



ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 17

9/14/25

What You Need To Know

- The Fall Series will conclude this Saturday September 20th.
- The MRA Awards will be Friday October 24th 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

If we are to take the MRA results page at its word, then for the second straight week, no Rhodes made it out for Fall Series. Five Etchells and three J70s sailed, but that was it. For what it's worth, we put out feelers ahead of time to get a sense of who might sail but heard only crickets. So there you have it. Nationals took its toll.

So, in Cup competition, again 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 18 racing will include the final day of Fall Series this Saturday, which will formerly end our season.

Other News, Notices & Miscellaneous Scuttlebutt

Adam Roberts Wins Invitational Cup – 2025 Nationals Champ **Adam Roberts**, sailing in the role of tactician for his home club of San Diego Yacht Club, finished 1st in the prestigious 2025 Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup, a five-day event that concluded in Newport on Saturday. In a fleet of 20 IC37s, he and his SDYC teammates put up a line of 7-1-1-1-2-8-7-2-1-16-9-8 for 63 points, finishing 5 points in front of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in 2nd with 68 points. Well done. Despite the four bullets, a 16th in race 10 put them into a precarious and high-pressure spot going into the final race. In that race, they overcame a bad start and one of the most gnarly weather mark rounds you'll ever see, to tough it out from 17th all the way back to 8th, putting them atop the podium for the second consecutive running of this event. Rounding out the podium was Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in 3rd with 70.1 points, our own Corinthian Yacht Club in 4th with 80 points, and Royal Cork Yacht Club in 5th with 93 points. Our other 2025 National Champ **Alden Reid** also participated, sailing for Eastern Yacht Club who finished 10th with 109 points. Congrats to Adam, Alden, Team CYC for their second straight podium in this event, and all of Marblehead's finest for showing the flag. You'll find results and more info [here](#).

AMV Kicks Some Laser Butt – Last Sunday, our very own **Anne Marije Veenland** became the first woman to win the day in the Laser fleet. Sailing against that band of (mostly male and super talented) cutthroats, she took four of the day's eight races. Impressive! A tip of the cap to AMV.

Looking for 2026 Season Charter – A prominent member of the sailing community would like to sail a Rhodes 19 with his daughter for the 2026 season. He might eventually buy a boat, but is looking to test drive things first. If for any reason you plan not to sail next season and are willing to charter, let me know asap at kpandapas@comcast.net.

East Coasts Headed back to Padanaram – The 2026 East Coast Championships will be hosted by the New Bedford Yacht Club in Padanaram next June 27th-28th. Circle the dates.

Nationals In Chicago – The 2026 Nationals will be hosted by the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club from Wednesday through Friday, August 19th – 21st. Circle those dates too.

Rhodes Invited to 2026 Newport Regatta – The Rhodes have been offered a start at the 2026 Newport Regatta, which will be held July 11-12 in Narragansett Bay. Organized by Sail Newport, the Newport Regatta is a mainstay of the Newport One Design calendar, typically averaging 14 one design classes across four lines. Circle the dates and stay tuned for more info.

Leftover Nationals Swag – Regatta Chair extraordinaire **Jeff Shoreman** sent this in. “Can you put in the RTTC that we still have a few hats and hoodies from Nationals for sale if anyone is interested?” Consider it done.

Nominations for Outstanding Crew – Skippers, it’s time to acknowledge your crew. The nomination period for outstanding crew is open until October 15th. Don’t delay, do it today. Nominations will be carefully considered by a super-secret jury under cloak of darkness. They 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. Send your nomination to kpandapas@comcast.net with the subject line *Outstanding Crew Nomination*.

MRA Awards - The 2025 MRA awards will be Friday October 24th 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 8th 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 – We got word of more Nationals spins from **Marine Regnault**. “*I forgot to mention we did four spins during nationals. Apple pie would be great 🥰*”. We prodded a little to make sure there was no double counting, but these are legit. Thanks, Marine for letting us know, and congrats in advance for being the likely winner of our annual sportsmanship award, which as you might recall, is a pie. Historically, it’s been an apple pie, but we’re considering changing it up this year and maybe going wild with a blueberry pie instead. Stay tuned.

2025 Spin Tracker

	<u>Foul</u>	<u>Hit Mark</u>	<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Team Colehower / Quigley	1			1
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 AMV	1	1		2
Team Denton	2			2
Team Cooke / Kaznoski	1	1		2
Team Regnault / Thibodeaux	5	1		6
	15	5	0	20

Mail Bag

Old friend **Rick Berliner** sent us this note on the first day of fall Series. *“Jess and I took a leisurely cruise around Halfway Rock and were coming in circa 1:15pm. Conditions were as you described, it was great. As we approached the harbor and counted up the Etchells and 70s. We sidled up to the only other Rhodes out: the **Coffin** guys in Thumpa, and joked that it looked like if we wanted to, the two of us could pull off a very unlikely result.”* That’s awesome. I’m sure the RC would have accommodated. I’d add that it’s about time for both of you to find your way back into the fold. Looking forward to seeing you on the starting line next year.

Complaints Department

Got Gripes? Don’t be shy. Unload at kpandapas@comcast.net. The buck stops here. -kp

