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Fleet 5 Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ

Where has the winter gone? I can't believe it's March. The Spring Series is just 12 short weeks away. Are you psyched? Are you ready? Do you have your lists together? My approach is to try to have all my parts on hand, sorted and ready to go so I don't waste a lot of precious spring weekend time driving around looking for stuff. The internet and APS have made that so much easier. Of course, it also doesn't hurt to have a West Marine just down the street. But believe it or not boys and girls, it's time to start getting our acts together!

Thanks to hostess **Christina** and social director **Jim Raisides** for their efforts in making the 2011 winter party one to remember. I can't believe how many of you showed up (and how long you stayed!). The joint was jumping through the wee hours. Clearly we've tapped into a little pent up demand for mid-winter jocularly, so we'll be sure to kick it up a notch next year. I want to give a special shout out to whoever brought the lasagna. Some well-intentioned soul put it in the oven and forgot about it, and Christina and I found it there the next morning. (It was delicious, though a little dried out.)

So, next up will be the spring meeting on April 28th, and though it may be a little more business than pleasure, it should be no less festive. After all, we'll be talking about sailing, and after the winter we've had, if that doesn't put a smile on your heart, nothing will. Thanks in advance to **Lynn & Jeff Shoreman** for hosting again this year.

There is plenty to report on the recruiting front. This has been an active off-season, as the steady drizzle of interest in our fleet is developing into a full-fledge squall. No fewer than five new teams hope to join us this season, with "hope" being the operative word. Boat availability is a bit of a constraint. Recruits are having luck finding fixer-uppers on Craig's List and elsewhere, which is good. But folks like **Chris Small** report a strong work pipeline, which could delay our new friends' seasons as far out as Race Week. From a fleet perspective, I suppose that's a nice problem to have, but I'd sure like to get these guys on the starting line sooner rather than later. If anyone knows of any boats for sale, for charter or otherwise available, please let me know.

Finally, please indulge me for a second while I toot MRA's horn. It occurs to me that it's worth pausing to reflect on the fact that MRA is a pretty unique animal. The Marblehead Racing Association is a cooperative venture of the three yacht clubs. That is to say, three independent organizations actually work together every year to accomplish something meaningful. Have you looked at an MRA race schedule lately? It's so full that it barely fits onto four pages. That's a lot of events with a lot of moving parts. Where else do you see three yacht clubs collaborate like this? I've been on committees where three individuals couldn't agree on dinner, yet here we have three clubs pulling this off year after year. That's just outstanding. And as you'd expect, it always comes down to the people. People make this happen. All winter long, a group of dedicated volunteers from each of those clubs trudge through busy schedules and snow storms to meet and sort out how to show us a good time. Imagine that! **Tommy Tompkins, Susie Schneider, Jim Whipple, Jack Killian, Cheryl Byrne, Charlie Pendleton, Mike Lane, Don Miller, Anne Coulombe, and Jack Cochrane** - all deserve a heartfelt atta-boy for all that they do. So on behalf of the Rhodes class, let me express my appreciation to those volunteers and their clubs - thank you. We do not take you for granted.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Two EYC Sailing Clinics at EYC March 14th and April 21st at 7PM On March 14th, BC Coach **Greg Wilkinson**, will lead a panel discussion on attracting strong crew and building a cohesive team. The evening will feature panelists who have built teams at all levels of sailing. On April 21st, **Bill Gladstone** of North Sails will discuss sail trim & boat speed, spinnaker trim, strategy in wind shifts, and strategy in current. Bill is the author of Performance Racing Trim, the North U classic. Info at gregwilkinson@easternyc.org.

Spring Registration Meeting - Thursday April 28th The spring registration meeting will be held at the home of **Lynn & Jeff Shoreman**. The event will feature light appetizers and the fleet bar.

R19 Spring Clinic - May 15th at 7:00 PM Fleet 5 will host a clinic on Sunday evening May 15th in the Harbor Room at the CYC. The format will be a panel of four of Fleet 5's speedier skippers and crew, who will share go-fast tricks and the secrets of their success.

Spring Series - May 28th-29th The Spring Series constitutes the first series included in the season championship, and hence kicks-off our "Road To The Cup."

Cocktail Party - Saturday June 11th at 6PM The fleet will hold its first summer cocktail party on Saturday June 11th, graciously hosted by **Lydia & Rick Smyers**, who live at 94 Jersey Street in Marblehead. The event will commence after racing and feature the fleet bar.

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SHORT TACKS

Got News? Let's hear from you. Send your gossip, rumors and embarrassing tidbits to kpandapas@comcast.net. We'll get the word out.

Spring Clinic Taking Shape We're calling the 2011 spring clinic *Go-Fast Secrets Revealed* because four folks from four of the consistently successful programs are going to tell all. The topic is boat speed, and subjects will include everything from boat prep to rig tuning and roll tacking to accelerating through the gears. The focus is the techniques these guys use to get the most from their boats year after year. The format will be a moderated panel featuring two skippers and two crew. We'll send out the e-invite as soon as the final details are worked out. But for now, circle Sunday May 15th at 7:00 on your calendar.

MRA Update MRA is working on a few changes this that will affect our (Tinkers) line. One is that they've dropped the Brimbles line, which will result in their reshuffling some line assignments. As it stands now, the Town Class will join us on Tinkers and the J24s will head out to the Midway line. The RCs will continue to utilize green marks to provide courses of different lengths. They also may tinker with the starting sequence, which suggests we might go off sometime other than last. Another change is to move the two-day Memorial Day Spring Series from Sunday-Monday to Saturday-Sunday. While that could impact folks with kids in Saturday sports, the committee felt it important to give both racers and RC Memorial Day off so they could observe the holiday. Please check www.mheadrace.org for updates.

Change is Good Several alert readers noticed 3038 advertised for sale and wondered (aloud) just what the hell was going on. Fleet 5 without **Mike Lane** is unimaginable. Not to worry. Few of us remember the last time **Mike Lane** sailed anything other than his trusty Stuart, "Harms Way," but that is about to change. This past January, Mike closed on O'Day #2623. The boat is a fixer-upper, so now the work begins! But he's excited to try something different, and of course, we're glad it's just a different Rhodes. For the record, Mike has had a lot of success in 3038, including a Race Week win, so if you're looking, give him a call.

Imitation Is the Sincerest Form of Flattery The EYC hosted a sailing clinic on February 17th that they billed as a "Go Fast Perspective" with internationally renowned racers **Jack Slattery**, **Jud Smith** and **Bill Lynn**. The evening was structured as a moderated panel discussion. Hmm! Sounds familiar. Wonder if they'll post a clip of it on their web site too? Joking aside, it was a great formula and deserved to be repeated. Thanks to the EYC for making it happen. That event, by the way, was just the first of three seminars EYC developed for this season.

Return of the Picnic Race? Years ago, Fleet 5's racing calendar regularly included one or two events that emphasized fun and family over competitiveness. They included pursuit races, around-the-islands races, kids-must-drive races and even a picnic race out to Misery Island. In response to gentle but consistent nudging from **John Casler**, we've decided to explore resurrecting one of these events. **Mike Lane** has volunteered to work with John to put something together. After Nationals, this shouldn't be heavy lifting for him. If you have any thoughts on this, you can email Mike at mlane@katandmike.com or John at johncasler@gmail.com. We'll keep you posted.

WELCOME

It's official - **Martha & David Martini** have pulled the trigger on R19 1466, which as we speak is in the capable hands of **Chris Small** getting gussied up for the season. If you don't know these guys, you'll find out who they are soon enough. They've been the class of the Town Class for years, having won just about everything there is to win in that boat. We couldn't be more pleased to welcome them to our line and to the family. Of course, we may not feel so charitable after they lead us around the course a few times!

Fleet 5 is also delighted to welcome back **Steve Hill**, who graced our line back in the early 90s. Steve is currently on the prowl for a boat, and hopes to race this season. As an aside, the editor of this esteemed publication was interested to learn that Steve used to campaign 982, which he called Valentine. He bought it from **Howard Rotner** and sold it to **Emily Magoon** and **Joann Mayer**, who subsequently sold it to its current owner.

Rumor has it that old friend **Bryan Peugh** is interested in coming back out to play. For those who don't know Bryan, he was one of the 'boats to beat' back when Emily and Joann were campaigning 982. We couldn't be more excited about the prospects of having him back, and we'll keep you posted.

Elise Mazereas and **Joe Fava** are still looking for just the right boat, but report that they're getting close. Last we heard, they had their sights set on the boat **Chris Small** is selling, which is in decent shape and effectively ready to race. We'll keep you posted on their progress.

FLEET PROFILE – Q&A WITH Pete Kaznoski by Christina Pandapas**What was the first boat you ever sailed?**

A sunfish. Way back when I had flowing locks, I was visiting my parents who lived on Lake Waccamaw in North Carolina. After numerous days of sitting on their dock and watching a bobber float in anticipation of the 'big one,' I spied the neighbor's sailboat. Having been introduced to the neighbors when I arrived, I didn't think it too outrageous to inquire about a possible sail - after all it couldn't be that difficult. The first mile downwind was just fabulous, and upon approaching the opposite shore, I was ready for the breeze to change. No chance. I pushed the tiller over, rolled the boat and planted the mast firmly in the muck.

How long have you been sailing Rhodes?

Karl Renney and I began our Rhodes 19 sailing campaign in 2002.

What do you do for work?

I work for Eastern Bank as a Credit Officer.

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RACER'S RESOURCE BOARD

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.

Cape Cod Shipbuilding, makers of the Zepher extrusions most of us use, provides a full range of mast and boom hardware and fittings. Call **Dick Landis** at 508-295-2240.

"**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. **Phil Locker** www.fastcomposites.ca (613) 599-6951

Benjamin Parker operates Aequoris Yachts and does all varieties of glass work and boat repair. Contact Ben at benjamin.parker@aequorisyachts.com or at 58 Gregory Street, Marblehead (207) 319-3583.

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Waterline Systems, Inc provides a complete range of services. Call at (401) 682-1661.

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

Sailor Tailor 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. Contact Butch at 978-283-4451 applewood@gis.net

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Boat Wanted New fleet member to looking for competitive boat for the 2011 season. Contact **Elise Mazareas** at elise.mazareas@gmail.com.

Boat Wanted New fleet member to looking for competitive boat for the 2011 season. Contact **Steve Hill** at stephen_hill@mindspring.com.

Crew Looking For Boat **Jay Watt**, who has been sailing since 1989 and was a US Sailing Instructor during college, is interested in crewing on a Rhodes this year. Contact Jay at jay.watt@gmail.com.

Join An Established Program In 2011 **David Rubin**, who usually sails with his brother **Mark Rubin**, is looking for someone to share responsibility with him for his racing program next year (Mark lives in DC which is getting tougher for him). This would involve sailing and sharing in expenses. The boat is in great shape has a permanent mooring near the Barnacle. Contact David at 781-863-1419 / w 508-875-9595, or email dlr0412@aol.com.

Looking To Join Program In 2011 Old friend **Mitch Mitchell**, who raced in Fleet 5 for several years back in the mid-2000 time frame, is potentially interested in getting back into the fleet. Mitch is an experienced sailor and would be an excellent crew or potential boat partner. Contact Mitch at mitch@relayhealth.com.

Race Ready Stuart For Sale 1986 Stuart #3038 is race ready and optimized, including Duplin keel, Lindsay rudder, reinforced ribs, new boom, elevated mast step and more. Boat has an extensive race record, including 1st place at Marblehead Race Week. Package includes a trailer, spin pole, lifting bridle, cover and two full suits of sails including 2010 spinnaker, 2008 main, 2008 jib. Contact Mike at lanmik@gmail.com.

Donate Your Used Sails. Courageous Sailing Center is always looking for used sails for its fleet of Rhodes 19s. If you'd like to donate your old sails and get a tax break for it, contact **Miguel Corti** at miguel@courageoussailing.org.

Donate or Sell Your Used Sails Greg Marie, a sail designer at Doyle, is working to find sails for the Nahant Sailing Program. If you'd like to donate your old sails, or possibly sell them for a small consideration, contact Greg at (978) 740-5950 ext 205.

FLEET 5 TRIVIA

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1. The Stuart model Rhodes 19 reflects interior and deck design evolutions from the original O'Days. Who authored those changes?
2. **Chris Hutchinson** has been sailing 1790 for more than 10 years since he purchased it from another long-standing fleet member. Who was that fleet member, why did he sell it and who was his regular crew?
3. **Bill Dalton**, who currently sails with **J.P. Zonnenberg**, sailed with his brother Steve for years on their powder-blue boat. What was that boat's name and sail number, and where is she now?

2011 SOCIAL EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Registration Meeting	April 28th	Home of Lynn & Jeff Shoreman
Spring Clinic	May 15th	CYC Harbor Room
Early Summer Post-Race Cocktail Party	June 11th	Home of Lydia & Rick Smyers
4th of July Cookout	July 2nd	Home of Jane & John Casler
Race Week Party	July 28th	Home of Jennifer & Steve Uhl
Labor Day Party	September 3rd	Home of Sloan & Charlie Pendleton
Awards Party	November TBA	TBA

RULES & TACTICS – WIN AN END *by Charlie Pendleton*

We've all been there. The warning gun has sounded and it's obvious that one end of the starting line is extremely favored – to the point where it will be hard to catch the boat that wins that end. Playing it safe and starting within the third of the line closest to the favored end won't cut it. You've determined that you want to be as close as possible to the favored end – so how do you do it?

You don't need to be the closest competitor to the pin or the race committee boat to win the end. Frequently the boat closest to either end gets into trouble. Three basic concepts are important: 1) laylines – yes they exist at the start. 2) the pack, and 3) bailing out.

Pin: If you're looking to win the pin, the concept that there is a pin-end layline is critical. It is the imaginary line that extends from the pin end where, if you sail past it, you can no longer cross the starting line close hauled on starboard tack. You've heard the phrase "there was a huge pileup at the pin." This is usually caused by someone that sailed beyond the layline and still tried to make it around the pin. Don't be that guy!

As the start counts down, you need to be aware of the pack – all the other boats that want to win the pin. The idea is not to get absorbed into the pack and lose control of your destiny. Jim and I typically lead the pin end pack back toward the RC boat and look back to see how many boats are in the pack and how far they are from the pin. If there is opportunity to win the pin, we jibe beneath the pack and pay close attention to the pin layline. We're in control of the boats behind/above us and it comes down to timing and maintaining control of the other boats. If it looks too crowded and the pack is too close to the pin given the time – we will look for a hole, and begin to setup above the pack.

Boat: Again – remember the layline! In this case, it is the line that extends from the RC boat where, if you are above it on starboard, you risk being shut out at the boat (the guy that barged). If you're below the layline, other boats will sneak between you and the RC boat and win the boat end themselves.

As the start counts down, we approach the RC boat on port tack and once again, check out the pack. If there is room and navigable water for us to get below the pack and onto the boat layline, we make our way there and tack into a position that gives us control of the boats around us and try to maintain our position and speed on the layline to get to the starting line on time with speed. If it looks too crowded and the pack offers no opportunity to get to the boat layline, we look for a good spot to tack onto starboard and then focus on speed and maneuverability at the starting gun.

If you go for the pin or boat and it starts to get ugly, don't be afraid to bail out. Pay attention to the time and know when you still have time to bailout and do it if you have to.

PETE KAZNOSKI *Continued***Why did you start sailing Rhodes?**

Karl had just sold his J-24 and I was a novice sailing in the Corinthian Fleet. On any given Saturday, there would be two to four Corinthian's out racing. Karl and I discussed why a Rhodes would be perfect for two sailors. We spent that winter looking for a platform and ended up buying John Preston's boat from Rockport.

What is your favorite non-sailing activity?

I enjoy skiing with my wife Heather and son Wilson during the winter.

What is your most memorable sailing moment?

I don't think I'll ever forget crewing for Wilson in the Jr. Keel Boat Regatta prior to his 6th birthday.

How did you and Evan start sailing together?

We were introduced by **Stephen Braese** during the Corinthian 200 in 2005. Evan became our third for the Rockport Nationals.

What is the biggest bonehead thing your skipper has ever done?

Too many skippers to discuss. Actually, all have been really great!

What is the biggest bonehead thing you've done during a race?

I am fairly consistent about calling a tack into every header.

What's the best tip you could give someone who is crewing on a Rhodes for the first time?

Talk with your skipper about the steps of a maneuver, well in advance of the maneuver --like at the dock when the boat is on its trailer.

What book are you reading?

"A Good Crew is like a Perfect Wife" by Anne Schwab.

Name one thing about yourself that fellow Fleet 5 members might be surprised to know about you.

Pink and green are my favorite colors?

Finish this sentence: My skipper often....

Asks, "How come we're so slow?" Actually, I want to thank everyone who has skippered 2648 with me as crew, it's been great fun. Looking forward to seeing everyone in May.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Noted naval architect and Fleet 5 member **Jim Taylor** redesigned the Rhodes in 1983.
2. Chris bought 1790 from **Steve Caswell** in the late 90s. Steve sold the boat when he relocated from Marblehead to Bethel Maine. Prior to selling it, he campaigned it successfully with his long standing crew **Shannon Lane**.
3. The Daltons successfully campaigned 1925 for many years. The boat's name was Action, and she continues to sport that name today as part of the Hull Fleet.

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