



Fleet 5 Newsletter

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Greetings

To all of you who attended our Spring Meeting, thank you! It was nice to see everyone again and get geared up for the season.

First, I'd like to welcome some new members to Fleet 5. **Andy Savage** and his partner **Paul Zymba** have bought Jeremy Bloxham's old boat "Jumbly." Previously seen racing a J105, Andy and Paul are looking forward to actively racing this year in Fleet 5. Andy's wife **Julie Savage** is a long-time crew for **Bill and Renee Heffernan**. Also joining Fleet 5 this year is local sailmaker **Jud Smith**. For those of you who don't know Jud, he has been mainsail trimmer on Stars and Stripes (1995), 2-time Etchells North American champion, IOD World Champion, to name a few accomplishments. It is great to have a sailor of his caliber join our fleet.

At our Spring Meeting, a great suggestion was made to have some informal get-togethers after MRA racing days – we all generally go our separate ways since we're hauling boats or mooring at various points in the harbor. So, on a few days this year we will plan to rendezvous at a specific place. Stay tuned for more announcements on this soon.

Fleet members were full of ideas at our recent meeting, and we'd like to encourage everyone to pass these ideas along to Tom Despres our social chair or myself. Elsewhere in this newsletter are some 'survey questions' that might stimulate some ideas --- if they do, you know where to send them.

After many years of hosting a Thursday evening Race Week party, **Norm & Carole Cressy** are taking a well-deserved break this year. I thank them for hosting for so many years a great and cherished event. We are in the process of planning a new venue for this year's Thursday Race Week party --- keep it on your calendar as we are planning a fun event.

Those of you who registered for MRA racing should have received your MRA Sailing Instructions in the mail. Please note that there are two different course maps. The one with three sailing areas is applicable only for Race Week – normally you should refer to the map with two sailing areas. **Please read the Sailing Instructions with care, there are numerous changes this year.**

June 12th is the deadline for submitting your vote or proxy on the proposed technical rules changes. I encourage you to vote. The Nationals Web Site www.rhodes19.org has more information, including 'intent of the changes' prose that describes the 'big picture' of these changes. The Technical Committee has done good work and I believe that the general direction of these changes is positive. As with any change, however, there may be issues that are of particular concern to you. Please give me a call or email me with any questions whatsoever. I'm happy to provide guidance or answers to specific questions that you may have.

See you on the water!



Upcoming Events

Spring Series

The 2004 season kicks off with Spring Series, to be held May 22nd and May 29th

MRA #1

The first day of MRA series #1 is Monday May 31st (Memorial Day).

June 12th Votes Due

National Class proxy / vote information due

2004 East Coasts

Cottage Park Yacht Club in Winthrop will be hosting the 2004 East Coasts on June 25-27th.

July 3rd Steak Cookout

After Saturday racing, at John Casler's house, 199 Washington Street

Rhodes 19 Nationals

August 17-20th in Chicago, hosted by Fleet 12



Trivia Quiz

Fleet member Fred Brehob corrected last months trivia answers (there are six perpetual National trophies, not five). This months trivia: what years was Fred Brehob National Class President?

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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.

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 or 781-631-4430.

East Coast's Coming To Marblehead in 2005

It is still a long way off, but Marblehead is slated to host the 2005 East Coast Championships. This event has not been held in Marblehead in over 6 years. **Mike Lane** has agreed to be regatta chair for this event and when the time comes he will enlist others in the fleet to help out.

RHODES FLEET 5 SURVEY

We need your help in making the Fleet 5 social and educational activities built around sailing and racing our Rhodes 19's the types of events you want and enjoy. We are all pulled together by a shared interest in sailing and racing and the Rhodes is simply one of the best all around ways to do all of the above. In addition to the sailing and competition the social events put names and faces to the Dacron and fiberglass we see on the water and give us all a chance to share our experiences.

Unfortunately this is all major time commitment for any level of participation in this day and age and runs up against work, the lawn, soccer games, Little League, Aunt Mary's cookout and whatever else comes up. Beyond racing is this the right number of events? Should there be more, less, different formats, is there interest in more clinics? With lots of new members in the Fleet it is time to touch base and check what works for you and what doesn't. We need input and suggestions. It ain't broke but maybe it can be better.

Please --- email your ideas to Tom Despres at tdepres@comcast.net

Some questions to stimulate ideas....

Social calendar:

- What do you think of the current Fleet social calendar?
- Would like to see more? Less?
- Would you like to see more fleet activities tailored to appeal to children?
- Would you be interested in an off season activity ie ski trip, skating party?
- Would a Fleet organized night at a sporting event be of interest?
- Would a Fleet organized trip to a cultural event be of interest?

Educational:

- Would you be interested in any of the following?
- Lecture or seminar on any of the following topics? (racing rules, local knowledge, tactics, round robin discussion)
- On the water sessions? (dock side rigging? Starting clinic?)

Any other comments?

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.

Go to www.sailortailor.com for boat covers, rudder bags and any other marine stitching need.

Trivia Quiz Answers

1) 1995-1997



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Boats For Sale



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. \$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 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. 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

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. (09/03)

Fleet 5 Roster

Boat Number	Name	Boat Name
123	Spike Ramsden	Spot
884	Dennis Esposito	Rush
892	Andy Savage / Paul Zymba	Jumbly
982	Kim & Christina Pandapas	Mo Hotta Mo Betta
1137	Kim Adam & Chris Adam	Adam's Rib
1194	Jeff & Kate Dinsmore	Verbier
1210	John Thompson	Hall Pass
1217	Jim Raisides	Four Winds
1228	Bob Meyer	Overkill
1299	Conway & Alex Felton	Seguin
1392	Bolen / Lakin / Fisher	Quadrue
1429	Tom Despres	Tactics
1454	Mitch Mitchell	Wayward
1475	Fred Brehob	Wootzel
1496	Jack Day	Celebration
1680	McAdoo / Trees	Swing Room
1683	Stephen & Bonnie Braese	Opera Ain't Over Til Fat Lady Sings
1694	John StClair	Wilbur
1698	David McCue	Day Tripper
1727	Wayne Johnson / Noel Johnson	Capital Gains
1775	John Casler	Taurus
1782	Wheeler / Baker	Peppermint
1790	Chris & Kim Hutchinson	Pastiche
1800	Allan K. Clapp	Geronimo
1819	Henry Peper	Chili
1822	Marc Knittle	Vitruvius
1925	Bill & Steve Dalton	Action
1926	Jim, Nat & Ken Taylor	Jabberwock
1930	Seaver / Salter	
1932	Robb / Nyffenegger	Montauk
1994	Sandy Warrick	Brass Rat
2003	Mike Carpenter / BJ Mansfield	You Sexy Thing!
2255	Phil Rotner	Off Call II
2435	Beckett / Hallawell	Interlude
2446	Brock / McMullen	Tigger
2495	David Rubin & Chris Takacs	David Rose
2561	Eckart Colzman & Tim McCaffrey	Tahoot
2566	Jud Smith	
2568	Justin Scott	Tusker Jammin
2585	Stephen Uhl	Woodstock
2590	Peter Tobin	Sea Bassett
2637	Paul Girard	Voici
2648	Karl Renney / Pete Kaznowski	WIMM
2692	Bill & Renee Heffernan	Sweep
2850	Henry Cohen	Tradewynde
3003	Paul McCarthy	Mad Dog
3021	Chris Murray	Double Trouble
3038	Mike Lane	Harm's Way
3135	Steve Gelineau	Stealth
3183	Jamie Holley	Manikiki
3225	Nick Cann	Jouster
3273	Eric Coffin	Thumpa
3299	Jan Paul Zonnenberg	Clewless
3310	Finnegan / Fraizer	Seamair
3320	David & Damaris Berner	Evader