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Fleet 5 Newsletter

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(FINAL) GREETINGS FROM THIS PREZ

Well there you have it. Just like that, it's over. It seems like yesterday we were all gathered in the Harbor Room for the spring clinic, and now it's time for boat covers, Halloween and football. But, oh what a season it was. We kicked things off with the spring series and raced almost every weekend since, including Race Week and Twilights. We also sent a healthy contingent to Rockport for East Coasts in June, as well as a smaller but equally spirited group to Chicago in August. That's a lot racing. Add in five or six parties and it's been a busy season.

Speaking of parties, huge thanks to **Sloan & Charlie Pendleton** for hosting our Labor Day get-together, and to **Jim Raisides** for bringing the refreshments. Next up is the MRA Awards Banquet on Friday October 21st at the CYC. And not long after that will be our own Fleet 5 Awards Party on Saturday night November 5th, which again will be graciously hosted by **Bruce Bolen** (note that this is a week later than previously announced). Keep an eye out for the email invite, and please bring your spouses, crews and their spouses.

A few congratulations are in order. First, I couldn't be more pleased to salute the team of **Pete Kaznoski & Evan "the Kid" Cooke**, who won our 2011 season championship. Take it from me; winning the Cup is a marathon that requires both great participation and consistently strong results. These guys did both, and by the way, they also won Race Week. They had just a terrific season and earned bragging rights to our coveted Cup. Well done. Congratulations also to **Charlie Pendleton & Jim Raisides**, who dominated East Coasts and anchored Fleet 5's successful bid to bring home the 2011 East Coast Fleet trophy. Also, as most of you know, they (along with **Elise Mazareas**) took second in Nationals after going toe-to-toe with **Pete Sladovich** in what was the R19 version of Ali-Frazier. That result, though certainly not what they had hoped for, led Fleet 5 in winning the Nationals Fleet trophy as well. A pretty respectable season if you ask me.

With another season in the books, I look at the state of our fleet and couldn't be more pleased and optimistic. In a town where other fleets are shrinking, Fleet 5 is cranking. We're so wildly fortunate to have the strong interest and involvement that we do, it's just been spectacular. Our numbers trended up this season, which is remarkable after a Nationals year. We rarely saw fewer than 15 boats on the Saturday starting line, and sometimes saw as many as 22. We had almost 40 for Race Week. How great is that?

Our fleet demographics also continue to evolve. We have a broad age distribution, with skippers ranging from 8 to 80, but the average age is very definitely trending down. This season, we had more ex-high school and college sailors than ever before and look at how that ratcheted up the competition. Increasingly, we're seeing multiple lead changes and our top-five finishers are often separated by no more than 15-20 seconds. It's doubtful we'll see many horizon jobs in the coming years with this lineup. We also had more family teams than I can recall (husband-wife, father-son and brothers), and anyone who saw the performance turned in by **Bill & Renee Heffernan** in the 4th series has to concede that several of those teams are pretty quick too. In my estimation, there are at least 15-16 boats capable of 'winning the day,' which is simply outstanding!

So with the passing of the 2011 season comes the end of my term. But before I sign off, allow me to express my deep appreciation to the folks that made all this happen. Thanks to Fleet Secretary **Steve Uhl**, who has managed our fleet database, the life blood of any organization. He made sure that all fleet communications happened in a timely way, and that all of our new members and prospects were informed. Treasurer **Doug Trees** has overseen the annual registration and kept us solvent. **Jim Raisides** has kept our bar stocked and trucked it from venue to venue every month, a Herculean task. Scorer **Rick Smyers** put in way more hours than past scorers so we could bring you our weekly 'Road

UPCOMING EVENTS

MRA Awards Banquet – Friday October 21st at CYC The MRA awards dinner will be held at CYC this year. Keep an eye on the MRA web site www.mheadrace.org for details.

Fleet 5 Awards Party – Saturday November 5th at Bruce Bolen's Fleet 5's very festive annual potluck awards party will be held on the evening of November 5th at the home of **Bruce Bolen**. The fleet bar will be in session and festivities are expected to start at about 6PM. New fleet officers will be elected in a short meeting following the awards. The proposed slate is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fleet 5 Winter Party – Fleet 5's winter party will be held on a cold winter Saturday evening sometime in January or February at the home of **Christina & Kim Pandapas**. 2012 is just around the corner.

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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.

Could It Be True? We drove recently by the home of **Eric & Lori Cressy**, and what do you suppose was sitting in their driveway? Still my beating heart! Eric had been making noises this fall about buying another boat, but he's made those noises before. How does the saying go, fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice Still, the optimist in me is overwhelmingly excited by the prospects of Eric sailing with us again. I look forward in anticipation to seeing him hit the line next spring. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

Could Steve & Heather Be Next? While on the subject of the Cressys, one day last August, **Steve & Heather (Cressy) Dalton** seemed to be looking enviously at the 23 boat Rhodes fleet as they *and the other two Sonars* were starting their sequence. The last thing we want to do is harm another class, but let's be honest, that ship seems to have sailed. Steve & Heather are the five most competitive people I know, and sailing against only 2-3 other boats has to be killing them. Besides, both of them have their roots in the Rhodes class. Steve, Heather, we can always make room for another husband-wife team. Can we find a boat for you?

Hey Crew, Let's Open Up a Can of 'Whoop Ass' Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll see the official notification soliciting letters for the 2011 Outstanding Crew Award. As of today, we've received exactly zero letters. None!! Are you kidding me? How in the world can you skippers be so mind-numbingly unappreciative of your crew's contributions? It boggles my mind. So crews, here is my appeal to you. Send an email to kpandapas@comcast.net with the subject "Self-Absorbed Skipper" describing in any level of embarrassing detail, one or two of the more boneheaded things your skipper did this season. If I get some crew nomination letters, I'll burn the embarrassing letters. If not, I'll read them aloud at the awards banquet, or possibly even publish them. That's right, this is blackmail. Actually, it's more like extortion, but let's not split hairs.

The East Coasts Championships Need You The 2012 East Coast Regatta will once again be held in the friendly waters of Marblehead. Fleet 5 and the Corinthian Yacht Club will host the event, and **Jeff Shoreman** and **J.P. Zonnenberg** have generously agreed to serve as co-chairs of the regatta committee. Huge thanks to Jeff and J.P. for taking this on, but they won't be able to do it alone. As you'd expect, there will be no shortage of things to do in planning and putting on this event. So if you want to roll up your sleeves and help out, please contact them at JShoreman@EzeCastleSoftware.com and jpzonnenberg@prtm.com.

Tell MRA What's on Your Mind The Marblehead Racing Association, the folks who bring us our summer sailing season, are interested in how they can make things even better. The reason we say "even better" is because Marblehead is one of the last venues nationally that offers one-design-fleet racing every weekend. We are tremendously lucky to have three clubs and three fully-staffed race committees to put on racing for us every single week, and MRA would like your suggestions on how to improve things. The Rhodes Fleet is fortunate to have ample representation on MRA, including **Kim Pandapas** (kpandapas@comcast.net), **Charlie Pendleton** (charliependleton@me.com) and **Mike Lane** (lanmik@gmail.com). Please send along your comments and recommendations to any or all of those three.

GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ *continued*

To The Cup' email blasts. Webmaster **Rick Berliner** who last year undertook a complete overhaul of the Fleet web site, has worked diligently to keep it current. Thanks to all of them. And extra special thanks to **Charlie Pendleton**, who quite simply has done anything and everything asked of him, including agreeing to take over as your next fleet captain. Wow! These people are the ones who have made it happen, and it is on their shoulders that I've been privileged to stand. Words fail me in adequately expressing my appreciation. I thank them all, and I encourage you to do the same.

Finally, I'd like to thank my wife, crew and soul mate **Christina Pandapas**, who as you all know, is without question the better half. I've leaned on her in more ways than I can count, from trophies to articles to newsletter editing. Her name isn't on the masthead but that's just a technicality. She's really done so much, there is no way I can adequately thank her (though I'm, sure she'll think of something). The truth is, I couldn't have done any of this without her and I (and we) owe her for that. In fact, I owe her for a lot more than Rhodes stuff. After all, she married me, she puts up with me and she hasn't kicked me out yet. And let's be honest, without her, I'd probably be a directionless puddle of goo. But I digress.

So there it is. With that, I'll hand over the reins to Charlie with the hope that I can be as supportive of him as he has been of me. My guess is that you can expect the next newsletter to hit your inbox sometime around January 1st. Thanks for the privilege and thanks for a great season. I'll see you at the awards party on November 5th.

SHORT TACKS *continued*

Save on Your 2012 Doyle Sail Order The good folks at Doyle Sails offer meaningful discounts on their 2012 prices if you purchase through the Fleet Sail Order. Why? Because they much prefer to make sails during the winter when things are a little slower, and they're willing to give up a little margin to do it. We haven't received the winter order discount form yet, but we'll send out an email blast when we do. In the meantime, go to www.doylesails.com to look for the 2012 price sheet, and while you're there, check out the sexy action photo picture of everyone's favorite couple, **Charlie Pendleton & Jim Raisides**.

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

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

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.

NOTICE BOARD

Please mail postings to kpandapas@comcast.net.

Boat For Sale O'Day #1555 (built in 1968), was purchased in 1987 and has been day sailed out of Marblehead harbor ever since. Includes compass, boom vang, mid-ship traveler, spinnaker gear and pole, cockpit cover, 3 hp Evinrude outboard motor, two + suites of sails (not new), trailer with 4 year old wheels and tires, and Ray 100 VHF radio. Contact **George Jacoby** at 781 631-5009.

Boat for Sale A Rhodes 19 owner in Houston is selling his boat, the listing for which is on the Sailing Texas website at <http://sailingtexas.com/201101/srhodes19109.html>. There is no trailer. Videos of the boat can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmrMsFD6YNs and www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgebXMAOd4I. Contact **Gary Trinklein** at 832-687-9099 or gary.trinklein@gmail.com.

Boat For Sale O'Day 1762. Original O'Day, has never been optimized but is in good shape. Includes 2011 main, two jibs, two spinnakers, a cockpit cover, anchor and trailer. Asking \$3,500. Call **John Read** at 781-631-0669 or Joan Thayer at joan_thayer@comcast.net.

Boat Wanted Looking for Rhodes to race next season. Contact Doug at doug@zurnyachts.com.

Sails Wanted Non racer looking for used sails. Contact **Jim Livermore** at 603-742-5230 or jdlgold@earthlink.net.

Sails Wanted Racing program needs used sails that have a little life left in them. Contact **Ted Cremer** at 631-868-3726 or tcremer@optonline.net.

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 **Dave DiLorenzo** at dave@courageoussailing.org.

2012 PROPOSED LEADERSHIP SLATE

There will be a short meeting at the conclusion of the awards ceremony on November 5th to elect a new slate of officers for the 2012 season. The proposed slate of Fleet 5 2012 leadership is listed below.

President – Charlie Pendleton

VP – Jeff Shoreman

Secretary – Steve Uhl

Treasurer – Doug Trees

Scorer – Pete Kaznoski

Webmaster – Rick Berliner

Social – Jim Raisides

FLEET 5 TRIVIA

(Answers on Page 4)

1. How many different boats won a race in the 2011 season?
2. How many boats did **Mike Lane** skipper this year?
3. Eight teams have combined to win the Nick Nichols Trophy (aka The Cup) over the 21 years since it was donated. Who are they, and in what years did they win?

ROAD TO THE CUP – TOP 10*Top 10 for the 2011 season*

Chris Small won the final race and final day of our season, and in the process punctuated his complete domination of the Fall Series. He finished the seven race series with eight total points and four bullets. Well done. Finishing second with 14 points was **Jerry Blouin**, who collected one of the other three bullets. And finishing 3rd on the tie-breaker with 19 points (and sailing only one of the three days) was **Steve Uhl**, who also took a bullet. Honorable mention goes to **Joe Fava & Elise Mazareas** who finished 4th, also sailing just one day and also collecting a bullet. Congratulations to all.

Sadly, that ends our season and closes out the 2011 Road To The Cup. Congratulations to the K-team, **Pete Kaznoski & Evan ‘the Kid’ Cooke**, who led pretty much wire-to-wire and finished with 224.5 points. By any yardstick, that’s a great season. They really put it all together this year, sailing with poise, confidence and best of all, good humor. They also set the standard for attendance, sailing just about everything except the Fall Series. We should add that in winning the 2011 Cup, these guys became the first team not named **Pandapas** to win it since 1999. How great is that? It’s about time.

Finishing second, and cementing their 2011 bride’s maid legacy was **Team Pandapas**, with 243.5 points. And finishing 3rd for the season was **Team Heffernan** with 260.5 points, and don’t think that the two leaders weren’t looking in the rearview mirror. At least those two teams were damn glad that Bill & Renee missed some races and didn’t sail Thursday nights. Always dangerous, this team upped their game in 2011, and we’re anticipating that next year, they won’t be so generous in giving away points. Will **Team Heffernan** make a serious run at the Cup in 2012?

The rest of the top 10 finishers are listed below. They include **Charlie Pendleton & Jim Raisides**, **Seamus Hourihan & Peter Frisch**, **Steve Uhl**, **Kent Hallawell & Peter Beckett**, **Joe Fava & Elise Mazareas**, **Conway & Alex Felton** and **Chris Small**, who took 10th on a tiebreaker with **Jamie & Janis Holley**. Congratulations to each of them.

So as of the end of the 2011 season, the top 10 finishers and their final scores are:

1st	2648	Pete Kaznoski & Evan Cooke	224.5
2nd	982	Team Pandapas	243.5
3rd	2692	Team Heffernan	260.5
4th	1217	Pendleton / Raisides	307.75
5th	1210	Frisch / Hourihan	346.0
6th	2585	Steve Uhl	434.0
7th	2435	Hallawell / Beckett	453.0
8th	1360	Fava / Mazareas	482.0
9th	1299	Team Felton	485.0
10th	1680	Chris Small	486.0

Fleet 5’s next racing will be the two-day Spring Series, to be held over Memorial Day weekend, 2012. Have a good winter.

TIME TO RECOGNIZE YOUR CREW

Time is running out. The nomination period for the 2011 Outstanding Crew Award, one the fleet’s most prestigious perpetual trophies, is open only through October 15th. The trophy is awarded annually to that individual who has distinguished him or herself in a crewing capacity this season. Always a competitive process, the final decision often comes down to the persuasiveness and articulateness of the nomination letter. Points are awarded for spelling and grammar, and if the letter includes an embarrassing anecdote, even better. Send your nominations to **Kim Pandapas** at kpandapas@comcast.net. Don’t be surprised if the winner’s nomination letter is shared at the awards party. So write that letter today.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. We think 16 boats took at least one gun this year (please forgive us if we missed you). They are in ascending order by sail number:

123
982
1210
1217
1360
1680
1775
1926
1939
2003
2435
2585
2648
2692
3183
3299

2. To the best of our recollection, Mike sailed three boats, as follows:

2585 – Crewed on day one of East Coasts, and skippered during Race Week and again on August 20th.
123 - Skippered on July 23rd
2692 – Skippered on August 13th

3. In chronological order, **Charlie Loutrel** won in 1990, **Kent Hallawell** sailing with **Dan Duggan** in 1991, **Mike Carpenter** in 1992, **Randy Richmond** in 1993, **Fred Brehob** in 1994, **Kent Hallawell** with **Peter Beckett** from 1995 through 1999, **Kim & Christina Pandapas** from 2000 through 2010 (with **Elise Mazareas** subbing for Christina in 2002), and **Evan Cooke** and **Pete Kaznoski** in 2011.