



Fleet 5 Newsletter

Spring 2006

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Spring Org Meeting

We will hold the annual Organizational Meeting on **Thursday, April 27th** in the Corinthian Yacht Club Harbor Room. This is your chance to register for the Rhodes national class, local fleet, Marblehead Racing Association, U.S. Sailing, 2006 Rhodes 19 East Coast Championships, etc. all at once. We will also be reviewing the fleet finances, discussing various scoring changes and general fleet issues. This is a great chance to get set for the season and to catch up with Rhodes friends after the long winter!

Registration information for the season will also be mailed out in early April; if you don't receive it by tax day, let us know! Also don't forget to register for East Coast Championships before May 19th to avoid a late fee.

David J. Smith Returns to the Rhodes Fleet

The David J. Smith is a one-day regatta held each season in honor of local sailor (and Jud Smith's father) David Smith. The event is used as an opportunity to advance innovation and excellence in the sport by providing an opportunity for RC (and competitors) to experiment and push the performance envelope. This year the event will be held on **Sunday June 11th in Rhodes!**

As an added enticement to come to this event, **Jud Smith** will be following each of us racing and offering sail trims and other go-fast pointers. We'll also have a debrief session at the end of the day. This is truly a special opportunity so be sure and mark it on your calendars.

East Coast Preparations

Our regatta team (Steve Braese, Tom Despres, Pete Kaznoski, Tom King, Mike Lane, Bob Meyer, Maura Power, Miller Shropshire, Steve Uhl) has been hard at work since January preparing for the 2006 East Coast Championships. We are planning 3 days of racing capped off by a dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club. A critical component to the success of this regatta will be the assistance of local fleet members (you!). **Tom Despres** is looking for people to help out greeting boats as they arrive and assisting with questions, trailer storage, boat assembly, a cold beer, etc. Please contact Tom at ((781) 631-8158 or tomdespres@comcast.net) and do your part to help us out.

If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact **Mike Lane** (978-979-7419 or lanmik@gmail.com). *We need your help!*



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 26th - Sailflow Weather Seminar at the Gerry 5 (more info coming soon)

Thursday, April 27th - Fleet Organizational Meeting

Sunday, June 11th
David J. Smith Trophy

June 23-25
East Coasts Championships in Marblehead

July 27-30
NOOD Race Week

August 22-25, 2006
National Class
Championships in Rockport

We regularly email updates and Race Wraps to the fleet. To get on or off the distribution list, contact Mike Lane 978-304-3600 or mlane@katandmike.com



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Mark Your Calendars

The full season calendar will be sent out with registration materials soon, but here are some highlights:

- David J. Smith Regatta, June 11th, Marblehead, MA
- 2006 East Coast Championships, June 23-25, Marblehead, MA
- Marblehead Race Week (NOOD Regatta), July 27-30th
- 2006 National Championships, August 22-25, Rockport, MA
- MRA Parties —
 - Corinthian Yacht Club, June 10th
 - Eastern Yacht Club, July 1st
 - Boston Yacht Club, July 22nd
 - Corinthian Yacht Club, August 5th
 - MRA Season Awards, Boston Yacht Club, September 29th

Also coming soon will be the schedule of Fleet 5 parties!

Nationals Nearby This Year!

This year the Nationals are going to be held in Rockport; this is a great opportunity to race in our premier National event so close by. Be sure to plan on attending, we're hoping for a large contingent of Marblehead boats.

Thank you to our East Coast regatta sponsors, who include:

- ✓ Doyle Sails
- ✓ Goslings Rum
- ✓ Ipswich Ale
- ✓ Harvey Rigging

Racer's Resource Board

Neal Lewanda offers painting, rudders, etc. 508-264-7973

Greg Dolan has a shop and is doing work; he can be reached at 781-308-5717

Waterline Systems, Inc provides a complete range of services. Call at 401-254-0690

Etchells sailor **Pat Stadel** operates Marblehead Rigging. 781-631-2642.

Doyle Sails at 781-639-1490 for fast Rhodes 19 sails

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

For rigging needs, check out Harvey Rigging www.harveyrigging.com