



# Fleet 5 Newsletter

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### Greetings

First, I'd like to welcome **John McDonough** to the fleet. John bought Jeff Dinsmore's old boat 1194 Verbier. He hopes to get out on the race course very soon.

Before recapping Race Week, there is one item I'd like you to add to your calendar. The Labor Day Series this year is September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Last year the Rhodes really didn't participate because of Nationals, but it would be nice to have this be a real event this year. Also, the **Hallawell's** will be hosting a party Sunday evening September 5<sup>th</sup>. So mark you calendars and plan on attending.

The MRA Series #2 finished up this past weekend. Results are included in this newsletter.

As to Race Week, it's hard to know where to start – what a race week! It seemed as grueling as the Tour de France or the Boston Marathon. 10 races over 4 days.

First, a thank you goes out to **Dennis Esposito & the CYC race committee** who ran all these races and did a superb job. I hope you'll all pass along that sentiment if you have the chance.

Second, a thank you to **Tom & Judy Despres**, assisted by **John Casler**, who organized the party at the Corinthian on Thursday night. It was a beautiful venue and evening. We also learned that we're not very good at estimating burger consumption per person!

As to the sailing – congratulations and thank you to everyone who got out there. There were faces that I hadn't seen all year, and it was great to see them on the race course. (John T & Henry P, where have you been?). I can't in a short email begin to describe all the twists and turns of the racing, but I'll try to recap things a bit for those who weren't there. Quite frankly, I don't remember Thursday anymore, except that **Renee & Bill Heffernan** got off to a great start with finishes that includes a 1st and 2nd. Other than Bill, the results were very mixed with nobody showing consistently strong results. That trend continued for most of the regatta, with a variety of boats way up and way down, finding it challenging to put together a string of consistent finishes. On Friday, **Wiley Crockett** made his move, jumping up to 3rd in the standings. Some other boats that displayed flashes of brilliance included **Steve Braese** sailing with his son, **Ken Cormier/Sandy Warrick**, and the always fast **Carpenter/Mansfield** duo. The big hurdle I think in the whole regatta was not to have an exploding race (e.g. OCS, etc.). Confusion in Race 6 at the leeward mark, and numerous OCSs particularly in Race 8, knocked several boats down considerably, including those with otherwise blinding speed. In the end, consistency brought good results, as evidenced by **Jim Taylor** and by **Chris Hutchinson**. Of course, in the end the biggest congratulations go to **Christina & Kim Pandapas** who won the regatta through consistency and smart racing, working back from a tough first day and systematically gaining points on the field. But with all that, it was amazing how fluid the results were even up to the last race.



### Upcoming Events

#### Rhodes 19 Nationals

August 17-20<sup>th</sup> in Chicago, hosted by Fleet 12

#### August 7, 14, 21

MRA Series #3 races

#### August 5, 12, 19, 26

Twilight Series races

#### September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Labor Day Regatta, with Party on Sunday evening. Saturday counts also as MRA Series #3.

**Reminder:** Give the Etchells and IODs a wide berth during their start. They need a lot more room for maneuvering than us little guys.

Do you want to be added, or deleted from the Fleet 5 mailing list (or from the Fleet 5 email distribution list)? Just let me know at [steve@macwayuhl.com](mailto:steve@macwayuhl.com) or 781-631-4430.



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### Notice Board

*If you wish to post a notice in the next newsletter, contact Steve Uhl.*

**Shan McAdoo**, our Fleet 5 webmaster, is embarked on a project to upgrade the photo section of our web site. If you have good photos, let him know.

**Mike Lane** is looking for regular crew for the season.

**John Corcoran**, lives in M-head and is a phrf sailor. He would like to try some r19 sailing. His email is [blxsales@earthlink.net](mailto:blxsales@earthlink.net)

### Racer's Resource Board

Waterline Systems, Inc. in Bristol, RI provides a complete range of go-fast services, including ribs, bottoms and keels. Call at 401-254-0690

Etchells sailor **Pat Stadel** operates Marblehead Rigging, and specializes in fast turn-around on rigging jobs. If you need rigging work, give her a call at either 781-631-2642.

Contact Doyle Sails at 781-639-1490 for fast Rhodes 19 sails and excellent service.

[www.sailortailor.com](http://www.sailortailor.com) for boat covers, rudder bags and any other marine stitching need.

### RACE WRAP

#### *July 31, Race #1 – Andy Savage*

It was a beautiful day to be on the water, sunny, moderate seas and a consistent 12-15 knot breeze out of the SSW. The course was 205 with a boat favored start. On the first leg, the breeze was fairly steady and neither side paid big dividends. **Kim and Christina Pandapas** lead the majority of the fleet out to the right and had a good lead at the weather mark. The offset mark was dark green (very difficult to see) and a greater than usual distance from the weather mark and they failed to round it, opening the door for **Nick Cann** and **Andrew Savage/Paul Zymba** who rounded in second and third, respectively. We had a strong run and rounded the leeward mark just in front of Nick Cann only to give the lead back when they got inside of us at the next weather mark. Problems with Jouster's spinnaker set allowed us to get over the top of them and to separate with clean air. Mike Lane, who rounded third, gybe set, separated, and gave us a scare as he came screaming in from the right hand side of the course. To compound the anxiety of a boat looking for its first bullet, the race committee did not have the pin end of the finish line set until we were within about 4 boat lengths of the finish. We just managed to hold off Mike Lane, with the finish order of Savage/Zymba, Lane and Pandapas.

#### *July 31, Race # 2 – Kim Pandapas*

To me, this day was a clinic in the dramatic effects of an outgoing tide. The wind was fairly steady, oscillating between about 200 and 210. But the right was hugely favored as there was simply less adverse current on the right than farther out on the left. Boats going left, after tacking onto port, had to take it full force on the nose.

For us, the first leg was not that eventful. Most everyone started near the favored boat and worked up the right side. We rounded 4th, jibe set (this time, there really was no offset!) and held that position going down. You would think that a bear-away might have paid, as the current was running stronger further out. But there was sufficient pressure to let you sail deep, and on port, you could point right at that mark. So straying too far from the rhumb line didn't have much upside.

We observed the most dramatic example of the current on the second beat. We were forced to head left to clear our air after rounding behind **Karl, Nick and Mike**. All three tacked to cover, forcing us further out to the left then we wanted to go. We managed to work up a bit on Mike, which may or may not have resulted in his tacking. Fortunately for us, Nick tacked on him, giving us our opening to get back to the right with clear air. Mike tacked backed out, crossing behind us, and then back onto port a few lanes up. I kind of lost sight of Karl, and don't know what happened to him. But Nick was to leeward (our right) and in front, we were in the middle, and Mike was a few lanes farther out to our left in deeper water. The result was dramatic. Nick fast forwarded on us, and we did the same to Mike, suggesting that we were on the edge of the big adverse current that got stronger the further out you went. In any event, we managed to sneak by Nick right at the mark by tacking onto starboard a few lengths below the layline. Nick continued on out to the layline, probably over-standing a small amount to account for the current, and that provided us the few boat lengths we needed to round just in front of him.



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### MRA SERIES #2 FINAL RESULTS

TOTAL RACES: 8 (To Date)

BOAT	SKIPPER	SAIL	DATE:	3-Jul	3-Jul	10-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	17-Jul	31-Jul	31-Jul	FINAL RANK	
			RACE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		POINTS
Mo Hotta Mo Betta	Kim Pandapas	982		2	1	4	1	4	1	3	1	12.00	1
Woodstock	Steve Uhl	2585		3	5	1	2	2	2	DNC	DNC	25.75	2
Swing Room	McAdoo, Trees	1680		4	2	7	6	7	3	DNC	DNC	40.00	3
Jouster	Nick Cann	3225		11	11	2	11	5	7	4	2	42.00	4
Wimm	Renney, Kaznoski	2648		18	16	5	4	11	6	5	4	51.00	5
Harm's Way	Mike Lane	3038		15	6	3	7	DNC	DNC	2	5	52.00	6
Brass Rat	Cormier, Warrick	1994		1	4	12	3	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	56.75	7
Interlude	Beckett, Hallawell	2435		9	9	11	15	9	8	9	7	62.00	8
The Opera A'int Over	Braese, Coyle	1683		8	10	DNC	DNC	3	5	DNC	DNC	67.00	9
Celebration	John Day	1496		17	7	8	14	13	9	11	6	68.00	10
Sweep	Bill & Renee Heffernan	2692		6	DNC	DNC	DNC	1	4	DNC	DNC	69.75	11
David Rose	David Rubin	2495		DNC	DNC	13	9	6	12	6	3	70.00	12
Adam's Rib	Kim & Ken Adam	1137		5	13	15	16	10	DNF	DNC	DNC	80.00	13
Manikiki	Jamie Holley	3183		DNC	DNC	9	10	8	10	DNC	DNC	81.00	14
Peppermint	Joan Wheeler	1782		13	DNC	10	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	83.00	15
Jumbly	Savage, Zymba	892		19	17	DNC	DNC	12	11	1	8	84.75	16
Quadru	Bruce Bolen	1392		12	3	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	85.00	17
Chili	Henry Peper, Jr.	1819		21	19	6	13	DNC	DNC	8	10	85.00	18
Jabberwock	Jim Taylor	1926		7	8	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	85.00	19
Action	Bill Dalton	1925		14	15	OCS	5	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	86.00	20
Thumpa	Eric & Larry Coffin	3273		16	14	14	12	14	DNF	10	DNC	89.00	21
Clewless	Jan-Paul Zonnenberg	3299		10	12	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	92.00	22
Tahoot	Eckart Colzman	2561		DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	7	9	102.00	23
Voici	Paul Girard	2637		WD	20	16	17	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	105.00	24
Take Five	James Raisides	1217		20	18	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	106.00	25




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### Boats For Sale



**Rhodes # 884**  
 Condition good. New Cressy Main and Jib plus a set of older sails/spinnaker . Race rigged but not race ready needs keel work and bottom work to get in excellent race ready shape. Ribs were put in just before I bought it in 1993. Home made trailer included. Asking \$3000. Contact Dennis at [desposito@apslaw.com](mailto:desposito@apslaw.com) (08/04)

**Rhodes # ?**  
 I have a Rhodes 19 I would like to sell . I started the rehab process and have realized that with three young kids I am never going to finish. I would like to get it out of the driveway so I would take \$500. The boat comes with a trailer, 1 set of sails rig/rigging, etc. I have no idea of hull number there are numbers on the sails but I doubt they are originally from that boat. The boat is in Marblehead on Roosevelt Ave. My home number is 781-631-5760. Bruce Woodfin (07/04)

**Rhodes #1454** Refit in 2001 and **Ready to Race**. Ribs from Waterline Systems and Winthrop Marine. New gel coat – epoxy bottom – combins. Exclusively dry sailed and well maintained. Includes lightweight halyards, sheets & spinnaker pole, new traveler and sheeting system, new fittings, new rudder (Stuart), lifting bridle, 2 sets of sails (one used only for Race Week 2003), custom triad trailer and canvas cover. Contact Mitch Mitchell, 617-803-1269 or [mitch@relayhealth.com](mailto:mitch@relayhealth.com). \$11000. (05/04)

**Boat #1683 - Norm Cressy's old boat named "opera Aint Over"** - very fast boat; includes all fittings, lines, shaped keel and rudder; mid-boom traveler; trailer in good condition; stored indoors; 3 sets of Doyle Sails (2 spinnakers) of which one set was used for Race week only; 2 spinnaker poles; mast easy read compass; bottom in great shape; drysail canvas cover; ready to go all you need to do is put together and sail; Asking \$12,000; contact Steve Braese @ [sbraese@braese.com](mailto:sbraese@braese.com) or call 781-933-3110 office or 781-938-0957 home. (02/04)

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 replacement parts.

Several boats are available in Burlington, Vermont – they have been rented for a number of seasons but are now available, probably at great prices. Contact Adam Cate at 802-865-7068

**Rhodes 19 Hull # 938**. Refurbished floorboard, minimally used Main and Jib (spring 2000), minimally use Spinnaker (?97), mast and boom rigged for racing and in-cockpit control, Harken mid-cockpit traveler, all necessary lines and hardware, new shrouds and backstay as of 2001, spinnaker pole and gear, Ronstan adjustable tiller and extension, anchor and line, tent cover (needs some repair), mooring and rode, extra Main and Jib (but old), refurbished trailer (sandblasted and triple-painted). Asking \$4000. Contact [j.vermeulen@comcast.net](mailto:j.vermeulen@comcast.net). Hingham. (03/04)

**O'day Rhodes 19 - hull number unknown. One of top boats in Fleet 46 (Hingham)**. White Hull, Black Bootstripe, Grey Deck & Rubrail. Tapered Mast. New trailer 2001. - Cradle Ride New Sails Mid Season 2003 - Spinnaker Never Used!!!! New Ribs Spring 2003 - Structural Foam, Glass & Epoxy. Keel Sandblasted & Faired Spring 2003. Bottom Faired Spring 2003. Custom Deck Layout Spring 2003 - Stern Traveler. Jib fine trim, etc.... New Running Rigging and Hardware Spring 2003. New Standing Rigging Spring 2003 - Jumpers Removed, T-Balls & Staymasters. Boat Located in Quincy, MA. \$9,000.00 Firm. rj dimattia 617-328-1100 [bostonsails@hotmail.com](mailto:bostonsails@hotmail.com)

**1986 Stuart Rhodes 19 hull # 3039**, race ready in excellent condition. White hull with red boot stripe. Dry sailed, fresh water. New (2001) Zephyr non-tapered mast including standing rigging and (2003) boom. Numerous recent hardware and running rigging upgrades. Rigged with twings, jib halyard fine tune and adjustable backstay. New main and jib at 2002 New Orleans Nationals. Includes poppet-style trailer with new tires, bearings, jack, and tongue. Lying Chicago. \$8600. Contact John at phone: (708) 445.9061 or email: [4459061dur@comcast.net](mailto:4459061dur@comcast.net). (09/03)