



## ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 16

### 9/7/25

#### What You Need To Know

- The Fall Series will continue this Saturday 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

Saturday's forecast was a bit hyperbolic compared to what we actually got. The once proud but recently diminished National Weather Service suggested that by noon, we'd see a building southerly in the 15-20 range, with gusts up to 30. In fact, they put their money behind it by declaring a small craft advisory through 8pm Saturday night. Yes, a cold front was pushing in our direction, and yes, there was a reasonably high probability of associated thunderstorms (i.e. 20 knots with gusts in the 30s) when it got here, and yes, there were tornado warnings in western Mass. But conditions at game time on Saturday couldn't have been nicer – a 7-12 knot southerly with flat water and hazy sun. Apparently, the front's approach was slower, pushing out the fun stuff until Saturday evening. But the bottom line is the forecasters botched the timing on this one, which is a shame, as it probably discouraged a few teams from heading out. For what it's worth, the pressure picked up after 3pm and the front passed through around 6.

Anyway, the Fall Series kicked off with the RC setting up on Archers just south of the Archers Rock nun. Making it out were five Etchells and two J70s, but no Rhodes. The IODs and Townies had their own regattas going on, so Rhodes and Vipers were the sole no-shows.

I suppose you could argue that **Team Lane / Heffernan** won the day as no one picked up any ground on them. But the vast majority of us were losers for passing on such a great sailing day.

So, in Cup competition, no changes. 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 17 racing will include the second day of Fall Series this Saturday.

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

***Nominations for Outstanding Crew*** – The **Richie Santos** Outstanding Crew trophy is awarded annually to that crew who has demonstrated excellence over the season in a crewing capacity. Nominations for this award must be in writing to the Fleet Captain, usually, but not necessarily, by their skipper. Nominations will be carefully considered by a super-secret jury, who will weigh the evidence and select the winner based on merit, a bit of subjectivity and the humor and persuasiveness of the nomination letter(s), which will almost certainly be read aloud at the awards banquet. Nominations will be accepted until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Send your nomination to [kpandapas@comcast.net](mailto:kpandapas@comcast.net) with the subject line *Outstanding Crew Nomination*.

***MRA Awards*** - The 2025 MRA awards will be Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> at BYC. The event will start at 6:30 pm and is free to MRA members, crew and RC. The format is expected to be similar to last year. Circle the date.

***Fleet 5 Awards*** - The Fleet 5 awards “banquet” will be Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Christina & Kim Pandapas**. The event will be potluck, and feature both the fleet bar, as well as the final installment in **Rosy Denton’s** first season of signature cocktails. Circle the date and keep your eye out for the evite.

***If You Spin, Send It In*** – No spins this week, so the tracker remains unchanged.

## 2025 Spin Tracker

	<u>Foul</u>	<u>Hit Mark</u>	<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Team Shoreman / Reynolds	1			1
Team Uhl / Lane	1			1
Team Martini		1		1
Team Gabriel	1			1
Team Pandapas		1		1
Team Rubin	1			1
Team Hooks / Pascal	1			1
Team Regnault / Thibodeaux	1	1		2
Team AMV	1	1		2
Team Denton	2			2
Team Cooke / Kaznoski	1	1		2
	10	5	0	15

### Mail Bag

*Name Those Sailors* – We got two responses to our challenge to name the sailors in this shot?



First was from **Forbes Barber**, who wrote, “*I’ll let your fleet members work on the foreground Eagles. The Crimson on the background is **Clay Johnson**, likely sailing with his now spouse **Elise Dolbec**.*”

The second was from old friend **Ben Richardson**, who answered, “***Alden and Adam**, with Harvard’s and former EYC member **Clay Johnson** in the background between them.*”

Well done to both. Yes, the two handsome lads in the foreground are reigning national champs **Adam Roberts & Alden Reid**. I have to assume the guy in the middle is **Clay Johnson** because both Forbes and Ben agreed on that. As to Forbes speculation that Clay was sailing with **Elise Dolbec**, we’ll have to trust him on that.

**Complaints Department**

*Got Gripes?* Don't be shy. Unload at [kpandapas@comcast.net](mailto:kpandapas@comcast.net). The buck stops here. -kp

