

Trivia Tuesday!

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Q:

What boat has won five R19 National Championships with three different skippers and two different names?

A:

#1683!

Skipped by Tomas Hornos (2017), Jonathan Cressy (1989 & 1990), and Frank Hart (1985 & 1986).



What's in a name? When Norm Cressy bought 1683 in the early 1970s, she was named *Blue Yonder*. That name held until right around 1985 when Norm handed the tiller over to a bunch of teenagers. His son, Eric, had just sold his J24 named *The Opera Ain't Over 'til The Fat Lady Sings* and brought the name on over to the Rhodes with the aid of some lovely black electrical tape. Not long after, Frank Hart, Dave Nelson and Tommy Tompkins took her out and proceeded to win two Nationals in a row with the newly Christened "Fat Lady."



It sure looks like the old superstition about changing a boat's name doesn't seem to apply here. Current owner Matt Hooks renamed her *The Mighty Rhodes* a few years ago, and she's continued to be mighty fine – winning Nationals in 2017 (sailed by Tomas Hornos, Duncan Swain, and Lilly Lichenstein) and Race Week in 2019 (sailed by Matt Hooks and Rob Pascal). In fact, 1683 may be one of the winningest R19 hulls ever, having also won Marblehead Race Week an astounding 12 times.

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