



ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 18

9/21/25

What You Need To Know

- This is the final edition of RTTC for the 2025 season. The next fleet publication will be the November newsletter, which should go out around November 1st.
- The MRA Awards will be Friday evening 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

The Fall Series ended how it started – with no Rhodes 19s. It's a shame really, because this year's Fall Series enjoyed spectacular conditions all three Saturdays. Our loss. We thank the MRA and race committees for their commitment to put on this event despite low numbers.

So with that, our season limps over the finish line, locking in the season results, which frankly were a forgone conclusion weeks ago. Congratulations to **Team Lane / Heffernan**, our 2025 season champs, who put up 146 points across all scored races, including MRA, Twilights and Race Week (no Fall Series). They sailed well from May to August and unquestionably earned the right to hoist the coveted **Nick Nichols** Trophy, not to mention enjoy a year of bragging rights. We offer them a congratulatory tip our caps.

Finishing a distant 2nd on the season with 197 points was **Team Pandapas**, and taking 3rd with 204 points, almost entirely on the strength of an exceptional Race Week, was **Team Taylor**. Honorable mentions go to **Team Uhl / Lane** in 4th on a tiebreaker with 218 points, and **Team Cooke / Kaznoski** in 5th, also with 218 points. Congratulations to all. The top 10 are listed below, followed by the expanded season rankings and underlying series results.

Top 10

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	146.00
2nd	Team Pandapas	982	197.00
3rd	Team Taylor	1926	204.00
4th	Team Uhl / Lane	2585	218.00
5th	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	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

2025 Fleet Championship Overall

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>MRA 1</u>	<u>MRA2</u>	<u>MRA 3</u>	<u>RW</u>	<u>Twilight 1</u>	<u>Twilight 2</u>	<u>Fall Series</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	17	10	13	77	17	12		146
2nd	Team Pandapas	982	28	25	20	86	23	15		197
3rd	Team Taylor	1926	23	54	41	48	23	15		204
4th	Team Uhl / Lane	2585	10	40	37	120	5	6		218
5th	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	40	34	33	73	23	15		218
6th	Team Gabriel	1137	21	46	35	85	22	15		224
7th	Larry Ehrhardt	2435	40	60	41	49	23	15		228
8th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	40	43	41	71	19	15		229
9th	Debbie Noble / Adam Roberts	1782	40	60	40	52	23	15		230
10th	Doug Morgan & Bill Rothwell	1210	26	50	37	140	23	15		291
11th	Team Fava / Nash	2485	40	60	41	119	21	15		296
12th	Bill & Susan Colehower	1341	40	60	41	121	23	15		300
13th	Stefan Thibodeaux / Jack Field	1790	40	60	41	138	23	15		317
14th	Team Dittrich	1217	40	56	36	160	22	15		329
15th	Team Rubin	2495	37	48	41	166	23	15		330
16th	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	32	51	41	181	18	15		338
17th	Team Hoguet	1228	40	60	41	161	23	15		340
18th	Team Denton	2003	40	27	41	206	23	15		352
19th	Sarah Sheldon / Ann Sousa	1398	40	46	33	208	23	15		365
20th	Team Regnault / Thibodeaux	1316	35	50	41	208	23	15		372
25th	Team Martini	1466	40	51	31	230	16	9		377
21st	Eric Thornton	1819	38	57	39	230	23	15		402
22nd	Frank McNamara	1939	40	47	35	264	23	11		420
23rd	Team Hooks / Pascal	1683	40	60	28	264	23	15		430
24th	John Casler	1775	40	60	41	264	19	9		433
26th	Jay Wager	1219	40	60	41	264	17	12		434

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

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

Race Week

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Taylor	1926	48
2nd	Larry Ehrhardt	2435	49
3rd	Debbie Noble / Adam Roberts	1782	52
4th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	71
5th	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	73
6th	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	77
7th	Team Gabriel	1137	85
8th	Team Pandapas	982	86
9th	Team Fava / Nash	2485	119
10th	Team Uhl / Lane	2585	120
11th	Bill & Susan Colehower	1341	121
12th	Stefan Thibodeaux / Jack Field	1790	138
13th	Doug Morgan & Bill Rothwell	1210	140
14th	Team Dittrich	1217	160
15th	Team Hoguet	1228	161
16th	Team Rubin	2495	166
17th	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	181
18th	Team Denton	2003	206
19th	Marine Regnault-Stoel	1316	208
20th	Sarah Sheldon / Ann Sousa	1398	208
21st	Team Martini	1466	230
22nd	Eric Thornton	1819	230

Finally, as to our annual emphasis on sportsmanship, *If You Spin, Send It In*, we got this eleventh hour email from **Jim Taylor** regarding Nationals. *“A spinning yarn spun: #1926 spun when we (probably) hit the top mark in Race 5, when the Bot mark viciously attacked us ;-) in the big sea state left over from Erin’s fly-by. We spun again in Race 10 when we (definitely!) hit the pin end when you could barely cross on starboard with a left shift and a ripping current. Oddly enough, those were our two double digit finishes! Coulda, shoulda, woulda...”* Thanks Jim for letting us know.

So that brings this season totals to a record 13 teams who did their spins and left it on the course. Thanks to all of them for their sportsmanship, and for reminding us what Corinthian sailing is all about. Winning the pie (which this year could be something other than apple - stay tuned), with five fouls and a hit mark for six total infractions, was **Team Regnault / Thibodeaux**. We look forward to appropriately celebrating their sportsmanship at the awards on November 8th.

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 Taylor		2		2
Team AMV	1	1		2
Team Denton	2			2
Team Cooke / Kaznoski	1	1		2
Team Regnault / Thibodeaux	5	1		6
	15	7	0	22

And just like that, our 2025 season draws to a close. Sad, right? It goes by so fast.

Though this is the final edition of our seasonal RTTC, we'll send out our traditional Holiday Edition in December, and of course be back in the spring to do it all over again.

Before I go, a few shout-outs. First, the EYC, CYC and BYC make all this possible. The three clubs and their respective memberships provide the assets and resources to enable our sailboat racing, so huge thanks to them. Thanks also to the [fine folks of MRA](#), a collaboration of volunteers from each of the three clubs, without whose hard work building and executing the harbor sailing calendar, there would be no regular summer one-design racing. Thanks to the legions of RC volunteers from all three clubs who continue to give up their days so we can play, again with a special shoutout to Twilight PRO **David Graham**, who continues to bring us Twilights. Thanks to EYC for taking the lead on robotic marks, which I expect will be the norm in the not-distant-future. And a grateful tip of the cap to EYC RC chair **Jud Smith**, who did an outstanding job as PRO for our nationals. And while we're at it, huge thanks to Nationals chair **Jeff Shoreman** and his army of volunteers for designing and executing a flawless and enjoyable event. A well-deserved thanks to them. All these volunteers deserve our appreciation.

Quick Editorial

If you'll indulge me, I'd like to hop onto my soapbox for a second.

MRA racing attendance is down again this season for most fleets, including ours. This is the first time in my 30+ years in the fleet that no one showed up for Fall Series. As fleet captain 25 years ago, I was disappointed if we didn't get at least 20-25 boats on the line on any given Saturday. How things have changed.

While life is busy, and we all have competing obligations, I think that to some extent, many of us take for granted the millions of dollars of assets deployed and the dedicated RC volunteers who show up every week, whether we're there or not. I fear that if we don't use it, we'll eventually lose it. Certainly, if I were running things, I'd feel compelled to weigh the cost-benefit of putting

on races every weekend when the RC volunteers often outnumber the sailors. Thankfully, those kinds of decisions are above my paygrade, but I'd be shocked if the MRA didn't do a lot of hand wringing this offseason, wondering how best to address this.

In this evolving landscape of overflowing racing calendars filled with increasingly popular team racing events, high profile away regattas, pursuit races, Wednesday nights, Thursday nights, Friday nights, Sunday mornings and so on, something has to give. We have only so much bandwidth, and maybe Saturdays have just fallen to the bottom of our sailing priority list. All I know is that in the end, it's our responsibility to make the effort. MRA has been doing its part, and if we want them to continue, we need to do our part too.

Finally, as I point out every year, I sign these RTTCs, but it takes a village to put them out. Huge thanks to **Steve Uhl** and his eminence **John Casler** for keeping us informed about Twilights. Thanks also to photographer extraordinaire **Bruce Durkee** for sharing his excellence with us, as well as to all of you who contribute pictures and emails. And finally, thanks to my better half, **Christina Pandapas**, who continues to give me the annoyed eye roll every time I intrude on her Sunday morning to do a quick proofread but does it anyway. I ask that they all accept an appreciative tip of my cap, and I urge you to thank them when you see them.

Week 1 racing is expected to include the first two days of MRA Series 1 on Saturday May 23rd and Sunday May 24th. Have a great offseason.

Other News, Notices & Miscellaneous Scuttlebutt

Nominations for Outstanding Crew – This is your last notification that the nomination period for outstanding crew will remain open only 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*.

Names in Lights – You'll recall that back during Race Week, the **Lanes** and **Dentons** were featured in the filming of a program called "Harbor Time" which is sponsored by the Japanese Vendée Globe sailing team. The production crew took advantage of the Race Week energy and activity, filming on the water action as well as on land. You'll find that [here](#).

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.

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 2025 installment in **Rosy Denton’s** first season of signature cocktails. Circle the date and keep your eye out for the evite.

Doyle One Design Fleet Discount – Though we haven’t seen it yet, Doyle One Design is expected to issue its Fall Fleet Discounts. Last year, orders of six sails or more receive discounts of 20% if submitted by Oct 31, 15% by Nov 29 and 10% by Dec 31. Find a couple of friends and pull together an order.

For Sale



FOR SALE \$3,950.00

Desirable O'Day Rhodes 19 rigged for racing. Outfitted by Judd Smith according to previous owner. Adjustable back stay, jib tensioning system, stern mounted traveler. Includes 1 set of Doyle racing sails, extra jib, two spinnakers, canvas cover, and heavy-duty trailer. Bottom finished with Baltoplate burnished with 600 grit micro paper. Reason for sale, unfortunately age has limited my agility and ability to sail.

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