loose filler, grinding down to bare metal, priming, filling the divots with epoxy filler, all done scrunched over under the hull and only occasionally barking one's shins on the trailer beams. In the end, it's hard to tell which is more fun, getting left first into a building sea breeze on a sunny day in July, or maintaining that \$#@ing keel in April."* Hmm, sounds serious. You ever consider installing one of **Chris Small's** replacement keels?

**John Casler** felt obliged to put last month's parade picture in context. *"The photo was from the kids parade on Sunday: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yosxps2uhrw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yosxps2uhrw). This is from the 5½ hour Monday parade: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpfusdq\\_jaq](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpfusdq_jaq). I know, five and a half hours might seem long for a parade, but you have to remember that they do have draft beer vendors working the stands, and shops selling beer and wine are open all along the route."* He also sent in this with the caption, *"great at mark roundings."*

