



Fleet 5 Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ



Happy Fall! Hard to believe that another sailing season has come and gone. So much planning and preparation, and it seems to go by in flash. After a somewhat abbreviated 2020 season, I can say that I personally really enjoyed the opportunities I did have this summer to get out on the water. Despite some challenging weather, including the Spring Series being a blow-out, 19 days and over 10" of rain in July, and my favorite, a tornado warning on Day 2 of the Nationals, we still got in an impressive 52 races over 17 short weeks. Not too shabby.

Before getting caught up in reflecting on the year – a few important announcements, the most important being that our Fleet 5 Awards Party is just around the corner. Please mark your calendars for a festive evening at the home of **Kim and Christina Pandapas** on Saturday November 6th at 6:30pm. Keep an eye out for the invite, which our all-important Social Chair **Larry Ehrhardt** will be sending out shortly. The event will be potluck, so don't forget to include what you're bringing in your RSVP.

With the Awards Party only a few weeks away, now is the perfect time to start thinking about your nominations for the Hacker Award and more importantly to send in your nominations for the **Richie Santos** Outstanding Crew award. More than half of this fleet are crew and as my college coach used to point out, your crew beats you across the line every race, so please take the time to send me a quick write up about why your crew is most deserving of this award. I need these write-ups by Friday October 29th, so just do it now - no time like the present :)

Reflecting on our 2021 season, a few thoughts in no particular order – It was great having so many new-ish boats on the line: **Timmy Dittrich and Karl Renny, Stefan Thibodeaux, Anne Marija Veenland and Tim McCaffrey**. I sure hope to see more of **Adam Roberts and Parker Dywer**, as well as **Chris Remeika** in 1680. I hope **Rich and Rosie Denton's** boat renovation is done for the 2022 season. I am so grateful to our RCs that enable us to go out and race as much as humanly possible in our very short season. Green boats, though not beautiful, are apparently fast: **Dave Nelson, Steve Clancy, Ben Richardson** and 2485.. **Joe Fava** we better either win a Nationals or paint the boat. The spring clinic with **Jud Smith and Tomas Hornos** was awesome – I learn something every time I hear those guy speak. I am so thankful that we pulled off the Nationals, but am even more thankful that it's over and we don't have to do any more planning. A huge thank you to **Steve Uhl, David Rubin, Mark Rubin, Peter Sorlien, Stefan Thibodeaux, Timmy Dittrich, Tom Dailey, Jocelyn Cook, Christina Pandapas** and of course my co-chair extraordinaire, **Kim Pandapas**. I miss the Road To The Cup – only 31 more weeks 'til that starts up again. What happened to **Jeremy and Katie Bloxham**? That boat would sure look better in the water than in their driveway. It was so great seeing friends from so many fleets at the Nationals. **Will Jablonski** may be the best dressed guy in the Class. We missed seeing our friends from Savannah and New Orleans, and hope to see them in Chicago next August. Lastly, having **Norm Cressy** on hand to present the Cressy Trophy at the Nationals was just the best.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Awards Party!
Saturday November 6th.
Who won The Cup? Come find out at this year's awards party, generously hosted by **Kim and Christina Pandapas** at their home at 1 Kimball Street. The event will be potluck, include the fleet bar and feature our season awards.

Winter Party – Date and Location TBD. Stay tuned for the details on one of our most well attended Fleet Parties.

Spring Clinic – TBD Fleet 5 will host its annual Spring Clinic, mostly likely the first week in May. Got ideas for topic? Send them to elise.mazareas@gmail.com

Measurement Days – TBD
While we did a great job getting boats measured ahead of the Nationals, if you have work done over the winter and need to update your certificate, let Stefan know so he can plan accordingly:
sjthibodeaux@gmail.com

Twilights Commence – May 26th The Twilight Series will start on May 26th, the Thursday before Memorial Day. Scoring will start June 2nd Start time for the Rhodes will be **7:06pm**.

Spring Series – May 28th–29th Spring Series will kick off on the Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

East Coasts – June, TBD
Third time's a charm? Our good friends in Manchester have agreed to host the East Coasts yet again. Fingers crossed it happens this time!

Marblehead NOODs – July 28th-31st Hosted by BYC.

Nationals – August 16th-19th at Chicago Corinthian YC.

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See you all at the **Pandapas's** for the Awards on November 6th!

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SHORT TACKS

Get your sail orders in

Our friends at Doyle Sails are offering their Fleet discount to Fleets who order up to 6 sails this fall. Order before Halloween and prices are as follows: Main: \$1096, Jib: \$736, Spin: \$1096. Or get 10% for orders by Thanksgiving: Main: \$1233, Jib: \$828, Spin: \$1233. Complete the order form here: [DoyleR19OrderForm.pdf](#) or contact Lindsay Smith at lsmith@doylesails.com or 978-740-5950.

What's Up with What'sApp?

Tom Dailey writes: *Our WhatsApp chat got corrupted and so I reset the link.* <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EeZEMGk6WmcFSkW0czOIMj> Anybody who is already in the chat still has access, but anybody who wants to join the chat needs this link. Thanks, Tom!

ICYMI

Check out the October edition of Small Boats Magazine for a great article by Matt Murphy chronicling the history of the Rhodes 19. <https://smallboatsmonthly.com/article/the-rhodes-19/> The article contains some great historical info and photos of some people you might recognize.

The Opera Ain't Over...

While the MRA season may have come to an end, Fleet 5 sailors aren't going to let that stop them from getting out on the water.

After being postponed twice, **Tim McCaffrey** was the sole Rhodes to make it out for the Round the Island Race. I have heard this is a fun race and hopefully there will be more Rhodes on the line next year.

The J70 Corinthian Nationals hosted by EYC in September had quite a few Fleet 5ers in the mix including **Frank McNamara, Seamus Hourihan, Ian Peebles, Christina Pandapas** and Bad Hombres **Jim Raisides** and **Charlie Pendleton**.

Shortly thereafter came the James F. Whipple CYC Club Championships, named in honor of **Jim Whipple** for his decades of service to MRA and the Corinthian YC Race Committee. Taking Top honors was Fleet 5's **Christina Pandapas**, sailing with **Will Bailey, Doug Sabin** and **Sophie Hibben**. Jim's brother **Joe Whipple** was in attendance to present the award.



Winning the Family Category were **Mike and Molly Lane**, sailing with Fleet 5's **Renee Heffernan** and **Yati Harsono**.



Got Feedback?

After being the first ones to pull the plug on the last day of Raceweek, we received a lot of feedback about the conditions in which we race and adjusted the SI's for the Nationals accordingly. Do you have other feedback, positive or less so? Send it my way: elise.mazareas@gmail.com



SCUTTLEBUTT

New babies, new puppies, new boats, exotic vacations? Somebody has got to have something exciting going on in their life...

Got News? Let's hear from you. Send your gossip, rumors and embarrassing tidbits to: elise.mazareas@gmail.com

MAIL BAG

Not a whole lot in the mail bag this month, though we did receive this from **Rick Saunders**:



Well, I'm going to be out next year in Brown Eyes. My brother and I have made an agreement and I'm looking forward to getting back out there 'cuz you [KP] always said that's my soul food. Could you post that I'm looking to update the Horizon and Cressy sails and extra equipment. I know my dad is smiling as my Brown Eyes has been parked for 25 years in Reading, at my brother's house, so I'm able to begin working on her. This is my fourth Rhodes: 1703, 3161 1686, 2588.

*He also sent this picture: It did not happen very often but any time you get 982, 1210, 2585, 2623, none other than star n stripes Red white n Blue, **Mike Lane** in the rearview mirror, that's a very good day on the water. Can't wait 'til Memorial Day 2022*

Rick, we look forward to having you back out there!

NOTICE BOARD

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 or Courageous at www.courageoussailing.org.

Nahant Fleet Needs Sails – The Nahant Sailing Program (NSP) has 6 Rhodes 19s that are used to teach kids and a twilight program for adults. The majority of funding comes from an annual fund raiser by The Friends of Nahant Sailing. The Rhodes sails need replacement, so if you have or are purchasing new sails, please consider donating your old ones to “The Friends of Nahant Sailing.” Not only will it help the program grow, but the donation is tax deductible. Please contact **Bob Cusack** at (781) 581-1159 or rjcusack@verizon.net if you are interested.

Savannah Fleet Looking for Sails - Our Savannah Fleet is interested purchasing used sails. Our boats are not looking to compete at a national level but our club racing is very competitive and we want to refresh the sail inventory. If you know of any of your members that are looking to purchase new sails and looking for a partner to reduce their overall cost, we would be very interested in sails that are in good shape. Please contact **Doug Powelson, Captain, Fleet 49** at dpwlsn@gmail.com or 912-665-5485

Looking for Sails – **Chad Atwood** writes: Where can a person find a nice set of recreational sails for my Rhodes 19. Thanks, Chad Atwood: 443-995-6773 or chadattwood@gmail.com

Please mail postings and updates to elise.mazareas@gmail.com

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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, (978) 500-9021.

Seacoast Specialty Marine Call **Greg Dolan** at 978-255-2769, click on 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, 978-525-2700

Benjamin Parker of Aequoris Yachts and does glass work and boat repair. Contact Ben at 58 Gregory Street, Marblehead (207) 319-3583 or 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.

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 for boat covers, rudder bags and marine stitching.

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