



ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 11

8/2/26

What You Need To Know

- Twilight 2-3 will be on Thursday Aug 6th.
- MRA Series 3-1 will be on Saturday Aug 8th.
- Nationals starts in Chicago on Wednesday Aug 19th.

Last Week's Racing

Twilights – Twilight Series 2 finally kicked off Thursday night after a 2-week hiatus. As **John Casler** quipped, “*Just a few more Twilights and then time to think about ordering firewood.*”

The weather looked a little iffy, but worked out. According to **John**, “*the wind was out of the East, maybe 4 to 6 with gusts to 6 and a half. A lot of swells and some chop,*” Thanks John for that, though this week’s full race summary comes is generously provided by **Walter Colsman**.

*“After a stormy Wednesday and a blustery 20+ knot Thursday left the outlook in doubt, four boats made it to the line for July 30 Twilight Race: 1210 (**Walter Colsman**, solo), 1466 (**Team Martini**), 1775 (**John Casler**, solo), and 1219 (**Jay Wager**). I had to bail out water over the floorboards.*

“The weather proved better than expected, with a gentle east to northeast breeze under dramatic skies that, fortunately, produced little precipitation. The race committee set a course of 22–20, from Harbor Buoy to the red can off Children's Island, originally twice around. As the breeze softened a bit midway through the race, the course was shortened to a single lap, although the wind filled back in later (and brought another spat of rain mostly once we were back ashore).

*The start featured a very tight reach to Mark 22 and was made more interesting by the presence of **Seamus Hourihan**’s catamaran *Thirst* and another large vessel, that created an unintended gate roughly eight boat lengths beyond the starting line. 1210 emerged with the early advantage, followed closely by 1466. Rounding 22, 1210 hardened up, forcing 1466 to tack away in search*

of clear air. That move allowed 1210 to capitalize on a favorable lift and slightly fresher breeze to begin extending the lead.

“The long beat from 22 to 20 became a classic test of staying in pressure. In a moderating breeze, lumpy seas, and scattered puffs, the leader steadily increased the margin while the fleet spread out considerably.

“The run back to the finish was complicated by crossing seas and a significant wind shift near the lighthouse. In the end, it was an enjoyable evening on the water despite the uncertain forecast. The finish order was 1210, 1466, 1775, 1219.

*It was also great to see two Corinthian Yacht Club Sonars, sailed by junior crews, join the Townies as a third class, with pizza waiting for them afterward. Thanks to **David Graham** for sticking with it despite the questionable forecast and for laying out a course that proved to be both challenging and enjoyable.”*

Thanks Walter. Not much to add to that. For the record, finishing 1st was **Walter Colsman**, 2nd **Team Martini**, 3rd **John Casler** and 4th **Jay Wager**. Congrats to all

MRA – Out on the MRA line, another picture-perfect summer day for racing. Teams sailed out to an up-and-down southeasterly in about the 5-8 range. It started about 160 and later backed to about 140 by mid-afternoon. As usual when the air is light, current was a factor, especially before 2pm on the incoming tide. Also as usual, our numbers, were modest due to a combination of Race Week hangover and yacht club cruises. At least three Fleet 5 regulars opted this week for Penobscot Bay over MRA. Our summary this week is from **Jeff Shoreman**.

*“Six teams made it out for what has historically been a quiet Saturday post-race week and were treated to a fantastic afternoon of racing. The six teams included **Anne Marije Veenland** (fresh off a strong finish in Friday night's pursuit race), sailing with **Liza Clinton, Walter Colsman** (sailing this week with **John Casler**), **Team Martini**, **Team Rubin**, **Timmy Dittrich** (sailing single handed), and **Team Shoreman/Reynolds** (which this week was Reynolds-less with Jeff and his son **Ben Shorean** onboard).*

“The forecast had called for temps in the mid to upper 70's and breeze from the ESE at 5-10 and that is pretty much what we saw. We shared the North Line with the Vipers. The EYC RC set up near Satan's Rock and did a fantastic getting off 4 W2 races.

*“Congrats to **Team AMV** who took the day with a line of 2-2-1-3 for 8 points. **Team Shoreman/Reynolds** took 2nd with a 1-1-5-2 for 9 points, and **Team Rubin** finished 3rd with a 4-6-2-1 for 13 points:*

Thanks Jeff. Worth adding is that honorable mentions go to **Team Colsman / Casler** in 4th with 14 points, and **Team Martini** in 5th with 17 points. And a special shout-out to **Timmy D.** for sailing solo.

And with that, MRA series 2 is in the books, though as of this writing, the scoring of the fourth race ended up as the first race of Series 3 versus the last race of Series 2. That mistake, as you'd imagine, has all sorts of scoring implications, not least of which is, as the 10th race of the series, introducing the second throw-out. So below are my unofficial results for Series 2, which I provide with the expectation that MRA's corrected results will soon follow.

MRA 2

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Taylor	1926	28
2nd	Team Colsman / Lane	1210	30
3rd	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	32
4th	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	33
5th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	34
6th	Team Pandapas	982	35
7th	Team Rubin	2495	38
8th	Team Martini	1466	40
9th	Team Denton	2003	40
10th	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	41
11th	Team Gabriel	1137	41
12th	Team Fava / Nash	2485	46
13th	Team Regnault / Thibodeaux	1316	46
14th	Team Dittrich	1217	47
15th	Bill Colehower	1341	48
16th	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	50

So, in Cup competition, **Team Pendleton / Raisides** hold their lead, despite DNCs for both Thursday and Saturday. The top 10 are listed below.

Top 10

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	122.00
2nd	Team Taylor	1926	127.00
3rd	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	150.00
4th	Larry Ehrhardt	2435	154.00
5th	Team Pandapas	982	156.00
6th	Team Hooks / Pascal	1683	156.00
7th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	160.00
8th	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	167.00
9th	Team Uhl / Uhl	2585	172.00
10th	Team Colsman / Lane	1210	175.00

Week 12 racing will include Twilight Series 2 race 3 this Thursday 8/6, and the 2-3 races of MRA Series 3-1 on Saturday 8/8.

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 the Sunday August 2nd, of 23 scheduled race days (ten MRA, nine Twilight and four Race Week), **Team Colsman / Lane** continue to hold a 3-point lead over **Team Martini**. The top 5 are listed below, with multiple ties for 4th and 5th.



The G.O.A.T.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Race Days</u>
1	Team Colsman / Lane	1210	17
2	Team Martini	1466	14
3	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	11
4	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	8
4	Team Taylor	1926	8
4	Team Pandapas	982	8
5	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	8
5	Team Dittrich	1217	8
5	Team Gabriel	1137	7
10	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	7

If You Spin, Send It In – We heard of no spins for this week, but got a note from **Debbie Noble** regarding race week, reporting one hit mark and one foul in the zone. Thanks Debbie for leaving it on the course and for setting an example for all of us.

2026 Spin Tracker

<u>Team</u>	<u>Foul</u>	<u>Hit Mark</u>	<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Team Colsman	2			2
Debbie Noble	1	1		2
Team Martini		1		1
Team Dittrich	1			1
Team Hooks / Pascal	1			1
Team Rubin	1			1
	6	2	0	8

A reminder that if you spin, please let me know at kpandapas@comcast.net with the subject line 'Spins.'

Notices

Need Trailer - Rhodes 19 trailer wanted for a Rhodes from Manchester-By-The-Sea. The trailer will be used primarily for winter storage. Please contact **Kimberly Jermain** at Kcjermain@gmail.com if you know of one that might be for sale.

Need Used Main – Jay Wager is still looking to acquire a used main. Contact Jay at jtwager@live.com.

O'Day 2253 For Sale – Thanks to Nat Taylor who sent this is. Looks like a good deal.



Wootzel For Sale – Old friend **Eric Cressy** sent in this opportunity to purchase Fred Brehob's boat, which has been reconditioned by Trading Company. *"I am trying to help **Ralph Anderson** find a home for Fred Brehob's old boat. It has recent awlgrip topside job and race bottom. It needs deck repainted and new sails. Comes with a trailer. Ribs look pretty good. Perfect for young kid willing to do some work. Boat is currently inside at the lower yard."*

If you'd like to learn more, contact Eric Cressy at ecressy2003@yahoo.com, or call Ralph Anderson at Trading Company at 781-631-0994.

Mail Bag

Old friend **Bill Heffernan** appreciated the shout-out, writing. *"Thanks for the honorable mention, my friend!"* No worries Bill. The term 'Heffernan Day' should be memorialized in the Marblehead one-design history book.

Phil Smith generously sent in this link to the RW photos he took. "Hi: Attached is the link to photos that I took of the Rhodes 19 fleets on July 24."

<https://philipsmith-photography.smugmug.com/Rhodes-19s-2026-Race-Week>

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