



ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 3

6/7/26

Before we get started, you may have heard the troubling news of a fire Thursday night at the Cottage Park Yacht Club. Thankfully, no one was injured, but 12 boats were destroyed. To our knowledge, none of them were Rhodes, which is a small silver lining in a very dark cloud. Our extended Fleet 5 family sends its condolences to Cottage Park members with hope for a speedy recovery from this unfortunate event.

What You Need To Know

- **MRA 1-5**, the final day of Series 1, will be Saturday June 13, first gun at 1pm. This is expected to be on South Line where we'll start with all the other fleets.
- **Final Reminder to Register** – Links below. Get it done.
- **East Coasts** is just three weeks away. The registration link is below.

Last Week's Racing

Four teams showed up for what proved to be a spectacular night for racing. Condition started out a little glassy around 6pm, but by game time, the southwester filled in and delivered. Our report this week is from His Eminence, **John Casler**.

*“The weather gods provided a perfect evening for the first race of my 50th Twilight season. Same boat. The wind was SW, building toward 10k as the 7:00 start approached. The temperature, whatever it was, was perfect. The course was a reach to “21”, the can off the mouth of the harbor, another reach to “22”, the nun off the fort, and then a beat back into the harbor, twice around. The moderate gusts were enough to make life interesting at the roundings, and otherwise enough to be very pleasant on the reaches and beats. **Walter Colsman**, single handing, **Rob Ferro** and I in 1775, and **Mike Lane** were overlapped as we came up to the first mark. Mike ducked inside Walter and 1775 as we rounded and never looked back. Walter came out of the rounding second, and held that position all the way through the course. **Martha & David Martini** and 1775 traded places a couple of times during the race, with the Martinis ultimately finishing third.”*

So there you have it – our first twilight is in the books. Congratulations to **Team Lane** with a bullet, **Walter Colzman** in 2nd and **Team Martini** in 3rd. Honorable mention goes to **John Casler**, in this, the start of his 50th season.

Out on the MRA line, seven teams headed for the 4th day of MRA, which proved to be a Fleet 5 family day, including four father-son teams, two husband-wife teams and one husband-*sailing wife* team. The four father-son teams included two skippers - **Clark Uhl** and **Wilson Kasnoski**, and two crew – **Matt Colzman** and **Ben Shoreman**. The two husband wife teams include **Team P.** and **Team Martini**, and of course the final team was **Team Lane/Heffernan**, who are as close sailing spouses as its possible to be without actually being spouses. Also worth noting is that Fleet 5 alum **Tom Dailey** was on a patrol boat with wife (and frequent EYC PRO) **Kate Dailey**. How awesome is that? Families sailing together is one of the things that makes Fleet 5 special, and on Saturday, that was front and center.

We sailed out to the Archers Line to the optimistic forecast of SSE 5-10 for what was to have been a day of 4-5 short course races. Unfortunately, the southerly didn't really make its appearance until about 5pm, leaving us to bob around off Children's Island in a 3-5 knot easterly. The EYC RC, which included a cast of thousands on the signal boat, did their level best to get off good races, but it was definitely one of those challenging days for PRO **Ed Jasaitis** and his team. We finally got a race off around 2:30, or thereabouts, and that would prove to be it. We started in a tentative 5 knots, which generally held for much of the first two legs, but petered out about halfway down the run. I'm pretty sure all seven teams would have been happy to see them finish us at the gates. But we rounded and headed back up in what proved to be the easterly's last gasp, which made for a long, slow, droopy chuted, chew-through-the-mainsheet type of second lap. It was by far the longest short-course race in history.

So with just the one race for the day, taking 1st on a ballsy port-tack start at the pin was **Team Uhl**. Finishing 2nd was **Team P.**, and taking 3rd was **Team Martini**. Honorable mentions go to **Team Shoreman** in 4th and **Team Colzman** in 5th. Congrats to all.

Congrats also, by the way, to **Joe Fava**, who did a nice job with the post-race party and day awards. Thanks Joe!

So in Cup competition, it's hard to believe there is only one day left in MRA Series 1. The current top 10 are listed below.

Top 10

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	11.00
2nd	Team Pandapas	982	11.00
3rd	Team Colzman / Lane	1210	16.00
4th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	18.00
5th	Team Martini	1466	18.00
6th	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	18.00
7th	Team Uhl / Uhl	2585	18.00
8th	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	23.00
9th	John Casler	1775	24.00
10th	Everyone else		25.00

Week 4 racing will include Twilight 1-3 on Thursday evening June 11th - first gun at 7pm, and the 2-3 races of MRA Series 1 Day 5 this Saturday June 13th.

If You Spin, Send It In –There were 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 June 6th, of six possible race days sailed (4 MRA, two Twilight), the top 5 are listed below. Who will be the Goat?



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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Race Days</u>
1	Team Colzman / Lane	1210	3
2	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	3
3	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	2
4	Team Martini	1466	2
5	Team Pandapas	982	2

Other News, Notices & Miscellaneous Scuttlebutt

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, tic toc...? 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. Below, in case you missed it, is a recent notice from them.

“The 2026 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series at Marblehead Race Week is right around the corner. We look forward to having you join us on the water for great racing and at Corinthian Yacht Club for unrivaled hospitality. When registering, please keep in mind if you are a current MRA member your entry fee for 2026 will be covered by MRA as long as you are registered for the event by July 8. Once you register for the event, it will ask for payment at the end. Do not worry about payment, as long as you are listed on the scratch sheet. MRA will send us a list of members and you will be marked as paid if your membership is current.”

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.

Notices

For Sale - 1973 O'Day Rhodes 19 #2253 - Ribs & Rudder pintle reinforcement blocks replaced by Waterline with airex pensk & G10. **Chris Small** installed deck reinforcements and knees. Topsides Interlux Brightside. Keel was sandblasted and recoated with six coats of Interprotect 2000. Underwater is dark grey VC offshore. Chris Small installed control console for jib & spinnaker halyard, twings. New main halyard & cleat on floor. Aft main sheeting with barney post installed by Chris Small and Harvey Rigging. Tapered mast by Harvey Rigging (2010) and new (2023) standing rigging by North East Rigging. Original wooden rudder. Single point lifting system. Includes practice sails, spinnaker pole, whisker pole. Boat is in good condition and ready to sail. long shaft outboard motor available. 2003 “on the road” trailer new lights. Full title. Asking \$5000. Contact **Jack French** at ruddernose141@comcast.net.

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

No mail this week.

Complaints Department

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

