



## ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 15

### 9/1/25

#### What You Need To Know

- The popular Around Misery Island Race will be held (today), Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>. SIs are attached.
- The Sail Salem Charity pursuit race also will be today. Info [here](#).
- The Fall Series will start this Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>, and continue on September 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The MRA Awards will be Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 at BYC.
- The Fleet 5 awards will be Saturday November 8 at the home of **Christina & Kim Pandapas**.

#### Last Week's Racing

Just three boats made it out for the final Twilight. Not sure why so few, as it was a beautiful evening. Perhaps is had something to do with a Nationals' hangover. In any event, **Steve Uhl** was out of town for this one, so today's summary is from old friend **John Casler**.

*"Only three boats turned out for the final Twilight Race of 2025. The wind 15 minutes prior to the warning was light enough that I had to use the paddle to get toward the line. The RC accordingly gave us a shortish 22-19 twice around course. The breeze freshened on the broad reach out to 19, the nun off the fort, with all three boats close together. At the nun, the **Martinis** made the better rounding and took a lead that they never relinquished. By the second leg, a one-legged beat to 19, the can off the lighthouse, the gusts had **Rob Ferro** and me up on the rail of 1775, and likewise **Jay Wager** and his crew in 1219. We both should have had a weight advantage on the **Martinis**, but they sailed flawlessly and held their lead. On the second go round, 1775 and 1219 had a couple of position changes, with 1775 taking the second."*

Thanks John. So, for the record, taking 1<sup>st</sup> was **Team Martini**, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Team Casler** and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> was **Jay Wager**. Congrats to all, and to everyone who participated in Twilights this year.

So, with that, Twilight 2 is in the books, truncated to just three races due to weather and Nationals. Of course, with just three races, there are no Series 2 throw-outs. Congrats to **Steve Uhl**, who finished 1<sup>st</sup> with a line of 1-1-DNC for 6 points. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on a tiebreaker was **Team Martini**, who rolled a DNC-3-1 for 9 points, and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> was **Team Casler / Ferro** with a 3-4-2, also for 9 points. Here are the Series 2 results.

Twilight Series 2

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	Team Uhl	2585	6.00
2nd	Team Martini	1466	9.00
3rd	John Casler / Ferro	1775	9.00
4th	Frank McNamara	1939	11.00
5th	Team Lane	2623	12.00
6th	Jay Wager	1219	12.00

So, finishing Twilight 2 locks in the Twilight overall results. Congratulations to **Steve Uhl**, who finished with just 11 points - fewer than half the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher, just annihilating the field and earning him the 2025 **Charlie Barr** Trophy and a year of Twilight bragging rights. Congrats to Steve. Congrats also to **Team Martini** in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 25 points, and **John Casler / Ferro** in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 28 points. Honorable mentions to **Team Lane** who took 4<sup>th</sup> on a tiebreaker with 29 points, and **Jay Wager** in 5<sup>th</sup>, also with 29 points. The full season results are below.

Twilight Overall

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>TW1</u>	<u>TW2</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1st	Team Uhl	2585	5.00	6.00	11.00
2nd	Team Martini	1466	16.00	9.00	25.00
3rd	John Casler	1775	19.00	9.00	28.00
4th	Team Lane	2623	17.00	12.00	29.00
5th	Jay Wager	1219	17.00	12.00	29.00
6th	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	18.00	15.00	33.00
7th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	19.00	15.00	34.00
8th	Team Fava	2485	21.00	15.00	36.00
9th	Team Gabriel	1137	22.00	15.00	37.00
10th	Team Dittrich	1217	22.00	15.00	37.00
11th	Frank McNamara	1939	30.00	11.00	41.00

Out on the MRA line, a cold front passed through on Friday and high pressure built in behind it, leaving clear, dry, sunny weather for the long holiday weekend. In other words, a chamber of commerce weekend. As you'd expect, after three solid days of racing at last week's Nationals, we suffered a bit of a Nationals hangover. That, combined with revoked hall passes and the gorgeous holiday weekend (just perfect for corn mazes, apple picking and other family activities) made for disappointing participation, with five boats out on Saturday and just two on Sunday.

Saturday's conditions started with an unassuming little northwesterly, that would occasionally strain up to double digits, but was generally a well-behaved 8-10 type of breeze. EYC PRO **Bill Lynn** (who did an excellent job by the way), took the combined (South) line of six fleets out far enough to give the J105s and IODs the mile plus legs they were looking for. Etchells were next and he combined the J70s and Vipers into one start, and of course we started last. He got the J105s off in the northwesterly and was in the middle of the IOD sequence when the wind shut off. He eventually called back the J105s and we all waited. A fickle sea breeze of 5-10 finally arrived by about 2pm and filled in nicely across the course. By fickle, I mean this one was doing its best northwesterly imitation with 30-degree oscillations, which made things interesting for the racers but had to have had **Bill Lynn** pulling his hair out trying to manage three course for six fleets. We finally got our first start around 2:30 and managed to get in two (with the second shortened at the gates in the dying breeze). Saturday's biggest challenge was sailing back to the harbor in the dying breeze, which shut off completely around Marblehead Rock.

Taking 1<sup>st</sup> on the day on a tiebreaker was **Team P.** with a 2-1 for 3 points. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Team Lane / Heffernan** with a 1-2, also for 3 points. And taking 3<sup>rd</sup> was **Team McNamara**, who rolled a 3-3 for 6 points. Honorable mentions to **Team Martini** in 4<sup>th</sup> with a 4-4 for 8 points, and **Team Thornton** in 5<sup>th</sup> with a 5-5 for 10 points.

Sunday's conditions were rinse & repeat. It was another sunny day that started with a gentle westerly that eventually yielded to a gentle sea breeze that built nicely into the 10-12 range. Unfortunately, not a lot of folks made the effort (including, regrettably, **Team P.**), as only two teams – **Uhl** and **Martini** - showed up. We saw this post on WhatsApp at 12:21pm from CYC RC chair **Dan Himes**. *"Anybody coming to Brimbles? RC is lonely out here."*

What has become of us?

Anyway, here is a brief summary from **Steve Uhl**.

*"Just **Clark Uhl** with his dad, and **Team Martini**, on a gorgeous day with nice southeast breeze. With nobody else on the line, we had the RC run two quick W2s at 0.3 and let them get in early. Pretty much match race maneuvers so Clark had the edge."*

So, in case you somehow missed Steve's subtle message, **Team Uhl** took both races and **Team Martini** 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to them both for showing the flag.

And with that, my friends, Series 3 stumbles across the finish line, and with it, the 2025 MRA season. Taking 1<sup>st</sup> for the series was **Team Lane / Heffernan** with net 13 points. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Team P.** with 20 points, and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> was **Team Hooks / Pascal** on the strength of their 3-bullet day, with 28 points. Honorable mentions to **Team Martini** in 4<sup>th</sup> with 31 points, and **Team Cooke / Kaznoski** in 5<sup>th</sup> with 33 points. Congrats to all.

So, for the MRA Season, congrats to **Team Lane / Heffernan**, who finished with just 40 points, 23 points ahead of the next boat. Well done!

Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Team P.** with 73 points, and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> was **Team Uhl / Lane** with 87 points. Honorable mentions to **Team Gabriel** in 4<sup>th</sup> with 102 points and **Team Cooke / Kaznoski** in 5<sup>th</sup> with 107 points. Congratulations to all. The full 2025 MRA season results are below.

2025 MRA Overall

<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>MRA 1</u>		<u>MRA 2</u>		<u>MRA 3</u>		<u>Overall</u>	
		<u>Points</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	17.00	2nd	10.00	1st	13.00	1st	40.00	1st
Team Pandapas	982	28.00	6th	25.00	2nd	20.00	2nd	73.00	2nd
Team Uhl / Lane	2585	10.00	1st	40.00	5th	37.00	10th	87.00	3rd
Team Gabriel	1137	21.00	3rd	46.00	7th	35.00	7th	102.00	4th
Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	40.00	11th	34.00	4th	33.00	5th	107.00	5th
Team Denton	2003	40.00	11th	27.00	3rd	41.00	14th	108.00	6th
Doug Morgan & Bill Rothwell	1210	26.00	5th	50.00	11th	37.00	11th	113.00	7th
Team Taylor	1926	23.00	4th	54.00	15th	41.00	14th	118.00	8th
Sarah Sheldon / Ann Sousa	1398	40.00	11th	46.00	8th	33.00	6th	119.00	9th
Team Martini	1466	40.00	11th	51.00	13th	31.00	4th	122.00	10th
Team McNamara	1939	40.00	11th	47.00	9th	35.00	8th	122.00	11th
Team Shoreman / Reynolds	722	40.00	11th	43.00	6th	41.00	14th	124.00	12th
Anne Marije Veenland	2651	32.00	7th	51.00	14th	41.00	14th	124.00	13th
Team Rubin	2495	37.00	9th	48.00	10th	41.00	14th	126.00	14th
Marine Regnault-Stoel	1316	35.00	8th	50.00	12th	41.00	14th	126.00	15th
Team Hooks / Pascal	1683	40.00	11th	60.00	18th	28.00	3rd	128.00	16th
Team Dittrich	1217	40.00	11th	56.00	16th	36.00	9th	132.00	17th
Eric Thornton	1819	38.00	10th	57.00	17th	39.00	12th	134.00	18th
Nobel / Roberts	1782	40.00	11th	60.00	18th	40.00	13th	140.00	19th
Team Colsman	2561	40.00	11th	60.00	18th	41.00	14th	141.00	20th
Tim McCaffrey	1925	40.00	11th	60.00	18th	41.00	14th	141.00	20th
Larry Ehrhardt	2435	40.00	11th	60.00	18th	41.00	14th	141.00	20th
Bill Colehower	1308	40.00	11th	60.00	18th	41.00	14th	141.00	20th

So, in Cup competition, the day off did nothing to threaten **Team Lane's** perch at the top, and with just three days of Fall Series remaining, I'm willing to go out on a limb and congratulate **Mike Lane & Renee Heffernan** as our 2025 season champs. The top 10 are listed below.

Top 10

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Lane	2623	146.00
2nd	Team Pandapas	982	197.00
3rd	Team Taylor	1926	204.00
4th	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	218.00
5th	Team Uhl / Lane	2585	218.00
6th	Team Gabriel	1137	224.00
7th	Larry Ehrhardt	2435	228.00
8th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	229.00
9th	Debbie Noble / Adam Roberts	1782	230.00
10th	Doug Morgan & Bill Rothwell	1210	291.00

Week 16 racing will include the first day of Fall Series this Saturday.

### **Other News, Notices & Miscellaneous Scuttlebutt**

*If You Spin, Send It In* – **Bill Colehower** let us know that **Team Colehower / Quigley** hit a mark during Nationals, which is now reflected below. We applaud their sportsmanship.

*Name Those Sailors* – can anyone tell us who these handsome lads are?



*We're Not Alone* – **Bruce Durkee** caught this unexpected mark rounding at Nationals last week. Sometimes it's worth remembering that bats aren't the only critters on our course.



### **Mail Bag**

We got a few emails on last week's nationals and related reporting. First from class president **Mike Hebert**. "*Kim, Just read the road to the cup. Awesome as usual.*"

And second was from **Joan Thayer**, who wrote, *“Fabulous all-inclusive reporting on nationals! Great photos too. Thank you. The photo of the disappearing boats in the swells reminded me of racing with my father in his IOD Pompano. You had no idea who was on the other side of that swell until the sea brought you up. How you can remember all those details over the 4 days is “impressive” as you might say.”*

Thanks, Joan, but I can’t remember what I had for breakfast. The daily summaries are written daily, before the details evaporate. As to the photos, a tip of the cap to **Bruce Durkee**, who’s racecourse photography, in my view, is second-to-none.

Hull’s **Joe Berkeley** sent this in. *“Thank you for a fun regatta. Jud as the PRO. That’s one for the ages.”* I agree. Jud and his team did an outstanding job.

Finally, **Cindy Smith** sent this photo with the caption, *“Winning the last race of nationals.”* It’s only fitting, right?



We got an email from **Rob Patterson** of the Rockport fleet about our ‘Name That Boat’ challenge. Here is the photo to refresh your memory. Rob makes a pretty compelling case.



*“Isn’t it pointy on both ends? If so, not a Raven and the sail class symbol looks more like a Loon, Whimbrel or Ibis ..., but there don't seem to be any designs with those names that I could find. I followed up the **Joel White** lead and voila!”*



*“Congrats on the Nationals!! 4 races a day, I'd be dead 😊....”*

### **Complaints Department**

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