



Fleet 5 Newsletter

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Despite the outside temperature it is mid June and the racing season is already three weekends old. The Rhodes fleet has had the largest and most consistent turnout for all the races so far with over 10 boats in all the MRA races to date. Well ahead of the other fleets in the harbor.

Fleet Fourth of July Party:

As he has for more years than anyone wants to count, **John Casler** will host Fleet 5's annual Fourth of July cookout. With the Fourth actually falling on Saturday this year, as an extra added attraction the cookout will be followed by Marblehead's fireworks display for those who want to stroll down to the harbor for a vantage point. With no racing that day, the cookout will start at 5:30pm. The fleet will provide steaks, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, chips and dips and the fleet bar. You supply attendance and if a few folks RSVP with a desert item the table will be set.

Please RSVP to fleet Social Chair **Jim Raisides** at 781-639-1602 or jraisides@tarealty.com.

Racing Results:

Congratulations to **Kim and Christina Pandapas** for their first place finish in the Spring Series held over Memorial Day weekend. **Steve Uhl** finished in second place and **Nick Cann** was third.

MRA Series One through June 6th was tied between **Doug Trees and Chris Small** and Kim and Christina.

Fleet Meeting:

Here is a summary of the items discussed and voted on at the Fleet meeting party back on May 1st.

Fleet 5 will grant a floating or personal bye for use in either Series 1 or 3 as outlined in the 2009 MRA NOR.

To encourage participation at the class East Coast Championship, the Fleet agreed to not score Series 2 in the Fleet and MRA season championship. Fleet members who sail Series 2 will be scored for results in that series as a stand-alone event.

We also voted to exclude out of town boats when scoring the results of Marblehead Raceweek for our seasonal championship.

Racer's Resource Board

"Phil's Foils".

We've built a couple of dozen Rhodes 19 rudders over the past few years under our "Phil's Foils" brand name and feel we build a very high quality product.

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Waterline Systems, Inc provides a complete range of services. Call at 401-254-0690

Etchells sailor **Pat Stadel** operates Marblehead Rigging in San Diego 619-224-0323.

Doyle Sails at 978-740-5950 for fast Rhodes 19 sails

www.sailortailors.com for boat covers, rudder bags and any other marine stitching need.

Butch Roth in Gloucester providing boat repairs and tuning. Also trailers. If interested contact Butch at 978-283-4451

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We agreed that we would have a third race on Saturdays at the discretion of the Race Committee but that the results of the third race would not be scored in the Series, MRA Overall, or our Fleet Seasonal Championship. We discussed a possible fleet award based on the results of the third races.

Thanks to **Judy and Tom Despres** for hosting the meeting and party.

Sears Cup:

Christina Pandapas reports that twelve Fleet 5 members have agreed to loan their boats for the U.S. Junior Championships coming to Marblehead August 9-13.

Thanks to the following fleet members who have agreed to loan their boats making the event possible.

Jenny Aspinall
Rick Berliner
Jerry Blouin
Tom Despres
Chris Hutchinson
Mike Lane
Shan McAdoo
Kim & Christina Pandapas
Charlie Pendleton/Jim Raisides
Andrew Savage/Paul Zymba
Jeff Shoreman/Dave Reynolds
Steve Uhl
JP Zonnenberg

Junior Keelboat Regatta

Corinthian Yacht Club will sponsor their **Junior Keelboat Regatta** on Sunday August 16. This is a local event to expose younger local sailors to the keelboat classes in Marblehead. The format is to have a younger sailor skipper a boat with the owner typically as crew. Everyone who has participated in the past had a great time and it is a great opportunity to promote the Rhodes 19.

Maura Power is helping to organize the event and hopes to expand the reach of the program by inviting junior sailors from local harbors to compete. To simplify the logistics of bringing a Rhodes, from Hingham for example, in for a one-day regatta and encourage participation, we need to make some boats available. Please contact Maura at maurapower@verizon.net

This is a great opportunity for the fleet to bring in a future generation and build our crew ranks. Our fleet has supported this event in the past but usually with a last minute flurry. By identifying possible junior sailors in advance and getting them in the boats on a regular Saturday to gain familiarity with the Rhodes they can help spread the word for the fleet and the event. If you know of a potential junior sailor looking for a boat or crew slot please get in touch with Maura

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Boats for Sale:

Here are a couple local boats available. It may seem silly to send ads to people who already own boats but if you know someone who is looking or should be looking to get into our fleet, please pass the word. This sampling has everything from proven racers to project boats.

O'day Rhodes 19 Keel Version #1554

Updated in 2008 with glass ribs by Chris Small. Lindsay rudder, tapered Zephyr mast (no jumpers/t-swedge terminals), Zephyr boom, barney post, adjustable bridle traveler, Layline tapered aluminum pole, bottom and keel faired by Waterline, 2008 Doyle Sails, Essex welding ready trailer. Asking: \$8,800. Contact Jud Smith at c-jsmith@comcast.net. or phone 781-639-0022. (02/09)

Rhodes 19 – Sail Number 1945

Refit completed in 2008 including fiberglass ribs, topsides and deck paint, new floorboards & coamings, new Phils Foil rudder & tiller, updated deck hardware and rigging. Sails with 4 days on them, and a new professionally built trailer. This boat is ready to race - \$9500 / obo. Ready for racing on Memorial Day. Just add water. Contact Shan McAdoo r19slr@gmail.com or 978-302-1176. (02/09)

1977 Full Keel Model

Overall in good condition. Small fiberglass repair at rub rail. Will need ribs at some point. Main and jib in good condition. All standard equipment. Owned by a maritime academy from 1977 until 2008. Marblehead area. \$1,200 includes stands and free storage until May. Eddie von Papen 617-233-0123 or vonpapen@gmail.com.

Keel Boat

We have a Rhodes 19 that we got a couple years ago in the hopes of fixing it up and setting sail. Well, that never happened. We are located in Old Saybrook CT and the boat can not travel far on an old home made trailer but we would love to give it to someone for free. Please e-mail with any questions you may have. Lynn Lombard, LLombard@essex.k12.ct.us.