



Fleet 5 Newsletter

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Season's Under Way.

Our season opened with a great Spring Regatta over Memorial Day Weekend. A total of 12 Rhodes showed up for some great racing in conditions that defied the initial weather forecast. With 12 boats the Rhodes was the largest fleet on the line for the weekend. Thanks to all who braved the cold spray to get Fleet 5 off to a fast start. A special thanks goes to Suzie Schneider and the Eastern Yacht Club Race Committee for doing a great job. The racing was on a middle line which like the Tinkers Line where we will be racing this season seems much closer to the harbor than our recent experience on the outside line. The RC did a great job of getting races of keeping things moving quickly allowing 3 races to be held on Sat. Congratulations to **Kim and Christina Pandapas** who took first place honors followed by **Doug Trees and Chris Small** in second place and **Karl Renney and Peter Kaznoski** in third.

The race wrap for Saturday, June 2 is provided by **Doug Trees**. "The experience on the water last Saturday was no experience at all. After a 1 1/2 hour wait for wind at the Tinkers Line the EYC committee sent us home in time to watch the Red Sox game." Races on Sat, June 9 were cancelled from the porch with no air and rain threatening.

The season really started on April 21 with the first fleet party at **Tom and Judy Despres'** house. Along with an opportunity to register for the upcoming season and get reacquainted, Twilight Trophies were handed out to **John Casler** for his first place finish in last years Twilight series along with the Charlie Barr Trophy. There were a couple of new and returning faces in the crowd. **Walter Colman** has moved back in the area with his wife and family. Walter will be racing with his father **Eckart**. Watch out for Tahoot! **Ian Peebles** from Doyle Sails has joined the fleet with his own boat, # 2688. Also **Dane Fawkes**, who has recently moved into the area and has cast around for crewing berths. Looks like **Mike Lane** got there first.

Registration is complete for the year with 32 boats registered. Of course if you haven't registered yet the books are always open. Please contact any of the fleet officers if you need help getting the process started. Of special note are some new members in the fleet this year. As mentioned, **Ian Peebles** has joined the fleet after crewing for several years. **Jeff Shoreman** has joined with crew **Dave Reynolds**. Jeff and Dave have raced in community boating and are anxious to get started in their own boat. Finally **Rick Smyers** will be racing #1995 after chartering last year. Welcome to everyone and see you on the water!

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Upcoming Events.

The East Coasts Championships June 22, 23 and 24 in Padanarum are coming up fast. Regatta Chair Scott Lindblom and his committee are working hard to make this a terrific event. With 23 boats registered it is shaping up to be a great event. It isn't too late to make a push to attend. Contact Scott at s-lindblom@sensata.com or go to the website www.r19fleet5.org/eastcoast/2007/ .

The National Championship Regatta is in Chicago this year from Aug 14 through 17. Admittedly it is a big effort to get a Rhodes 19 from here to Illinois but the few of us who went to the Nationals in Chicago in 2004 know that it is a memorable event. If your boss will let you out to play it is worth the effort.

Cape Ann Rhodes 19 Championship. The following is from Carter Hall, Fleet Captain for Fleet 39 in Gloucester. This is an opportunity to race nearby in a different venue and meet other Rhodes 19 sailors.

"This is a heads up with more information to follow. The Cape Ann Rhodes-19 Championship will be held at Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport on Sunday, July 15th. It will consist of 2 races starting in the early afternoon. They have moorings available for overnight Saturday, and a hoist on the dock with trailer storage as well if you arrive by land. We will be making plans regarding sailing and tows from EPYC during the coming weeks.

We had a great time last year at EPYC. All are welcomed. Contact people are John and Marilyn Thompson (msthompson123@comcast.net or 978-546-2979) at SBYC."

MRA. Of course all of these opportunities are in addition to our own great weekend MRA series and Marblehead Race Week (AKA The NOOD's) July 26 through 29. So many races, so little time!

Social Events.

Of course the season wouldn't be complete without a schedule of social events and parties. Here's the status from Social Chair Bob Meyer.

The Traditional Fourth of July weekend cookout at John Casler's will be Sat. June 30th. The fourth falls on a Wed. this year and MRA racing for the weekend will be a mini series with sailing on both Sat. and Sun. June 30 and July 1.

The Fleet Race Week party will be Thursday July 26 at a location to be determined. We'll have a party we just don't know where yet. If anyone has suggestions please contact Bob at bmeyer@brighthorizons.com.

Special Event

Corinthian Yacht Club is holding a new event aimed at attracting junior sailors into one-design keelboats on Aug 4. The NOR is still being worked on but essentially the skipper must be under 23. Crew can be any age but obviously getting young sailors in the boats is the goal. A couple of fleet members have already expressed interest and are planning to race with their sons or daughters. Sounds like a great event. If anyone knows of a junior sailor who wants to race but needs a boat let either Steve Uhl or Tom Despres know and we hopefully can arrange for a boat to be available.

Boats for Sale

Looking for the the perfect graduation or Fathers Day gift to get someone you care about into the fleet and sharing your fun in a Rhodes 19 here are three great opportunities.

Keel Model # 1694. Fully race equipped with sails used approximately 6 times. Vang, pole up/down, internal outhaul, jib tension, cunningham, jib drop assist are all on cam cleats mounted on a bar under the cuddy. Adjustable backstay and aft-mounted traveler controls led under the deck to cam cleats on the port & starboard combing. Spinnaker sheets led under deck to Harken cam cleats. Mainsheet led to a barney post in center of cockpit floor. "Twing" controls led under deck. Lindsay rudder, mast mounted and deck mounted compasses, second set of sails and a custom trailer.

Keel and bottom has been professionally faired with two coats of sprayed-on ablative paint. Ribs were replaced 5 years ago and new standing rigging 4 years ago. Price: \$8500. Contact John St. Clair, 23 Arthur Ave, Marblehead, MA 01945, Phone: 781-631-3918. E-mail: thestclairs@verizon.net

Keel Model #1455. Located in Marblehead (MA) has been used primarily as day sailer by local family. Includes aluminum trailer with wooden cradle, Boat recently reconditioned, including new ribs; hoisting ring w/ straps; keel removed and completely reconditioned; new topsides paint (Royal Blue). 2 suits of sails (Curtis/Cressy and Neil Pryde) but no spinnaker. Incl. spinnaker pole and end of boom traveler rig. Also incl. paddles, hand pump, misc docking lines, 50 lb anchor w/70' 1/4" anchor line. Maroon boom tent plus deck cleat and two bow chocks. Can be seen at 4 Page Rd, Marblehead. Ready to launch - asking \$8500, Contact Charlie Ives at 781/631-3509 or via e-mail: cmives@msn.com

Rhodes 19 built by Stuart in 1988 with trailer and 9hp Johnson motor. Two year old North mainsail. Already registered in NH for 2007 and comes with free launch. Serial #RS010073c888-SMC. Asking \$5500. Contact Martin Mugar. E-mail martinmugar@mac.com