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GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ



Can you believe it? Another season is in the books. I don't know about you, but for me, this one went by faster than usual. It was Memorial Day just last week, Race Week yesterday and now Thanksgiving is sneaking up. It's all a blur.

Honestly, the summers go by so fast. I love the Fall too, which brings brisk morning dog walks, chilly nights in front of the fire, and of course, football, but 3-4 months of sailing just isn't enough. I grew up in Florida where summer lasts all year. So it's unlikely that my appetite for boating on warm sunny days will ever be fully satisfied here. Don't get me wrong – I'm not pining for Florida (it's no longer the Florida I grew up in). It's just that no sooner do you step the mast then it's time to take it down again. I know – *waaah* – first-world problems. But can you blame a guy for wanting more of a good thing? Anyway, onward to 2027.

Don't even consider missing the Awards Banquet, which will be this Saturday night at my house (details below). For starters, it promises to be a great party that will feature the fleet bar and your creative potluck contributions. More importantly, it's your last chance before the snow flies to get together with Fleet 5 friends to rehash the past season and start looking forward to next. And, of course as we always do, we'll celebrate this season's winners, including the awarding of our many perpetual trophies.

I'm disheartened to say that, regrettably, one perpetual – the outstanding crew award, will go unawarded this year because we received no nominations. Not one! Shameful, right? Suffice it to say that I'm more than a little miffed at you skippers who, for whatever reason, believe that the loyal person who shows up every week and puts up with you, isn't worthy of your recognition. None of us wins alone (except maybe **Walter Colsman, Jim Taylor** or **Steve Uhl** on Thursday nights), and we'd all do well to keep that in mind.

On a lighter note, as we have the past nine years, this year's event will include the bestowing of the Fleet 5 Hacker Award, which celebrates that person who somehow manages to distinguish him or herself doing something funny, dumb, goofy or whatever (skippers who didn't nominate their crew are definitely fair game). Remember, I don't pick the winner, you do, so come

prepared to contribute a nomination or two – the funnier, the better. We'll vote the 2026 winner with the loudest cheers.

After the awards, we'll hold a short business meeting to elect a new slate of officers. That proposed slate (below) is topped by our friend **Jeff Shoreman**, who has generously agreed to take the reins. How lucky are we? Jeff is smart, creative and infinitely capable, and has been around long enough to know the ins and outs of the fleet, lending a bit of wisdom and perspective to the job. But he also brings a new energy along with some fresh thoughts on how best to keep our fleet vital and growing. So please show your support for Jeff and his team this Saturday night.

As you know, Fleet 5 doesn't run itself. It takes legions of people to keep things humming, from fleet leadership to party hosts, and I'd like to thank every one of them. There are too many to name here, but trust that I'll let you know who they are on Saturday night.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for allowing me the privilege of running Fleet 5 on and off for the last 25+ years. I've been honored to serve on the leadership team just about every year since 1999, with ten of those years as Fleet captain (2001-02, 2010-11, 2016-17 and 2023-26).

Over that time, the fleet has evolved. Naturally, many of the names have changed as folks have joined while others moved on. But the enduring constants have been our community, our culture and the quality of our competition. We race hard, often with and sometimes against family members. We compete, we laugh, we sometimes get ticked off and then we laugh about that while enjoying each other's company on the porch. Fleet 5 was a family when Christina and I joined and remains a family today. Our collegial culture is our secret sauce, and for me, protecting and sustaining that has always been job one.

See you at the Awards party. And of course, Christina and I look forward to coming out next season and doing our best to kick your butts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fleet 5 Awards Party on Saturday November 7th - Fleet 5's 2026 Awards gala will be Saturday evening November 7th at 6:00 pm at the home of **Christina & Kim Pandapas**. The event will be potluck and feature a fully stocked fleet bar. Bring your spouse, your crew, your crew's spouse and anyone else who should be there. Show your fleet spirit while supporting this year's winners. There also will be a short business meeting after the awards to elect next year's slate of officers (see below). Attendance is mandatory ☺. If you haven't already, please RSVP to the evite.

Winter Party – Date & location are still being worked out but will most likely be a Saturday evening in late January**.**

PROPOSED 2027 FLEET 5 SLATE

The fleet will hold a short business meeting after the awards presentation on November 7th to nominate and elect the 2027 slate listed below. All in favor…?

Fleet Captain	Jeff Shoreman
VP	Elise Nash
Secretary	Jim Gabriel
Treasurer	Dave Reynolds
Social/At large	Anne Marije Veenland
Scorer	Jeff Shoreman
Webmaster	Nat Taylor
Measurer	Stefan Thibodeaux

SHORT TACKS

Hacker Nominations – It's that time again to consider who has distinguished him or herself in the most embarrassing or unflattering way. Come to the Fleet 5 Awards prepared to let us know your choice for hacker and why they are deserving. Attendees will make the final selection.

Fleet Feedback – What did you like this year? What did you hate? What can we do better? What should we have done that we didn't? Any thoughts on the web site? Did you find WhatsApp helpful? Any suggested topics for next year? Were there enough parties? Did you like the locations? What's on your mind? Let's hear from you. Email jshoreman@gmail.com.

Nationals Headed Back to Hingham Bay – The 2027 Nationals will be hosted by Fleet 46 and the Hull and Hingham Yacht Clubs next August 18-21. Circle the dates.

- Wednesday - Registration, Practice Race, Annual Meeting, R19 Olympics
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday - Race days 1, 2 & 3

East Coasts – The 2027 East Coast Championships are still be worked out. Stay tuned.

2026 SEASON RESULTS

Our 2026 season ended with a grand total of 388 possible points (i.e. DNCs for everything). Congratulations to **Team Pendleton / Raisides** who finished with just 176 of those, earning them the **Nick Nichols** season championship trophy in their first season back. Finishing 2nd with 185 points was **Team Taylor**, and taking 3rd with 194 points was **Team Pandapas**. Honorable mentions go to **Team Lane / Heffernan** in 4th with 207 points, and **Team Colsman / Lane** in 5th with 210 points. The complete list is below. Congratulations to all.

2026 Fleet Championship Overall

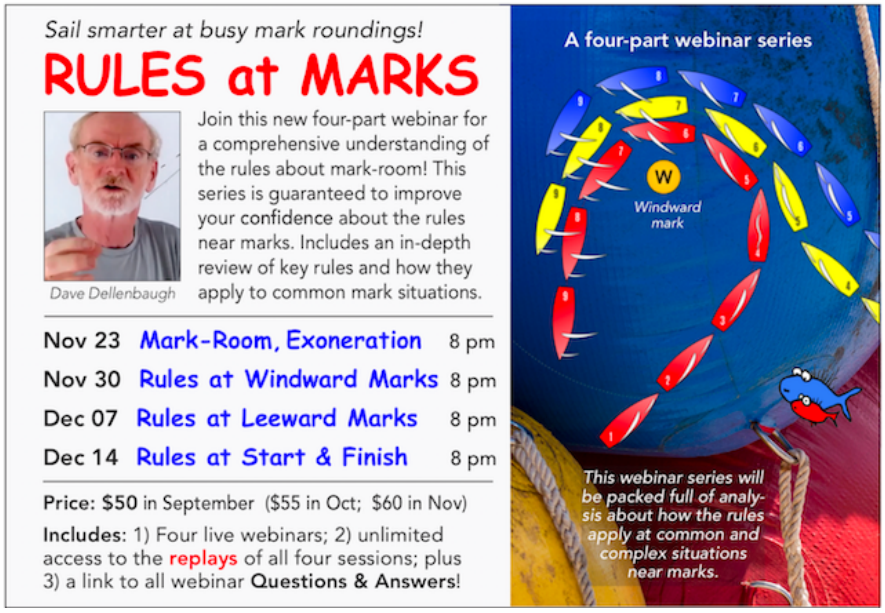
Rank	Team	Sail #	MRA 1	MRA2	MRA 3	RW	Twilight 1	Twilight 2	Points
1st	Team Pendleton / Raisides	1680	14	41	38	37	25	21	176
2nd	Team Taylor	1926	26	28	45	47	21	18	185
3rd	Team Pandapas	982	12	35	22	79	25	21	194
4th	Team Lane / Heffernan	2623	12	50	24	82	18	21	207
5th	Team Colsman / Lane	1210	17	30	27	117	10	9	210
6th	Team Kaznoski	2648	24	32	45	64	25	21	211
7th	Larry Ehrhardt	2435	26	51	45	47	25	21	215
8th	Team Hooks / Pascal	1683	26	51	45	49	25	21	217
9th	Shoreman / Reynolds	722	19	34	45	81	21	21	221
10th	Team Uhl	2585	19	51	45	76	21	10	222
11th	Noah Robitshek	1790	26	51	45	69	25	21	237
12th	Team Gabriel	1137	26	41	45	110	19	21	262
13th	Team Rubin	2495	26	38	34	133	25	21	277
14th	Team Martini	1466	19	40	31	167	10	12	279
15th	Anne Marije Veenland	2651	26	33	31	186	17	9	302
16th	Team Dittrich	1217	25	47	27	166	22	20	307
17th	Team Regnault / Thibodeaux	1316	26	46	34	163	25	21	315
18th	Bill Colehower	1341	26	48	28	175	25	21	323
19th	Debbie Noble	1782	26	51	40	173	25	21	336
20th	John Casler	1775	26	51	45	220	12	17	371
25th	Jane & Parker Moore	1435	26	51	32	220	25	21	375
21st	Team Fava / Nash	2485	26	46	37	220	25	21	375
22nd	Team Denton	2003	26	40	45	220	25	21	377
23rd	Jay Wager	1219	26	51	45	220	22	19	383
24th	Liza & Jack Clinton	1686	26	51	45	220	25	16	383
26th	Sarah Sheldon / Ann Sousa	1398	26	51	43	220	25	21	386

NOTICES

Doyle One Design Fleet Discount – Doyle One Design has issued its Fall Discounts. Orders receive by Nov 29 will be discounted 15% and by Dec 31, 10%. Contact onedesign@doylesails.com.



New Dave Dellenbaugh Webinar – Are you up on all the rules that apply at marks? Could you use a refresher? Former America's Cup tactician **Dave Dellenbaugh** is here to help. He'll be hosting a 4-installment webinar focused precisely on that. Details below. Register here.



Need Used Sails – The 'Sailing For All Provincetown' organization is looking for lightly used sails to use in their USSA education plan. If you have sails you'd like to donate, contact **Robert Casper** at rbcasper@sailing4allptown.org, or call 978-906-5986.

MAIL BAG

We got a few emails about the final RTTC. First is from **Walter Colsman**.

"Huge thanks for RTTC. An important glue that keeps the fleet together. Entertaining and informative style worked so well. Go Patriots!"

Another is from **Kirk Williamson** of Fleet 36 in Rockport.

*"From Fleet 36 up here in Rockport I want to thank you for sending along your newsletter. It has always been enjoyable reading about Fleet 5's exploits. So many friends over the years have been at Fleet 5 and hearing how they have been doing has meant a lot to many of us. Our fleet captain **Rob Patterson** does the same for us and we all enjoy it. Even though none of us travel anymore we still enjoy hearing how old friends are doing. Thanks again for all your efforts."*

And the last word goes to His Eminence, **John Casler**.

"This is a poignant moment in R-19 history. No way that I can type all my thoughts on an iPad. The 'Road' has been a treasure for all in the Fleet. I'll just end with thank you."

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Alcole Marine – **Luke Andrews** (978-500-1505) and **Renato Qarri** (781-470-4550) do high quality fiberglass repair, gelcoat & Awlgrip and boat detailing. Email alcole.marine@gmail.com.

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Stuart Marine - **Dave Whittier** of Stuart Marine in Rockland Maine is the exclusive builder of Rhodes 19s. Call Dave at 207-594-5515 for pricing on new boats, used boats, repairs and parts.

The Trailer Shop – Located on 87 High St. in Danvers for any trailer repairs. Call **Dan Sullivan** at (978) 750-6799

COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT

Got Gripes? Don't be shy. Unload at jshoreman@gmail.com. The buck (now) stops here.

