



MRA AWARDS NIGHT

Due to a last minute scheduling conflict, the annual MRA awards party has been moved to Saturday, October 12, at 6:30 PM at the Boston Yacht Club. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. It is important for Fleet 5 to show our strong support for all that MRA does for us, as we can't play our game without all the hard work put in by MRA volunteers all summer long. We can hardly expect them to be enthused about putting in all the time required to run our races if we don't come to show our support.

Also, we CANNOT have a repeat of our embarrassing display last year, when from our entire fleet, only Jocelyn Cook showed up, and had to cart away all the awards herself. That was NOT a good look, and can't happen again. If you are due an award but can't go to the party, be sure to contact someone who will go, so they can be a proxy and pick up your swag.

FLEET 5 Awards Party

Our own Fleet 5 Awards Party will be on Saturday, November 16, again generously hosted by **Peter and Wendy Frisch** at 20 Mostyn Street in Swampscott, near Preston Beach. *Be sure to keep that date open!*

While we are talking awards Also, it is time for all those who received perpetual awards last year to get them back to us so we can have them engraved and ready for the 2019 recipients. If the **Rookie of the Year, Most Improved, Richie Santos Crew, Hallawell Family, President's, and Hacker** awards could find their way to the Taylor porch at 8 Wyman Road in the next few weeks, that would be greatly appreciated.

Eight Bells

Please take a moment to reflect on the loss of two important members of our Rhodes 19 family:

First, Debbie Noble asked us to pass this sad news along to the Fleet:

Joan Wheeler, my partner in Peppermint (#1782), passed away early this summer. Joan was a remarkable person who was once very active in Fleet 5 and the sailing community at large. Joan's children are arranging a memorial luncheon in her honor on **Friday, September 27th at 12:30pm at the Eastern Yacht Club**. The family hopes those who attend will bring stories and photographs to share if possible. The family has asked that sailors RSVP to Debbie (debbienoble@msn.com) if they plan to attend.

Second, the sailing world has been stunned by the September 6 death of **Mark Lindsay**, at his home in Gloucester. Mark was a great sailor, a great boatbuilder, and an even greater friend. A majority of the rudders fit to Fleet 5 R-19's were probably built in Mark's shop, and he was a regular participant (and winner!) in the Courageous Sailing R-19 frostbite fleet. Mark never took shortcuts when it came to fairness on the race course or quality work in his boat shop. His infectious and omnipresent grin showed his boundless love for sailing, boats, family, and life. Mark never had a bad word to say about anyone, ever, and he was generous to a fault. He will be very sorely missed by all of the vast number of people that he touched, and our hearts go out to his wife Marty and his son Ian. The world will be a darker place without Mark lighting it up.

