



November 22, 2020

We weren't able to hold our fall Awards Party as usual this year due to obvious health concerns, but as the next best thing we were able to enjoy a virtual gala on October 29. It wasn't the same, of course – a virtual Fleet Bar does not compare with the real thing – but it was a lot of fun to see familiar faces and catch up with friends nonetheless. We agreed months ago that given our covid constrained season, awarding our perpetual trophies as usual would not be appropriate. In their place, for what we fervently hope will be one year only, we came up with a new set of awards, that we handed out with suitable fanfare on our big night. For those of you that were not able to join in, a summary of the honors bestowed follows:

Walter Cronkite Journalism Award: *(To those who reported all the Fleet 5 news that was fit to print)*

Honorable mentions go to **John Casler** for reporting on our Twilight escapades, and to **Team Berliner** for writing so eloquently about the joys of sailing with kids, including noting the number of small toes trialing in the water on the way to Bakers. But the runaway winner of the award was **Kim Pandapas**, who managed to craft 8 interesting issues of *Road to the Cup* before there was any racing to write about. Well done.

Rod Serling Twilight Zone Award: *(Most Twilight races sailed in 2020; 1st, 2nd & 3rd).*

Stefan and some **Taylor** guy sailed 7 of 9, but **Stefan** wins that tiebreaker because he swam back to the dock after one. **Timmy Dittrich** is the big winner, sailing all 9.

Michael Phelps Aquatics Award:

'Your Majesty, there is no 2nd.' **Stefan** wills his boat to the Twilight starting line just in time (well, almost), sails the race, gets back to his mooring too late for a launch, and swims ashore in his skivvies. Epic effort.

Joshua Slocum Singlehanded Award: *(Most races sailed single handed, both Twilight and MRA; 1st, 2nd & 3rd)*

John Casler sailed 22 and **Stefan** 23. **Timmy D.** sailed 25 of 31 possible races, all single handed. Remarkable.

Dustin Pedroia Rookie of the Year:

There can only be one. **Timmy D.** in a landslide, with no voter fraud and no recounts needed.

Woody Allen '80% of success is just showing up' Award: (The covid big one!)

To the diehards and/or Covid refugees who just couldn't get enough. 1st, 2nd & 3rd. **Thibodeaux/Sorlien** 3rd with 24 and **Timmy D.** 2nd with 25. **Steve Uhl** the big winner who sailed 26 of the 31 possible races (?!).

4. Hacker Award: (Our only perpetual trophy to be awarded this year)

A number of worthy recipients were nominated and suitably defamed, but in the end the 'Hack-o-Meter' tilted in favor of **Team Thibodeaux/Sorlien**. It seems that they were intent on taking the Woody Allen participation award, but with the title on the line, they failed to check with each other or with the schedule, and failed to show up on the critical last day. Oops.

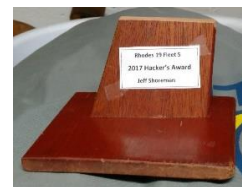
Trophy winners should contact Jim Taylor, who is cooperating fully with the presidential transition team.



1st Place trophies; Fleet 5 face masks custom locally sewn in Annie Taylor's personal sweat shop



2nd & 3rd Place trophies; collector's items, coveted Mt. Gay hats for an event that never happened.



Hacker keepers; Currently being crafted from the fleet's Felton lumber inventory, for Steve Uhl ('18), Stefan ('19) and now Peter & Stefan ('20) ('17 keeper shown)