



ROAD TO THE CUP – WEEK 14

8/23/26

What You Need To Know

- Congratulations to **Bob Bernstein**, who won our 2026 Nationals in Chicago. Fleet 5's **Bill Colehower** also finished on the podium with a 3rd overall. More below.
- Twilight 2-6 will be on Thursday Aug 27th.
- MRA Series 3-3 will be on Saturday Aug 29th.
- Our combined Fleet 5 / Etchells Labor Day Party will be Saturday September 5th at the home of **Lisa & Frank McNamara**. Details below.

Last Week's Racing

Twilights – Twilight Series 2-5 was attempted on Thursday night, but regrettably, the conditions didn't cooperate. At game time, the breeze could optimistically be characterized as light & variable, and barely enough to start the race. But start they did, and after the start, light & variable transitioned to nothing & glassy, and out came the paddles. Four teams made the valiant attempt, including **Team Martini**, **Team Lane**, **Walter Colsman** (solo) and of course, **Team Casler**. Here is the official word from **David Graham**, followed by a brief account from His Eminence **John Casler**. First from David,

"We had to abandon this evening's race due to zero wind. They couldn't even reach the first mark! Sorry – but it was a valiant attempt on behalf of the participants!"

And from John,

"With a forecast suggesting possible showers and wind barely enough to allow the start, the RC posted '22', the nun off the fort, and the mid-channel can, '21', twice around. After a bit of a scrum at the heavily favored pin end, the 'wind' quickly dwindled to almost nothing. For the next half hour, the boats ghosted in all different directions, trying to ride the slight whispers of wind that came from all different direction. Nothing worked. By about 35 minutes after the start, no one was close to rounding the first mark, and the RC mercifully sent us to the bar. Getting there required a lot of paddling."

Thanks John, and a tip of the cap to all who gave it a try.

So with the race abandoned, our Twilight Series 2 standings remain unchanged.

Twilight Series 2 (as of 8/23/26)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	9.00
2nd	Team Martini	1466	10.00
3rd	Team Colzman / Lane	1210	11.00
4th	Team Uhl / Uhl	2585	12.00
5th	Liza & Jack Clinton	1686	12.00
6th	John Casler	1775	13.00
7th	Team Dittrich	1217	16.00
8th	Jay Wager	1219	16.00

MRA – Out on the MRA line, the combination of no scoring (due to Nationals) and decidedly un-festive northeasterly conditions served to dampen enthusiasm, resulting in just two teams showing up. Two teams! In the words of NFL analyst **Chris Carter**, “C’mon, man.” Admittedly, it’s kind of a toothless admonishment coming from me, when I was just as DNC as the rest of you, but, C’mon, man! It would do my heart proud to see *everyone* out next week, and for the two-day finale on Labor Day weekend.

Anyway, thanks to PRO **Steve Herman**, who lobbed in this update. “*Today’s MRA race had two boats racing, both of whom retired for the day after one race. In the first and only race, Harm’s Way was 1st and Il Prette Rosso was 2nd. Scores will not be recorded in Clubspot, per fleet request.*”

So there you have it. A tip of the cap to **Team Lane / Heffernan** and **Team Martini**, who shamed us all by making the effort.

The Cup - So, in Cup competition, with a twilight washout and no MRA scores for the second straight week, our rankings remain unchanged. 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	154.00
2nd	Team Taylor	1926	159.00
3rd	Team Cooke / Kaznoski	2648	182.00
4th	Larry Ehrhardt	2435	186.00
5th	Team Pandapas	982	188.00
6th	Team Hooks / Pascal	1683	188.00
7th	Team Colzman / Lane	1210	189.00
8th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	192.00
9th	Team Uhl / Uhl	2585	197.00
10th	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	199.00

Week 15 racing will include our next-to-last Twilight of the season - Twilight Series 2 race 6 this Thursday August 27th, and the 2-3 races of MRA series 3-3 on Saturday Aug 29th.

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 23rd, of 28 scheduled race days (12 MRA, 12 Twilight and four Race Week), **Team Martini** cut into the lead of the absent **Team Colsman / Lane**, who now holds just a 2-point lead with five race days to go. The top 5 are listed below, including a three-way tie for 4th.



The G.O.A.T.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Race Days</u>
1	Team Colsman / Lane	1210	20
2	Team Martini	1466	18
3	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	13
4	Team Dittrich	1217	9
4	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	9
4	John Casler	1775	9

If You Spin, Send It In – We again heard of no spins for the week, so the totals remain unchanged

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.'

Other News, Notices & Miscellaneous Scuttlebutt

Nationals Update - Congratulations to our new 2026 national champ, **Bob Bernstein**, who in a fleet of 23 boats, got the job done finishing with four bullets, four 2^{nds}, a 4th and a 5th for 16 net points. Pretty dominant performance. Bob has been hanging around the hoop for a while now and it's nice to see him get one. Congratulations also to Fleet 5's own **Bill Colehower**, who finished with an impressive 3rd overall with 30 points. Other Fleet 5ers include **Rich & Rosy**

Denton, who took 7th, and **Stefan Thibodeaux**, who finished 13th. Congratulations to all. The full scores are below.

The best 9 scores count towards the total.

	Boat	Skipper	Score	8/19	8/19	8/19	8/19	8/20	8/20	8/20	8/20	8/21	8/21
1	1652 (White)	Bernstein	16.0	2	2	2	1	1	1	5	1	2	4
2	1224 (Eye Ball)	Wurtzebach	18.0	1	3	1	2	7	4	2	2	1	2
3	1341 (J)	Colehower	30.0	6	1	3	4	2	3	3	5	12	3
4	2324 (Strawberry Bitch)	Hickey	44.0	5	4	8	7	4	5	1	7	5	6
5	804 (No Worries)	Knapczyk	58.0	3	13	9	10	6	2	9	8	3	8
6	1809 (Redline)	Unterseher	60.0	7	8	5	6	8	7	7	4	8	14
7	2003 (Missing Link)	Denton	61.0	9	10	12	3	20	15	4	3	4	1
8	2677 (Sweet)	Walter	63.0	8	7	6	15	3	6	11	10	7	5
9	3101 (Elan)	Riedel	88.0	12	11	11	5	11	14	10	13	6	9
10	1204 (Chestnut 🍅)	Perley	90.0	17	6	10	17	10	8	6	6	14	13
11	1472 (Sprinkles)	Thomas	107.0	16	9	4	13	13	13	12	11	16	17
12	1252 (Yaz)	Stix	112.0	4	5	7	8	5	9	RET	RET	DNC	DNC
13	1790 (Salsa Dog)	Thibodeaux	117.0	13	19	15	12	9	16	14	14	13	11
14	1494 (BRUTUS Jr)	Pauls	125.0	10	17	18	18	16	10	8	9	DNC	19
15	2580 (SunDays)	Pawlikowski	126.0	14	16	13	11	14	19	16	16	10	16
16	1744 (Zephyr)	Culler	130.0	20	14	16	16	18	18	15	17	9	7
17	1784 (Rosebud)	Siebert	132.0	15	12	17	9	17	11	RET	RET	15	12
18	2332 (Tom & Jerry)	McMahon	138.0	18	18	14	14	12	DNF	13	12	19	18
19	1892 (Aeolus Green)	Maye	139.0	19	15	20	20	15	12	17	15	11	15
20	2377 (Blown Out)	Theodore	149.0	11	20	19	19	19	17	18	18	18	10
21	2375 (Topsy)	Buck	184.0	22	21	22	22	21	20	19	RET	17	20
22	1942 (Scout)	Kingsland	192.0	21	22	21	21	RET	RET	20	19	20	DNC
23	1113 (Brookland)	deBettencourt	226.0	RET	DNF	RET	RET	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
24	2418 (XXX)	Haines	234.0	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
25	1729 (Fandango)	Nelson	234.0	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC

Labor Day Party – Don’t even think about missing this year’s Labor Day soiree, which will be generously hosted by **Lisa & Frank McNamara**. This year’s party will bring us together with our friends from Etchells Fleet 4. **Rich & Rosy Denton** will make sure the bar is stocked, and in all probability, invent her next signature cocktail. The fleet also will provide burgers, and other grilled fare. Please feel free to contribute a salad, app or dessert, but don’t sweat it if you’re pressed for time. More details are below.



Mail Bag

No mail this week.

Complaints Department

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

