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Fleet 5 Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM THE PREZ

The last lap! How can it possibly be Labor Day already? It seems like just yesterday we were holding our spring clinic and looking forward to another spectacular season. Now, it's September and the season is almost in the history books. This week is the final night of the Twilight Series, the Labor Day Regatta finishes up MRA for the season, and then we have only the final three Saturdays of the fall Series. How in the world did that happen? But it ain't over yet, so let's make the most of it. And in that spirit, coming up this weekend is our traditional Labor Day party, which will be Saturday night of Labor Day weekend. This year, the party will again be hosted by **Sloan & Charlie Pendleton**, with a strong assist from our social director, **Mr. James Raisides** (I call him 'Brother Jim') who will bring the imbibables. Last year's party got whacked by bad weather, so I'm hoping this will be a barn burner (figuratively speaking of course, Charlie!). Also, please circle the date of October 29th for our annual awards banquet, which this year will again be generously hosted by **Bruce Bolen**. More on that next month.

I'd like to use my soap box this month to offer a few well-deserved acknowledgements. Two members of Fleet 5 have, for the last several years, volunteered huge amounts of time to serve us at the Class Association level. For the past three years, **Tom Despres** has served as Class President and **Jerry Blouin** as Class Measurer. I shouldn't have to tell you that neither of those jobs is particularly rewarding or personally fulfilling. In fact, they are both completely thankless, and I'd go so far as to say that doing those jobs is a lot like hitting yourself in the head with a hammer, while the people around you are also hitting you in the head with a hammer. But both guys gave it their all, and then some.

Tom, supported by his wife **Judy Despres** (whose support by the way was nothing short of heroic), served for three full years in a job that usually leaves a person catatonic after two. He stayed on the extra year, not because he had to, but because he had unfinished business and wanted to make sure the class was in good hands before he left. Talk about personal sacrifice! Words fail me. There are insufficient accolades to properly acknowledge the efforts that Tom made. And in good hands, by the way, we certainly are. In case you hadn't heard, **Steve Uhl** has stepped up to take the class helm for the next two years. (We're not sure he's told wife **Jennifer Uhl** yet, so probably best to keep it to ourselves for now).

And as to Jerry, where to start? No one ever likes the class measurer. People think of the measurer in the same way they think about the dentist (sorry **Bruce Bolen**). They are a necessary evil, and seeing them usually involves a lot of pain and a lot of money. Jerry came in with the goal of changing all that. His view was that the measurer should be your friend. He's the guy who tells you can take some weight out, and that your mast step isn't optimized and you can afford to go a little higher with that mast block. Jerry believed that the measurer should be helpful, friendly and accommodating, and for several years, that's just what he did. He traveled all over creation doing pre-regatta measurements. He'd happily hop in his truck and meet someone for a quick weigh-in. He was constantly there to offer advice and counsel. Jerry walked his talk, and he did it with a smile, a joke and the friendliest of demeanors. How lucky have we been to have him? And as you'd expect, the hard work of supporting Jerry and keeping him sane fell to his wife **Nancy Blouin**, who support, like Judy's, has been nothing short of heroic and completely unwavering. So I offer my thanks to all of them – Tom, Judy, Jerry, Nancy, Steve and Jennifer (who, bless her heart, probably still doesn't know) for all they have done, and all they will continue to do. I strongly encourage you to do the same.

See you on the race course.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Labor Day Party – Saturday September 3rd at 6PM – Our traditional potluck Labor Day party will be hosted again this year by **Sloan & Charlie Pendleton** at their home at 94 Nanepashemet Street. The fleet bar will be in session and festivities are expected to start at about 6PM.

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 October 29th at Bruce Bolen's Fleet 5's very festive annual potluck awards party will be held on the evening of October 29th 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 will be announced in the October 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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"**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

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Boat For Sale O'Day #1555 (built in 1968), purchased in 1987 day sailed ever since. Includes compass, 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 Rhodes 19 is in Houston, 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. Asking \$3,500. Call **John Read** at 781-631-0669.

Fall Series Crew Available Sailor with two years experience interested in crewing. Recently moved to the area from Maryland where I raced as both skipper and crew on J80s and Flying Scots. Since moving here, have sailed on Solings and Etchells out of BYC. Available most Saturdays. Contact Doug at douglas.auld@novartis.com.

Mast Wanted Looking for mast to replace Irene damaged one. Contact **Meg Anderson** at manderwalk@earthlink.net or call 978-524-8102.

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

Boat Wanted Looking for race ready Rhodes. Contact Eric at ecressy2003@yahoo.com.

Sails Wanted Non racer looking for used sails. Contact **Jim Livermore** at 603-742-5230 or jdgold@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 Old Rudder If you have an old rudder taking up space in your basement or garage, please consider donating it. Contact Kent Hallawell at KentandB@aol.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.

FLEET 5 TRIVIA

(Answers on Page 4)

- Who won last year's Fall Series and by how wide a margin?
- The EYC Race Committee boat is called **Emerson T. Oliver** (often abbreviated ETO) after a prestigious, influential and long-standing member of that club. Which active member of the Marblehead sailing community is related to Mr. Oliver and what is the relationship?
- What is **Doug Tree's** middle name?
- Special bonus question, what is **Doug Tree's** sister's name.

POLLS STILL OPEN ON ELECTRONIC COMPASSES

As expected, the Summer Mainsheet published a proposed amendment to the class rules RE 32.05, which reads as follows;

"Marine compass. Electronic compasses and other electronic devices capable of providing real-time direction are prohibited."

If approved, that would unequivocally eliminate use of electronic compasses. If it is voted down, fleet members would be allowed to continue to use their electronic compasses under the Technical Committee interpretation FAQ 16. To vote no and preserve your right to continue using your electronic compass, might we propose language to the effect, *"Sail number XXXX votes against Proposed Amended Rule RE 32.05. Electronic compasses should be allowed."* Ballots **must be received by October 1, 2011**, by the class association secretary: email pgm944@yahoo.com or mail **Peter Meissner** at 9 Bradford Road, Plympton, MA 02367.

TOP TEN LESSONS LEARNED AT NATIONALS

By Charlie Pendleton & Jim Raisides

Actually, these are the top 11 things learned in Chicago because sailors don't count very well.

- Number 11. If you promise Hunter you will jump in the lake, he will hold you to it.
- Number 10. Elise can cough for 5 days straight. Non stop.
- Number 9. Jim and Charlie can drink for 5 days straight. Non stop.
- Number 8. The only thing you can "practice" at 40 knots is survival.
- Number 7. Smashing Jim's side view mirror into a million pieces is bad luck for a regatta.
- Number 6. It is possible for JP to be in a protest for 3 hours and still come out smiling.
- Number 5. Rum tastes even better when served by an official "Mt. Gay Girl."
- Number 4. Lock it down, take it with you, or it won't be there in the morning.
- Number 3. It only takes 3 boats from Fleet 5 to put a hurt on the competition.
- Number 2. It's NEVER over until it's over.

And the number 1 lesson learned at Nationals is,

Jib malfunction? Wardrobe malfunction? Both make you look like a boob.

ROAD TO THE CUP – TOP 10

Top 10 As of 8/31/11

An alert reader pointed out a couple of subtle mistakes in the Road To The Cup Week 14 points totals, where we had inadvertently posted the wrong totals for positions 9 and 10. They stand corrected. So as of the end of Week 14 and the end of August, the top 10 are:

1st	2648	Pete Kaznoski & Evan Cooke	166.5
2nd	982	Team Pandapas	181.5
3rd	2692	Team Heffernan	212.5
4th	1217	Pendleton / Raisides	242.75
5th	1210	Frisch / Hourihan	296.0
6th	1299	Team Felton	373.0
7th	1360	Fava / Mazereas	376.0
8th	2435	Hallawell / Beckett	383.0
9th	2585	Steve Uhl	387.0
10th	1926	Jim Taylor	395.0

TIME TO THANK YOUR CREW

The nomination period for the 2011 Outstanding Crew Award, one the fleet's most prestigious perpetual trophies, is now open and will remain open 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.

SHORT TACKS *Continued*

Don't Try This At Home Warnings abound as to the evils of drink – public service announcements, warning labels on bottles, seminar and lectures, stern conversations at the dinner table growing up – all to prevent precisely this sort of thing. So where did we go wrong? Let this photo be a lesson to each of us about the evils of drink and mixing sailors with alcohol. Shameful! Simply shameful.



Tell MRA What's on Your Mind The Marblehead Racing Association, the folks who bring us our summer sailing season, are always 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 every week, and even luckier that they care what we have to say. So let them know what's on your mind. The Rhodes Fleet is fortunate to have ample representation on MRA, including **Kim Pandapas**, **Charlie Pendleton** and **Mike Lane**. Please pass along thoughts and suggestions to any or all of those three.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **Mike Lane**, sailing 3038 Harms Way for the very last time, won the 2010 Fall series by ¼ of a point, narrowly beating **Nick Cann**, who was sailing 3225 Joustler for the last time as well. Both skippers remain active.
2. **Emerson T. Oliver** was the father of long-time EYC race committee chair, PRO extraordinaire and all around good egg **Susie Schneider**. Thank you Mr. Oliver!
3. Doug's parents won style points when choosing "Fir" as Doug's middle name. So Doug's full name is **Douglas Fir Trees**.
4. Doug's parents continued their unusual theme when naming Doug's sister Merry (not Mary, Merry). Her full name is, you guessed it, **Merry Christmas Trees**.

FLEET PROFILE – Q&A WITH JAMIE HOLLEY

by Christina Pandapas

Jamie and his wife Janis come down to Marblehead from Manchester to race “Manikiki” (#3183) in Fleet 5. We don’t see nearly enough of them at our parties, so we wanted get to know them better. Jamie didn’t hold back and didn’t disappoint. From a college racing experience that turned into a football highlight reel, to extreme fly-fishing, and a family tree that includes Monty Hall, his stories definitely make us want to hang out with him more.

What was the first boat you ever sailed?

When I was four years old my father bought a Mustang PT22 that he raced in MORC. My parents were new to sailing at the time and they called the boat “JAVID.” My brother’s name is David. The teasing that we gave my father as we got older was relentless. My first one design was an O’Day Sprite.

How long have you been sailing Rhodes?

We joined the fleet a year or two after we moved to Boston, so eight or nine years ago.

Why did you start sailing Rhodes?

We really did not know anyone when we moved to the North Shore and I had been away from sailing for more than 10 years. So, I wanted a boat that did not need a lot of crew and had a large fleet. From a performance standpoint, I was looking for the slowest possible boat to get me around a 3.2 mile course on a Saturday afternoon in no wind.

Have you and Janis always sailed together?

Janis was new to sailing when we joined the fleet. The first few years that we sailed it was determined that we would only sail when the temperature was above 70°, there was no rain and the wind was below 15 knots. Those rules have since been relaxed.... although not by too much.

Where did the name “Manikiki” come from?

Manikiki is the name of the golf course on the east side of Cleveland where Janis and I met. We were both playing golf after work and we were paired up together. I am pretty sure that I let her win that day.

What is your favorite non-sailing activity?

Fly-fishing. I will fly fish for anything at anytime. Hopefully, this winter I will learn extreme ice fly fishing. It’s a new fishing sport....very dangerous. You can see it on YouTube.com.

What do you do for work?

Suffer like everyone else.

Aside from that, I am corporate overhead for a family owned Western Mass. company that manufactures components for appliances.

What is your most memorable sailing moment?

I have two. The first was skippering a boat in the Kennedy Cup (Navy 44’s) during my college sailing days. I went to school at The Miami University in Ohio (school slogan: “Miami is in Ohio Dammit”) and we only had a handful of people on the sailing team so we filled the remaining crew positions with football players. We didn’t do very well, but it was fun.

More recently, when my son Cam was eight, Janis and I crewed for him in the Crocker Race in Manchester. He steered the entire 12 miles of the race and we finished 1st in our class and 2nd overall. He still smiles thinking about it.

What is the biggest bonehead thing a crew of yours has ever done during a race?

At the previously mentioned Kennedy Cup Regatta, we put our kite up sideways on multiple occasions (at least four times...twice during the same race). That’s what you get for putting a linebacker on the bow. At the awards banquet the teams, parents, coaches and administrators from the Naval Academy watch a video of the races. The Miami Redskin Sailing Team had the best highlights.

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

You would think that the guy who had four straight OCS’ this summer would have a bunch. But I can’t seem to think of any.

What’s the best tip you could give someone who is sailing a Rhodes for the first time?

Talk to people who know the boat early on (ideally before someone who doesn’t know better talks you into buying a Stuart – no offense to fellow Stuart sailors).

Twelve inches of headstay sag? Ten degrees of heel? Driver sits on the seat in light air, not on the rail? Crack that backstay off immediately in a lull? Come on can it really make that much of a difference? The answer is YES.

What book are you reading?

I just finished Everything Matters by Ron Currie Jr. One of the most unusual (and enjoyable) books I have ever read.

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

I am a distant relative to Monty Hall, however I have not been graced with his negotiating skills.