



ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 2

5/31/26

What You Need To Know

- **Twilight Opening Day** – The first Twilight of 2026 will be Thursday evening June 4th. First gun is 7pm. You’ll find the SIs [here](#).
- **MRA 1-4** will be Saturday June 6, first gun at 1pm. This is expected to be a short course day on the Brimbles Line.
- **MRA Post-Race Social** – will be on Saturday June 6th at CYC after racing.
- **Please Register** – Links below. Get it done.

Last Week’s Racing

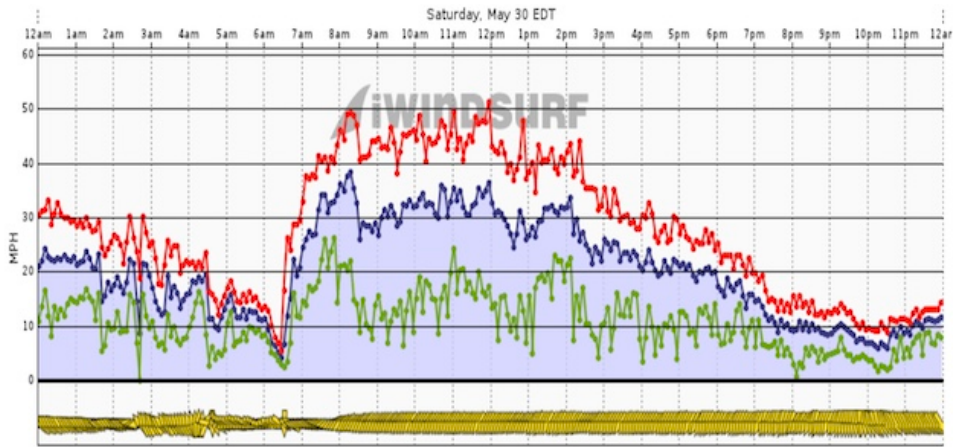
There was no Twilight this week due to an early week cancellation by the PRO. As it turns out, there would likely have been no racing anyway as, at game time, the water was glassy and the moored boats were all aiming in different directions.

Out on the MRA line, quite the opposite. MRA rightly called this one early (Friday morning), eliminating any glimmer of hope that if the forecast improved, we could go racing. But it just wasn’t to be. The truth is that most of us had already personally called it by Wednesday, based on a forecast that had stayed stubbornly consistent all week. Here’s a look at the forecast as of Friday morning, followed by Saturday’s Children’s Island wind readings and few shots.

Detailed Forecast

...GALE WARNING IN EFFECT FROM LATE TONIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY

Today	N wind 6 to 8 kt becoming SE in the afternoon. A chance of showers after 4pm. Seas around 1 ft.
Tonight	S wind 8 to 11 kt becoming W 12 to 15 kt after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 21 kt. Showers likely, mainly before 4am. Seas 2 to 3 ft.
Saturday	NNE wind 31 to 34 kt decreasing to 25 to 28 kt in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 46 kt. Rain, mainly before 3pm. Seas 4 ft building to 6 ft.
Saturday Night	N wind 10 to 13 kt becoming N 7 to 10 kt after midnight. A chance of rain before 8pm. Seas 5 ft subsiding to 3 ft.
Sunday	Variable winds less than 5 kt becoming SSE 5 to 8 kt in the afternoon. Mostly sunny. Seas around 3 ft.



So there you have it. Taking 1st on the day was Etchells sailor **Andrew Kingston**, who alerted me at the gym last Monday morning around 5:30 that Saturday was looking nasty.

So in Cup competition, no changes this week.

Top 10

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	3.00
2nd	Team Pandapas	982	4.00
3rd	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	5.00
4th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	9.00
5th	Team Colzman / Lane	1210	9.00
6th	Everyone else		12.00
7th			
8th			
9th			
10th			

Week 3 racing will include the first Twilight of 2026 on Thursday evening June 4th - first gun at 7pm, and the 2-3 races of MRA Series 1 Day 4 this Saturday June 6th. This is expected to be a short course day on the Brimbles Line. A reminder that this is the first of two single-day MRA events for which there will day prizes. Saturday's prizes will be awarded at MRA's party at CYC after racing.



If You Spin, Send It In –There were obviously no spins this week so we remain tied at zero. If you spin, please send an email after racing to kpandapas@comcast.net and let me know how many fouls you committed for which you exonerated yourself.

The G.O.A.T. - The G.O.A.T. (Goes Out All the Time) tracks the number of race days each team sails over the course of the season, including MRA, Race Week and Twilights. The winner will be appropriately recognized at our year-end awards. As of 5/31, of four possible race days sailed (3 MRA, one Twilight), the top 5 are tied at 1. Who will be the Goat?



The G.O.A.T.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Race Days</u>
1	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	1
2	Team Pandapas	982	1
3	Team Colzman / Lane	1210	1
4	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	1
5	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	1

Other News, Notices & Miscellaneous Scuttlebutt

Thank You Anne Marija & Bryan – The fleet held its kick-off party Saturday night, generously hosted by **Anne Marije Veenland & Bryan Lee**, and supported by our crack social team of **Rich & Rosy Denton**. Rosy, by the way, created another of her patented signature cocktails – this time a pomegranate margherita. Yum! Here are a couple shots of the festivities.



Congrats to Liza & Jack – All sorts of good news for **Liza Clinton & Jack Keough**, who recently got married *and* just purchased Calgon (#1686) from **Jocelyn & Adam Cook**. While we're saddened to see Jocelyn go, we're excited to welcome Liza & Jack as our newest husband-wife team.

"Jack and I are super excited. We're the new owners of Calgon Rhodes 19! This year we will sail it together. Next season we'll race it. And yes, we got married April 14 🍷🥰🎉."

As an indicator of what we can expect from this program, Liza purchased your fleet captains' Laser about five years ago and has barely missed a Laser race since.

CYC RC Needs Booth Help – CYC booth racing, like Thursday night Twilights and the Townies' Sunday mornings, happens because volunteers make it happen. We got this appeal from the Town Class's **Bart Snow**.

“We are looking for a person who would like to work in the race committee booth. There ideally are three people in the booth - a timer, a flag, siren and recorder and a third to watch the line. We had three timers last year that took turns. We lost one this year and are looking for a replacement. If you have a spouse of a sailor or someone who wants to help, it is a nice way to be involved and watch the races.”

So if you're interested, or know someone who might be, please reach out to Bart at bartsnow@hotmail.com.

Time To Register – If you haven't registered yet, what on earth are you waiting for? Here are the links.

- [Fleet 5 & R19 Class Association](#)
- [MRA](#)
- [East Coasts](#)
- [Race Week](#)
- [Nationals](#)

Race Week Registration Reminder – The Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta, will be Thursday through Sunday, July 23-26. Your MRA fee covers the entry fee, so you don't have to pay an additional fee, but you do have to register.

Measurement Editorial from the Fleet Captain - Even if you don't plan to race East Coasts or Nationals, you're still required to maintain a current certificate. If you don't have a certificate, or if your certificate is out of date because you made alterations to the boat since the last time you were measured, please email fleet measurer **Stefan Thibodeaux** at sjthibodeaux@gmail.com to schedule a measurement.

Fall Classic Nominations - New this year on September 19 will be a Marblehead Harbor sailing championship, which will bring together the top finishers from each of the MRA fleets for a day of fleet racing in Sonars. The notice of race is [here](#). Fleets are asked to nominate two teams to compete in the event, and nominations are due by July 27th. The question is, what criteria should Fleet 5 use to nominate. Some options include, 1) top two in cup standings, 2) top two in Race Week, 3) subjective vote of registered fleet members, or 4) just let the leadership decide. Send your thoughts to kpandapas@comcast.net.

Time To Get WhatsApp – A final reminder that Fleet 5 will lean into WhatsApp this season. Scan the QR Code below to get on. Any question, call or text **Stefan Thibodeaux** at 317-372-4689.



Notices

Race-Ready Rhodes for Sale – Old friend **Ian Peebles** is selling O'Day #2688. The boat is optimized and turnkey – ready to race. You'll find more information [here](#).

MYC Club Rhodes Needs Sails – Marblehead Yacht Club has launched a club boat program with Rhodes 257 and needs sails (see mailbag below – more info [here](#)). If you have old sails to donate, contact **Eliot Shanabrook** at eliotshanabrook@gmail.com, or 617-653-8358.

Mail Bag

We got this note from old friend **Jocelyn Cook**. *“Thanks for all the work you put into these Kim. Love reading every week and feeling somewhat involved still. I forgot to mention - my boat is sold so can come out of the ad. Thank you for helping to get the word out.”* Don't be a stranger, and thanks for keeping the boat in the fleet.

Complaints Department

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

