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Dedication

This Yearbook is dedicated to every Fleet that has been born or reborn during the past year. The Fleet. It's where shiny new boats are bought and where favorite old boats change hands and win again. Where seasoned sailors pass down what they know. It's where grandmothers work registration desks at weekend regattas and grandfathers explain what jumpers were for. It's where new members take first sails and get hooked. In these days where it seems like time for the Fleet is harder and harder to come by, Lightning sailors keep making the time. The Fleet is the most important single element in all of Lightning sailing. This year from Asia, to Africa, from South America to Virginia in the USA, we welcome the new and welcome back the renewed. The Fleet. It's the backbone of Lightning sailing everywhere. Let's nourish it.



Whether your christening a new fleet or a new boat, this yearbook is dedicated to you!

President's Message William G. Faude

1997 was a significant and memorable one in the history of our Class. Larry MacDonld, Jody Swanson and Ian Jones won the World Championship hosted jointly by the Royal St. Lawrence and the Point Claire Yacht Clubs in Montreal, Canada. Tim Healy, Adam Walsh and Mike Breault won the North American Championships held by the Creasent Sail Yacht Club in Detroit, Michigan, USA. Manuel Gonzalez Mas, Juan Francisco Novion, Guillermo Arriagada won the South American Championships held by Club de Yates de Antofagasta in Antofagasta, Chile. Theodore Tsoulfas, Leonidas Tzakos and Nick Damianos won the European Championship hosted by the Yacht Club of Greece and the Yacht Racing Club of Athens.

As always, there was great racing being done at the National and International Levels but I'll remember 1997 for advancements we made for ILCA members who don't often make it to their National Championships---and those who live outside North America. 1997 was the first year we accepted VISA cards for dues payments. That makes paying Association dues much easier for members who had previously been forced to pay as much in currency conversion and postage as the cost of membership. The result has been many more members paying dues--and paying them on time. We made Association membership good for a full calendar year, rather than from the date of payment to the following January. This guarantees a full compliment of Flashes, the yearbook and all the other privileges of membership. Then, we did something completely unique in all of One Design sailing: We hired our first ILCA Coach, John Singsen. John spent last Summer touring Fleets in North America to help build the skills of ILCA members young and old--those who travel to regattas, but especially those who simply love to sail at the local Fleet level. The Association developed this program as a way to add value to ILCA membership; to improve our sailors' skills and to help destroy the 'pecking order' that gets established within Fleets and breeds frustration. Suddenly, more people were banging off better roll tacks, executing gybe spinnaker sets and getting better starts. Our priority is to expand this program world-wide as soon as we can fund it. We're very proud of our coach program. It's something only the Lightning Class has done--maybe something only the Lightning Class could do.

One more quick impression of 1997. At the opening Banquet for the World Championships, I was seated next to Paul Henderson, President of ISAF. We were having a spirited conversation relating to the fee the ILCA pays to ISAF for every boat we build. I was attempting to keep that fee at a somewhat reasonable level. He was indicating that our International status was a valuable designation, one that ISAF has the right to bestow... About here, Paul indicated that "You American Classes..." were the most difficult from which to secure a fee increase. I indicated that the Lightning Class was a great deal more than simply an American Class. I'm not sure he really believed me. That was, at least until I sent him the results of the World Championship itself-- where no American won and no American even won any single race. I hope he agrees now with what we've known all along. Our Class is truely International and the more we can get together to sail, the stronger we are.

Thanks,

Bill

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1998 ILCA Fund Contributors

The ILCA Fund

The International Lightning Class Association has been granted status as a 501(c)3 charity by the Internal Revenue Service. Just like gifts to the United Fund and the Olympic Committee, gifts to the I.L.C.A. can be deducted from income in computing your taxes. You can make a gift and the I.L.C.A., of course, gets the full value of your gift to use for many worthy projects.

The I.L.C.A. Fund was formed in 1982 to give some direction and impetus to the solicitation of charitable gifts. The I.L.C.A. Fund is directed by a committee of five I.L.C.A. members who serve staggered three year terms. Each year members send gifts along with their I.L.C.A. dues. Several large gifts have been received, including a 30 acre farm in Mississippi and the funds to purchase the beautiful Masters' Trophy awarded each year at the St. Petersburg Regatta. Other uses of the Fund have been the newest computer and printer, the FAX machine, the copying machine and several Junior events. Income from the I.L.C.A. farm is earmarked for use in promotion of Lightning sailing.

The long term objective of the Fund is to build an endowment equal to two hundred percent of the I.L.C.A.'s annual budget to stand as the guarantee that the Class will remain solvent so long as boats float on water and to ensure future sailors the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing Lightning Class sailboats.

Most sailors who have been members of the I.L.C.A. for several years come to realize that the value they receive from participation in the sport of racing and sailing Lightning Class yachts is much greater than the \$45.00 annual dues. Gifts to the Fund provide a means, with help of the tax deduction, to pay the I.L.C.A. back.

When you pay your membership dues, include something extra as a gift to the Fund.

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President - William G. Faude

Bill began sailing in 1969 and bought his first Lightning in 1987, that was over 10 years ago, what anniversary is that, Dacron? Bill is currently sailing his third Lightning "Poodles By Verna (all small breeds accepted)," the latest rocket ship in the tradition of the unforgettable "Coyote Ugly" and "Psychological Scar Tissue/Former Panamanian Strongman". Prior to his present position, Bill was Midwest District Commodore. He became an ILCA Vice President in 1990.

Along with his really cool cats, Byrde and Traine, Bill lives in Chicago, where he's a member of Fleet 5 and 69 in his hometown of Milwaukee.

He's employed as a copywriter at LOIS/EJL Advertising. He steers across his body.

Secretary - Matt Burridge

Matt Burridge was practically born on a Lightning and has sailed our hard-chined speed machines in hundreds of local, national and international events. His home water is Lake Carlyle—just down the road from one of the greatest bars in all of yacht racing, the Pink Flamingo. Matt can be seen hiking hard off the side of his classic "Missing Link" unless someone gets smart and buys it from him. He's been an ILCA member since 1971. He lives in St. Louis with his wife Chris and their new son Patrick. Matt is the Business Director of Westec.





Treasurer - Frank Mergenthaler

Frank has been sailing Lightnings since 1978, purchasing his own boat in 1986. He is a member of Fleet 70, sailing out of Monmouth Boat Club on the Navesink River in Red Bank, New Jersey. He wife Brenda, and their two children, Christopher and Laurena.

Frank is a CPA and works for Joseph E. Seagrams & Sons in New York City. He resides in Colts Neck, New Jersey.



Cal began sailing as a boy - in class E skeeter ice boats on lakes Monona and Mendota in Madison, WI. He started sailing Lightnings in 1952, and bought his first one, #7604, in 1960. As a member of the Niagara Sailing Club, his home club's waters are the mighty Niagara River, seven miles above Niagara Falls. This is where his daughter (and permanent crew member) Larissa Higgins joined her dad in a love of sailing. They presently sail in Cal's sixth Lightning, #13580. His other daughter and two sons have also sailed with him in various regattas, including North Americans and World Championships. He thanks his "land-

lubber" wife, Judy, for her encouragement, patience, and secretarial assistance. He was editor of the 25th Anniversary Yearbook in 1964, and was an Assistant Measurer in the Class from 1977 to 1982, and again from 1991 to 1995. He is a self-employed chemical engineer consultant with a sideline of computerized personal incometax preparation.





Honorary Commodore-Paul Gelenitis

Paul began sailing Lightnings on Barnegat Bay under the tutelage of Jim Carson in 1975. He bought his first Lightning 13084 in 1981 and has campaigned in numerous NA's and Worlds until he relented and bought a new boat in 1995. Paul is a member of Fleet 34 on the Metedeconk River and has been Commodore of the Central Atlantic District, a class Vice President since 1989, serving on measurement, budget and site-selection committees.

Paul lives in Kearny, New Jersey. He is a partner in the law firm of Gelenitis & McGuire with his wife Terri. They have a son, Ryan, and a daughter, Kristen. He is not, nor has he ever been, Betsy's dad.



Executive Secretary - Karen Johnson

Karen's Dad bought his first Lightning 'way back when' at Delta Sailing Association in Memphis. She sailed with Dad on Lake Arkabutla most of the time before she left for college. After getting a degree in psychology, she settled in Chicago, where she sailed with some of the top Lightning sailors, became a sailmaker and then a computer specialist. She now lives in Worthington with her son, Evan Kirkpatrick Johnson.

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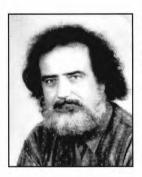
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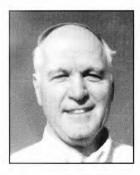
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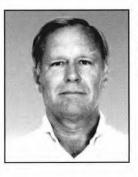
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963	Club DeRegatas Lima, Peru	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Robert Seidelmann Westmont, NJ				
965	Circolo Canottieri Naples, Italy	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Alan Raffee San Diego, CA				
1967	Royal Canadian Y.C. Toronto, Canada	Dr. Louis Pocharski Marblehead, MA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY				
1969	Yacht Club Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	James R. Crane Darien, CT				
1971	Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland	William A. Shore Depew, NY	Jack Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH				
1973	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL	Jim Dressel Columbus, OH				
975	Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil	William A. Shore Newport, RI				
1977	Spiez Yacht Club Spiez, Switzerland	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Mario Buckup São Paulo, Brazil				
1979	Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, Texas USA	Glenn Darden Ft.Worth,TX	William A. Shore Newport, RI				
1981	Gran Hotel Puçon Puçon, Chile	Walmor Gomes Soares Florianopolis, Brazil	Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX				
1983	Circola Velici Napoletani	Jay Lutz Bonnie Shore Newport, R.I.	Sergio Messina Marsala, Italy				
1985	Little Egg Harbor Y. C. Beach Haven, NJ USA	William Shore Betsy Allison Karen Neri Newport, R.I.	Mario Bucku São Paulo, Brazil				
1987	Club Naval Castillogrande Cartagena, Colombia	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Santiago, Chile	Eddy Martin Montreal, Quebec				
1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens Athens, Greece	Peter Hall Al Boucher	Matt Fisher Westerville, OH				
1991	Severn Sailing Association Annapolis, MD USA	Westmount, Quebec David Dellenbaugh Hale Walcoff Kip Hamblet Essex, CT	Larry MacDonald, Jr. Carlisle, Ontario				
1993	Ilhabela Island São Paulo, Brazil	Manfred Kaufmann São Paulo, Brazil	Fernando Hackerott São Paulo, Brazil				
1995	Kuopion Pursiseura Kuopio, Finland	Alberto Gonzales Mas Rodrigo Zuazola German Schacht Santiago, Chile	Thomas Allen IV Jim Allen Jane Allen Buffalo, NY				
1997	St. Claire Yacht Club Montreal, Canada	Larry MacDonald Jr. Jody Swanson Ian Jones Carlisle, Ontario	Manuel Gonzales Mas Juan Francisco Novion German Novion Santiago, Chile				

World Youth CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1978	Yacht Club Peruna Peru	Stephen Craig Heath,TX USA	Hugo Castro Buenos Aires, Argentina				
1980	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	lan Jones Snyder, NY USA	Otavio Machando de Almeida São Paulo, Brazil				
1982	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily Italy	Gordon Anderson Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada	Pasquale Vitaggio Marsala, Sicily Italy				
1984	Metedeconk River Y. C. Brick, New Jersey USA	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY USA	Anthony Fink Leonardo, NJ, USA				
1986	Yacht Club Olivos Olivos, Argentina	Guillermo Parada Argentina	Christian Frers Argentina				
1988	Nasijarven Purjehdusseura Nasijarvi Segelsallskap R.Y. Tampere, Finland		Alexandros Dimou Piraeus, Greece				
1990	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY USA	Sjoerd-JanVanderhorst Blacklick, OH USA				
1992	Higuerillas Yacht Club Viña del Mar, Chile	Thomas Starck Buffalo, NY USA	Nicholas Granucci Buenos Aires, Argentina				
1994	Cercle de Voile de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario Canada	Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaqui Ecuador				
1996	Metedeconk River YC Brick, New Jersey USA	Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaquil Ecuador	Chad Atkins Rochester, New York USA				

North American CHAMPIONS

The first National Championship was held when the first boat was publicly less than eight months old. Nineteen boats participated, and John Barnes won with three firsts.

In 1945, the Championship was renamed International, there being thirty some boats in "foreign" countries. In 1961, the first Lightning World Championship was held and that year the Internationals were renamed once again, this time to the North American Championships.

YEAR	PLACE	NATIONAL CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	PRESIDENTS CUP	RUNNER-UP	GOVERNORS CU	P RUNNER-UP
939		John S. Barnes Skaneateles, NY	John C. Hirst Mantoloking, NJ				
940	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside,	John S. Barnes CT	Carl Dixon Skaneateles, NY	Riverside, CT			
940	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside,	John S. Barnes CT	Carl Dixon Skaneateles, NY	Riverside, CT			
941	Skaneateles C. C. Skaneateles, NY	John M. Stern Buffalo, NY	David G. Cluett Lawrence, NY				
942 *	South Haven YC Lake Michigan - South Haven, I	David G. Cluett MI	Walter E. Swindeman, Jr. Lawrence, NY	Toledo, OH			
943 *	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	John W. Orelup Short Hills, NJ				
944 *	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Theodore Maher Riverside, CT	Karl Smither-Robert C Buffalo, NY	Frane			
945 *	Riverside YC Long Island Sound - Riverside,	George R. Barnes CT	Karl Smither Skaneateles, NY	Buffalo, NY	* Special War-Time Reg	attas	
1946	Skanesteles C. C. Skaneateles, NY	Walter E. Swindeman, J Toledo, OH	r. Buffalo, NY	Karl Smither-RobertCr Philbdelphia, PA	rane		
1947	Toledo YC Lake Erie - Toledo, OH	Walter Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	K. Smither-R. Crane Buffalo, NY	Robert H. Siemer Williamsville, NY	Leo E. Wasserberger Pontiac, MI		
1948	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Richard H. Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Walter Swindeman, Jr. Toledo, OH	K. Smither-R. Crane Buffalo, NY	R. Ludlow Wray Philbdelphia, PA		
1949	Miami, Coconut Grove, Biscayne Bay Y. Clubs - Miami, Fl	Richard H. Bertram Miami Beach, FL	Bob Graf Buffalo, NY	Dr. Herbert Virgin, Jr. Miami, FL	Felix Ross Miami, FL		
1950	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	H. Richard Krauss Toledo, OH	Magnus Pederson Nyack, NY	William Walker Erie, PA	Dr. Gerald Murphy Lake Fenton, MI		
1951	Toledo YC Lake Erie - Toledo, OH	John Teigland, Jr. Bedford, NJ	John N. F. Robertson Hamilton, Ontario	Howard J. Foht Erie, PA	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY		
1952	Spray Beach YC Spray Beach, NJ	Robert W. Graf Buffalo, NY	Eugene Walet III New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Edward G. Waters Little Silver, NJ		
1953	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	Harry J. Cawthra Detroit, MI	Karl Smither Buffalo, NY	Warren F. Jones Detroit, MI	James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA		
1954	Crescent Sail Club Lake Erie - Detroit, MI	Thomas Allen III Bainbridge, MD	Harry R. Sindle Little Falls, NJ	Peter Grainge N. Tomawanda, NY	Clarence L. Holman, Jr. Fenton, MI		
1955	Southern YC Lake Ponchartrain - New Orle	Thomas Allen III eans, LA	Robert Adams Buffalo, NY	Paul Shreck Rydal, PA	C. J. Prados New Orleans, LA		
1956	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario	William S. Cox, Sr. Darien, CT	Gene Walet New Orleans, LA	Richard Karslake Chautauqua, NY	Marjorie J. Adams Rydal, PA		
1957	Milford YC Long Island Sound-Milford, CT	William S. Cox, Sr. Darien, CT	John Teigland Lake Pine, NJ	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	John M. McIntosh Savannah, GA		
1958	Little Egg Harbor YC Beach Haven, NJ	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	William T. Uhl Syosset, NY	Tim Nelson Kitchener, Ontario	Kennth L. Ireland Nichols, CT		
1959	Crescent Sail Club Lake St. Clair - Detroit, Ml	Herman Nickels, Jr. Fenton, MI	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Carter G. Ford Riverside, CT	John W. Swanson Buffalo, NY		
1960	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Henry J. Cawthra Grosse Pointe, MI	Jay L. Doty Chicago, IL	Dr. John T. Gentry Skaneateles, NY	Dr. Charles H. Maltb Youngstown, OH	Robert Birmingham Pittsburgh, PA
1961	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Robert B. Crane Darien, CT	Wendell Harter Manhattan Beach, CA	David K. Storrs Oyster Bay, NY		
1962	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	Carter G. Ford Riverside, CT	David Chanoux Trumbull, CT	James Coggan Kalamazoo, MI	J. R. G. Bleasby Toronto, Ontario
1963	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Carl Eichenlaub San Diego, CA	William Campbell St. Joseph, MI	W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. Southport, CT	Howard J. Mullin Saddle River, NJ	David Chanoux Trumbull, CT	Warren R. Gross San Diego, CA
1964	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Robert Seidelmann Moorestown, NJ	David M. Peterson Old Saybrook, CT	Dr. Leo Wasserberger Pontiac, MI	Richard C. Benner Palos Verdes, CA	Alton A. Nerg Northbrook, IL	Arnold Schwartz Lincroft, NJ

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1965	Bay Head YC Barnegat Bay - Bay Head, NJ	Thomas Allen Buffalo, NY
1966	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Robert Seidel Cherry Hill,
1967	Cleveland Yachting Club Lake Erie-Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsn Chicago, IL
1968	Chicago Corinthian YC Lake Michigan - Chicago, IL	Thomas Allen Buffalo, NY
1969	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Thomas Allen Buffalo, NY
1970	Southern YC Lake Ponchartrain-New Orleans, LA	Thomas Allen Buffalo, NY
1971	Milwaukee YC Lake Michigan - Milwaukee, W	William A. Sh I Depew, NY
1972	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn Rehoboth, DE	James Crane Darien, CT
1973	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Bruce Goldsn Chicago, IL
1974	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Bruce Goldsn Chicago, IL
1975	Savannah YC SeaPines Plantation-Hilton Head, SC	Bruce Goldsn Chicago, IL
1976	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan,WI	William Shore Newport, RI
1977	Buffalo Canoe Club Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada	Matt Fisher Columbus, Ol
1978	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assn. Rehoboth, DE	William Shore Newport, RI
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Jim Crane Norwalk, CT
1980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY
1981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	David Curtis Marblehead, N
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Pt. Abino, Ontario, Canada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	Wiilliam Shor Newport, RI
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	William Shore Newport, RI
1986	Olympic Harbor Kingston, Ontario, Canada	William Shore Newport, RI
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada	Larry MacDor Hamilton, On
1988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Colin Park Midland, MI
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Tom Allen, IV Buffalo, NY
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Greg Fisher Columbus. Of
1991	Sail Newport Fort Adams, Newport, RI	Jody Lutz Monroe, CT
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario	Larry MacDo Toronto, Onta
1993	Milwaukee YC Milwaukee, WI	Ched Proctor Southport, CT
1994	Boulevard Club Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Ched Proctor Southport, CT
1995	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson, NY	Brian Toboada Brick, NJ
1996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	Matt Fisher Westerville, C
1997	Crescent Sail YC Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	Tim Healy Niantic, CT

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as Allen III	Louis A. Pochars
9, NY	Marblehead, MA
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y Hill, NJ	Buffalo, NY
Goldsmith	Tom Allen III
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as Allen III	Louis A. Pochars
, NY	Marblehead, MA
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9, NY	Marblehead, MA
as Allen III	James G. Carsor
9, NY	Philadlephia, PA
n A. Shore	James G. Carsor
4, NY	PhiladelphiaPA
Crane	Bob Seidelmann
, CT	Gibbsboro, NJ
Goldsmith	James R. Crane
o, IL	Darien, CT
Goldsmith	Mario Buckup
o, IL	Brazil
Goldsmith	William A. Shore
o, IL	Newport, RI
n Shore	Fisk Hayden
ort, RI	Liverpool, NY
isher	Greg Fisher
bus, OH	Newport, RI
n Shore	Matt Fisher
ort, RI	Columbus, OH
ane	Bruce Goldsmit
Ilk, CT	Lake Geneva, W
Bryant	David Curtis
, NY	Marblehead, MA
Curtis	Jay Lutz
head, MA	Brick, NJ
z	Larry MacDonal
NJ	Hamilton, Ontar
n Shore	James R. Crane
ort, RI	Norwalk, CT
Bryant	Matt Fisher
, NY	Westerville, OH
n Shore	Manuel Gonzale
ort, RI	Santiago, C'hile
n Shore	Garry Demarest
ort, RI	Traverse City, M
1acDonald	Jed Dodge
on, Ontario	Sodus Point, NY
Park	Matt Fisher
d, MI	Westerville, OH
len, IV	Colin Park
, NY	Midland, Ml
isher	Colin Park
bus. OH	Midland, Ml
itz	Bradford Read
e, CT	Newport, RI
MacDonald	David Starck
o, Ontario	Buffalo, NY
Proctor	Steve Hayden
ort, CT	Altamonte Sprin
Proctor	Stu Nickerson
ort, CT	Milton, MA
oboada	Jim Crane
NJ	Westport, CT
sher	Tim Healy
ville, OH	Niantic, CT
ealy	Greg Fischer
, CT	Columbus. OH

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San Diego, CA Jay L. Doty Chicago, IL W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. Whittier, CA William T. Uhl Woodbury, NY John W. Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH Richard W. Hallagan Newark, NY John I. Collins Marblehead, MA Dr. Georges Peter Annisquam, MA Steve Harper Gilford, NH Greg Zettler Bellevue, WA Bob Hutchinson Red Bank, NI Dave Peters Ann Arbor, MI David M. Peterson Old Saybrook, CT Dr. Donald Delorme Alexandria, VA Will Petersilge Newark, OH **Ross Bailey** Thunder Bay, Ontario Ched Rogan Huntington, NY Tom Allen, Jr. Buffalo, NY **Rick Tears** Dallas, TX Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ Eric Larson Sheboygan, WI Tom Ingram White Plains, NY Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC Chris Vann Unionville, CT Ched Proctor Southporl, CT Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL Allan Leibel rings, FL Toronto, Ontario Don Brush Charlotte,VT lack Elfman Surf City, NJ Tom Allen, Jr. Kenmore, NY Paul Wurtzebach

PRESIDENTS CUP RUNNER-UP

St. Joseph, MI

Southport, CT

Bridgeport, CT

Richard Ferrick

Orchard Park, NY

Fred H. Hamblet

Keene, NH

Riverton, NJ

John S. Schneider

New York, NY

John A. Ballatin

Digerd Hoekstra

Metairie, LA

Haverford, PA

Bill McKinley

Fred Hamblet

Saginaw, MI

Keene, NH

Denis Farley

lim Carson

Ross Bailey

Luis Herman, Jr.

Santiago, Chile

Paul Gelenitis

lim Carson

Paul Emens

Rockwall, TX

Jody A. Swanson

Eggertsville, NY

Fred Hutchinson

Miami, FL

Edson White

Westport, CT

Scott Finkboner

San Diego, CA

Hank Hodgson

Manitou Beach, MI

Dioerd Hoekstra

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Malvern, PA

Malvern, PA

Mario Buckup

William Faude

Cedarburg, WI

David Stix

Chicago, IL

Jody Lutz

Trumbull, CT

Ray Harrington

Bomoseen, VT

Dick Hallagan

Newark, NY

Aaron Stange

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Brick, NJ

Metedeconk, NJ

Brick, NJ

Middletown, NJ

Ralph B. Sperry, Jr.

R. Garrett Demarest III

Dr. Charles H. Maltbie Robert Don Clark Youngstown, OH Kent, WA Hugo C. Long

William T. Uhl Woodbury, NY

Buffalo, NY

Bay Head, NJ William E. Neal

Perry, NY A. Marcy Lippincott

Riverton, NJ

Arnold Schwartz

Cal Schmiege

Warren Gross

John Mueller, Sr.

John Cuccio

Ion Schwartz Fair Haven, NJ

David Sprague

Thunder Bay, Ontario

Clevebnd, OH

Fairfield, CT

Tonawanda, NY

San Diego, CA

Thomas Hering

James Ward, Jr.

Wiley Crockett

Chuck Ellery

Dr. Joel Humphrey Walled Lake, MI

Mark Whatley

Chris Vann Unionville, CT

Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA

Manitou Beach, MI

Bomoseen, VT

Palisades, NY

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C. O. Jones, Jr.

Howard J. Mullin

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Cheektowaga, NY

South Freeport, ME

W. Swanzley, NH

Lenny Krawcheck

Charleston, SC

Tonawanda, NY

Peter Huston

Lance Drewes

Lewisville, TX Meredith C. Jones

St. Louis, MO

Paul Gelenitis

Hank Hodgson

Warren Gross

San Diego, CA

Horton, MI

Jon Ewing

Aptus, CA

Livonia, MI

Gerry Paoli

Belleville, IL

Bob Fidler Troy, MI

Tony McBride

Beaconsfield, Quebec

Dr. Joel Humphrey

Walled Lake, MI

Paul Wurtzebach

Woodbridge, IL

East Grand Rapids, MI

Warren Emblidge III

Orchard Park, NY

Dave Decker

Ed Roseberry

Buffalo, NY

Bob Mathers

Brick, NJ

John A. Ballatin

Metairie, LA

Christopher Hamblet

Mark Bryant

George Sipel

Morenci, MI

lack Burwell

Buffalo, NY

Sam B. Fortenbaugh III Robert K. Smither Hinsdale, IL

A. Marcy Lippincott Dr. A. J. Penfield Fayetteville, NY

Red Bank, NJ

Lewiston, NY

San Diego, CA

Rocky River, OH

Westport, CT

Toronto, Ontario

Drayton Plains, MI

Belleville, IL

New York, NY

Hendersonville, TN

Douglaston, NY

Davenport, IA

Farmington Hill, MI

Craig Gabel

Ray Harrington

Gary Hurban

Paul Gelenitis

Dan Reichelsdorfer Sheboygan, WI

Joe Buczkowski Mantoloking, NJ

GOVERNORS CUP

Robert Polhemus

Noroton, CT

Wyckoff, NJ

RUNNER-UP

Newark, NY

John Schneider New York, NY

Allan W. Siegner, Jr. Kenmore, NY

Jim McCoy

Randy Ruhlman

Richard Thackaberry

W. Todd Jones

Kirk A. Johnson

Scott Zerban

North American Junior CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
974	Cleveland Yachting C'lub Rocky River, OH	Matt Fisher Columbus, OH	Greg Fisher Columbus, OH	1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Andrew Horton Shelburne,VT	Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH
975	Lake Murray S.C. Lake Murray, SC	Robby Wilkins Columbia, SC	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	Andrew Horton Shelburne,VT	Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario
976	Milwaukee YC Milwaukee, WI	Mark Bryant Kenmore, NY	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester,VT	John Dane Pass Christian, MS	Charlie Wardwell Richmond,VA
977	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario,C'anada	Jay Lutz Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	1996	Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA	Gaston Vedani Guayaquil, Ecuador	Ryan Dunn Brick, NJ
978	Metedeconk River YC Brick, NJ	Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario	Stephen Craig Heath,TX	1997	North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, Ml	Charles Wardwell Richmond, VA	Sean Carroll Jericho Ctr,VT
979	Cleveland Yachting C'lub Rocky River, Ohio	Stephen Craig Heath,TX	lan Jones Snyder, NY				
980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Jody Lutz Brick, NJ	lan Jones Snyder, NY				
981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	Kevin Corr Middletown, NJ	Peter R. Hallagan Newark, NY				
982	Buffalo CanoeClub Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Michael Hein Upper Arlington, OH	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ				
983	Rush Creek YC Heath, TX	Peter Hallagan Newark, NY I	Keith Taboada Brick, NJ				
984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Trevor Born Kingston, Ontario	Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY				
985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	John Swanson Eggertsville, NY	David Starck Kenmore, NY				
986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Jim Allen Buffalo, NY	Steve Hayden Fern Park, FL	Nation			
987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario,Canada	David Starck Buffalo, NY	Sean Fidler Troy, MI				
988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Ned Roseberry Eggertsville, NY	Ross Nemeroff San Diego, CA				
989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Sean Fidler Troy, MI	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst Blacklick, OH				
990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY	Tom Starck Kenmore, NY				
991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Jay Miles Newporl, RI	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY				
992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Warren Emblidge Orchard Park, NY	Tom Starck Buffalo, NY				

North American Women CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
978	Bay Head YC Bay Head, NJ	Bonnie Shore Newporl, RI	Ann Boyd Columbia, SC	1997	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	Mandy Hofmeister Nashville,TN #14706	Bonnie Nickels #14755
1979	Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH	Cherie Neville Shaker Heights, OH	Bonnie Shore Newport, RI				
1980	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Brenda Allen Buffalo, NY	Cherie Neville Cleveland, OH				
1981	Cedar Point YC Westport, CT	Cherie Neville Chautauqua, NY	Cheryl Osgood Riverside, CT				
1982	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Anne Allen Buffalo, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL				
1983	Rush Creek YC Heath,TX	Fay Regan Miami, FL	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI				
1984	Corinthian YC Seattle,WA	Betsy Gelenitis Brick, NJ	Fay Regan Miami, FL				
1985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	Mary Anna Portner Washington, DC	Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI				
986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY	Pamela Tuttle Tully, NY	Fay Regan Miami, FL				
1987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Brenda Crane Norwalk, CT #11138	Susan Rogers Stony Creek, Ontario #13671				
988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Joni Palmer San Diego, CA	Lynn Huntley Richmond, CA				
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Jean Palm Oswego, NY	Tammi Jamison Glens Falls, NY				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Tammi Jamison Glen Falls, NY				
992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Cory Sertl Rochester, NY	Betsy Alison Newport, RI				
993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan,WI	Hannah Swett Jamestown, RI	Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI				
994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Lori Foster Rochester, NY				
995	Mallets Bay Boat Club Colchester,VT	Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario	Kathy Connell South Nyack, NY				
996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	Betsy Alison Newport, RI	Jo Ann Jones Burlington,VT				

North American Masters CHAMPIONS

EAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
983	Rush Creek YC Heath,TX	Stu Anderson Stuart, Fl #11702	Buck Ballatin Metairie, LA #9696				
984	Corinthian YC Seattle, WA	Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702	John Teigland, Jr. Allentown, PA #11666				
985	Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI	R. C. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #11800	Jim Carson Brick, NJ #13710				
986	Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY		Crit Currie Memphis, TN #14099				
987	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #12355	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066				
988	Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066	Myron Lyon San Diego, CA #13911				
1989	North Cape YC Toledo, OH	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14255	Bob Mathers Livonia, MI #14240				
1990	Rochester YC Rochester, NY	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14255	Joe Dissette Midland, MI #14433				
1991	Sail Newport Newport, RI	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	R. C. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #14229				
1992	Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada	Tom Allen, III Buffalo, NY #14524	Bob Crane Darien, CT #14572				
1993	Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14449	Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #13970				
1994	Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada	Don Sherburne Nashville, TN #14588	Sandy Huntsman Red Bank, NJ #14492				
1995	Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester,VT	Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #14655	Cal Schmiege Lewiston, NY #14580				
1996	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345	Tom Allen, Sr. Buffalo, NY #14611				
1997	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14649	Jim Dressel #10680				

Canadian Open CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1952	Toronto	T. Allen, BCC		1980	Vancouver Kitsilano	Larry MacDonald, RHYC	Dave Sprague, BC
1953	Toronto	T. Allen, BCC	W. Swindeman, TYC	1981	Thornbury RBC	Dick Hallagan, NYC	David Sprague, BC
1954	Toronto	T. Fallon, BCC	G. Layton, RStLYC	1982	Thunder Bay TRYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Jay Lutz, MRYC MRYC
1955	Toronto	G. Layton, RStL YC	S. Anderson, NSC	1983	Montreal RStLYC	Ross Bailey	Susan MacDonald RHYC
1956	Toronto	A. Dutton, QCYC		1984	Toronto NYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Tom Allen, Jr. BCC
1957	Toronto	June Methor, RBYC	R. Robson, SBYC	1985	Point Abino BCC	Jim Crane CPYC	Tom Allen, Sr. BCC
1958	Toronto	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC		1986	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1959	Toronto	A. Dutton, QCYC	G. Russell, RCYC	1987	Toronto BC	Peter Hall RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC
1960	Toronto RCYC	G. Russell, RCYC	G. Hampson, RHYC	1988	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. HBC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1961	Ottawa BYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	J. Miwann, QCYC	1989	Montreal PCYC	Jay Mann RStLYC	Jody Lutz MRYC
1962	Montreal RStLYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	D. M. Allen, RHYC	1990	Hamilton FBC	David Starck BCC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1963	Toronto RCYC	J. Bernel, BCC	S. Anderson, NSC	1991	Toronto BC	Jim Cameron TRSC	Matt Fisher BLYC
1964	Hamilton RHYC	D. M. Allen, RHYC	J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC	1992	Thunder Bay TRSC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. BCC	Peter Hall RStLYC
1965	Owen Sound GYC	T. Allen, BCC	S. Anderson, NSC	1993	Montreal RStLYC	Marty Essig RHYC	Allan Leibel RCYC
1966	Port Arthur TRSC	T. Allen, BCC	P. Sulman, NYC	1994	Point Abino BCC	Jim Crane CPYC	Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC
1967	Montreal RStLYC	S. Anderson, NSC	R. Hallagan, SBYC	1995	Montreal PCYC	Dick Hallagan NYC	Don Brush MBBC
1968	Hamilton RHYC	S. Anderson, NSC	R. Hallagan, SBYC	1996	Thunder Bay TRSC	Alain Boucher PCYC	Jean-Francois Simard RStLYC
1969	Montreal Hudson Y.C.	D. Hallagan, SBYC	D. Allen, RHYC	1997	Point Abino BCC	Thomas Allen IV BCC	David Starck BCC
1970	Toronto RCYC	W. Shore, BCC	D. Hallagan, SBYC				
1971	Kingston KYC	J. Mueller, CYC	D. Allen, RHYC,				
1972	Montreal RStLYC	D. Allen, RHYC	J. Hansen, BCC				
1973	Kingston KYC	W. Shore, BCC	M. Nelson, BRYC				
1974	Toronto N.Y.C.	Bill Buckles, CYC	Jay Hansen, BCC				
1975	Montreal RStLYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC	Bob Wardwell, HHYC				
1976	Hamilton RHYC	Dick Hallagan, SBYC	Tom Allen, BCC				
1977	Thunder Bay TRYC	Jay Hansen, BCC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC				
1978	Toronto NYC	Tom Allen, BCC	Larry MacDonald, RHYC				
1979	Montreal RStLYC	Larry MacDonald, RHY	'CDick Hallagan, SBYC				

South American CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	PARTICIPANTS	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
955	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Mignone	Argentina, Bolivia Argentina Ecuador, Peru Uruguay	1977	Puçon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Peru
956	Callao, Peru	Julio C. Goldie Uruguay	Argentina, Bolivia Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1978	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Peru, Uruguay
957	Buceo, Uruguay	Feliz Castellanos Uruguay	Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1979	Ancon, Peru	Francisco Sola Ecuador	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru Ecuador, Uruguay
958	Guayaquil, Ecuador	Carlos Navarro Peru	Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1980	Tomine, Colombia	Fernando de la Concha Colombia	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1959	Muna, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Peru Venezuela	1981	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador
960	Algarrobo, Chile	Isidoro Melero Chile	Argentina, Boliva,Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay	1982	Puçon, Chile	Jaime Fernandez Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
961	Guanabara, Brazil	Erik Schmidt Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1983	Olivos, Argentina	Mario Abinzano Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru
1962	Ancon, Peru	Jose Barreda Moller Peru	Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1984	São Paulo, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Peru
963	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Mignone Argentina	Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1985	Lima, Peru	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
964	Salinas, Ecuador	Santiago Maspons Ecuador	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1986	Bogota, Colombia	Andres Lisocki Colombia	Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1965	Puerto Bucco, Uruguay	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Peru, Uruguay	1987	Salinas, Ecuador	Francisco Sola Ecuador	Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1966	Viña del Mar, Chile	Carlos M. Collet Argentina	Argentina, Chile Ecuador, Peru	1988	Santiago, Chile	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1967	Cartagena, Colombia	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1989	Ilhabela, Brazil	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Brazil, Chile Ecuador
1968	Callao, Peru	Rafael Obregon Colombia	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru	1990	Callo, Peru	Manuel Gonzalez Mas Chile	Chile, Ecuador, Peru
1969	Olivos, Argentina	Pedro Sisti Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay	1991	Bogota, Colombia	Santiago Uzcategui T. Colombia	Ecuador, Colombia
1970	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay	1992	Salinas, Ecuador	Juan Santos Ecuador	Brazil,Chile,Colombia Ecuador, Peru
1971	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay	1993	São Paulo, Brazil	Claudio Biekarck Brazil	Brazil, Chile
1972	Algarrobo, Chile	German Novion Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru	1994	Salinas, Ecuador	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru
973	Cartagena, Colombia	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Eucador, Peru	1995	Olivos, Argentina	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Chile
1974	Callao, Peru	Mario Isola Argentina	Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru	1996	Cartegena, Colombia	Juan Santos, Garces Ecuador	Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Peru
1975	Salinas, Ecuador	Mario Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Peru	1997	Santiago, Chile	Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile	Argentina, Chile, Equador, Peru, USA
1976	Olivos, Argentina	Robert Buckup Brazil	Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Peru, Uruguay				

European CHAMPIONS

YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	YEAR	PLACE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1956	La Bordee de Tribord La Neuville, Switzerland	Ralph Camardella Italy Fl. 191, #4122	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223 #4966	1978	Yacht Club ot Greece Phaleron Bay Athens,Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099
957	Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #6390	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #4966	1979	SPS Helsinki, Finland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Terho Aromaa Finland Fl. 166, #13130
958	Ostra Nylands Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1980	YCG Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Roberto Crucitti Italy Fl. 449, #13414
959	Club Vela di Roma Anzio, Italy	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1981	Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily	Capt. C. F. Coccoloni Italy Fl. 235, #13374	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459
960	Yacht Club Lucerne Lucerne, Switzerland	Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422	Claude Lambelet Switzerland Fl. 169, #7467	1982	Yacht Club Of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Sergio Messina Italv Fl. 449, #1 3065
961	Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece	HRH King Constantine Greece Fl. 287, #6943	Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #7212	1983	Circoli Velici Napoletani Naples, Italy	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Giuseppe Palomba Italy Fl. 312, #13036
962	Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland	Maurizio di Segno Italy FI. 318, #7238	Carlo Postiglione Italy F. 237, #6728	1984	BSF Pori, Finland	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #1 3790
963	Circolo Velico Stabia Stabia, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728	1985	Cercle de la Voile Grandson, Swilzerland	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099	Carlo Galetti Italy Fl. 249, #13878
964	Cercle de Neuchâtel Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397	Giorgio Focanti Italy Fl. 278, #753z	1986	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481	S. Coutsikos Greece Fl. 286, #13981
965	Circolo Canottieri Procida, Italy	Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 3 2, #9322	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	1987	Brezone/Lago di Garda Numana, Italy	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
966	Yacht Club ot Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	Alfred Lanz Switzerland Fl. 169, #8396	1988	Nasijärven Purjehdusseura- Nasijärvi R.Y. Tampere, Finland	Francesco Ferrari Italy Fl. 249, #14245	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #1 3790
967	Nasijarvi Sailing Club Lake Nasijarvi Tampere, Finland	Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #8492	Stig Haglund Finland Fl. 166, #9166	1989	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790	Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #14361
968	Regttaverein Brunnen Brunnen, Switzerland	Guido Tulli Italy FI. 381, #10740	Dag Bjurstrom Finland Fl. 394, #8211	1990	Bordee de Tribord Lake Biel LaNeuville, Switzerland	Gaetano Pellizzaro Italy Fl. 476, #14243	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #l 3790
969	Circolo Della Veladi Rome Anzio, Italy	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #1096	Pentti Puupera Finland Fl. 166, #10057	1991	Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361	Stefano Reina Italy Fl. 449, #13706
970	Royal Y. C. of Greece & Piraeus Sailing Club Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 251, #10996	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 286, #9447	1992	Kuopio Yacht Club Kuopio, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #l 3790
971	Y. C. Helsingfors Segelklubb Helsinki, Finland	Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #11633	Alexander Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459	1993	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #14264	Costas Lyberakis Greece Fl. 286, #14334
972	Lake of Geneva Morges, Switzerland	Stelios Bonas, Greece Fl. 251, #11633	Hans Lüthy Swltzerland Fl. 250, #9503	1994	Matelote YC Yverdon, Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790	Giuseppe Alagna Italy Fl. 449, #1 3481
973	Circolo Della Veladi Roma Anzio, Italy and Las	Alexander Andreadis Greece, Fl. 286, sse Hammar Finland, Fl. 307	Hans Rahn Switzerland Fl. 219, #12305	1995	HSK Helsinki, Finland	Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14731	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790
74	Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece	George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447	Nicholas Dimou Greece Fl. 286, #11459	1996	Societa Canottieri Marsala, Italy	Mario Noto Italy FI. 449 #14731	Antonio Marino Italy Fl. 449, #13402
975	PP & KP Keuru, Finland	Antti Ruuskanen Finland Fl. 394, #12257	Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #12320	1997	Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece	Theodore Tsoulfas Greece	Alexandros Dimou Greece
76	Grandson Sailing Club Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland	Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #12637	Jean-Claude Dupasquiier Switzerland Fl. 169, #12319				
977	Club Nautico Numana Adriatic Sea Italy	Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067	Antti Ruukanen Finland Fl. 166, #12805				

Southern Circuit

Year	Deep South Regatta	Winter Lightning Championship	Savannah—ST. Petersburg
	Savannah, Georgia	St. Petersburg, Florida	Champion
1957	Bob Crane	Walt Swindeman	
1958	John McIntosh	Gene Walet	
1959	John McIntosh	Herman Nickels	
1960	Carl Eichenlaub	Tom Fallon	
1961	Carl Eichenlaub	Hank Cawthra	
1962	Bob Seidlemann	Bob Seidelmann	
1963	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	
1964	Stu Anderson	Carl Eichenlaub	Stu Anderson
1965	Stu Anderson	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Bob Seidelmann (R)	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1967	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1968	Bob Seidelmann	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1969	Bob Seidemann (R)	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1970	Richard Lippineott	A. Marcy Lippincott	Bob Seidelmann
1971	Carl Eichenlaub	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Bill Shore	Tom Allen (R)	Bruce Goldsmith
1973	Jack Mueller	Jim Crane	Bruce Goldsmith
1974	Bruce Goldsmith	Jack Mueller	Jack Mueller
1975	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1976	Don Delorme	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	James Lippincott
1978	Bill Shore	Tom Allen	Jim Dressell
1979	Bruce Goldsmith	Jeff Boyd	Jeff Boyd
1980	Peter Isler	Jim Dressel	Jay Lutz
1981	Bruce Goldsmith	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1983	David Curtis	Ed Baird	David Curtis
1984	Bill Shore	Ken Read	Bill Shore/Ken Read
1985	Neal Fowler	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1986	Dick Hallagan	Tom Allen, Jr.	Bill Shore
1987	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Jim Crane	Brad Read
1988	Tom Allen, Jr.	Jim Crane (R)	Jim Crane
1989	Jim Crane	Matt Fisher	Ched Proctor
1990	Lenny Krawcheck	David Dellenbaugh	David Dellenbaugh
1991	David Dellenbaugh	Jody Swanson	Brad Read
1992	Lenny Krawcheck	Matt Fisher	Terry Hutchinson
1993	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Peter Hall	Larry MacDonald. Jr.
1994	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Brad Read	
1995	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	David Starck	
1996	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Brian Taboada	Taboada/Drake/Faude
1997	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.

Deep South Regatta sailed at Savannah Yacht Club, Savannah, Georgia.

Trophies: Deep South Regatta Perpetual Trophy, deeded by the Savannah Yacht Club, retired by winner of it three times. (R)

August A. Busch, Jr. Trophy, deeded to S.Y.C. for the Lightning Regatta.

Winter Lightning Championship sailed at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Trophies:

Wally Bishop Trophy, presented by Mrs. Wally Bishop. I.L.C.A. Past Presidents Trophy, deeded by Past Presidents of I.L.C.A. to I.L.C.A. for the winner of combined Savannah and St. Petersburg.

CHAMPIONS

Year	Miami, Florida	St. Petersburg / Miami Champion	Overall Circuit Champion
1957			
1958			
1959		Alex Carlin	
1960		Tom Fallon	
1961		Hank Cawthra	Bob Lippincott
1962		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1963		Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1964	Karl Smither	Karl Smither	Stu Anderson
1965	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann	Bob Seidelmann
1966	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Bob Seidelmann
1967	Bruce Goldsmith	Harry Sindle	Bob Seidelmann
1968	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1969	Tom Allen	Lou Pocharski	Tom Allen
1970	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1971	Lou Pocharski	Lou Pocharski	Bruce Goldsmith
1972	Tom Allen	Tom Allen	Tom Allen
1973	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith	Bruce Goldsmith
1974	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bruce Goldsmith
1975	Don Delorme	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1976	Bill Shore	Bill Shore	Bill Shore
1977	Bill Shore	James Lippincott	Bruce Goldsmith
1978	Matt Bryant, Jr.	Jay Lutz	Jim Crane
1979	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Jeff Boyd
1980	Mark Bryant	Mark Bryant	Jim Dressel
1981	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Mark Bryant
1982	David Curtis	David Curtis	David Curtis
1983	Richie Silverman	David Curtis	David Curtis
1984	Bill Shore	Bill Shore/Ken Read	Bill Shore/KenRead
1985	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
1986	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
1987	Bill Shore	Ched Proctor	Ched Proctor
1988	Jim Crane	Jim Crane	Jim Crane
1989	Tom Allen		Ched Proctor
1990	Stuart Nickerson		David Dellenbaugh
1991	Brad Read	·	Brad Read
1992	Dave Curtis		Jody Lutz/Dave Curtis
1993	Brad Read		Neal Fowler/Greg Fisher
1994	Terry Hutchinson		MacDonald/Proctor
1995	Ched Proctor		MacDonald/Proctor
1996	Tim Healy		Taboada/Drake/Faude
1997	Ched Proctor		Larry MacDonald, Jr.

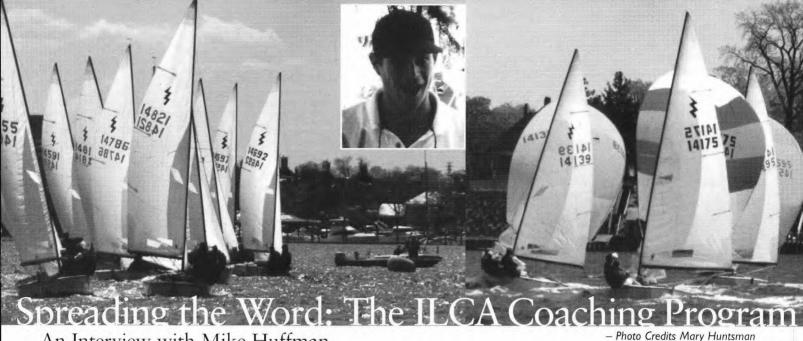
Midwinter Championship sailed at Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida Trophies: Regal Cup, deeded to I.L.C.A. by a Miami Company.

Alex Carlin Trophies, presented by Alex Carlin for the Miami-St. Petersburg (Special Formula). Retired to top skippers' yacht club after nine years.

Buffalo Canoe Club received the trophy in 1969. The second Trophy was retired, after the 1978 Regatta, to Tom Allen for the Buffalo Canoe Club. The third and last trophy was retired in 1988 to the Buffalo Canoe Club, donated by Alex's wife Ethel in his memory.

I.L.C.A. Southern Circuit Champion, presented by I.L.C.A. for the winner of combined Savannah, St. Petersburg, and Miami. No retirement.





An Interview with Mike Huffman

How did the program get started?

Mike: The idea of having a traveling coach, who could visit fleets and provide instruction at the appropriate level, is something I had been kicking around for a few years. In July of 1996 I attended the New England District

Championships at Newburyport. A hurricane was blowing through that weekend and I got a chance to talk with Robert Clawson, a member of the home fleet. Robert's grandfather had set up a foundation and Robert felt that it might be willing to support an initiative to encourage youth sailing. I told him about this coaching idea and he invited me to apply for a grant. We were successful and received enough funding to take the next step - find a coach.

How did you manage to find Jon?

Mike: I posted an ad on the ICYRA (Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association) webpage. We were lucky - Jon replied within a few days. We talked over the phone and I checked out his references. Jon is a US Sailing Level 2 certified instructor and has a lot of experience teaching junior racers. His personal strengths fit our job description well.

Had Jon sailed Lightnings before?

Mike: Not really. Jon lives in Newport and he made plans to sail with Tim Healy a few times and then teamed up with Jon Schwartz at the Worlds. So he learned quickly. The intent wasn't to conduct a bunch of tuning seminars anyway.

What was Jon's schedule like?

Mike: It was kind of put together on the run. I don't make any apologies for this because we just had to get started and then improve the program as it went along. I tried to identify fleets where Jon could have a big impact and then schedule nearby fleets as best we could. Travel expenses make up more than half of the cost of this program. Jon managed to visit 25 fleets plus the North Americans at North Cape and Crescent. With better scheduling, he could have hit 40 fleets easily.

How much did the program cost?

Mike: Somewhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000, I never have received a final accounting. This was almost entirely funded by donations; 30 % from the Harmon Foundation and the rest from other individuals, so other than taking some of Karen's time there was no impact on the class budget. Future funding remains a big concern.

How much did it cost the fleets?

Mike: Not much at all. The idea was that each fleet would house and feed the coach while he visited; a few fleets failed to grasp this at first. One future funding idea is to solicit donations from hosts with a suggested, but certainly not mandatory, contribution. We would prefer to keep this a Lightning Class program as opposed to one sponsored by a sailing-related business.

Didn't any of the Sailmakers help out?

Mike: Yes, Greg Fisher at North Sails Central had a couple shirts made up and he dug up a camcorder. Probably he helped most by providing Jon with some video footage of rolltacks and spinnaker work that Jon could use on land, often before hitting the water where the images would be fresh in everyone's mind. We need more of this stuff. Another individual donated another video camera to increase the chance that at least one would be operable. We talked about having the coach sell educational material such as the North U. One Design Course book but that didn't happen in 1997.

I should add that the Shore loft offered to help too and that we hope to take them up on it this year.

What about fleets outside the U.S.?

Mike: Canada shouldn't be much of a problem. The coach is an independent contractor; as such he is free to seek other jobs. As long as he doesn't get paid to coach in Canada or anywhere else for that matter there shouldn't be any serious impediments - other than travel expenses. Finland and Nigeria expressed interest in having the Coach visit with travel expenses paid by them - this should be pursued. In '97 it wasn't possible but we are an International Class and

we should get the coach everywhere we can.

How did the Coach work out at the N.A.s?

Mike: I wasn't there but I have heard only good things. I really hope that someone will figure out how to make best use of the Coach and make some recommendations for 1998 and beyond. I do know that the Coach got many junior sailors interested in the junior NA's.

Will there be a Coach in 1998?

Mike: We think so. The hiring process has begun; we can only hope that it goes as well this year. Jon Singsen is an excellent coach and we were extremely fortunate to have him serve as our first coach. The Harmon Foundation has granted us more money but this is the last year they will do so. So we must figure out how to pay for some of this year as well as all of future years.

How can I request a visit by the Coach for my fleet?

Mike: Let the Class office know by phone, mail or internet with any specific event you have in mind or what days of the week are best (most available days are weekdays and weeknights). The program will be even more successful with better advance planning. •

Mike Huffman is a past president of the Lightning Class. He remains an extremely dedicated and committed Lightning Class Volunteer and holds his own on the race course! Mike lives in Burlington, VT with his wife Megan and their two boys. He sails on Mallets Bay.



Learning in Your Backyard - JOHN ATKINS

When I first read about the Lightning Coach program in the Flashes, I became interested in the program, but it wasn't until I met Jon Singsen at the Worlds in Montreal that the possibility of holding a clinic became a reality. My main interest was to get more youths in our district involved in racing Lightnings. For the past seven years my son has had the privilege of racing Lightnings as a Junior. At the onset of his sailing, it was very apparent that the lightning was an excellent boat for juniors, but in our district there just has not been that many juniors racing. It was time to do something.

In the Rochester area, as in many other areas around the country, there are 100's of youth involved in the

Optimist programs of the local sailing clubs. When they age out of the Optimist, what do they sail and where do they go? This is an untapped resource for new lightning sailors. But, how do you introduce them to the

Lightning and how can you keep them coming back? With the Lightning Coach program, it is now possible to offer a free clinic to those youths who where aging out of the Optimist programs, as well as fostering more enthusiasm from the youth of our club. This approach was very well received by our club and Lightning Fleet members who generously gave their time and the use of their boats. The Clinic was scheduled for a week after the Centrals, our district's multi-class regatta. This gave me an opportunity to advertise the event to the local sailing programs and as a result I received 18 responses. The final element, as always, would be the weather.

The Clinic, scheduled as an all day event, started with the North Sails-Fisher video, followed by a dry land



introduction to the Lightning. By the time the on-land training was over, the Northern Thermal had filled in on the bay with a steady 10 to 12 knot breeze. It was time to hit the water. This is where the expertise of Jon shined. With video camera in hand he video taped each boat, while coaching the crews on what to do. After an afternoon of sailing, the boats were put away and the video was reviewed. The outcome of this clinic was that one team was put together to sail the Junior NA's and many of the others were very interested in sailing again. The timing could have been better, because we failed to capitalize on getting the kids that took the clinic, back into to sailing in a Lightning. As the season came to an end I

> kept thinking of how to improve this opportunity to attract youth into the Class.

Two things keep coming to mind. One is to offer another (free) clinic and the second is to setup a program to allow these

youth to sail the Lightning on a regular basis. Having a Lightning Class sponsored coach makes the clinic not only easy to setup, but provides a great advertising tool. Being able to make available for no charge just adds to the program. How many one-design classes can make this claim? I am certain that by having the program sponsored by the class along with a top notch instructor made this past year's program very successful, but to take full advantage requires that the program continue into the future. I can only hope that we as a class can find the funds to allow this highly successful program to continue. As I write this we are working on ideas to allow youth to sail on a regular basis.

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SALINAS YACHT CLUB, EQUADOR

1	T. Healy	2	1	2	3	1	1	7
2	M. Fisher	3	2	1	1	3	2	9
3	A. Gonzalez	1	3	3	4	6	4	15
4	J. Santos	6	6	5	6	2	3	22
5	G. Vedani	4	5	4	5	7	7	25
6	C.L. Lecaro	5	7	10	10	4	5	31
7	J.C. Plaza	9	8	7	8	5	6	34
8	M. Plaza, Jr.	8	4	14	2	8	14	36
9	P. Jacob	7	10	6	7	dns	10	40
10	J. Martinez	14	9	8	11	11	8	47
11	F. Sola	11	13	9	7	10	11	48
12	E. Martinez	13	11	11	12	9	9	52
13	C. Saman	10	12	12	14	13	dns	61
14	Cordovez	15	14	13	13	14	13	67
15	J.M. Meira	dns	dns	dns	dns	12	12	75
16	D. Lars	12	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	80

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March 15–16, 1997 SAVANNAH DEEP SOUTH REGATTA SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB · SAVANNAH, GA

Skipper/Team/Skipper's Hometown

	Skipper/Team/Skipper's Hometown	D	#1 D		що	Tetal
		Boat/Sail #Ra	ce #1Ra	ce #2Ra	ce #3	Total
1	Larry MacDonald, Jr., Jody Swanson, Ian Jones, Carlisle, Ontario	14834	5	1	4	10
2	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, Maria White, Santiago, Chile	11011	1	5	5	11
3	Ched Proctor, Carissa Harris, Ned Roseberry, Southport, CT	14821	3	8	1	12
4	Thomas Allen, Jr., Jim Allen, Bill Pictor, Kenmore, NY	14709	12	3	7	22
5	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood, Casselberry, FL	14752	13	6	3	22
6	Bill Shore, Randy Shore, Betsy Altman, Newport, RI	14765	4	2	18	24
7	Jared Drake, Bill Faude, Brian Taboada, Milwaukee, WI	14740	7	11	15	33
8	Bill Fastiggi, Will Jeffers, Leslie Frymier, Burlington, VT	14798	16	9	9	34
9	Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Matt Reynolds, Niantic, CT	14763	6	7	22	35
10	Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Linton, Tampa, FL	14730	8	15	12	35
11	Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Becky Nelson, Milford, CT	14746	9	12	14	35
12	Len Krawcheck, Chris Jankowski, Beau Samuelson, Charleston, SC	14695	10	10	16	36
13	David Starck, Kevin Robinson, Tom Starck, Mid Valley, CA	14678	20	14	6	40
14	Paul Gelenitis, Betsy Alison, Emily Ruiter, Brick, NJ	14684	19	17	11	47
15	Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Jeff Eiber, Gahanna, OH	10860	25	21	2	48
16	Peter Hall, Katherine Ritchie, Neil Burnham, Westmount, Quebec	14768	27	4	17	48
17	Bob Wardwell, Phil Grotheer, Caroline Collins, Richmond, VA	14485	2	20	27	49
18	Dick Hallagan, David Hallagan, Craig Thayer, Newark, NY	14655	18	22	10	50
19	Hans Birkholz, Palmer Hensen, Aliki Birkholz, Windermere, FL	14698	15	27	21	63
20	Joe Starck, Ellen Starck, Jim Starck, Rocky River, OH	14548	32	24	8	64
21	Bill Mauk, Cam Carlin, April Richards, Miami, FL	14068	14	23	30	67
22	Jim Harris, Connie Harris, Josh Putnam, Augusta, GA	14701	23	18	26	67
	George Sipel, Craig Gabel, Kathy Dressel, Madison Heights, MI	14249	24	19	25	68
24	JF Simard, Stephane Arsenault, Sue St. Laurent, Pointe Claire, Quebec	13927	29	25	23	77
25	Ross Griffith, Devin Hull, Oliver Humphries, Charleston, SC	14592	11	32	36	79
26	James Taylor, Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban, Pembroke Pines, FL	14482	21	30	31	82
27	Eric Oetgen, Josh McIntosh, Will McIntosh, Savannah, GA	13911	42	13	29	84
28	Britt Wadsworth, Guy Wadsworth, Steve Swindemann, Sylvania, OH	14818	43	29	13	85
29	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Mark Rotseart, Dorval, Quebec	14591	31	16	39	86
30	James Taylor, Phil Taylor, Lenox McNeary, Fayetteville, NC	14390	22	28	40	90
	Don Brush, Kathy Olgilvie, Tim/Paul Gutwin, Charlotte, VT	14640	41	26	24	91
	Thomas Allen, Sr., Mike Matthewson, Livvy McIntosh, Buffalo, NY	14611	17	45	32	94
	Tom Niles, George Nickels, John Kopko, Auburn, MI	14819	48	33	19	100
	Adrian Irving, Cheree Dillon, Joe Harris, Chicago, IL	14511	36	46	20	102
	David Gorman, Rick Vilamil, Richard Fastiggi, Malone, NY	14758	34	34	35	103
36	John Gochberg, Kim Logan, Kelly Hand, Miami, FL	14737	26	41	37	104
37	Bill Sloger, Marya Barker, Walton Usher, Mt. Pleasant, SC	11771	30	39	38	107
38	Jim Carson, Jarrett Lynn, Shawn Dermody, Brick, NJ	14595	28	36	46	110
	William Berry, Ken Deyett, Chris Berry, North Hampton, NY	14442	33	35	44	112
40	Fisk Hayden, Andrew Hayward, Robert Lytle, Fern Park, FL	13970	38	47	28	113
41	David Ruiter, Amy Whalen, Stephanie Ruiter, Freehold, NJ	11894	37	38	42	117
42	Terry Tyner, George Durst, Tom Ray, Midland, GA	14622	47	40	34	121
43	Frank Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Joe Cunningham, Brentwood, TN	14748	40	49	33	122
44	John Garrison, Jim Garrison, Hargrave Garrison, Commerce, MI	14637	35	42	47	124
45		11885	39	44	43	126
46	Chad Atkins, Mark Shannon, Ed Seyerlein, Rochester, NY	14397	50	37	41	128
47	NUMBER OF A DESCRIPTION	14190	44	31	55	130
48	Stuart Feldman, Anne Bush, Akin Akinli, Philadelphia, PA	14408	45	48	48	141
49	John Sawyer, Frank Gibson, Gibb Gibson, Wilmington, NC	14318	49	52	45	146
	Rick Kuebler, Mike Higgins, Brandon Holton, Bettendorf, IA	13941	46	50	51	147
51	Allan Crew, Diana Crew, Palmyra, NJ	14699	53	43	55	151
	Norman Deyett, Shirley Deyett, Walter Colantuono, Windham, NH	14273	51	51	50	152
	Joe Ray, Bill Gillis, Steffi Gaenssler, Nottingham, NH	13602	55	53	49	157
	Michael Osborne, Chandler Owen, Kathy Osborne, Hermitage, TN	13769	52	55	55	162
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Skipper/Team/Skipper's Hometown	Boat/Sail	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	Total
1 Ched Proctor, Carissa Harris, Ned Roseberry, Southport, CT	14821	3	1	10	1	13	28
2 Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, Maria White, Santiago, Chile	11011	11	6	3	3	10	33
3 Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Matt Reynolds, Niantic, CT	14763	8	7	2	8	14	39
4 Bill Faude, Brian Taboada, Jared Drake, Milwaukee, WI	14740	4	9	14	4	9	40
5 Thomas Allen, Jr., Mike Vann, Barb Vann, Kenmore, NY	14709	18	2	4	11	11	46
6 David Starck, Kevin Robinson, Tom Starck, Mid Valley, CA	14678	5	4	11	19	12	51
7 Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood, Casselberry, FL	14752	15	5	30	6	4	60
8 Larry MacDonald, Jr., Jody Swanson, Ian Jones, Carlisle, Ontario	14834	1	56	1	5	1	64
9 Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Jeff Eiber, Gahanna, OH	10860	27	15	7	12	3	64
10 Peter Hall, Katherine Josenhans, Neil Burnham, Westmount, Quebec	14768	19	14	20	2	17	72
11 Bill Shore, Randy Shore, Betsy Altman, Newport, RI	14765	2	24	9	10	28	73
12 Bruce Goldsmith, Carol Ewing, Tammi Jamison, Hillsdale, MI	14649	20	19	17	17	2	75
13 William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Bruce Richards, Nashville, TN	14706	26	12	16	16	7	77
14 JF Simard, Stephane Arsenault, Mark Robin, Pointe Claire, Quebec	13927	13	11	27	14	19	84
15 Betsy Alison, Paul Gelenitis, Emily Ruiter, Brick, NJ	14684	16	13	31	22	6	88
16 Bob Wardwell, Rachel Sidway, Kip Hamblett, Richmond, VA	14485	6	8	32	29	18	93
17 Thomas Allen, Sr., Sam Septembre, Larry Sutter, Buffalo, NY	14611	7	3	21	9	56	96
18 Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Linton, Tampa, FL	14730	10	21	5	7	56	99
19 Rob Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman, Cleveland, OH	14751	29	27	18	18	8	100
20 Jim Alman, Vickie Matthews, Christine Bateman, Dallas, TX	14428	23	22	13	26	20	104
21 Dick Hallagan, Jeff Brault, Craig Thayer, Newark, NY	14655	9	29	38	15	16	107
22 Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Becky Nelson, Milford, CT	14746	17	28	35	24	5	109
23 James Taylor, Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban, Pembroke Pines, FL	14482	14	18	25	21	33	111
24 Don Brush, Kathy Olgilvie, Tim/Paul Gutwin, Charlotte, VT	14640	28	25	22	13	25	113
25 Len Krawcheck, Joe Pitcavage, Beau Samuelson, Charleston, SC	14695	21	16	6	56	22	121
26 Joe Starck, Ellen Starck, Jim Starck, Rocky River, OH	14548	32	20	15	31	27	125
27 Bill Mauk, Cam Carlin, DeLisser, Miami, FL	14066	22	36	19	28	26	131
28 Britt Wadsworth, Guy Wadsworth, Steve Swindemann, Sylvania, OH	14818	24	10	33	36	30	133
29 Jim Davis, Chris Davis, Les Lashaway, Toledo, OH	14779	33	17	34	27	24	135
30 David Gorman, Rick Vilamil, Rick Fastiggi, Malone, NY	14758	31	41	12	30	23	137
31 Bill Fastiggi, Jo Ann Jones, Corey Sertl, Burlington, VT	14798	12	34	28	56	15	145
32 Chad Atkins, Mark Shannon, Ed Seyerlein, Rochester, NY	14397	30	31	24	42	21	148
33 William Berry, Ken Deyett, Chris Berry, North Hampton, NY	14442	36	35	23	25	31	150
34 Tom Niles, George Nickels, John Kopko, Auburn, MI	14819	35	32	26	39	29	161
35 John Gochberg, Kim Logan, Kelly Hand, Miami, FL	14737	39	26	32.5		5 32.5	
36 Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Mark Rotseart, Dorval, Quebec	14591	25	23	8	56	56	168
37 Jarrett Lynn, Jim Carson, Shawn Dermody, Brick, NJ	14595	37	33	37	23	41	171
38 Frank Kelly, Cooper, Joe Cunningham, Brentwood, TN	14748	46	44	36	20	32	178
39 Adrian Irving, Cheree Dillon, Joe Harris, Chicago, IL	14511	38	30	29	38	56	191
40 Andrew Hayward, Lisa Hayward, David Malkin, Tampa, FL	14062	43	39	41	40	34	197
41 George Siegle, Ann Siegle, John Rouse, Miami, FL	11205	42	40	40	41	37	200
42 Bob Shaw, Joyce Von Drehle, Joe LaPalme, Troy, MI	14760	47	37	56	34	35	209
43 Tom Aquino, Gerry Paoli, John Curtin, St. Louis, MO	14828	34	43	39	37	56	209
44 Stuart Feldman, Anne Bush, Akin Akinli, Philadelphia, PA	14408	44	45	55	32	36	212
45 John Garrison, Jim Garrison, Hargrave Garrison, Commerce, MI	14637	48	38	55	35	38	214
46 Norman Deyett, Jim Mann, Walter Colantuono, Windham, NH	14273	40	49	42	44	40	215
47 Michael Broderick, Katie Broderick, DeLisser, Boca Raton, FL	12064	45	48	43	45	45 46	226 230
48 Chris Miller, Bill Kolkmeyer, Randy Browning, New York, NY	14030	49	46	46	43		
49 Rick Kuebler, Mike Higgins, Brandon Holton, Bettendorf, IA	13941 14207	50 51	50 47	44 47	46 47	43 44	233 236
50 Joe Anderson, Tony Vernon, Tom Cinko, Washington, DC	14207	41	55	55	33	56	236
51 David Sprague, Daniel Sprague, Stephanie Kelly, Toronto, Ontario 52 Walter Beckwith, Henry Chau, Dawn Sager, Boca Raton, FL	114174	55	42	55	55 49	36 39	240
53 Ben Lieberman, Coconut Grove, FL	13010	53	55	45	49	42	240
54 Joe Ray, Bill Gillis, Steffi Gaenssler, Nottingham, NH	13602	52	55	55	50	55	243
5 i Joe Ray, Din Onno, Sterri Odenssiel, Pottingham, 1411	10002	54	55	55	30	55	207

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March 21–23 ST. PETERSBURG WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB • FLORIDA

	Skipper/Team/Skipper's Hometown	Boat/Sail #	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	Total
1	Larry MacDonald, Jr., Jody Swanson, Ian Jones, Carlisle, Ontario	14834	1	7	1	6	9	24
2	Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Matt Reynolds, Niantic, CT	14763	7	14	3	4	2	30
3	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, Maria White, Santiago, Chile	11011	5	1	12	1	13	32
4	David Starck, Kevin Robinson, Tom Starck, Mid Valley, CA	14678	12	4	2	8	17	43
5 6	Matt Fisher, Steve Callison, Jay Mueller, Westerville, OH Brian Taboada, Jared Drake, Bill Faude, Brick, NJ	$\begin{array}{c} 14045\\ 14740\end{array}$	9 2	16 9	4	2 10	16 24	47 51
7	Ched Proctor, Carissa Harris, Ned Roseberry, Southport, CT	14821	3	11	13	3	25	55
8	Len Krawcheck, Chris Jankowski, Beau Samuelson, Charleston, SC	14695	11	12	16	12	6	57
9	Thomas Allen, Jr., Jane Allen, Jim Allen, Kenmore, NY	14709	27	3	18	14	1	63
10	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Dave Hood, Casselberry, FL	14752	17	17	9	17	3	63
11	Greg Fisher, Laura Milne, Jeff Eiber, Gahanna, OH	10860	21	2 5	8	5	36	72
12	Hans Birkholz, Morgan Reeser, P.J. Buhler, Orlando, FL	14698	28	5	19	15	20	87
13 14	Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Becky Nelson, Milford, CT Bill Shore, Randy Shore, Heidi Dickerson, Newport, RI	$14746 \\ 14765$	32 8	8 25	7 5	25 18	15 34	87 90
15	Peter Hall, Katherine Josenhans, Neil Burnham, Westmount, Quebec	14768	6	6	34	20	33	99
16	Thomas Allen, Sr., Gary Carlin, Ed Sherman, Buffalo, NY	14611	39	15	29	9	11	103
17	Betsy Alison, Paul Gelenitis, Emily Ruiter, Brick, NJ	14684	4	10	30	7	54	105
18	Bill Fastiggi, Will Jeffers, Lesley Frymier, Burlington, VT	14798	35	26	11	30	4	106
19	Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Linton, Tampa, FL	14730	38	13	20	35	8	114
20	Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Mark Rotseart, Dorval, Quebec	14591	14	38	15	19	29	115
21 22	George Sipel, Tom Vickers, Craig Gabel, Madison Heights, MI	14249 14229	10 24	37 20	10	11 33	51	119
23	Dan Moriarty, Matt Burridge, Byrnadett Frerker, St. Louis, MO Dan Norton, Linda Norton, Jim Sminchak, Manitou Beach, MI	14229	13	20	41 14	43	5 32	123 129
24	Joe Starck, Ellen Starck, Jim Starck, Rocky River, OH	14548	19	33	35	21	22	130
25	Don Brush, Kathy Olgilvie, Tim/Paul Gutwin, Charlotte, VT	14640	18	30	31	13	38	130
26	Bob Wardwell, Caroline Collins, Kip Hamblett, Richmond, VA	14485	15	24	46	22	31	138
27	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Bill Clausen, Surf City, NJ	14139	25	21	24	28	41	139
28	Bruce Goldsmith, Derek Gauger, Tammi Jamison, Hillsdale, MI	14649	31	18	27	23	42	141
29	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Jim Hester, Nashville, TN	14706	23	29	33	42	18	145
30 31	Sean Fidler, Karen Park, Rick Rothenbuhler, Troy, MI Chris Vann, Jay Vann, Barbara Vann, Waterford, CT	$14787 \\ 14055$	44 20	49 42	28 40	16 32	10 23	147 157
32	Chad Atkins, Mark Shannon, Ed Seyerlein, Rochester, NY	14397	51	28	17	40	27	163
33	George Fisher, Tom Emch, James Jones, Hilliard, OH	14345	16	74	25	24	35	174
34	Dick Hallagan, Craig Thayer, Jeff Brault, Newark, NY	14655	22	19	74	29	30	174
35	Jim Davis, Les Lashaway, Beth Groesbeck, Toledo, OH	14779	34	43	37	34	37	185
36	Dan Reichelsdorfer, Michou Braun, Pete Orlebeke, Sheboygan, WI	13994	46	34	21	37	50	188
37	Bill Mauk, Cam Carlin, April Richards, Miami, FL	14066	42	74	22	41	12	191
38 39	Phil Grotheer, Charlie Wardwell, Jo Ann Jones, Annapolis, MD JF Simard, Stephane Arsenault, Mark Robin, Pointe Claire, Quebec	14581 13927	26 37	73 22	43 23	31 38	19 73	192 193
40	William Berry, Ken Deyett, Chris Berry, North Hampton, NY	14442	29	23	47	54	46	199
41	John Rouse, George Siegle, Ann Siegle, Miami, FL	14084	36	41	51	36	40	204
42	Britt Wadsworth, Guy Wadsworth, Steve Swindemann, Sylvania, OH	14818	30	39	45	47	45	206
43	David Gorman, Rick Vilamil, Rick Fastiggi, Malone, NY	14758	57	48	32	51	21	209
44	Paul Wurtzebach, Doug Nickel, Adam Bowen, Woodridge, IL	14478	43	63	26	44	44	220
45	Tom Niles, George Nickels, John Kopko, Auburn, MI Jim Carson, Jarrett Lynn, Shawn Dermody, Brick, NJ	$ 14819 \\ 14595 $	50 62	35 51	36 42	26 60	73 7	220 222
47	Adrian Irving, Cheree Dillon, Joe Harris, Chicago, IL	14511	52	36	44	49	49	230
48	Jim Alman, Vickie Matthews, Christine Bateman, Dallas, TX	14428	48	31	39	45	73	236
49	John Garrison, Jim Garrison, Tom Labelle, Commerce, MI	14637	60	32	54	52	39	237
50	Dave Clement, Dave Marsicano, Chip Clifton, Tampa, FL	12606	33	73	73	39	28	246
51	Bill Meyer, John Ward, Jamey Rabbitt, Ft. Myers, FL	14006	47	40	48	59	52	246
52 53	Diana Fernando, Jonathan Bennett, Tim Waliko, West Bloomfield, MI Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban, Denise Hurban, Palisades, NY	$ 14049 \\ 14482 $	58 45	52 47	56 53	57 50	26 57	249 252
54	Stuart Feldman, Anne Bush, Akin Akinli, Philadelphia, PA	14408	56	45	50	55	47	252
55	Joel Humphrey, Lauren Mistor, Mark Allen, Keego Harbor, MI	14451	53	59	61	27	53	253
56	David Sprague, Stephanie Kelly, Meridith Allen, Toronto, Ontario	14174	49	44	52	53	56	254
57	Brad Currie, Henry Grosvenor, Laura Currie, Nashville, TN	14666	55	61	55	48	43	262
58	Don Sherburne, Kevin Sherburne, Clark Higgs, St. Petersburg, FL	14588	63	46	38	56	60	263
59	Jeanne Ehrenberg, Marshall Reckard, Pat McGuinnis, Chicago, IL	14527	40	57	57	62	48	264
60 61	Frank Kelly, Joe Cunningham, Nick Mercier, Brentwood, TN Andrew Hayward, Lisa Hayward, David Malkin, FL	$14748 \\ 14062$	41 65	60 50	49 73	46 73	73 14	269 275
62	Allan Crew, Diana Crew, Hugh Hutchison, Philadelphia, PA	14699	59	54	58	58	58	287
63	Brian Starck, Martha Wilson, Jack O'Donnell, Kenmore, NY	13787	54	53	73	61	63	304
64	Chris Miller, Randy Browning, Bill Kolkmeyer, New York, NY	14030	67	55	59	73	62	316
65	Maurice L'Heureux, Jr., Marcel Mercier, Erin Davis, Manchester, NH	11885	66	62	60	66	73	327
66	Bob Shaw, Joyce VonDrehle, Loe LaPalme, Troy, MI	14760	61	58	62	73	73	327
67	Joe Ray, Bill Gillis, Steffi Gaenssler, Nottingham, NH	13602	71	56	63	65	74	329
68 69	Joe Anderson, Tony Vernon, Tom Cinko, Washington, DC Norman Deyett, Jim Mann, Walter Colantuono, Windham, NH	14207 14273	70 69	64 73	73 74	64 63	59 61	330 340
70	Tomas Aquino, Gerry Paoli, John Curtin, St. Louis, MO	14273	68	73	73	73	55	340
71	Rick Kuebler, Mike Higgins, Brandon Holton, Bettendorf, IA	13941	64	73	73	73	64	347
72	Ken See, Ron Wulf, Lakeland, FL	2924	72	73	73	73	65	356

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	Skipper/Team/Skipper's Hometown	Boat/Sail #	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Total
1	George Fisher, Tom Emch, James Jones, Hilliard, OH	14345	1	2	4	7
2	Thomas Allen, Sr., Gary Carlin, Ed Sherman, Buffalo, NY	14611	4	3	1	8
3	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Bill Clausen, Surf City, NJ	14139	3	1	5	9
4	David Gorman, Rick Vilamil, Rick Fastiggi, Malone, NY	14758	5	4	2	11
5	Dick Hallagan, Craig Thayer, Jeff Brault, Newark, NY	14655	2	13	3	18
6	Allan Crew, Diana Crew, Hugh Hutchison, Philadelphia, PA	14699	6	6	7	19
7	Don Sherburne, Kevin Sherburne, Clark Higgs, St. Petersburg, FL	14588	7	.5	9	21
8	Tomas Aquino, Gerry Paoli, John Curtin, St. Louis, MO	14828	8	12	6	26
9	Joe Anderson, Tony Vernon, Tom Cinko, Washington, DC	14207	10	12	8	30
10	Norman Deyett, Jim Mann, Walter Colantuono, Windham, NH	14273	9	13	10	32
11	*Ken See, Ron Wulf, Lakeland, FL	2924	11	12	11	34

*Ken See, in 2924, won the Woodie Division.



L SOUTHERN CIRCUIT March 15–23 1997 OVERAL

1	March 15–23, 1997, 3 Regattas, 13 Races, 1 Throwout		Circuit	Total
	Skipper/Team/Skipper's Hometown	Boat/Sail #	Total	Throwout
1	Larry MacDonald, Jr., Jody Swanson, Ian Jones, Carlisle, Ontario	14834	98	42
2		11011	76	63
3		14821	95	70
4		14763	104	82
5		14740	124	100
6	Thomas Allen, Jr., Jim Allen, Bill Pictor, Barb Vann, Mike Vann, Jane Allen, Kenmore, NY	14709	131	104
7		14678	134	114
8		14752	145	115
9		10860	184	148
1	0 Bill Shore, Randy Shore, Betsy Altman, Heidi Dickerson, Newport, RI	14765	187	153
1	1 Len Krawcheck, Chris Jankowski, Beau Samuelson, Joe Pitcavage, Charleston, SC	14695	214	158
1	2 Peter Hall, Katherine Josenhans, Neil Burnham, Westmount, Quebec	14768	219	185
1	3 *Paul Gelenitis, **#Betsy Alison, Emily Ruiter, Brick, NJ	14684	240	186
1	4 Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, Amy Linton, Tampa, FL	14730	248	192
1	5 Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Becky Nelson, Milford, CT	14746	231	196
1	6 Bill Fastiggi, Will Jeffers, Lesley Frymier, Jo Ann Jones, Corey Sertl, Burlington, VT	14798	285	229
1	7 Bob Wardwell, Phil Grotheer, Caroline Collins, Rebecca Sidway, Kip Hamblett, Richmond, VA	14485	280	234
1	8 Thomas Allen, Sr., Livvy McIntosh, Mike Matthewson, Sam Septembre, Larry Sutter, Gary Carli	1,		
	Ed Sherman, Buffalo, NY	14611	293	237
1	9 Dick Hallagan, David Hallagan, Craig Thayer, Jeff Brault, Newark, NY	14655	331	257
2	0 JF Simard, Stephane Arsenault, Sue St. Laurent, Mark Robin, Pointe Claire, Quebec	13927	354	281
	1 Joe Starck, Ellen Starck, Jim Starck, Rocky River, OH	14548	319	284
2	2 Don Brush, Kathy Olgilvie, Tim/Paul Gutwin, Charlotte, VT	14640	334	293
2	3 Alain Boucher, Terry Line, Mark Rotseart, Dorval, Quebec	14591	369	313
2	4 Bill Mauk, Cam Carlin, April Richards, DeLisser, Miami, FL	14066	389	315
2	5 Britt Wadsworth, Guy Wadsworth, Steve Swindemann, Sylvania, OH	14818	424	377
2	6 Chad Atkins, Mark Shannon, Ed Seyerlein, Rochester, NY	14397	439	388
2	7 David Gorman, Rick Vilamil, Rick Fastiggi, Malone, NY	14758	449	392
2	8 William Berry, Ken Deyett, Chris Berry, North Hampton, NY	14442	461	407
2	9 Tom Niles, George Nickels, John Kopko, Auburn, MI	14819	481	408
3	0 *#Jim Carson, **Jarrett Lynn, Shawn Dermody, Brick, NJ	14595	503	441
3	1 Adrian Irving, Cheree Dillon, Joe Harris, Chicago, IL	14511	523	467
3	2 Frank Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Joe Cunningham, Cooper, Nick Mercier, Brentwood, TN	14748	569	496
3	3 John Garrison, Jim Garrison, Hargrave Garrison, Tom Labelle, Commerce, MI	14637	575	515
3	4 Norman Deyett, Shirley Deyett, Walter Colantuono, Jim Mann, Windham, NH	14273	708	634
3	5 Rick Kuebler, Mike Higgins, Brandon Holton, Bettendorf, IA	13941	727	654
3	6 Joe Ray, Bill Gillis, Steffi Gaenssler, Nottingham, NH	13602	753	679

Co-skippers as indicated where * helmed in Savannah, ** helmed in Miami, # helmed in St. Petersburg. Crew for all three regattas are listed as known.

March 23-28 CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT CORONADO YACHT CLUB • MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB • SAN DIEGO, CA

Coronado Series • 12 Boats • 5 Races • No Throwout

	Coronado Series • 12 E	soats • 5 Ra	ces • No I	hrowout			
14263	Paul Miller, Dawn Miller, Sandy Visman/John Lyon	1	2	1	2	1	7
14681	Scott Finkboner, Kyle Heneman, Marlene Holt	3	1	3	1	4	12
13475	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Colleen Labadie	2	5	8	3	3	21
13896	John DeBenedetti, Roger Artigues, Tim Nearing	5	3	4	4	5	21
14481	Scott McBurney, Michelle Krengel, Jerry Kane	9	4	2	6	2	23
14305	Mike Molina, Arlene Molina, Sue Arnold	4	7	5	7	7	30
14095	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dave Anderson	6	6	6	5	8	31
8966	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Marco Columbo	7	8	7	pms	6	41
13186	Wendell Harter, Rocky Hodges, Joe Aruncio	8	9	12	8	11	48
14769	Bob Stoller, Larissa Stoller, Marty Mulhern	10	10	10	10	10	50
13842	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Chuck Ellery	11	11	11	9	9	51
14350	John Faus, Justin Monnig, Tim Getsay	dnf	dnf	9	dnf	dns	61
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14681	Scott Finkboner, Frank Davies, Marlene Holt	1					
14481	Scott McBurney, Michelle Krengel, Jerry Kane	2					
13475	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Colleen Labadie	3					
8966	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Marco Columbo	4					
14095	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dave Anderson	5					
13896	John DeBenedetti, Roger Artigues, Tim Nearing	6					
14305	Mike Molina, Arlene Molina, Sue Arnold	7					
13842	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Gary	8					
13186	Wendell Harter, Rocky Hodges, Joe Aruncio	9					
14350	John Faus, Justin Monnig, Tim Getsay	10					
14769	Bob Stoller, Larissa Stoller, Marty Mulhern	11					
14263	John Lyon, Paul Miller, Dawn Miller	12					
	Ocean Series, 12 Be	oats, 3 Race	s, No Thro	wout			
13475	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Colleen Labadie	2	4	1	7		
14681	Scott Finkboner, Frank Davies, Marlene Holt	1	7	2	10		
14263	John Lyon, Sandy Visman, Myron Lyon	5	2	4	11		
14481	Scott McBurney, Michelle Krengel, Jerry Kane	4	1	7	12		
8966	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Marco Columbo	9	3	3	15		
13896	John DeBenedetti, Roger Artigues, Tim Nearing	3	8	5	16		
14095	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dave Anderson	7	6	9	22		
13186	Wendell Harter, Rocky Hodges, Joe Aruncio	8	5	11	24		
14305	Mike Molina, Arlene Molina, Sue Arnold	6	10	8	24		
13842	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Gary	10	9	6	25		
14769	Bob Stoller, Larissa Stoller, Marty Mulhern	11	11	10	32		
14350	John Faus, Justin Monnig, Tim Getsay	dnf	dns	dns	39		
	Bay series, 14 Boa	ats. 5 Races.	No Throw	out			
12475		2	1		4	3	12
13475	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Colleen Labadie	10	4	2 3	1	2	20
14681	Scott Finkboner, Kyle Henehan, Megan Sheehan			3 1		2 7	20
14481	Scott McBurney, Michelle Krengel, Jerry Kane	8	2		6	9	24
13896	John DeBenedetti, Roger Artigues, Tim Nearing	6	5	6	2		
14095	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dave Anderson	3	6	7	12	1	29
14305	Mike Molina, Arlene Molina, Sue Arnold	1	8	9	3	8	29
14263	John Lyon, Myron Lyon, Sandy Visman	7	3	4	9	6	29
3		9	pms 7	5	5	4	39
13842	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Gary	11	7	11	8	5	42
8966	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer	4	10	8	7	14	43
14350	John Faus, Justin Monnig, Wanda Poindexter	5	11	12	10	11	49
13186	Wendell Harter, Rocky Hodges, Joe Aruncio	12	9	13	11	13	58
14769	Bob Stoller, Larissa Stoller, Marty Mulhern	13	12	10	13	12	60
13938	Derek Bateman, Kimberly Bateman, Jim Feeley	14	13	dnf	14	10	66

Overall Circuit

	Overall Circui	τ				
14681	Scott Finkboner, Frank Davies, Marlene Holt	12	1	10	20	43
13475	Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller, Colleen Labadie	21	3	7	12	43
14263	John Lyon/Paul Miller, Dawn Miller, Myron Lyon, Sandy Visman	7	dnf	11	29	60
14481	Scott McBurney, Michelle Krengel, Jerry Kane	23	2	12	24	61
13896	John DeBenedetti, Roger Artigues, Tim Nearing	21	6	16	28	71
14095	Kirk Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dave Anderson	31	5	22	29	87
14305	Mike Molina, Arlene Molina, Sue Arnold	30	7	24	29	90
8966	Mike Brewer, Dick Brewer, Marco Columbo	41	4	15	43	103
13842	Mark Zimmer, Dawn Zimmer, Gary	51	8	25	42	126
13186	Wendell Harter, Rocky Hodges, Joe Aruncio	48	9	24	58	139
14769	Bob Stoller, Larissa Stoller, Marty Mulhern	50	dnf	32	60	155
14350	John Faus, Justin Monnig, Tim Getsay/Wanda Poindexter	61	10	39	49	159



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To All Lightning Sailors From: The Hughes Family Shelley, Michael, John and Eve

We want to thank you for your very kind thoughts, condolences and contributions for our son and brother Brian Hughes who died this past year. He is sadly missed.

1997 World Championship Report

- DAVE BROWN

Canadian Yacht Association's Race Management Manual (1997) replaces the "Guide for Principal Events" (Appendix C3) in the 1997 Rule Book. It is the "Bible" for those of us

who have an interest in organizing major regattas. One paragraph of particular importance reads:

There is one essential element that determines in large measure how the regatta will be judged by its participants. This is the degree to which visitors are made to feel wel-



-The winners: Larry Mac Donald, Jody Swanson and Ian Jones with their support team!

rules.

come by regatta workers, club members, officials, local merchants, and others in the community. This job cannot be assigned to a committee or included in the budget. Yet it can be discussed in the planning process and should be considered in making decisions. It is everyone's job.

tee consisting of 45 people. - Organized a highly competitive (but not formally constituted) international jury who were all up to date and comfortable with the new

Although the Lightning Class is one of the most competitive

motes a family atmosphere. Pointe Claire Yacht Club, with

of the non-Olympic classes it is still a fun boat that pro-

- Set up the measurement in our barn with the scale suspended from the ceiling, and the templates for the measure-

ment on waist-high tables, resulting in a pleasant work environment with no worries about wind or rain.

its many volunteers,

proved an ideal host

club in its dedication

to competitive sailing

and having fun. With a lot of help from

accomplished the fol-

- Had a race commit-

many sources we

lowing:

- Laid out a social program, which gave everyone a chance to meet Lightning sailors from around the world and to enjoy the night-life of Montreal.

- Organized 10 charter boats for European and South American competitors.

- Provided free housing for more than 20 teams.

- Maintained close relations with the local media resulting

from Europe and South America; Tony said he would fire the guns. I planned to ensure that everyone would leave with very positive memories when the racing was finished. In 1994 Tony, Peter and I submitted a 15-page proposal throughout the lightning community. In 1995 the selection committee chose Montreal over 5 venues in North America.

We selected early June to hold the event because Lac. St. Louis normally enjoys good wind and no weeds at that time of the year, overriding the associated negatives of cold water and extra current. We realized quickly that our estimated budget of \$25,000 needed to be increased and we scrambled for sponsorship to obtain a total of \$40,000. Bell Mobility became our prime sponsor with numerous other companies and organizations providing much needed support of cash and goods. Thus, we were able to hold the entry fee to \$250.00 (US Funds) per boat and provide both an opening and closing dinner.

-The runners up: Manuel Gonzales Mas, Juan Francisco Novion and German Novion.

- Raised money through the sale of regatta shirts.

All of our efforts resulted in the following:

- Winner: Larry MacDonald Jr., Canada, followed by Chile, USA, Brazil and Canada.

- Competitors: 58 boats from 9 countries.

- Organizers: A group of over 100 volunteers handled most duties and only a few employees from both yacht clubs were needed to operate rescue boats.

- Weather: Light easterly or variable winds on 5 of the 6 racing days with plenty of sunshine. Great for the spectators but challenging for the competitors and the race committee.

- Rules: There were no hearings regarding right of way. The jury did observe approximately 10 boats taking penalties on the water.

With this thought in mind, and my intimate knowledge of Pointe Claire Yacht Club, I accepted the responsibilities of the Co-Chairperson for the 1997 Lightning Worlds. Peter Hall (Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, Lightning World Champion 1989, and Past President of FVQ) and Tony McBride (Pointe Claire Yacht Club, and past President of the International Lightning Class Association) were the prime driving force in bringing the Worlds to Montreal. Peter assured us of good participation

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in continuous exposure on TV and in the local newspapers.

- Black Flag: Race #4 did not get started smoothly. In winds of 5-8 knots with minor shifts the sequence of events was as follows:

- 1. general recall
- 2. general recall with I flag
- 3. general recall with Z flag resulting in 20% penalty to 10 boats
- 4. general recall with black flag resulting in disqualification for 8 boats.
- 5. clean start

The jury was very active that evening responding to numerous requests for redress and answering the query "*What happened?*" Tony McBride and his race committee had done such a good job of timing, flying the appropriate flags, recording the events on audio and video tape recorders that all requests by competitors were quietly dropped when they saw and heard what had actually transpired. Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and Pointe Claire Yacht Club are proud of having hosted a successful Lightning World Championship Regatta. •

- This article was written by Dave Brown for the Canadian Yachting Association's newsletter.



June 8-13 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB AND ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB • MONTREAL, QUEBEC 58 Boats from 8 Countries, 5 Baces, No Throwout

58	Boats	from 8	Countries, 5	Races, No	Inrowout

Pla	ce Country & Sail #	Skipper/Crew Names	Race 1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	CAN 14834	Larry MacDonald, Jody Swanson, Ian Jones	1	8	8	13	11	41
2	CHI 14709	Manuel Gonzalez, Juan Francisco Novion, German Novion	3	1	6	20	13	43
3	USA 14763	Tim Healy, Maria White, Bill Healy	5	10	2		%) 7	44
4	BRA 12657	Manfred Kaufmann, Renato Kaufmann, Anna Luiza Osser	26	4	1	24	6	61
5	CAN 14591	Al Boucher, Mark Rotsaert, Terry Line	18	6	11		%)10	62
	USA 14752	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, David Hood	40	3	3	14	4	64
6			14	21	16	11	8	70
7	USA 14740	Bill Faude, Jared Drake, Susan Daly	33	13	5	19	1	70
8	BRA 14203	Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Marcelo Batista Da Silva			33	12	14	76
9	USA 14821	Ched Proctor, Ned Roseberry, Carisa Harris	8	9				
10	USA 14345	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Laura Milne	11	7	13	16	31	78
11	CAN 14507	Jim Cameron, Janice Allard-Cameron, Richard Walsh	12	26	29	3	9	79
12	USA 14589	Brian Taboada, Larry Colantuono, Joe Starck	25	15	7	26	12	85
13	CAN 13927	J.F. Simard, Marc Robin, Stephane Arsenault	4	25	30	2	33	94
14	ARG 11649	Hector Longarela, Hugo Longarela, Javier Lopez	49	12	22	9	3	95
15	USA 14045	Matt Fisher, Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, Joyce Ferguson	15	23	4	60	5	107
16	CAN 14768	Peter Hall, Katherine Josenhans, Neal Burnham	17	20	17	38	17	109
17	USA 14678	David Starck, Kevin Robinson, Heidi Thoma	10	17	34	22(20		111
18	USA 14774	Dan Norton, Linda Norton, Jeff Hagman	2	5	25	60	20	112
19	USA 14746	Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig, Allison Peter	21	19	26	29	19	114
20	USA 14807	Jim Allen, Tom Allen Jr, Jane Allen	9	11	54	18(20	%)15	119
21	USA 14428	Jim Alman, Vickie Matthews, Christine Bateman	16	16	23	47	24	126
21	USA 14825	Bob Wardwell, Kip Hamblett, Rebecca Sidway	19	41	18	25	23	126
23	USA 14397	Chad Atkins, Adam Burns, Ben Ellcome	22	45	27	7	27	128
24	CHI 11011	Tito Gonzalez, Rodrigo Zuazola, German Schacht	7	2	60	60	2	131
25	CHI 12925	Francisco Perez, Fernando Perez S., Cristobal Perez S.	41	24	43	1	34	143
26	USA 14780	Colin Park, Karen Park, Becky Nelson	32	43	9	23	39	146
20	USA 14780 USA 14814	Jack Huntsman, Theresa Colantuono, Brad Thompson	6	38	35	41	28	148
			35	27	19		%) 30	150
28	USA 14798	Bill Fastiggi, Curt Felix, Lesley Frymier	43	22	46	4	37	152
29	ECU 14671	Juan Santos, Paco Sola, Arturo Iturralde			24		44	152
30		Frank Atkinson, Jr., Stuart deLisser, Kim Logan	45	34		6		
31	USA 14148	Michael Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Bill Thomas	23	44	14	30	43	154
31	USA 14765	Bill Shore, Betsy Altman, Anthony Kotoun	13	37	15	60	29	154
33	USA 14811	Tom Allen Sr., Lisa Brauer/Brenda Crane, Jim Crane	44	31	12	15(20		155
34	USA 14786	Jon Schwartz, Jon Fiest, Jon Singsen	27	36	38		%) 22	156
35	USA 14799	Andy Horton, Rick Villamil, Dave Smith	24	42	20		%)25	160
36	USA 14298	Mark Sertl, Cory Sertl, Jean Palm	39	39	10	60	18	166
37	BRA 14602	Michael Norris, Christina Norris, Judy Hanlon	30	14	48	34	46	172
38	FIN 14655	Heikki Hamalanien, Dick Hallagan, Lori Foster	34	18	21	60	40	173
39	ECU 14676	Carlos Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmino, Alejandro Perez S.	47	35	37	10	45	174
40	USA 14779	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, John Heagy	29	32	52	36	35	184
41	CAN 14174	David Sprague, John Sprague, Stephanie Kelly	20	51	32	40	42	185
42	CAN 14176	Tony Staples, Valerie Lavigne, Scott Collins	36	33	41	60	26	196
43	ARG 11037	Roberto Ricoveri, Rolando Turrado, Gabriel Berberian	51	49	31	45	21	197
44	USA 14417	Don Barrett, Donna Barrett, George Wiedermann	38	46	36	33	47	200
45	ECU 1478	Miguel Plaza Jr., Juan Baquerizo, Jose Manuel Gonzalez	52	30	45	42	36	205
45	SUI 13790	Urs Wyler, Walter Durr, Gilbert Durr	42	48	28		%) 32	205
47	CAN 14451	Malcolm Crooks, Craig Baker, David Baker	55	28	56	17	50	206
			37	29	47	39	58	210
48	USA 14695	Len Krawcheck, Beau Samuelson, Joe Pitcavage	31	47	49	35	52	214
49	SUI 14482	Peter Graf, Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban					38	221
50	CAN 14612	Ross Bailey, Nancy Bailey, Don Shanks	28 48	40 50	55 42	60 31(20	98 %)56	239
51	ECU 1086	Gaston Vedani, Jose Ferretti, Bruce Lindheim						
52	CAN 14599	Dave Wood, Graham Jones, Paul Olivier	59	59	39	32	51	240
53	FIN 14535	Antero Punttila, Erkki Punttila, Maija Pyy	50	56	40	41	54	241
54		Solmar Bermudez, Roberto Londono, Pedro Londono	46	53	44	46	53	242
55	SUI 14777	Jacques Perret, Thierry Monnier, Jo Ann Jones	56	57	50	28	55	246
56	CAN 14134	Scott Warrener, Craig Zaluski, Peter Ryerse	54	54	53	44	49	254
57	USA 14743	George Nickels, Traci Nickels, John Kopko	57	55	51	49	48	260
58	BRA 12686	Cid Godoy, Gustavo Loubet G., Marcelo La Motta C.	53	52	57	48	57	267



July 20-26 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

YACHT CLUB OF GREECE AND YACHT RACING CLUB OF ATHENS • ATHENS, GREECE

			5 Countries • 14 Boats • 6 Races • 1 Thro	wout						
	1	GRE 14689	Theodore Tsoulfas, Leonidas Tzakos, Nick Damianos	2	3	1	1	1	1	6
	2	GRE 13968	Alexandros Dimou, Nikolaos Dimou, Elias Milonas	3	2	2	4	2	2	11
	3	GRE 14264	George Andreadis, Stelios Sotiriou, Marios Tsaramirsis	7	1	3	2	4	3	13
	4	FIN 14638	Kari Huusko, Tommi Ahonen, Mika Viide	1	5	6	7	7	4	23
	5	ITA 13402	Antonio Marino, Frazzitta Acssio, Deluca Fabrizio	4	6	9	3	6	8	27
	6	SUI 13790	Urs Wyler, Walter Durr, Gilbert Durr	5	7	4	8	5	6	27
3	7	GRE 10996	Christos Bonas, Paris Bonas, Stefanos Bonas	6	4	8	ret	10	7	35
1	8	GRE 14211	Niklaos Vazakas, Marios Paraskeyas, Mike Yiannakis	8	8	10	10	9	5	40
1	9	GRE 14377	Akis Tsarouchis, Nick Chatzinikolaou, Nikolaos Krallis	dsq	11	dsq	5	3	9	43
	10	FIN 14331	Olli Lahteinen, Antii Lahteinen, Martti Lahteinen	9	10	7	9	8	12	45
	11	FIN 14496	Matti Bruun, Markku Kallio, Jussi-Riku Helander	10	13	11	11	11	11	54
	12	GRE 14877	George Tyros, Stavros Chaniotis, George Hatzilakos	13	9	12	12	12	10	55
	13	GRE 14334	Leonidas Pelekanakis, Stratis Andreadis, Babis Lembessis	11	12	ret	6	dns	dns	59
	14	GRE 13981	George Vardaxoglou, Paraskeyi Andria, Elena Spyropoulou	12	14	13	13	13	13	64

August 2-4 CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP BUFFALO CANOE CLUB • POINT ABINO, ONTARIO,

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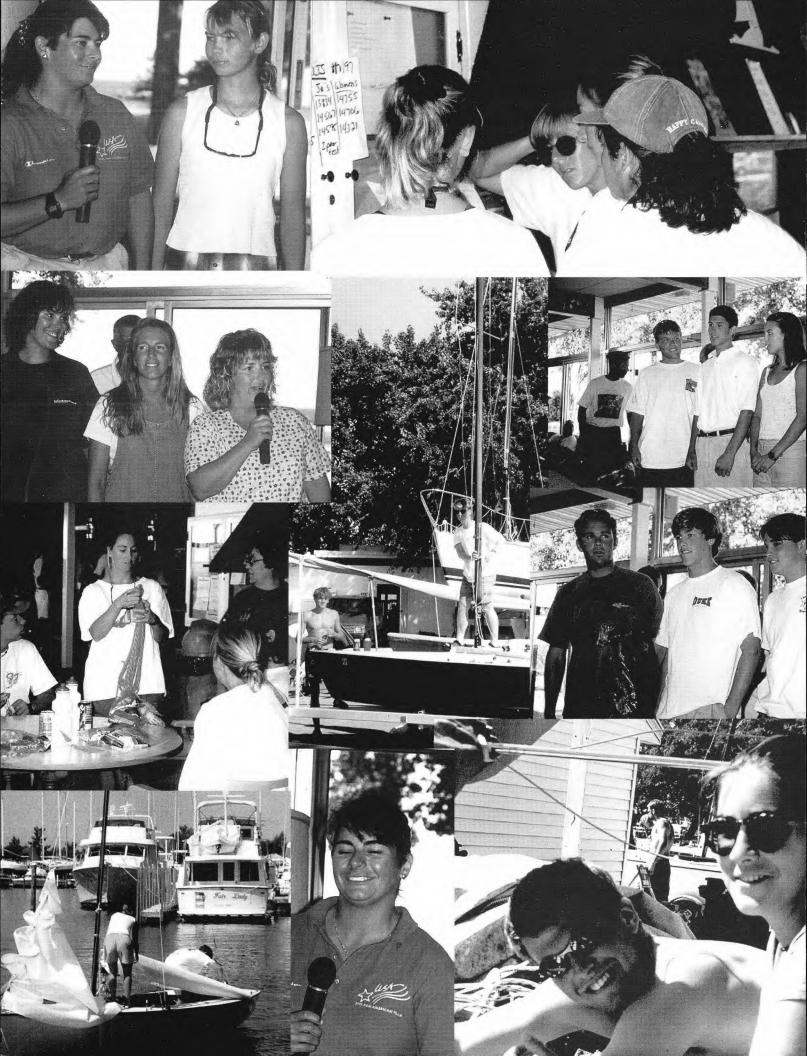
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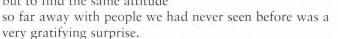
As part of the recently formed Colombian sailing team we had been selected to participate in the 420 World Championship in Newport RI. But after weeks of faxes and phone calls to and from the 420 organization the logistics for chartering a boat became so complex and the cost so unreasonably high (more than \$3000 for one boat one week) that the Colombian Sailing Federation decided to

After the Juniors in Monroe we went on to Detroit and the beautiful setting of the Crescent Yacht Club, to sail with the big boys in the awful chop of lake St Clair, that was some experience! We had never sailed against sailors of that caliber in a big fleet, let alone in such difficult conditions and although we felt somewhat overwhelmed at first we began to get the hang of it and started thinking that we had a shot

send a junior team to compete in the Lightning North Americans instead.

There were a few phone calls to Karen Johnson and in a couple of hours everything was arranged with the help of Dave Nickels who rented us one of his boats for a reasonable price and took care of delivering it to North Cape for the Juniors and Crescent Sail Yacht Club for the North Americans.

This really says a lot about the Lightning Class. We felt welcome and part of a big family more than just a sailing organization. Karen even volunteered to pick up one of us at the Detroit airport, a three hours drive away, now that's what we call dedication!. We have this kind of family reunion approach towards the regattas with our friends in other countries in South America especially Ecuador, but to find the same attitude



We were really thrilled with the chance to compete in an important regatta in the U.S, because my skipper Juan Camilo Bustos with myself in the middle and Nicolas Deeb forward had been competing in open regattas for some months even though we three are just 17 years old. We felt that we had a chance for a decent performance particularly in the Juniors and as it turned out the competition in North Cape was very tough and it took us a while to adjust to the conditions in lake Erie. We had a lot of help from the class coach Jon Singsen and everybody in the organization seemed intent on making things easy for us and giving us a good time. We ended up losing the tie for third place in the Junior North American Championship which only made us wish we can come back next year and try to do better.



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d thinking that we had a shot at making the Championship Fleet because our boat handling seemed good and our speed was not that bad compared with the middle of the fleeters. Well, we got to be a little overconfident, and tried a fancy gybe to cut inside at the leeward mark in the last qualifying race, capsized and had to settle

for the President's Cup.

The first race of the President's Cup started in light air, we had a poor start and rounded in the high teens, we caught some boats off the wind and on the second beat. The run was very fluky and we managed to get close to the leaders and rounded about eight, the wind was shifting left noticeably and being small lake sailors we knew a little about chasing those weird puffs and decided to hit the right corner hard even though it looked like we would have to sail a reach to the finish line. We caught a puff far to

the right that pushed us right over the bows of all the boats ahead that we,were forced to tack away from to look for more velocity. We sailed our little puff all the way to get the gun! Winning a race in the North Americans was the high point of our trip, it made all the effort worthwhile. While we had some good races and managed a second place in the fourth race - where we survived a mark rounding protest to end up third overall in the series, that was a big satisfaction for us and for all the people who believed that we were ready for a big International Championship.

We are very grateful to all the people in the lightning class and the Championship organization who made a point to help us to be there, to sail and to have such a great time. Thanks specially to Steve Thomas for watching over us all the time, and George and Dave Nickels for their help and hospitality.

August 5-8 WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB • LASALLE, MI

		9 Boats, 4 Races, No Thr	owout				
1	14706	Mandy Hofmeister, Jan Thompson, Kathy Osborne	1	2	2	3	8
2	14755	Bonnie Nickels, Ruth Troy, Traci Bukowski	2	1	5	1	9
3	14809	Kim Logan, Danielle Septembre, Kathleen Tocke	3	5	1	2	11
4	14555	Karen Johnson, Edna Johnson, Amy Simonsen	4	4	4	5	17
5	14321	Jo Ann Jones, Rebecca Sidway, Ellen Starck	6	3	7	4	20
6	14482	Joan Hurban, Denise Hurban Robin Dorer	8	8	3	6	25
7	14519	Shelly Rothenbuhler, Christy Synowiec, Jo Tunnicliffe	5	6	6	8	25
8	14780	Karen Park, Traci Nickels, Jennifer Johnson	7	7	8	7	29
9	12580	Christina Hedrick, Christina Laughlin, Theresa Kramer	9	9	9	9	36

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August 5-8 JUNIORS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB · LASALLE, MI

		II Boats, 4 Races, No Th	rowout	t			
1	14485	Charles Wardwell, Addison Thompson, Chris Hamilton	2	4	2	3	11
2	11754	Sean Carroll, Katie Dutton, Nick Mercier	1	dsq	1	1	15
3	14595	Ryan Bradley, Kevin Dunn, Emily Ruiter	10	2	3	5	20
4	14057	Camilo Bustos, Camilo Salcedo, Nicolas Deeb	5	5	8	2	20
5	14567	Ryan Flack, Beth Wilkie, Eric Klaban	7	1	9	4	21
6	14318	Anna Tunnicliffe, Steve Gerst, David Tunnicliffe	3	7	4	7	21
7	14680	Kat Ward, Paul Killebrew, Jim Ward	9	3	6	6	24
8	13719	Doug Young, Jeff Pugh, Mark Kastner	4	6	7	11	28
9	14397	Bill Farmer, Garrett Lovejoy, Jeff Sullivan	11	8	5	8	32
10	14519	Katie McCullough, Chris Kretz, Keith Wells	8	9	11	9	37
11	13834	John Boxberger, Scott Matarese, Allison Stevens	6	dsq	10	10	38

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August 5-8 MASTERS' NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB · LASALLE, MI

		24 Boats, 3 Races, No	Throwout			
1	14649	Bruce Goldsmith, Sherry Goldsmith, Derek Gauger	1	1	4	6
2	10680	Jim Dressel, Bonnie Shore, Hank Hodgson	3	9	1	13
3	14139	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Laura Milne	9	4	2	15
4	14655	Dick Hallagan, Nancy Bargar, Bucky Beaver	10	3	6	19
5	14345	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Greg Shea	8	11	3	22
6	14779	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Les Lashaway	5	15	5	25
7	14742	Fisk Hayden, Steve Hayden, Vickie Matthews	11	6	9	26
8	14703	Joe Dissette, John McCree, Jim Schofield	13	2	12	27
9	11519	Maury Benbow, Bonnie Benbow, Gary Swangler	4	10	13	27
10	14580	Cal Schmiege, Larissa Higgins, Larry MacDonald	2	14	15	31
11	14321	Jack Jones, John Atkins, Sandy Schrader	6	12	14	32
12	14371	Bob Starck, Brian Starck, James Eagen	7	16	11	34
13	14811	Tom Allen, Sr., Tom Boxberger, Dwayne Hatch	16	13	8	37
14	14148	Stephen Thomas, George Nickels, Mike Thomas	14	17	7	38
15	14741	David Nickels, Phil Rowan, Michael Elliott	17	7	18	42
16	14645	Bob Cotton, Anne Cotton, Bruce Campbell	19	8	17	44
17	14800	Bob Mathers, John Mathers, Bob Kranich	22	5	19	46
18	14727	Ralph Wilson, Hernan Salcedo, Suzanne Salcedo	23	19	10	52
19	14229	Lal Burridge, Jim Carson, Ronn Frerker	15	18	21	54
20	14619	H. Carey Long, Connie Fell, Doug Fell	20	22	16	58
21	14588	Don Sherburne, Bill Hofmeister, John Rogers	12	24	23	59
22	14369	David Bull, Bill Iler, Connie Iler	18	23	20	61
23	13910	Bill Allen, Brad Wagnon, Kevin Keller	21	21	22	64
24	14267	Larry Koster, Tom Rasmussen, Walter Degruyter	24	20	dnf	69



- TOM VICKERS

Crescent Sail Yacht Club's Fleet 51 was delighted to host the 1997 Lightning North American Championships. There were numerous hours of planning and execution by the various committee chairmen and the writer. The hard work by these chairmen paid off in a memorable regatta.

Because the competitors have come to expect top notch on the water management, the initial game plan was simple in its self. Secure the best Race Committee the Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Association can offer, supply the Committee with as much qualified help as needed to do a top-notch job, obtain the best US Sailing judges in the Detroit area and pray for good weather. This meant securing Marcia Everingham as Principal Race Officer, Brian Ebner as the Workboat Race Committee manpower Chairman, and Peter Griffin as the Protest Chairman. These choices would prove invaluable down the stretch, not only in the execution of their normal duties, but also helping with the notice of race and sailing instructions.

The on shore activities would take the lions share of Fleet 51's time. The plan for the shore-side activities was to showcase several of the local prominent historical homes of the auto-barons and some of the prominent Yacht Clubs of the Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Association. Plans were made and thanks to Entertainment Chairman, Jeff Patton a week long social layout and the associated budget were made.

To support such an aggressive social plan, and our desire not to charge the competitors an arm and a leg for such a social schedule, a marketing-fundraising plan was needed. The marketing chairman, Kristin McCallum, put an extensive marketing plan into place, including a web page created by Luiz Kahl. To complement Kristin's plans the Lightning fleet put on a couple of fundraisers. The first fundraiser, which was orchestrated by Phil LePage and Jeff Patton, was a presentation by BOC Challenge second place skipper, (Michigan born and raised) Steve Pettengill. The entire Lightning Fleet put on the second fundraiser, a Casino Party.

Jeff Patton's plan was flexible enough to incorporate various fundraising goals. The final list of venues included The Cotswold style Edsel Ford Estate for the Governing Board Reception. The Detroit Yacht Club's Large Spanish Clubhouse was an excellent venue for the Sunday Evening Casino Party. This historic club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the country founded in 1868 and was one of the confounding clubs of the Interlake Yachting Association. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial (formally The Moorings' was the home of former Governor Russell Alger,) was a superb place for an evening cocktail and Hors De Oeuvres Party for the competitors. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, recently voted by Club Leaders Forum as the #one Yacht Club in the Country, was the ideal choice for the Awards Banquet. The competition for this award included the San Diego YC, the St Francis YC, the New York YC and the St. Petersburg YC. Local artist and a fine Lightning Sailor in his own right, Tom Carbone and his art committee consisting of Doug Summers and Patty Dressler designed the Regatta Logo and the Regatta Program cover. This logo was used extensively throughout the regatta, from sponsorship program covers to merchandise, not to mention the trophies Tom also made. This was a tremendous amount of work on Tom's part and we are forever grateful.

Mike Willams was not only the regatta treasurer but was also chairman of the T-shirts and merchandise design and procurement. Mike's tee shirt designs have been popular at the Crescent Regattas over the years. His hard work paid off in a great selection of merchandise for the competitors to select from. Due to Mike's enthusiasm and quest for a great deal, he chaired the Sunday Night Casino Party. Going once!

Nancy Willams, Betty Vickers, P.C. Ralph Watkins and Rick Romer kept the merchandise store. Rick's computer skills helped sort out the database John Walton set up for recording the sales.

The Regatta Program was Chaired and edited by Dr. Bob Lee. Bob and his Committee consisting of Doug Summers and Patty Dressler spent untold hours creating an advertising rate sheet and a initial list of advertisers, not to mention writing and or editing numerous articles covering points of interest and some historical perspective.

Housing in the Detroit area was not a problem for there are several hotels and motels in the greater Detroit area. However making sure there is not an automotive widget convention the same week using up all the hotel space was the concern of the housing chairman Craig Hupp. Craig contacted hotels of various price ranges n the area and reserved rooms and let the widget convention participants fend for themselves.

If you are going to host an estimated 100 Lightnings at your club you better have a game plan for where to put them. This job fell on the shoulders of Joe Romer and Bill Walton. Joe and Bill had a well thought out and executed plan that included a large tent pitched on the lawn so the sailors had a place to go to get out of the weather which proved helpful on the day it rained.

Steve Thomas measurement Committee chairman had in place a plan of measurement stations that dovetailed with the measurement card system. This made the measurement process run smoothly.

Jim Allen came through with a wonderful scoring program that did all the things we want from a scoring program.

As you can see it took a lot of work from several people, not to mention the entire Lightning fleet. We had a great time putting this event on and enjoyed all the competitors company. We will look forward to seeing all of you in Buffalo. •

- Tom Vickers lives in Chicago and sails in Chicago waters.



August 10, 11 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB · GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI

Qualifying Series, 64 Boats, 4 Races, I Drop Race

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2	USA 14763	44		5	1	1	3	5
3	USA 14807	27	Jim Allen, Jane Allen, John Morley	7	2	3	1	6
4	USA 14045	14	Greg Fisher, Brian Hayes, Anna Tunnicliffe	6	4	2	1	7
5	USA 14846	34		3	2		4	9
			Tom Allen Jr., Lisa Brauer, Jenn Graham	3		6		
6	USA 14640	22	Don Brush, Ann Brush, Paul Gutwin	1	6	4	10	11
7	USA 14655	41	Richard Hallagan, Allister Thomson, Lori Foster	2	5	5	9	12
8	USA 14695	52	Lenny Krawcheck, Jamie Ewing, Oliver Humphries	6	3	3	16	12
9	USA 14780	3	Colin Park, Karen Park, Kyle Militzer	5	8	8	3	16
10	USA 14774	1	Dan Norton, Linda Norton, Mike Thomas	1	9	7	22	17
11	USA 14811	35	Tom Allen Sr., Steve Thomas, David Tunnicliffe	2	3	12	19	17
12	USA 14752	13	Steve Hayden, Barr Batzer, Jon Fiest	$\frac{2}{3}$	13	2	15	18
13	USA 14229	45	Dan Moriarty, Matt Burridge, Rick Bernstein	9	5	7	6	18
14	USA 14532	6	Robert Harkrider, Tom Schroeder, Jennifer Beam	11	7	12	2	20
15	USA 14139	12	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Laura Milne	10	12	5	7	22
16	USA 14798	21	Bill Fastiggi, Lesley Frymier, Curt Felix	4	20	11	8	23
17	USA 14799	62	Sean Fidler, Kevin Germain, Shane O'Neil	8	6	9	12	23
18	USA 14345	10	George Fisher, Tom Emch, Doug Young	34	4	4	16	24
19	USA 14809	8	John Gochberg, Kim Logan, Danielle Septembre	10	20	6	11	27
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	USA 14706		William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Kathy Osborne	12	18	14	4	30
21	USA 14581	25	Phil Grotheer, Rob Zerban, Bonnie Eissner	9	12	9	17	30
22	USA 14736	15	Robert Bernhardt, Scott Kirrchhar, Larry Frost	12	10	11	29	33
23	USA 14249	2	George Sipel, Craig Koschalk, Lauren Miston	14	19	10	10	34
24	USA 14751	55	Rob Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman, Ryan Ruhlman	19	14	14	7	35
25	USA 13862	53	Rick Larson, Éric Larson, Amy Lundeen	16	15	15	6	36
26	USA 11769	57	Chandler Owen, Mike Osbourne, Dwayne Hatch	20	18	10	8	36
27	USA 14519	50		20	17	15	5	37
			Rick Rothenbuhler, Shelly Rothenbuhler, Terry Kirby					
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31	USA 13717	9	Steve Harris, Patty Harris, Greg Harris	17	13	13	14	40
32	USA 14842	38	Charlie Hess, Nancy Hess, Ryan Flack	21	7	25	13	41
33	USA 14025	42	Robert Bush, Sterling Bush, Andy Clemenko	22	21	16	5	42
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36	USA 14478	26	Paul Wurtzebach, Bonnie Hawkins, Doug Nickel	13	14	18	20	45
37	USA 14637	61	John Garrison, Jim Garrison, Jerry Engelman	18	24	16	13	47
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51	USA 14680	54	Bill Killebrew, Kat Ward, Jim Ward	18	28	28	20	66
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Ramping up for the World's and North American's

- TIM HEALY, WINNING SKIPPER OF THE 1997 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

I began preparation for the 1997 Worlds and North Americans about 18 months ago. I purchased #14763 and rigged it for the Southern Circuit. Our regatta success in the winter and spring encouraged us to set high goals for the summer, to win both the North Americans and the Worlds.

We won the North Americans but lost the Worlds because of a Z-flag during a general recall which cost us first place which we would have had by eight points. We were successful with our performance but disappointed by our placing.

The first thing I felt I needed was ultimate confidence in my sails. I worked with Bill Shore to develop

a winning main and jib design as well as a great spinnaker. Just before the Worlds, I knew we had created really fast

designs. Our sails required few rig adjustments across a broad spectrum of wind, so I didn't have to think about shroud tension and mast block placement which can be distracting.

Having great crew really helped me perform this summer. For the Worlds, I had my brother Bill and Maria White. We came together only a few weeks before the regatta as a result of my regular crew breaking his foot. At the North

Americans, I had Mike Breault and Adam Walsh, both excellent dinghy sailors.

My boat was basically a stock Nichols. I requested that the boat be built to minimum weight and that the maximum amount of correctors be used in the middle of the boat. Additionally, I requested the heaviest centerboard. Before the Worlds, I reweighed the boat, took out lead and recertified the boat at the Worlds. Otherwise, I left the boat building to the experts and rigged it myself.

My rigging systems were simple, designed for efficiency and many took several generations to perfect. I centralized the weight pulling systems out of the ends as much as possible. Knowing the boat was as ready as I was for competition gave me tremendous confidence.



I spent time on the water tuning the rig and developing base settings for all conditions. I did speed testing, which is critical for holding lanes with the good racers and developed my confidence for having good speed and height, when I needed it. I changed to a stiffer spreader bar.

As we sailed, I worked out better solutions for some of our systems, which made the crew work smoother. This was really important as the practice highlighted areas where rigging was getting in the way of our performance. We installed a new jib lead system which took two generations of rigging to get the way we wanted it.

We installed working barberhaulers. I changed to Bill Fastiggi's mainsheet system. We tested three spinnaker poles until we found one with the right ends, a Soling pole 2.5

inches in diameter with tapered ends and great fittings.

I installed a new pinnel/gudgeon system using C-Sure fittings which are lighter and tighter fitting. I changed my tiller and straightened the centerboard. I installed a new centerboard pulley system with fiddle blocks and aligned the system next to the board to get the weight out of the bow.

I set a goal to complete all the

tasks by two regattas before Worlds so we could get used to the systems we had developed. I completed 50% of them by the Cedar Point regatta two weeks prior to the Worlds and 90% of my tasks were completed one week before the Worlds. I had confidence that the boat was ready to go and win the regatta.

Knowing my boat was in top condition and that my crew was first rate allowed me to concentrate on the tricky wind and water conditions on Lake St. Clair. We found we were fast and focused, leading at most weather marks throughout the week and had extra speed downwind. I never changed my rig tune adjustments through the large variety of conditions, a tribute to the sail designs. I attribute our success this summer to our preparation. Getting the boat ready got me ready, too. •





At the North American's with Brian Hayes

- BRIAN HAYES

The 1997 North American

Championships were not the event we expected. We expected great parties and terrific hospitality and we got that. We expected super hosts and got them. We expected top notch race committee work and we got that too!! We expected to have a great time and we did. What we didn't expect was wind!! Well, Crescent Sailing Club and regatta chairman Tom Vickers must have made a deal with someone because we got wind too! And plenty of it. Of the 10 races

we sailed we were fully hiked in 9 of them! Just like an NA's is supposed to be.

We arrived in Detroit Saturday morning after having spent the previous week drifting around on a lake in North Carolina sailing the Flying Scot NA's. Greg Fisher had been doing powerboat duty down there while I crewed for a friend of ours. As I was hanging off the leeward side of the Flying Scot, butt dragging in the water, drifting past Greg on his powerboat as he sipped cool beverages with an umbrella sunshade I began to think of all the terrible things I could do to him when we reached Detroit. We had discussed doing the Lighting NA's together only a few weeks earlier. Due to time constraints and logistics problems we decided that it would be easier to just team up. "Besides", Greg said, "It'll be FUN!!". I had a flashback to the "DIE HARD" movie with Bruce Willis all bloody and burned up in an air conditioning vent saying the same thing! I told him we needed someone really tiny to do the foredeck as together we would big enough to sail two up. Greg looked all over and with Ernie Dieball's help found Anna Tunnicliffe from Toledo to sail with us. Anna is a junior sailor and from the moment she stepped in the boat we knew she was going to be awesome. We were really impressed when we sailed out the first day and told her to hike. She instantly threw herself over the side into a full droop hike. I asked Greg, "What the hell is she doing?". Greg said, "I don't know, but she's making us look bad. Tell her to get back up here. She's making us look like a couple of lazy old farts." To which I replied, "Greg, we are lazy old farts!!". End of conversation. We let Anna droop hike all she wanted. I think she did it so she could laugh at us without us seeing her.

The opening ceremonies were held on the lawn in front of the club. They were very well done with a cameo from Class President Faude. The event was seemingly sponsored by a champagne company of some sort and corks were flying throughout the ceremonies. I can see why they serve champagne at Hollywood premiers and New York gala events. It certainly seemed to loosen everyone up.

Sunday brought the first day of qualifiers and 3 races were sailed. Sunday night the fleet was invited to the Detroit Yacht Club for Casino Night. To get to Detroit Yacht Club they have a launch that ferries everyone back and forth from a marina not to far from the sailing venue. The regatta had organized a bus and we followed them. It was a great



time at the Yacht Club as everyone was eating, drinking and wagering "chips" to accumulate as much "money" as they could to bid for numerous raffle prizes that were available. We had a great time and I think Anna won a hat that she desperately wanted. We got back to our hotel and crashed after a great party.

Monday dawned and we sailed out to sail the last qualifying race in the morning. After that we sailed in for lunch as the committee did the scores and every-

one was anxious to see who "made the cut". The fleet was divided into two divisions this year and Diana Fernando won the Fallon Trophy as the last qualifier as well as the Swanson Trophy as the highest female finisher. Jim Davis was the recipient of the Thermis Trophy, as the best finish for a first time blue fleeter, who does not win another trophy.

Race #1- The last qualifying race being held Monday morning allowed the committee to organize the first championship race for Monday afternoon. It was raining torrentially as I recall and I remember Greg coming to find me huddled under the tent to tell me that "There's a sailboat race about to take place. Would you like to join us?". The fleet sailed out and we were started in a northeasterly. The breeze was fresh and I think Tim Healy led at the first mark followed by a group that included us, Dan Norton, Jim Allen, and Andy Horton. At the last leeward mark Tim was first and but we had gained a lot on the run to round behind him by only a few yards. The wind was going soft and we tacked onto starboard to clear our air. Tim held on port to stay away from the spinnakers. After sailing about 150 vds. we tacked back onto port and had Tim in our main window. Don Brush, who must have rounded about 8th(?), tacked immediately around the mark also and was charging up the left side of the course. Since we had put considerable distance on Tim and the left was paying we went back that way. We were able to extend a fair bit in the last 1/4 of the leg to win comfortably in a dying breeze. Don got across second and Tim, who seemed buried by staying right, did a great job of digging back to 3rd followed by Andy Horton, Dan, Jim and Steve Hayden.

Monday night we went for a great Italian dinner with Jack Elfman and his crew Cindy Lister and Laura Milne, George and Marty Fisher and Tom Emch and Doug Young, George's crew. We knew the food was going to be good when we walked in and saw Lenny Krawcheck and his crew sitting there eating. I have come to learn that if Lenny's eating at a restaurant, it's good. We were not disappointed.

Race #2- On Tuesday we arrived to the club to find a brisk 12-16 knot breeze out of the southeast. We started in the middle of a square line with a fair lane of clean air. After 200 yards or so we were able to tack and cross the boats to the right. We stayed on port and seemed very fast. *–continued next page*



We felt we were ahead about halfway up the beat and felt Tom Allen Jr., Jim Allen and Andy were the closest boats. We went back to the left to get in front of Tommy and Jim and Andy followed suit. The reaches were confusing as the gybe mark was set quite low. We led the group down the reach and were just able to hold off Tommy and Andy at

the gybe mark. The next reach was tight and we used our weight advantage to hike flat and gained comfortable separation from the group behind. The next legs were "follow the leader" as we choose to loose cover Andy, who was in 2nd. We made one mistake up the last beat that nearly



year worth it. I believe I heard him yell "Shucks!" as well (or something like that). In any case I have no idea who did what for the first 3 legs as we were playing catch up. I know Tim was leading and Colin Park, Dan Moriarty, Jim, Sean, Tommy and Andy were all in the lead group. By the 2nd weather mark we had some-

the drink and that look alone made sailing the NA's this

weather mark we had somehow managed to get back into the top 15 or so. We sailed a good run and a great last beat. By the finish we were within 25 yds. of the winner, Tim. Colin was second followed by Dan, Jim, Andy, Sean and us. The finishes were very close. I think this was the tightest race of the series.

Race #5- Same conditions as Race #4. We had a bad start and spent the first 1/2 of the leg trying to find a lane. We were trying to keep our eyes on Andy, Jim, Tommy and Tim as we felt these were the boats to beat at this stage in the series. As things sorted out we found ourselves on port tack going right with Tim in our window. We looked left to the shore and all the boats there were lifted and in big breeze. This was our undoing. We tacked left to get in with the fleet while Tim continued right. By the time we got to the left the breeze was gone, the fleet was gone and a patch of breeze had built on the right and the wind had gone right. Tim was leading, by a lot!! Our team played catch up the rest of the way and after rounding in the 20's we got back to 9th. Tim led wire to wire followed by Dan (who was coming on strong after a slow start), Rick Larson, Tommy, Jim, Colin and Andy. Rob Ruhlman just nipped us for 8th, which turned out to be very critical for Race #6.

Going into Thursday's last race the scores were:

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Fisher	20	11
Horton	25	18
Allen, J.	25	18
Allen, T. Jr.	30	18
Moriarty	35	22
Hayden	46	32
Healy	48	13

With Rob beating us in race #5 it meant that there were 5 boats that could win the NA's going into the last race, Tommy, Jim, Andy, Tim and ourselves. For Tommy, Andy or Jim to win they had to win the last race, we had to be 9th or worse and Tim had to be 7th or worse. For us to win we had to be 8th or better and be within 1 boat of Tim. Tim needed to be top 7 and put a boat between him and us. A true chess match in the making!!

Wednesday night a reception was held at the War Memorial, just down the street from the club. There was an open bar and enough food on the hors d'oeuvres table to feed a small army (which is, what in fact, we had). I think we were disappointed in our 7,9 finishes and Greg and I took full advantage of the free food and (mostly) drink. It was a great party!! *–continued nextpage*

cost us the race. Andy was the nearest boat and, as we got close to the starboard layline, we were waiting for him to tack so we could loose cover him. Andy, on the other hand, was waiting for us to tack so he would have a clear lane. The bad part was the wind started going right so, by the time we convinced ourselves (read: Greg) to tack we were on the layline and as the wind went right we ended up beam reaching into the finish and beating Tommy by an eyelash!!! In hindsight we should have tacked earlier and, if Andy hadn't tacked where we wanted him to we could have tacked back at him. As it turned out we got very lucky. So Tommy ended up 2nd, Jim was 3rd followed by Bill Fastiggi, Andy, Lenny Krawcheck and Steve again in 7th.

Race #3- A carbon copy of race #2 condition-wise. The lead pack included ourselves, Andy, Tommy, Tim, Tom Sr. and Sean Fidler. Positions were changing a lot as we went upwind and downwind. I think Tim was leading for a fair part of the race while ourselves, Tommy and Sean were changing positions a lot. Going down the last run Sean got to the left on the run and passed Tommy and us. Tommy was to the left of us so he got by us also. The last weather leg saw little changes. I think Tim crossed first but no gun. He was OCS'd. Sean got the gun and we passed Tommy for 2nd while he hung on for 3rd. 4th was Andy followed by Tom Allen Sr., Steve and Jim Allen.

So after the first two days the standings were: Fisher: 4, Horton: 13, J. Allen: 16, T. Allen Jr.: 18, Hayden: 20. With throwouts and 3 races to go there was still a lot to mix up the scores including Tim with a 3,8,OCS.

Race #4- The beginning of the end but still our best race!! The wind was northwesterly and blowing 12-18 and gusty. We had been very fast all week in the breeze and were looking forward to another breezy race. We started in the middle of another square line and were working and hiking very hard. We were just beginning to work out from under Steve Hayden when I found myself no longer attached to the boat. It turns out Matt Fisher had intentionally cut my hiking strap before we borrowed his boat so I would fall out of the boat at precisely that moment of the 4th race and make it so Greg could not win the NA's thereby devaluing Matt's win last year in New Orleans!! (That's my story and I'm stickin' to it!!). I did see Greg's face as I went head over heels into



Race #6- Our worst condition. Light and lumpy!! On the sail out we were trying to devise a game plan. We decided that we would start near the middle of the line in clear air and with an eye on our main competitors. If we lost control of the situation we would try to stay near Tim because if Tommy, Andy or Jim banged a race off in this light stuff we

The Awards Banquet was held at Grosse Point Yacht Club. It is a beautiful place. Everyone was dressed up and having a great time. Chairman Vickers awarded many service plaques to volunteers and sponsors. The regatta participants really appreciated all their work. You can't run a world class

would really have no control over it. As we approached the start line on port with a minute to go there was a big pile up at the boat and Tim was right in the middle of it.

We decided to sail up to the pile and tack below them in clear air and stay on top of Andy, Tommy and Jim who were to leeward. This worked for about 15 seconds. A puff came through to weather



of us and the pack sailed over top of us while another puff went to leeward and the group sailed out below us. In this light air within 3 minutes we were spectators of the race that would determine the NA champ. When the lead boats rounded the weather mark we could not read their numbers and we were in the top 15! In any case, as the group drifted downwind we could see that Tim was leading. We began to eat lunch. Andy and Rick Larson were battling for 2nd, while Dan, Sean and Steve were in the lead pack. Now, as we watched we became concerned about holding on to our 2nd in the series. If Andy could pass Tim and win the race then we would end up 3rd. At the next weather mark we saw Tim's spinnaker go up and the a pink and blue spinnaker. Rick Larson! Go Rick! Andy was 3rd. It was actually quite exciting watching from the blue seats as those guys battled it out. Going up the last beat Tim was comfortably ahead and Andy was in 2nd by a few feet over Rick. We saw Tim cross and get the gun to deservedly win the 1997 North Americans. Andy was 2nd in the race to tie us on points and finish 3rd in the series. Rick finished race #6 with another 3rd to close out two great last races followed by Dan, Sean and Steve. We limped home 17th, after loosing a few boats on the last weather leg.

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regatta without great volunteers and the group at Crescent Sailing had some of the best.

Tim Healy with his crew of Adam Walsh and Mike Breault sailed brilliantly throughout the week to convincingly win his first North American's. Tim and his team were able to come back from their 3rd race OCS and sail the

last three races flawlessly to win. Our team hung on for 2nd in the series. As we thought about it we were really thrilled to have been competitive with the "top group". Greg, Anna and I had never sailed together before and Greg and I had never been in a Lightning together before that Saturday, so for a crew that was pieced together we did just fine. The 3rd place finisher, Andy Horton, also had a terrific team assembled with Bill Shore and Betsy Altman. Andy is one of the best young sailors in the class today and will certainly be near the top for years to come. Jim Allen with his sister Jane and John Morley put together a fine series of top 7 finishes to take home 4th place. Dan Moriarty swapped places with long time teammate Matt Burridge to drive his first NA's and finish 5th with Matt and Rick Bernstein crewing. Dan's team turned it on in the last 3 races to pull ahead of a large group to finish in the top 5.

We celebrated pretty late into the night with Tim, Steve and their crews. I recall seeing a clock that said 5:00am at one point. I think there was a large group of people glad there were no races on Friday. We woke up around 10:00am and looked outside. The trees were blowing all over the place. Hey, maybe we could get everyone together for one more!! •

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The Art of Crewing– Mastering the Forward Crew's Position

–ADAM WALSH, CHAMPION FORWARD CREW WITH TIM HEALY AT THE LIGHTNING 1997 NORTH AMERICANS

Few crew positions on any boat are as difficult as the forward crew on a Lightning. This position requires agility, strength, balance, feel and smarts. Far too often skippers overlook the contribution of the forward crew, merely finding a warm body, who weighs enough for the specific conditions, who can pull in the jib and who can gybe the pole.

I hope I can help forward crew to perfect their techniques and, in turn, help their team to succeed in this article and several articles through the winter. The forward crew can, and should, make a strong contribution by acting and reacting independently of the other crew and the skipper. This article focuses on prestart and upwind activities. Next, I'll talk about tacking and jib trim.

Racing Upwind

Many crew neglect to take advantage of the few minutes prior to the warning gun to warm up. Everyone should make it a habit of sailing upwind on both tacks, collecting data on the breeze, the shifts and the wave conditions. After you've arrived at the race course and checked in, do a wind shot to get a wind direction and write it down. Generally, the forward crew keeps track of the compass headings. Then, you should sail upwind for several minutes.

On our boat, we sail like we are racing, reading the compass and creating a high, a low and a median compass heading for each tack. Before we head back to the line we check the wind

direction again to compare with our previous compass readings.

A tuning partner can help check speed and settings upwind. You can split tacks and sail on opposite tacks for about three minutes and then tack. When you converge, any benefit to one side or the other should be evident and you can discuss the trends in the shifts and velocity.

During this warm up, the forward crew must get in tune with the waves and the jib.

As we're sailing upwind in the warm-up, I watch three things: the compass, the lower third of the jib, and the waves and wind a few boatlengths to weather. When I see a bad set of waves approaching, I make a quick decision. Do I slide in off the rail, heel the boat up on one chine and knife through the waves? Or do I ease the sheet a bit, gain power, hike hard and flatten the boat as it powers through the waves? More than likely, I will choose a combination of these techniques. Almost everyone, your skipper in particular, will agree that the best time to figure this out is BEFORE the first beat!

The benefit of working 100% during this warm up is obvious; everyone gets into phase with the wave patterns, the breeze, and the puffs and lulls, so when the gun goes off your boat is already in the grove, sailing fast and you have a good idea of what phase the breeze is in. Sailing off the starting

line is probably the most crucial time of any race.

Let's face it, few of us can hike as hard and as long as an Olympic Finn or Laser sailor. I've spent the last 14 years hanging from trapeze wires, so I despise hiking more than most. The key to successful hiking is to know when extra effort and pain will pay off. All the crew must max hike at specific times during a race, like at the start. By max hike, I don't mean droop hiking and groaning more than usual. I mean placing your weight out as far away from the centerline of the boat. This requires the crew to move their butts outside the rail, straighten their legs so that their torsos are extended out and place at least one hand above their head or up on

their chest. This max hike is going to hurt, but think how good it will feel to slide in a bit and just hike hard after a mean max hike!

When it's windy, the most important time for a max hike is the three to four minutes off the starting line. The max hike helps the boat accelerate and point. If you can pinch off the boat to weather, roll the boat to leeward or just save your lane, the rest of the race will be that much easier. The max hike helps when approaching a crossing situation port/starboard. Another time max hike works is when it's "blowing the dog of the chain", as it helps get the boat up to top speed before throwing in a tack. Too many crews let the boat become overpowered before the tack and the result is poor boatspeed out of the tack.





Balance and Boat Trim

It should be the job of the forward crew to continually balance the boat. Only only one crew should do fine tune balancing. The middle crew often has their head out of the boat looking for breeze, competition and determining the tactics,

so the middle crew may not have the best feel for the waves and balance. For this reason, the forward crew, with the finger on the pulse of the boat and its speed, should be the one to make the slight adjustments.

As a rule of thumb it is better to keep the middle crew and forward crew close together, centralizing the weight. The middle crew should never be on the rail while the forward crew sits to leeward.

Occasionally, the forward crew will

have to ask the middle crew (because his mind is elsewhere) to move in or out to maintain a good separation between the two crew. With practice your team can become fluid and smooth, so that the boat remains at perfect trim all the time.

In the last issue, we discussed the difficulty and importance of the forward crew's position. We talked about racing upwind, max hiking and boat and balance trim. In this article, I would like to discuss jib trim and jib controls.

I sail with a 2-to-1 jib sheet system which allows me to make small trims and eases with minimal effort. I have an adjustable lead system lead to the weather rail.

In order to have steady boatspeed upwind, perfect jib trim is essential. Prior to the start, the forward crew should take a chance to sit to leeward and study the jib shape and the position of the top jib batten relative to the spreader tip.

Take a minute and overtrim the jib an inch and see how the leech looks. Then look to the lower third of the sail and look to see how flat it has become.

When the sail is over-trimmed, slide to weather and look to see how much backwind is in the main. Then, slowly ease the sheet until the backwinding stops. Then slide to leeward and see what the leech looks like at that position. Again over-trim the sail and try easing the sail 1/2 inch at a time while observing how the top batten reacts. Remember that when the lead is forward, the slightest change in sheet tension will have a greater effect on the leech at the spreader. All of these observations will allow you to visualize what the jib looks like while you are hiking on the weather rail.

I have found that the windows in the mainsails are perfect for the helm on the rail to see the jib, but not very useful for the forward crew who is always moving around. For this reason,

> I don't rely on the window but look at the lower third of the sail and the luff of the main to trim the jib. Occasionally, I ask the helm to tell me how many inches in or out from the spreader tip is from the jib leech.

> It is important to keep in mind that as the wind increases the upper jib leech will open up more, and as the wind decreases the leech will close. Thus, the forward crew must realize that if the breezes is on and the jib

leech is at the ideal position, when the breeze drops, or the boat slows due to waves, that the leech will close and the jib will be over-trimmed. So the jib must be eased. Obviously the converse is true for a building breeze.

Therefore, the forward crew must always be on the ball ensuring that the jib trim is accurate all the time.

The Lightning jib has several controls which will effect its overall performance. The halyard or wire tension, the cloth tension, the jib lead and the sheet tension. It would be best for you to consult with your sailmaker's tuning guide for that sail's specific settings. However, I will offer some observations.

While sailing this years NAs, the primary jib adjustment was the sheet tension. Each day I would set the jib lead for each tack, because each tack had a different wave angle necessitating a different setting, and I left them there. As for the wire setting, it would be set so that the headstay was a bit looser than the wire at all times, and the cloth was set so that the scallops just disappeared. Once these were set, I did not adjust them.

But I adjusted the sheet tension frequently. The main goal of jib trim should be to keep the top of the jib working as efficiently as possible, without closing the slot, or killing the flow over the leeward side of the top of the jib.

-Adam grew up sailing in Niantic, CT and can be found often sailing on the top finishing boats in a variety of dingy classes.







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The three amigos at the awards party - Guess how they finished?

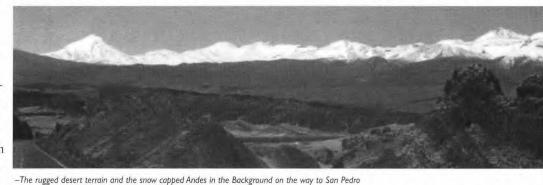
Tres Amigos en Chile or "How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

-BY CRAIG THAYER

This story began for me last spring with a phone call from my oftentimes skipper Dick Hallagan asking if I might be interested in sailing the South American Championships in Antofagasta,

and have been studying my Spanish phrase book off and on since I bought it two days ago. My vocabulary is at least ten words by now so I'm confident I won't stumble into the

Chile. I think my first remarks went something like Anto what?? Anyway, apparently my friend and crew person to be, Lori Foster, had been busy E mailing and surfing the



arrive at the airport.

women's bathroom by mistake. New batteries and plenty of film in the camera, passport and tickets in my pocket and I begin the one hour trip to Dick's house.

Another quick stop in Rochester to pick up Lori and Toronto

here we come! Our flight to Miami doesn't leave till 7pm so

I've got a couple hours to refresh my college French once we

WE'RE OFF...Our two and a half hour flight from Toronto to

Miami leaves and arrives right on schedule and we board our

plane to Santiago. Dick's wife Anne is to join up with us there

provides time not only for semi sleep, but more cramming of

vocabulary. I discover another not to be forgotten phrase -

for the final trip to Antofagasta. The next eight and a half hours

net for info about Chile and the regatta, so after a couple of phone calls and faxes I was ready to sign on. We would be sailing on Dick's old boat, 14255, which he had previously sold to Rodrigo Zuazola, and who in turn had graciously offered it to Dick for this regatta.

It's now June 30th and we're set - reservations for a flight leaving Toronto on September 12 have been made and the boat will be pre-registered in time to qualify for the \$25 entrance fee (more on that later). Summer in Central New York is a wonderful but all too short period of time, so next thing I know it's

September 1st and I haven't done anything towards getting ready for the trip!!! Better make a list - shots (I hope not), film, passport, Spanish book, sailing gear (the Pacific shouldn't be too warm in early spring in the southern hemisphere), etc., etc., etc., etc..

D- DAY...It's Friday morning, and somehow I've managed to get everything into my bags,





"Donde esta el bano?" (Where is the bathroom?). About two hours before our arrival we can see a vast desert and a big bay off the Pacific which we believe to be Antofagasta. Later, the rugged snow capped peaks of the Andes majestically appear, and eventually give way to the green but mountainous outskirts of Santiago. This Year's Events

WE ARRIVE ... It's sort of an odd feeling to land at 8:15 AM Chile time. about 60 miles from the Pacific Ocean, and still be in the same time zone as New York. It was a sunny but cool (about 60F) day as we walked down the steps from our plane. Ahead was a five and a half hour wait for our flight on Lan Chile to our final destination. After clearing customs we walked about an 1/8 of a mile from the international to the domestic terminal to check in at Lan Chile. It was here that we met a group of scientific types from Colorado en route to Antarctica! A little later Tito and his crew of Pablo and Rodrigo appeared, and later, Guillermo (Willy) from Uraguay. After some cafe con leche and a partially failed attempt to



-The Coca- Cola girls with some of the cadets

translate the menu in the coffee shop, Lori and I went exploring, reading signs and looking in the gift shops- our pocket dictionaries were already getting a workout. Even with a population of about 4.5 million people, the airport had a very relaxed atmosphere. Seeing families and friends waiting in the coffee



shop to watch out the window for someone's plane to take off, or waving good bye from the outside observation area, took me back to when I was a kid in the 50's, and people doing those same things at NY's then Idlewild Airport.

Anne arrives and we board our flight which will take us about 800 miles north, where we will be sailing on the edge of the Atacama Desert, the driest desert in the world. The last time it rained in Antofagasta in any measurable amount was about

four years ago when it rained for an hour, causing many people to lose their homes. While it was often cloudy and/or foggy in the morning, we never felt more than a few drops. It would be negligent of me if at this time I failed to mention that Lan Chile's flight attendants were some of the prettiest , and wore very striking red, white, and blue uniforms with red shoes. They are also perceptive too, as while enroute, they handed out a customer survey (in Spanish of course), and would have skipped over Lori and myself had we not protested (it was probably Lori's blonde hair that may have caused our attendant to mistake us for dumb gringos). By the end of the flight we were both pretty proud of ourselves, as with the help of our magic books we were able to complete most of the questions (a prime example of on the job training?).

ANTOFAGASTA... It's nearly 3PM when we touch down at Antofagasta's airport which is situated between the ocean and the coastal mountains, about 20 minutes north of the city. It's bright, cool, and the wind is humming about 20 knots out of the southwest. Hmmmm - maybe eating those two dinners on the flights down

wasn't such a bad idea? The ride to the hotel is via a minivan that the Chileans had contracted for that purpose. Most of the luggage was lashed securely on the roof except for one of Tito's sails which became airborne about 2 miles into the trip, but was picked up by another car going to the hotel.

The Hotel Antofagasta is a four star hotel, nicely appointed, with our rooms having a small balcony overlooking the ocean and the boat storage area, as we are staying next door to the Club de Yates. After a short nap we hit the hotel lounge's outdoor balcony for a few cervezas and snacks, then it's bedtime for Bonzos as sleeping on the plane leaves a lot to be desired.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN... Unlike some cities, the approximately 240,000 inhabitants of Antofagasta are not awakened each morning with swarms of two cycle motorbikes in the streets. In fact, I'm not sure that I even saw any during our stay. Our alarm clock was usually a couple of pigeons cooing on our balcony (one was sitting on an egg in a potted plant), or pelicans flapping their wings against the surface of the water in a



-Lori and Leonardo at the cookout

-Several of our hosts and yours truly at the awards dinner

tidal pool opposite our room. A sign in the bathroom reminded guests to conserve water as it must be piped in from the Andes and desalinization plants, so sailor showers were in order. "Continental Breakfast" was included in the room rate. It turned out to be a beautiful buffet with all kinds of fresh fruits, pastries, and juices in addition to the usual varieties of eggs, meats, and cereals. In addition, our usual waiter, "Nelson"



coached us each day of our stay on various words and their correct pronunciation .

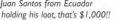
Breakfast over, we walked over to the club to rig the boat. A few hours later, with this project complet-

-Dick and Lori with Sebastian, cadet from the Naval Academy of Argentina (my stand in)

ed, we head to the yacht club's restaurant for some lunch. Something light was in order as we were still working off our breakfast. Soup and fruit salads seemed to fit the bill with a gentleman playing the harp providing entertainment during our meal. We decided to launch the boat for a sail. There wasn't a whole lot of wind, but there were large swells left over from vesterday's winds - not exactly the conditions we normally sail in here in central NY. At the conclusion of a very pleasant afternoon, I notice that I'm starting to not feel too well. I decide to pass on a few beers before dinner and lie down. By dinner time it's obvious I am now feeling worse and decide to skip dinner. This turned out to be a very wise move as I spent the next several hours becoming intimately familiar with a particular piece of porcelain. I managed some tea and toast at breakfast next morning but told Lori I didn't think I -Juan Santos from Ecuador

would be ready for the practice race that afternoon. Fortunately, Dick found Sebastian, one of the naval cadets from Argentina to take my place, and finished second. I lay low all afternoon and muster enough strength to attend the opening ceremony and a little bit of the cocktail party which followed before hitting the sack.

It's now Tuesday and while not at janitor strength, I'm feeling good enough after my bout with "Gringitis", as Pablo has labeled it to try races 1 and 2. One of the regatta sponsors is Coca-Cola, and they have provided two young ladies with short, tight red dresses adorned with the Coca-Cola logo to deliver the lunches and drinks to each boat before the day's racing begins, as well as be there with refreshments when the boats come back. This was a system that to the





-Victor, cadets, and us, at the Naval Academy - Valparaiso

best of my knowledge, no one had problems adapting to. The winds are light, the sea is flat, and we finish the day with a 1,2 not bad, but I'm still not ready for a celebratory beer, even though I have no problems retaining my lunch.

Wednesday is an "off" day for racing, but not for activities, as a bus has been chartered to take us to see the Escondida copper mine - about two hours southeast of Antofagasta. We catch the Mercedes bus in the yacht club lot, and ride through the coastal hills into the desert, crossing the Pan American Highway.

At a very well done orientation session complete with hors d'oevres, we learn that this huge approximately one mile pit has only been around for seven years, and unlike the much older copper mine to the north at Chuquicamata which can smelt its own ore and ship it via railroad to Antofagasta, the ore here is crushed, and then pumped to the coast just south of the city as a slurry for awaiting freighters. The giant trucks used to transport the ore at the site cost approx. \$1.7 million each. The workers here are bussed to and from their homes in Antofagasta, and live at the facility during their shifts of four days on, three off. We were then transported to the pit itself, fed a great meal in their dining hall, and shown around the rest of the campus which was complete with a library, gym, and pool.

More wind and a sizable chop didn't agree with us on Thursday, and could only muster a 5,8. That night though, fol-

lowing the races, the yacht club hosted a cookout in a nice shelter there on the club grounds. Here we got to sample a variety of local dishes complete with vino tinto or blanco and a live guitarist.

After dinner, one of our hosts, Juan Arcos, broke out some of his private cervesa and Dick and I joined him for a few games of pool at the club table. By the way, Chilean tables all seemed to be big, with very narrow, unforgiving pockets, but it was obvious that Juan had spent a few hours in this sport.

Races 5 and 6 on Friday weren't much kinder to us even though we were going better, we just couldn't seem to get it together, finishing with a 5,7. It looked like we were destined for fifth place with only a final race on Saturday. Unfortunately, despite another day

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of great sailing conditions and a pretty well sailed race, we committed the fatal blunder of being over early so our third place finish vanished.

However, even though this was the last race of the regatta, and an important one for the standings, it was not THE RACE OF THE DAY! That's because there was to be a race back to the harbor breakwater from the windward mark where we had just finished, and the winner of this downwind race was to collect \$1,000 US, compliments of one of the regatta sponsors - the Banco De Chile I believe. Juan Santos of Ecuador opted for a course closest to the shore and snagged the victory. What a great way to end a regatta!!

The Awards Dinner and party that followed at the club later that evening can only be described as a continuation of the great time and hospitality that I had experienced all week . Manuel Gonzales had emerged the victor, closely followed by Tom Allen Jr. Juan Santos collected third and his \$1,000.

All skippers and each crew were presented with trophies or certificates, and Lori our crew received a huge flower arrangement for being the only female crew. The candlelit dinner and awards gave way to a short video of the week's sailing accompanied by the new Mission Impossible theme, closely followed by about three hours of non-stop salsa and meringue dance music.

SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA ... During the week just concluded, Dick, Lori and I (Anne opted to hold the fort) had decided that we would like to visit the ancient town of San Pedro De Atacama which is located close to the Bolivian border, about 185 miles northeast of Antofagasta. In pre-Columbian times, the Atacameno tribes lived here, and a number of well preserved mummies can be seen at the local museum. To get there, I decided to rent a car. It's now Saturday afternoon after we're all done, and I approach Jaime, our bilingual clerk at the front desk. This is during the national holiday week featuring cannons firing on the hillside, parades, and zillions of Chilean flags of all sizes being flown on buildings, in buildings, and from antennas of passing cars, and of course businesses closing for the holiday. We tried Hertz and Avis - no answer. Finally, someone answered at Budget, but they would be closing in a couple hours. He gave me some quick instructions, as the girl and attendant did not speak English. They only had one car, an older Subaru with many miles, a cracked windshield, and numerous dents. But it ran BUENO, and we got a discount for the windshield, along with a lot of laughs between us during the transaction due to language problems.

Sunday morning is bright and beautiful as we head across the street to pick up the car. Dick asks if we checked the oil, fan belts, water. All good ideas since we will be venturing out into a desert. The car cranks over pretty slow, but sounds okay. We pull the car out into the sunlight where we can see something - water - rusty, fanbelt - cracked, oil - probably changed 15000 miles ago. Oh well, it only has to run for about 8 more hours. Our car runs like a champ as we marvel at the changing colors and the vast nothingness of this desert; so dry that we don't see



even a cactus or tumbleweed until we near San Pedro, an oasis in the shadow of the snow covered volcano Lincancabur situated on the Bolivian border with an elevation of 5900 meters. San Pedro has one alley where merchants, many of Indian descent peddle their wares- brightly colored jewelry, sweaters, baskets. The dozen or so streets in the town are unpaved, of sun baked dirt, with numerous mud houses and walls along their shoulders. There are a few restaurants in the town - a llama disappeared into one of them as we walked by. Some small boys armed with a snorkel and mask were playing in less than a foot of water that was flowing in one of the drainage ditches. The bartender at the spot we chose for lunch was playing a tape of an old US blues artist like Lightning Hopkins (sorry I couldn't nail it down for you blues fans).

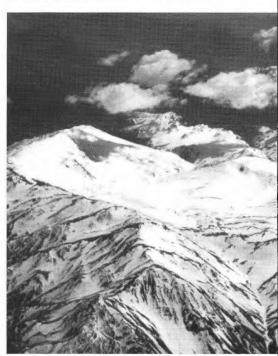
We visited the old church there, the museum, and then headed back down a dirt road in search of the Vallee De La Luna (Valley of

the Moon), so named for its moonlike landscape where sedimentary rocks which often stood up on their ends were interspersed with expanses of windblown sand. Dick was in rock jock heaven. On the way back we crossed over the tropic of Capricorn again on the Pan Am Highway which seemed in some strange way to have made our journey complete (even though Dick proclaimed he didn't feel any different after crossing the line). Thus ended our stay in Antofagasta as we would fly back to Santiago tomorrow morning.

SANTIAGO... Our hotel was located in the heart of the business and shopping district, so after a short rest, Lori and I hit the streets. After walking around for awhile we found an empty park bench and people watched. We noticed that like Antofagasta, the people here were in general very neatly dressed - the grunge look of the U S was definitely not in here. Many of the women wore well tailored uniforms, as did school children.

Obesity was virtually nonexistent in all ages, and the younger women in particular all tended to wear a boxy shoe with thick soles and high heels.

A little more strolling and we came across a fast food place called "Embers" which also served Schop (draft beer) with their sandwiches. Look out Micky D's!! That afternoon we contracted with the hotel to supply us with a car and driver to go to Portillo the next day, as Dick wanted to see the lodge and felt it would afford us some spectacular





-Licancabur volcano from the streets of San Pedro

views of the Andes. The day ended with all of us having a nice meal at a German restaurant right around the corner from the hotel.

PORTILLO... The ski resort of Portillo lies about 90 miles northeast of Santiago at an altitude of a little under 9000 feet, while the surrounding peaks go as high as 21000' (Cerro Aconcagua). The gradual climb in elevation brought us through very fertile areas, where vineyards were in abundance, past an alpaca and llama farm, and eventually into higher country which progressed from cactus to only rock and snow. The road we took was a major route between Chile and Argentina, and is kept open all winter despite a series of about 20 switchbacks and steep dropoffs with no guard rails. The ski lodge itself is nestled between a couple of imposing peaks, with the dining areas having a nice view of the frozen natural lake behind the structure.

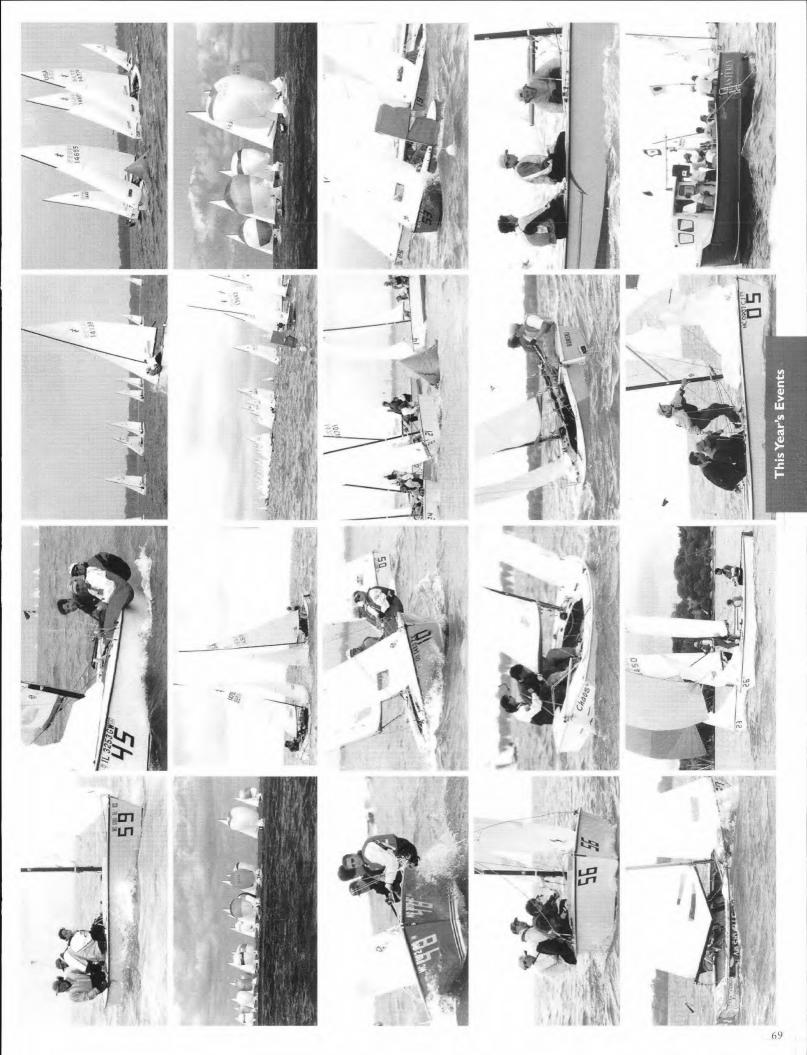
After a nice cafeteria style lunch, we explored the facility and headed for our car only to discover a group of nuns throwing snowballs at each other in the parking lot. The remainder of the day was filled with more beautiful scenery, and as a finale, some last minute shopping in Santiago.

VALPARAISO... It was now Wednesday and we had until about 4 o'clock before we needed to be picked up for our flight back to Miami. We had met Victor Salas Serani at the regatta where he was in charge of the cadets who were there competing as students from Chile's Escuela Naval, located in Valparaiso. According to my calculations, we would have time to catch the bus to Valparaiso and attempt to hook up with Victor since he had been kind enough to extend an invitation to come visit their campus if time permitted. The two hour ride each way (for about \$3.30) would put us on a tight schedule, but one that was still feasible. We caught the very clean and on time subway to the bus terminal where we boarded our "Tur -Bus" for the journey..

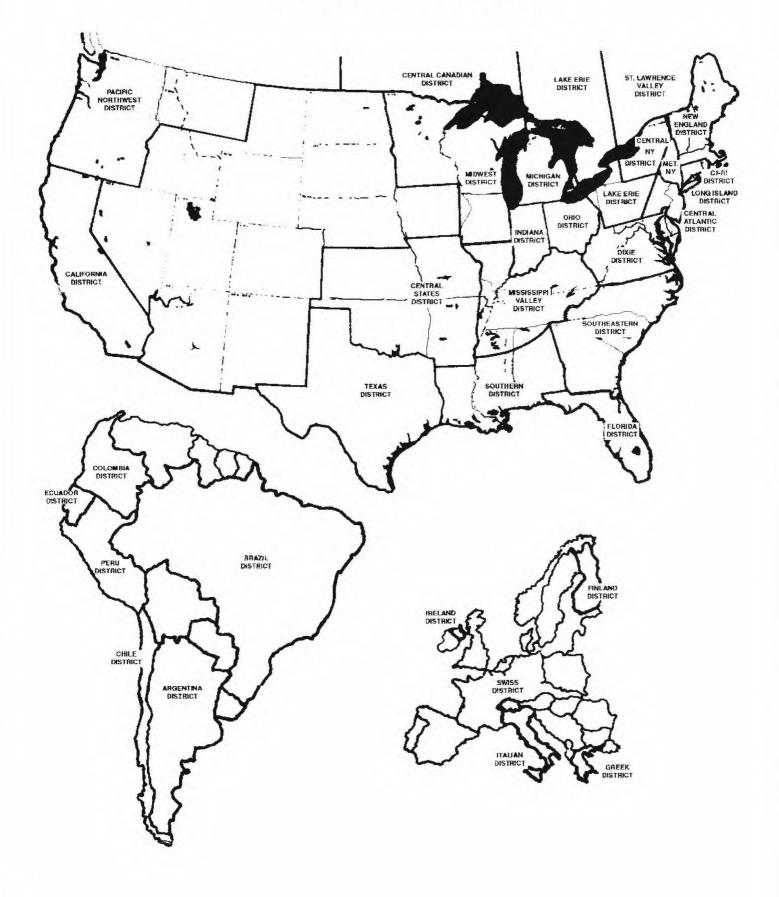
Valparaiso is the port city for Santiago, and is the oldest and most important port in Chile. Besieged by earthquakes and pirates, it emerged as a commercial center due to the mining industry in the 19th century. Coastal mountains ring the harbor, with the houses and streets built right up to their base. After arrival at the bus station we tried to contact Victor by phone, but were unable to decipher their pay phone system. So - we started to walk, asking people for directions as we went; unfortunately with little success due to our limited Spanish. After about 15 minutes of thinking we weren't getting anywhere, we saw a man in a naval uniform who spoke a little English and told us to flag down the "M" bus and let the driver know our destination. Presto - a few moments later we're on the right bus (we hope) and after about five minutes we arrive at the school. We ask for Victor at the gate, but it takes several conversations and several phone calls inside by the guard to locate him. Finally he appears with a big smile on his face, and gives us a great tour of the campus. While there, we also renew acquaintances with several of the cadets with whom we had sailed in Antofagasta. Time grows short and we must say our good byes. The trip back to the bus terminal is a piece of cake. We grab an empanada and a coke to go, and hop aboard the bus back to Santiago, with the realization that our visit to Chile is sadly drawing to a close.

EPILOGUE... This was a GREAT trip! Chile is a country with a varied topography, and many interesting places to see and people to meet. Our hosts and the regatta sponsors in Antofagasta demonstrated a hospitality second to none. Regarding the \$25 entrance fee I mentioned earlier - in return, we received the following: Five days of great sailing and first class race committee work, lunches and drinks everyday via the Coca-Cola girls, tour of Escondida Mine, half price rooms with a super breakfast included, Thursday's cookout, opening ceremony party, awards dinner and party, trophies or certificates for everyone, Coca-Cola jackets, South American Championship posters, hats, and stickers, posters of the naval training ship "Esmeralda", \$1000.00 cash to the winner of the downwind race, and finally, fond memories that will last a lifetime. I hope that should a similar type of opportunity present itself to any of you, that you will take advantage of it. Until we meet again - Adios amigos! -Photo credits : Lori Foster, Barry Ohlson, Craig Thayer





INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



ARGENTINA DISTRICT

Argentina Vice President & District CommodoreOsvaldo Bordino

Fleets: Club Nautico Olivos 206; Buenos Aires 446

No report.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

Brazil Vice President	Michael Anthony Norris
District Commodore	
District Secretary	Michael Anthony Norris
District Treasurer	John Julio Jansen
District Measurer	Claus Bromberg

Fleets: Sao Paulo 147; Guanabara 401; Guarapiranga 462

No report.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District Commodore							Elissa Hall
District Secretary							.Mark Zimmer
District Measurer							.Bruce Arnold
District Champion						S	cott Finkboner
District Runner-Up							.Mike Brewer

Fleets: Santa Monica Bay 102; Mission Bay 194; San Francisco 372

Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego hosted the California Circuit in March. Fourteen boats, most of whom were from the West Coast, sailed in fourteen action-packed races. Scott Finkboner was the overall champion by winning the Marathon and finishing second in each of the other series. Mike Poltorak was second. He won both the Bay and Ocean Series and was third in Coronado and the Marathon. Mike actually tied in points with Scott but Scott had more first places allowing him to clinch the Circuit Trophy. John Lyon managed to salvage third overall and I don't use the word salvage lightly. John "blew" the rig out on the Marathon leg giving him a DNF. His crew Paul Miller skippered the boat in the Coronado Series to first place, while John took the helm again for the Bay and Ocean Series to finish third and seventh. Fourth place overall was Scott McBurney. Scott sailed consistently well with his best finish in the Marathon hot on Scott Finkboner's stern. John DeBenedetti from Portland was fifth with consistent finishes in each



Mike Poltorak, Ken Miller and Colleen Labadie on their way to winning the Bay Series in the California Circuit. Photo Bob Goddard.

of the series. Once again it was an outstanding regatta and despite the numerous mishaps - John Faus knows what I'm talking about a great time was had by all. And one of these years I will sail in this regatta. (Also see Circuit Article in the May *Flashes*.)

The Districts were held very early in May in San Francisco. Scott Finkboner and Mike Brewer from San Diego made the trip and were first and second, respectively. Mike Molina from San Francisco was third. The sailing conditions were perfect and five races were sailed.

Only Mike Brewer made it to the North Americans. And a good trip it was. Mike came home with a brand spanking new Allen. That's the last time we let him go to the North Americans. HA! Mike has become extremely difficult to beat. Mike sailed away with the Pacific Coast Championship Trophy in September.

The PCC's were at the Richmond Yacht Club on the San Francisco Bay. Ten boats from up and down the West Coast sailed in the regatta. The conditions were typical for the Bay with five races sailed over the two days. Scott Finkboner was second behind Mike and his new boat. John DeBenedetti was third losing the tie breaker to Scott. Everyone who sailed promised to come back again in two years. The PCC's will be in Eugene, OR in 1998. (Also see PCC Article in the December *Flashes*.)

The California Circuit will be the week of April 5 and is a must. Contact the Mission Bay Fleet or Edna Johnson for details and watch for the announcement in upcoming *Flashes*.

Mark Zimmer in taking over as Commodore. (This puppy is retiring after a three-year gig.) Scott McBurney will be the secretary. All in favor say aye. All opposed? The aye's have it. See you out there. - *Elissa Hall*

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District CommodoreJohn William	IS
District SecretaryRobert Bus	h
District TreasurerJack Elfma	In
District MeasurerJames Carso	n
District ChampionKeith Taboad	la
District Runner-up	is

Fleets: Bay Head 3; Metedeconk 34; Lavallette 104; Little Egg Harbor 26; Brant Beach 173; Surf City 196; Riverton 228; Barnegat Light 335; Ocean City 430

Keith Taboada sailed an excellent regatta to win the District championship series this year. Paul Gelenitis was a close second. The regatta was well attended with 27 boats and well run by Lavallette Yacht Club. Next year's championship will be sailed from Brant Beach Yacht Club.

The New Jersey State Junior Championships were held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club with Ryan Bradley from MRYC winning. This regatta includes the CAD yacht clubs plus the Jersey YC's in the Metropolitan District.

In June, Brian Taboada represented our district at the World's with a respectable 12th place finish out of 58 boats. In August the district was represented by 5 boats at the NA's with Jack Elfman and Bob Bush in the Blue Fleet. Jarrett Lynn won some hardware with a 4th place finish in the Green Fleet with Jim Carson 6th. Stuart Feldman, sailing in his first NA's, finished the regatta with a great race and ended up midfleet.

The yearly district regattas were down ever so slightly in overall attendance. This is the second year of a combined CAD-MET regatta series. This year only a few boats attended enough events to qualify. This is a great way to get people to come to your regatta and we, as a district, need to better support these local regattas.

Sail Expo, in February, in Atlantic City is hosted by Sandy and Mary Huntsman with plenty of help from CAD sailors. It is always lots of fun to talk sailing for a few hours in the Winter and get antsy to go to the Southern Circuit.

Our District meeting, combined with the Metropolitan district will be held in January. John Williams will be stepping down after two years as District Commodore. Don Brennan will be in the hot seat. Look for the regatta schedule in the April *Flashes* and mark your calendars.

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CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

District CommodoreJean Palm
District SecretaryDaniel Koretz
District MeasurerEd Seyerlein
Assistant MeasurerChad Atkins
District ChampionDick Hallagan
District Runner-UpJack Jones
District Junior ChampionCharlie Wardwell
District Masters ChampionDick Hallagan

Fleets: Skaneateles 1; Newport Yacht Club 77; Willow Bank 164; Henderson Harbor 225; Keuka Lake 252; Galway Lake 338; Ithaca 484

We have had good sailing in the Central New York Lightning District in 1997. Participation has held its own, with fifty-five different skippers entering the five two-day regattas held this year, the same number as last year. Fleet membership is also improving with 72 boats this year compared to 66 in 1996.

The Newport Invitational Regatta & Pig Roast was held May 31 - June 1, 1997 at the Newport Yacht Club in Rochester, NY. We were delighted to have three guests from Europe who were in town in preparation for the World Championships in Montreal the following week. Peter Graf from Switzerland, and Antero Punttila and Heikki Hamalainen from Finland added a cosmopolitan flair to the event which has traditionally drawn competitors from western New York and the Lake Erie District, as well as from the eastern United States and Canada. Four local sailors, Mark Sertl, Bram Palm, Jack Jones and Dan Pope took four out of the top five places with Heikki Hamalainen sailing Dick Hallagan's boat taking fourth place. The club put on a great pig roast in the evening followed by live music provided by a group of Chad Atkins' friends. They were great.

The Willow Bank Yacht Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Lightning sailing on Cazenovia Lake with its Caz-Flash Bash on June 14-15, 1997. We had 18 boats attending, including Dan Gorski in boat 392 from Clifton Park, NY. Saturday's racing was a little difficult with four boats capsizing. Dan Koretz was able to get his boat out of the turtle position without too much damage and only some lost gear, but Jim Staunton had a broken mast. Fortunately, no one was hurt and we were all dried out by dinner time so that we could enjoy the steak and all the extras. This was followed by a raffle and dancing. The top five finishers were Dick Hallagan, Jack Jones, Clay Murphy, Federico Meira, and Ed Seyerlein.

Keuka held its Champagne Regatta on June 28-29, 1997. We had 22 sailors competing for the beautiful handcrafted pewter prizes made by Leon Fontier, but we didn't have to compete for the Bully Hill wine as there was plenty to go around at the cocktail party and wine tasting before dinner on Saturday night. Everyone had a great time and after the award ceremony on Sunday, where Dick Hallagan was awarded 1st place, Dan Pope and Clay Murphy took 2nd and 3rd places respectively, we were treated to a hot dog cook-out.

3rd places respectively, we were treated to a hot dog cook-out. The Central New York Yacht Racing Association regatta was held at the Ithaca Yacht Club on July 12-13,1997. There were 13 boats attending the seven race event, and they were really gung-ho sailing six races on Saturday and one on Sunday. Dick Hallagan came in first, Landy Atkinson was second and Ed Seyerlein was third.

The District Junior Championship was held at the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club on July 18, 1997. There were six entries and the top finishers were Charlie Wardwell, John Boxberger, Zac Skinner and Stephanie Matice. The Master's was held on the same day with 8 entries. The top places went to Dick Hallagan, Jack Jones, and John Treadwell. The District Championship regatta was held at Crescent Yacht Club at Chaumont, NY on July 19-20, 1997. We were competing for the Dulles Cup which had been donated to the yacht club by former Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and while the actual cup stayed at the Crescent Yacht Club, it was a treat to see the original Corning Glass piece. This was an open regatta, and as such, we had three visitors from out of our district: Bob and Charlie Wardwell from Virginia and Bill Fastiggi from Vermont. Our guests took two out of the five top spots. Dick Hallagan was first, Bill Fastiggi took second, Jack Jones was third, Bob Wardwell was fourth, and Landy Atkinson was fifth. The Rookie Trophy went to Bill Anderson, the Commodore Trophy to Jesse Miller, and "Ugh" to Peter Cunningham.

We had two skippers go to the North American Championship this year: Dick Hallagan was 20th in the Championship Fleet and Ed Seyerlein was 23rd in the President's Cup Fleet.

There were two one-day regattas this year. Craig Thayer organized the Onondaga Lightning Regatta at the Onondaga Yacht Club near Syracuse. There were ten boats there with Bram Palm, Dick Hallagan, and Clay Murphy taking the honors. The traditional CAZ One-Day was held at Willow Bank on September 20, 1997. The top finishers were Federico Meira, Chad Atkins, and Jack Jones.

Finally, there were 55 competitors this year for the Blue Jacket Trophy which goes to the skipper with the most points accumulated in the five two-day regattas. The top five skippers were Landy Atkinson, Dan Pope, Clay Murphy, Dick Hallagan, and Ed Seyerlein.

Dave Penfield and his 60th Anniversary Lightning Regatta Committee have been very busy planning for the BIG EVENT next year. The regatta is scheduled for July 3-5, 1998 and promises to be of interest to all types of sailors. There will be three fleets: one will be for competitive sailors, one for club racers and recreational sailors, and one for wood boats. A sailing clinic is planned as well as a "fun" race, children's activities, a Saturday evening dance and a Fourth of July celebration. Camping space will be available. We encourage all Lightning sailors to make plans to attend and to visit the regatta web site at: www.waynes.com/business/regatta or contact Sue Dove at: www.skaneateles.com.



George Barnes sailing Lightning #1 on Skaneateles Lake

CHILE DISTRICT

Chile Vice PresidentAlberto "Tito" Gonzalez Mas District CommodoreEric Velasquez Beltran District SecretaryIgnacio Bazaure District Class SecretaryGuillermo Arriagada

Fleets: Antofagasta 318; Aculeo Lake 490

No report.

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

Colombia Vice PresidentRoberto Laignelet District CommodoreRichard Deeb

> Fleets: Club Nautico el Muna 73; Club Nautico El Portillo 501

No report.

CONNECTICUT / RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	ę		2					.(Cł	nris	tc	ph	ner	Va	anr	n
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District Champion																
District Runner-Up						•						Jir	m	Cra	ane	Э

Fleets: Niantic Bay Yacht Club 85; Cedar Point Yacht Club 126; Madison Beach Club 129

The CT-RI District was solid with great participation and a high level of competition. A few boats made the trip south for the Southern Circuit and placed well in the three regatta event. In Savannah, Ched Proctor was 3rd, Bill Shore - 6th, Tim Healy - 9th and Brian Hayes was 11th. Ched won in Miami, with Tim placing 3rd, Bill - 11th and Brian in 22nd. In St. Pete, Tim was 2nd, Ched -7th, Bill - 14 and Brian - 13th. For the Circuit overall - Ched was 3rd, Tim - 4th, Bill - 10 and Brian - 15th.

Cedar Point started things off with their popular and well attended Early Bird regatta in which Ched Proctor won. Our district was well represented at the Worlds with Tim Healy placing 3rd and Ched Proctor coming in 9th. The CT-RI Governor's Cup at Niantic Bay Yacht Club always attracts a large and competitive fleet and this year was no exception. Tim Healy won the five race series with Stu Nickerson 2nd, Brian Taboada 3rd and Brian Hayes and Gianni Cuccio coming in 4th and 5th respectively. The Housatonic Boat Club did a fine job hosting our District Championships this year. In the 16 boat fleet, Tim Healy crushed with 5 bullets. Jim Crane was 2nd with Don Barrett, Gianni Cuccio and Franz Edson coming in 3rd,4th and 5th respectively. Cedar Point hosted The Atlantic Coast Championships and no one was dissapointed as there was a terrific turnout of 48 boats. The 1996 AC Champion, Ched Proctor, won the four race series for the second year in a row. Brian Hayes was 2nd, Ryan Dunn - 3rd, Gianni Cuccio - 4th and Tim Healy came in 5th. Though our district didn't have many representitives at the North American Championships, we did have one ... Niantic's own Tim Healy. Tim, along with Mike Breault and Adam Walsh won the regatta convincingly. Congratulations guys! Cedar Point held its annual Fall Classic in September. Gianni Cuccio won the five race series. Arthur Meridian, who traveled all the way from St. Louis, came in 2nd. Steve Wexler, Hugh Hutchison, and Bob Martin were 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been elected the CT-RI District Commodore and I thank you. Also, please remember that our District Championship Regatta (which is usually the 2nd or 3rd week in July) is always an open regatta that anyone can attend, so please come and join us!

Thanks, Gianni

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	
District Vice CommodoreAmee Devine	
District ChampionPhil Grotheer	
District Runner-UpDoug Heussler	

Fleets: Washington DC 50; Susquehanna 253; Sassafrass River 314; Rehoboth 325; Severn River 329; Swift Creek 496

No report.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

Ecuador Vice President	 Francisco Sola Tanca
District Commodore	 Paco Sola T.
District Champion	 Juan Santos
District Runner-Up	 Miguel Plaza, Jr.

Fleets: Salinas Yacht Club 405; San Pablo 447

During 1997 both fleets 405 and 447 had enough Lightning activity. Granted, it's difficult to top 1996 results (Junior Worlds, South American Champ and Runner-up, Junior North American champ, North American 4 and 6 in blue fleet), but we held on.

The highlights of the year were by all means the approval of our bids to host the next Youth World Championship in 1998 and the World Championship in 1999. That task alone kept us busy.

Nonetheless, we managed to be present in Montreal for the worlds with four teams. Didn't do very well, but we were there! We also went to Antofagasta, Chile to defend the South American Championship. Had to make do with a fourth place, but due to difficulties prior to the trip, we were content.

Another first for us was the fact that we obtained individual sponsorships from Diners Club, Banco del Agro, American Airlines, Saeta Airlines, among others, which in a great deal helped us to get to Montreal.

Locally we set up a calendar that was hard to accomplish in full, mostly due to conflicts with international regattas.

Still, our traditional American Airlines Cup of Champions was held in January. Huge success. This year we invited Matt Fisher, a repeat performer in Salinas who always sails well no matter what, and newcomer (to Salinas, not sailing, as we found out!) Tim Healy. It turned out to be a battle of foreigners, which was finally won by Healy by a two-point margin (7-9). Our good friend Tito Gonzalez also came and did very well, placing third overall. Juan Santos came in fourth, winning best local award - tickets to the Worlds!

Districts also had a good showing. They were held in May and this year it was up to Salinas to be host. Three teams from Sister Fleet 447 attended, adding up to 15 entries. After six races the overall winner was Juan Santos and the top four spots stayed home. Then came the Annual Salinas Tominé Regatta (Ecuador-

Then came the Annual Salinas Tominé Regatta (Ecuador-Colombia) in June which this year was held in Salinas. Four teams from Colombia raced our local fleet, but in the end the top four places went to Ecuadorians. Juan Santos was the overall winner.

Last but definitely not least was the long awaited trip to San Pablo, where the Nationals were held. It is a test of endurance just to get there. 10 hour drive up the mountains, only made worse by the fact that traveling in convoys is even slower. Still, five teams made it "up there". Weather was perfect, although there wasn't much wind (the you-should-have-been-here-yesterday law that Murphy never thought-of because he was not a sailor). Great fun! Or ask Miguel Plaza Jr. if you don't believe me. Not only did he win (by an 8-point margin), but he also finished up a couple of gallons of rum without the help of his crew. No, seriously, Miguel, la Flaca y el Patucho did a great job and had more luck than they needed. Very well deserved win. Honorable mention goes to Johnny Meira, Sebastian Meira and Santiago "amuleto" Romero, sailing in the pink boat (aptly named PEPTO BISMOL!) They were having a ball, not seeming to care much about winning, but always staying at the top. They came in sixth, but deserved at least a third. So that was 1997 in a nutshell. Of course, in between regattas we had plenty of time to sail Lasers, J-24s and our newest in-between regattas-hobby: R/C sailing!!

Now we look forward to 1998, which should be a great year for Lightning sailing in Ecuador if "El Niño" hasn't drowned us by the time you read this. So far we have benefited from warmer than usual seas and enough breeze to make this sport fun. We'll keep everyone posted through *Flashes* and, yeah, we will have a website too sometime next year.

See you in Salinas in 1999! Paco Solá District Commodore

FINLAND DISTRICT

District CoomodoreMartti Lähteinen	
District SecretaryMaija Pyy	
District MeasurerJari Aromaa	
District ChampionKari Huusko	
District Runner-up	

Fleets: Helsinki 166; Oulu 307; Kemi 310; Jyväskylä 328; Tuusulanjärvi 456; Valkeakoski 468

Sailing season 1997 was generally very good for the Finnish District. For the past two seasons we have been placing more emphasis on getting new sailors to the class, and now we are happy to see it has paid off. We had several new skippers taking part in our ranking series regattas, which was great! We also had several enthusiastic new crew members, who sailed in various boats during the season. Once or twice, we even had the problem of not having enough places for all those who wanted to crew... And at the moment, the demand for used boats greatly exceeds the supply. Once more, a very warm welcome to you all into the "Finnish Lightning family"!

You might be interested in how we made that happen. First of all, we realized the need to get more sailors to the class if we intended to stay active in the future. The general trend in Finland has been towards less people sailing, and small non-Olympic classes dying a slow death. Two years ago we decided to do our best to make Lightnings an exception, and along with the Snipes we seem to have made it.

The key seems to have been taking part in the Helsinki International Boat Show in February. It is a place where all the people who are interested in boating and sailing meet, and if you want to be visible, you have to be there. It is expensive and it took a lot of voluntary work from our members to take the boat there, stand there for ten days, and promote our activities, but it was worth it. For the past two years we have hosted one sailing seminar in April and two on-the-water training sessions for beginners, and the boat show has been the place to promote them. By providing people free and easy access to sailing, it is easy to get them to try the Lightning instead on some other boat. Then providing continuity in the form of crewing possibilities in practice races and such, some have stayed with the class. From the training sessions we actually have gotten many new crew members and even a few skippers. The formula has been quite simple: be visible, teach, provide possibilities to sail, invite even less experienced people to crew in regattas, and have fun! I warmly recommend making the effort, because it does pay off!

Apart from training sessions, our "official" season consisted of five ranking series regattas and our District Championship regatta, which was held in Valkeakoski this year. Both were won by a new, young and extremely competitive crew from Kemi: Kari Huusko, Mika Viide and Tommi Ahonen. Good job! Kimmo Aromaa with his crew were runner ups in the districts. Kari had some good battles with Olli Lähteinen's and Pentti Järvinen's crews in the ranking series regattas. The districts were a small disappointment, as there were only 13 boats participating. We still have some work to do in order to get the new crews to come to the district's as well.

This year we also had crews taking part in international events. Kari Huusko, Olli Lähteinen and Matti Bruun with crews took part in the European Championships in Athens, Greece. Antero Punttila with his crew, Erkki Punttila and Maija Pyy, as well as Heikki Hämäläinen with Dick Hallagan and Lori Foster as crew took part in the World's in Montreal. Next year is the 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland, and it is going to show! We are planning a wide variety of activities to celebrate "the grand old lady" as well as to promote the class. The most important event will be hosting the Open European Championships, and the first-ever Open European Masters Championships. The planning for these events, to be held in July, has already started and we're planning on holding a sailing week that will be long remembered. A wooden Lightning event is also being planned as a part of these activities to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland. On behalf of the Finnish District, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all Lightning sailors to come and join us for a week in July to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Finland District. Welcome!

Yours, Maija Pyy, District Secretary

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District CommodoreEamonn deLisser
District Secretary/TreasurerAlix Shaw
District Junior Commodore
District MeasurerSteve Hayden
District ChampionSteve Hayden
District Runner-UpJeff Linton

Fleets: Biscayne Bay (Miami) 226; Cedar (Ft Myers) 478; North Florida (Orlando) 461; Suncoast (Tampa) 502

No report.

GREECE DISTRICT

Greek Vice President	George Andreadis
District Commodore	Costas Liberakis
District Secretary	Andrew Sinopoulos

Fleets: Salamis 251; The Yacht Club of Greece 286

No report.

INDIANA DISTRICT

District CommodoreBill A	llen
District SecretaryBrad Wag	
District ChampionCraig Cobb	um
District Runner-upBill A	llen

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club 154; Indianapolis Sailing Club 270

The Indiana District Lightning Regatta was hosted by the Wawasee Yacht Club the weekend of June 14th and 15th. Only six boats participated and they were all locals. Craig Cobbum with crew Jim Wellington Jr. and Ben Rieff took first. Bill Allen and crew Dave Wisler and Christie Cobbum finished second.

No one attended the North Americans this year; however, Bill Allen took *Golden Harvest* to the Master's. Brad Wagnon, skipper of *Wolf Cookies* and Bill's regular crew, Dave Wisler, respectively did forward and center position. Bill now knows why they call it the Masters. It doesn't have anything to do with age — It's the outstanding skill of the skippers. His finish can be located elsewhere in this book if anyone is interested.

The Indianapolis Sailing Club hosted the first major regatta of the year for this area, the Indy Open. The weather was horrible with cold, wind and wet conditions being the norm on Saturday. This forecast and the conflict with Carlyle unfortunately was the cause for a low turn out. In the first race Jeff Hagman and Jacobsen went over while Cobbum and the Thomas family crashed and burned in the second. With Karen physically under the weather Colin Park headed for shore after taking a second in the first race. After the two races Saturday, Sean Fidler and Dan Norton were tied for first and George Sipel was two points behind. Sunday, with the weather improving, Hagman took first with Park closing for a second. George Sipel took first in the last race tying him with Sean for first place overall. George won the tie breaker.

The Hoosier was a weekend earlier this year due to Gull Lake not scheduling. It was outstanding weather with great steady breezes, which provided for five excellent races. John McCree had a four and onequarter point lead over Sean Fidler at end of the first day. They were closely followed by Colin Park and Jim Allen. The traditional hot rum cider and lasagna dinner was enjoyed by all Saturday evening. Colin came back with a second and first on Sunday to edge out Sean Fidler by a half of a point for first place. Jim Allen moved up to third with McCree slipping to fourth. The "Bruce" held on to his Saturday's fifth. Jeff Schmahl, who did an outstanding job as the regatta chairman for two years in a row, won the tie breaker for seventh. This was the best finish for the locals.

ITALY DISTRICT

Italy Vice President Franco De Regis
District Commodore Antonio Marino
District SecretaryCarlo Jommi
District ChampionMario Noto
District Runner-Up Stefano Reina

Fleets: Garda 249, Lega Navale Anzio 312, Marsala 449, Trasimeno 453, Cornero 466, Savio 476, Roma 479

During 1997 the Italian District put a big effort in trying to increase the class in Italy. Due to the increasing interest for the Lightning in some clubs of Adriatic sea, it was possible to organize an Italian Championship with 26 boats - resulting in a great success to the event and enthusiasm to competitors. The Italian Championship was held in Rimini, the first week of May, at the "Club Nautico Rimini" which hosted the race. The weather was good and the wind very light especially in the first day of racing. The final result was in competition till the last race, and Mario Noto, with good covering tactics, beat the competitors winning the Championship. Reina, winner of the last race, was 2nd; Antonio Marino 3rd (tied with Reina); and Balestrero 4th. A special thanks to Swiss Crews (and our friends) Wyler, Perret, Graf, Lambelet, who with their presence contributed greater interest and competitiveness to our Championship.

Unfortunately, the Italian participation in the European Championship was not great: only Marino went to the Europeans held in Athens last July and he was 5th.

At the Class meeting, held in October, it was widely discussed how to continue our effort to increase the class and its members in Italy. Special attention was focused on the possibility of finding an Italian builder for fiberglass boats at the lowest cost possible.

In 1998, we hope to increase competitors joining the Class at the next Italian Championship which will be held in Porto S. Giorgio, near Ancona, from the 2nd to the 5th of July 1998 at the club of the District Secretary Jommi.



This is the calendar of 1998 major events: Italian District Championship, 02-05 July, Porto S. Giorgio European Championship, 18-21 July, Finland Master European Championship, 21-26 July, Finland Antonio Marino

Photos previous page courtesy Antonio Marino. From the Italian Championship at Club Nautico Rimini: Top: winners Mario Noto and his crew the Alagna brothers with perpetuals and keepers. Row 2: one of the beautiful De Vita wooden Lightnings: At the

Row 2: one of the beautiful De Vita wooden Lightnings; At the Awards banquet. Row 3: Runner Up Stefano Reina and crew with perpetuals and keepers. Row 4: Urs Wyler with Walter and

Gilbert Durr with their prizes; a close-up of one of the Championship trophies.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

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Fleets: Buffalo Canoe Club 12; Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club 19; Silver Lake Yacht Club 47; Niagara Sailing Club 59; Cuba Lake Yacht Club 115; Flying Beaver Club 118; Toronto Bay 146; Conneaut Bay 180

'97 was an exciting season for the LED. We'll remember it for some great sailing at our clubs and for the outstanding performances of our members in class championships.

The new World Champs come to mind first. Larry MacDonald, Jody Swanson and Ian Jones won that event in Montreal. David Starck, Jim Allen, Tom Allen Sr., David Sprague, David Wood, and Scott Warrener also skippered boats at the regatta. Many more of our members crewed for these and other skippers.

The MacDonald crew also won the Southern Circuit, with victories at Savannah and St. Pete. Again, a number of LED sailors made the trip, including Dave Starck, Tom Allen Jr., Tom Allen Sr., Joe Starck, David Sprague, and Brian Starck. Ned Roseberry, crewing for Ched Proctor, won at Miami.

Our district hosted its own major class championship in August: the Canadian Open at the BCC. Tom Allen Jr. came up big in the last race to narrowly win the regatta. Dave Starck placed second.

Past ILCA President Dave Sprague won his first Districts this year at Chautauqua! He had a couple of young Spragues on board to show him the way. It can't be long now before one of his star crew get the urge to slide back to the stern. Skip Wilday is this year's runner-up.

Skip also won regattas at Silver Lake, Chautauqua and his home club, Cuba Lake. Other race winners were Dave Wood at the Eby series, and John Schimert at the BCC Fall Regatta. Both the Districts and the NA's will be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club in '98.

Brian Starck

See Photos on following page. Photos courtesy David Sprague

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District CommodoreBruce Hendry District SecretaryThomas Hering

Fleets: Little Neck Bay 55; Hewlett Bay 58; Great South Bay 178; Southampton Yacht Club 431; Orient Yacht Club 506

No report.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District CommodoreMary Huntsman	
District Secretary/TreasurerGeorge McDonnell	
District ChampionTed Duffy	
District Runner-UpSandy Huntsman	

Fleets: North Shrewsbury 11, Paupack 16; Lake Mohawk 25, Red Bank 70; Nyack 75; Awosting 95

No report.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

District CommodoreLarry Koster
District SecretaryChris Jacobson
District TreasurerKevin Nickels
District ChampionColin Park
District Runner-UpJim Allen
Traveling ChampionDan Norton
Fall Series ChampionSean Fidler
Doc Gilbert Spirit AwardJack Tibbs

Fleets: Devils Lake 31; Western Lake Erie 42; Crescent Sail Yacht Club 51; Lake Fenton Sailing Club 53; Pontiac Yacht Club 54; Higgins Lake 110; Gull Lake Yacht Club 137; Macatawa Bay 204; Saginaw Bay 216; Burt Lake 254; Grand Traverse Yacht Club 326; Douglas Lake 374; Lansing Sailing Club 387

The Michigan District season starts with the Western Lake Erie Fleet #42 hosting the Great Lakes Lightning Championship at North Cape Yacht Club in Monroe, MI. Out of the 22 competitors, Matt Fisher took first place honors. North Cape is known for great open water sailing conditions and a fleet that has experienced a recent rejuvenation.

In early June the Lansing Sailing Club hosts its annual regatta. This fleet is known for its famous chicken dinner and exceptional hospitality. This year's regatta featured strong winds, capsizes and broken vangs, etc. Finishing first out of 13 boats was Tom Klaban of the Pontiac Yacht Club ending Diana Fernando's two-year reign. The Lansing Sailing Club contains a group of committed sailors and their regatta is one of the best-kept secrets in the District.

Fleet #204 of the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club held their annual regatta on June 14th and 15th giving Michigan sailors a chance to sail on the big waters of Lake Michigan. This year's participation was down slightly with 8 boats taking on the choppy conditions. The crews who were diligent enough to maintain the right amount of heel and boat balance benefited the most. Diana Fernando of the Pontiac Yacht Club edged out Tom Vickers to take top honors. The Macatawa YC always puts on a well-organized regatta with great food, facilities and competition.

This year's Michigan District Championship was help at the Higgins Lake Boat Club in Roscommon, MI. Higgins Lake is truly one of northern Michigan's jewels with a beautiful venue, great sailing conditions and unique facilities. The club sits on an island in the middle of the lake providing rustic yet very functional facilities. Out of the 33 boats that participated the top ten were:

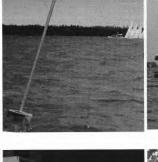
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2.	Jim Allen/Fleet #54	14632	
3.	Mark Whatley/Fleet #54	14220	
4.	Sean Fidler/Fleet	14787	
5.	Dan Norton/Fleet #31	14774	
6.	John McCree/#216	14323	
7.	Tom Niles/Fleet #216	14819	
8.	Jim Davis/Fleet #42	14779	
9.	John Garrison/Fleet #54	14637	
10.	Louie Nickels/Fleet #54	14755	

On June 28th and 29th the Lake Fenton Sailing Club held their annual Team Races. This year a different format was utilized allowing for "seeding" of the teams. In spite of the light turn-out this proved to be very successful and kept the competition close.

LAKE ERIE DISTRICTS - PHOTOS BY DAVID SPRAGUE





































MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AT HIGGINS LAKE YACHT CLUB



Fleet #216 and the Bay City Yacht Club hosted their 43rd annual Lightning Regatta on July 19th and 20th. Saginaw Bay provides good open water sailing conditions and a fairly predictable thermal out of the northeast. Saturday's conditions were choppy with a 12knot thermal but on Sunday, light air prevailed. Dan Norton from Devil's Lake Yacht Club took home the first place trophy.

This year's Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships were held at North Cape Yacht Club. Conditions were fairly light, but the competition was intense in all three fleets. Our own Bruin, Bruce Goldsmith, won the Masters, with Joe Dissette from Saginaw Bay taking home a Ye Olde Salt trophy for being the oldest Master, and Larry Koster and crew taking home a Ye Olde Salts trophy for having the greatest total crew age. Mandy Hofmeister from Nashville won the Women's with Bonnie Nickels of Pontiac second. Charlie Wardwell won the Juniors.

The North American Championships were hosted by our own Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. In spite of the light turn-out, Tom Vickers and crew put on a great show with racing conditions that were better than expected. Of the 64 boats competing, Tim Healy took first place honors.

On Saturday 6th and 7th, Pontiac Yacht Club hosted their annual White Cap Regatta on Cass Lake in Keego Harbor, MI. The folks at PYC were anxious to show off their newly renovated clubhouse to the skippers and crews of the 45 boats competing. Although Cass Lake is known for being shallow and weedy, this year's regatta provided good winds, and in the end, John McCree from the Bay City Yacht Club finished on top. PYC is known for its hospitality and great food.

Fleet 31 at Devils Lake Yacht Club hosted their annual regatta the very next week. Saturday's race turned in to a drifter, but Sunday brought a little more wind. After the 2 race series, Sean Fidler finished on top of the 24 boat fleet.

On September $2\frac{1}{7}$ and 28th a number of boats traveled to Lake Wawasee to compete in the Hoosier Regatta. Michigan sailors seem to love this regatta as 8 of the top 10 boats were from Michigan with Colin Park taking first place. The last regatta of the season was the one-day Fall Blow-Out at North Cape Yacht Club. 15 boats competed with Bruce Goldsmith winning the regatta.

At the end of the year the Michigan District Traveling Champion Trophy was awarded to Dan Norton, the Fall Series Champion was Sean Fidler and the Doc Gilbert Spirit Award was presented in the memory of our friend Jack Tibbs.

1997 was a great season to sail in Michigan, with the variety of open water and inland lake sailing venues, there is something for everyone. Join us in 1998 for exceptional hospitality and competition.

Chris Jacobson

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore:	Dan Reichelsdorfer
District Treasurer/Secreta	aryMichou Braun
District Champion:	Bill Faude
District Runner-Up	Paul Wurtzebach

Fleets: Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club 5; Milwaukee Yacht Club 69; Green Bay Sailing Club 112; Lake Davenport 167; Sheboygan 187; Fond du Lac 442

With Green Bay entering its 50th year, the District had an air of excitement about it. Green Bay saw one of its best years from a membership and participation standpoint. Green Bay sailors were everywhere! It's always exciting to have this kind of milestone happen in a District!

Our pre-race season was capped by a seminar on the New Racing Rules hosted by the Midwest District's very own Dean Cady and the Milwaukee Yacht Club. There were numerous new points to remember, and getting a head start on those differences made a difference for all of us.

We started our year off right with the Lighthouse Regatta in Fond Du Lac, which has become our get-the-rust-out Regatta over the past few years. This year, the Regatta was graced by the presence of Greg Fisher of North Sails One-Design, and with 20 boats to work with, he was a busy guy! We did the tune clinic and the onthe-water and post race debriefing, getting everyone geared up for another great year of Lightning sailing. Greg's easygoing manner and knowledge helped us all raise our game! We even had boats from Thunder Bay come down to play in advance of the North Americans. The regatta was won by David Stix, who also worked hard along with the Fond Du Lac folks to organize this event.

Next on the schedule was the Evans Regatta, celebrating the 50th year of the Green Bay Lightning Fleet. Eighteen boats came out to help celebrate. This fleet always puts on a great regatta, and this year was no disappointment! The fleet had been planning the event since our District Meeting in January. The breeze cooperated, with a real screamer on Sunday. The usual hospitality was made more spectacular by a great party on Saturday night at Bill Dean's beautiful home on "the Bay" complete with fireworks! The event was won by Paul Wurtzebach. The fleet did a great job of celebrating their 50th!

Milwaukee held their annual P&T over 4th of July Weekend. The festive atmosphere of Milwaukee over the Holiday weekend was met with the great Lightning racing on Lake Michigan for nine boats. Great breeze on Saturday and challenging shifty breezes on Sunday lead to an exciting finish with Paul Wurtzebach finally clinching the Regatta. With Milwaukee hosting the Districts, they worked hard to produce two excellent regattas with some faithful volunteers The Districts were held the weekend of July 19 and 20th, experimenting with a 2 day District to try and increase participation. With the NAs so close to home, 15 boats and crews showed up to race. Bill Faude was crowned District Champion, with Paul Wurtzebach 2nd and David Stix in 3rd. As usual, the Milwaukee Fleet produced a well run regatta for both events!

On to the Brotz in Sheboygan, where contrary to her gifts in the prior regattas, Mother Nature failed to come through. There was a fog out on Saturday, and only 2 races were sailed on Sunday. We still had fun "sailing the bar" at the Sheboygan Yacht Club, and we did NOT give Loafers away for trophies!! Dan Reichelsdorfer prevailed in a close event. Our district was represented at the Worlds in Montreal by El Presidente Bill Faude and crew Jared Drake and Susan Daly who finished 7th overall. We also had a number of boats who attended the North Americans, at nearby Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Ric Larson of Sheboygan finished 11th and Ben Wallace finished 30th in the Blue Fleet. Paul Wurtzebach won the President's Cup, with Adrian Irving 13th in the President's Cup fleet.

The season finale at the Red Flannels is always an event NOT to be missed. As usual, the Chicago fleet not only furnishes exciting racing, but excellent off-the-water events. Paul Wurtzebach with Elmo and Magic Bob topped a 32-boat fleet.

With the Great Lakes Champion determined by the best finishes in the Evans, P&T, Districts and Brotz Regatta, with the Districts a "must count" event, our Champion is Paul Wurtzebach with a first at Evans, first at P&T and a second at the Districts. Congratulations to Paul!

Finally, on a somber note, the Midwest District and the Lightning Class lost a driving force this year in Audrey Matteson. Her physical presence was missed greatly at our events this year, but you know that Audrey was there, every leg of every race . . .

Michou Braun

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore	Rob Hempel
District Secretary	Rick Bernstein
District Champion	Gerry Paoli
District Runner-UpW	illiam Hofmeister

Fleets: Decatur 74; Harbor Island Yacht Club 262; Carlyle Sailing Association 266; Delta Sailing Association (Memphis) 274; Valley Sailing Association (Alton) 486

In case you have not heard, our District received some great news in 1997. Carlyle Sailing Association outside of St. Louis has been awarded the '99 North American Championship and the Women's, Master's and Junior's North American Championships. With a world class facility like CSA, try to make plans to attend that event as plans are well underway to throw an unforgettable regatta.

The Tennessean Regatta in mid-April in Nashville began the district's season with 13 boats. Cully Ward won this event followed by Bill Hofmeister, Paul Wurtzebach, Bill Baxter Jr. and Don Sherburne.

Twenty-one boats attended the Mid-Continent Regatta at CSA in early May. The wind blew all weekend as return champion Jim Sears made a gallant effort at repeating. The 6 race regatta came down to a 2 boat event going into the last race with Florida guest Steve Hayden leading Sears by two points. With a larger throwout, Hayden simply had to beat Sears; in the end Hayden won the last race with Sears finishing third. Hayden won his first Mid-Continent with 7 points followed by Sears, Bill Hofmeister, Dave Stix from Chicago and Gerry Paoli from CSA.

In June our Districts were held at Nashville's Harbor Island Yacht Club. Here we saw cool weather, light to medium wind, drizzle, 26 boats, 3 races and no races on Sunday due to a lack of air. The event started with countless general recalls in the first race, as everyone was anxious to get out in front in the shifty, ever changing conditions. This regatta belongs to Gerry Paoli with Sue Albert and local talent Kat Ward as they sailed fast and consistent. Paoli was followed by Hofmeister, Bruce Richards and Chandler Owen of Nashville, and Sears. The '98 Districts will be held at Carlyle Sailing Association in mid-June.

The North American's outside of Detroit saw CSA'er Dan Moriarty participate in his first NA's as a driver. With his experience-laden crew of Matt Burridge and Rick Bernstein, Moriarty finished a very respectable 5th in the Championship flight and was the highest scoring rookie. This marks the 3rd time in three tries that this team finished in the top 10 of the NA's. Other District participants included Bill Hofmeister 13th and Chandler Owen 32nd in the Blue Fleet, Jim Sears 10th in the President's fleet in his first NA's, Bill Killebrew 15th and Bob Cotton 21st, both in the President Fleet and both from Nashville. In September the Muddy Rudder Regatta on Alton Lake saw 9 boats sail the Mississippi River conditions at Valley Sailing Association with 4 races and no throw-outs. Rick Conaway won followed by Linus Portman, Steve Wyers, Gerry Chapman and Gerry Wnorowski.

Finally, the historic Bluenose Regatta in Nashville ended the District events with 45 boats in attendance. Greg Fisher won followed by Colin Park, Sean Fidler, Dennis Dieball, and Wurtzebach. Our district was represented by Bruce Richards, 13th and Mandy Hofmeister, 15th.

Scores were unavailable for the Intercity Regatta in Decatur, Illinois; the Cotton Pickin' and the Hernando Desoto Regattas in Memphis, Tennessee.

On a somber note, the District lost an Icon this past year. Roger Grohne of Decatur passed away on September 4th after battling Leukemia. Roger was an active Lightning racer since 1950 and will always be remembered for his candor, humor and red and green socks. The ILCA has truly lost a great one.

Again, don't forget the great news; Carlyle Sailing Association will hold the 1999 North American Championships as well as the Women's, Masters and Juniors. A great way to check out the club before hand is to attend their spring classic, the Mid-Continent Regatta the first weekend in May. Watch your Flashes for information. Happy Sailing everyone!!

Rick Bernstein

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

.Chris Dwinal
Lisa Brauer
Bruce Atkinson
Bill Fastiggi
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John Hughes
.Nick Mercier

Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club 14; Merrimac River 121; Spofford Lake 145; Annisquam Yacht Club 151; Marblehead 189; Bomoseen Yacht Club 227; Massabesic Yacht Club 273; Chequesset 280; Champlain 301; Squam Lake 332; Bow Lake 493

In February of this year, the New England Lightning District lost a great friend and a great sailor - Brian Hughes. Although I've met many special people in the New England District and ILCA, the image that most often comes to my mind when I think about sailing, particularly Lightning sailing, was Brian's face. Although always special events to me, Lightning sailing was not the same in 1997 without Brian around. Brian could make friends with anyone, from junior sailors to elder sailors to a person on the street corner. Brian did not distinguish people by age, sex, color or status - he was friendly to everyone. I'd like to dedicate this 1998 yearbook article to Brian by sharing some of my memories of times spent with Brian. Perhaps some of you remember these moments.

My first Lightning regatta was in August 1992 at Squam Lake in New Hampshire. Many people made my brother and me feel very welcome at that regatta, something I'd never experienced at regattas in other sailboat classes. I remembered being invited by Brian to go get pizza with other sailors after Saturday's races. He helped us rig the boat and gave us sailing pointers which we sorely needed. When I left for home on Sunday afternoon, I felt like I'd been invited into a large family and that I'd known Brian for a hundred years. The 1997 Squam Lakes Regatta was held on August 23 and 24 and saw a great turnout in 18 boats. George Deyett and his crew of Sharon Deyett and Adam Deyett won, followed closely by Stuart Nickerson and his crew of Lisa Brauer, Mark Nickerson and Ross Nickerson. Third place honors went to Ken Deyett, Julie Deyett and Dave Adams.

After such a great experience at my first Lightning regatta, my thoughts of day sailing were gone and all I wanted to do was race. The next regatta was the Newburyport Regatta where the wind really blew. For me and my crew, it was a matter of keeping the boat upright and trying not to get hurt. I'll always remember marveling at how easy the Hughes and Harrington's made sailing in these conditions look. I broke many fittings on my Nickels & Holman that weekend and remember the Harrington's and Hughes being there to help. I also remembered being invited by the Hughes family to join them on their 40 foot yacht for some drinks and conversation after the races. George Deyett won this years Newburyport Regatta in similar conditions to those in 1992. Robert Cutting was second followed by Patrick McCormack third in the 12 boat fleet.

This year, the Massabesic Yacht Club and Fleet #273 hosted both a one-day regatta in mid-May and a two-day regatta on September 6 & 7, with an average of 15 boats participating. I distinctly remember during one of the May Massabesic regattas (the air was pretty warm but the water was still quite cold) when John, Brian and their young crew (who I doubt had ever sailed on a Lightning), broached at the weather mark. This seemed strange to all that were present as the Hughes were not typically in this situation. Brian's humorous explanation for the broach was that the boat needed a good cleaning out after a long winter of storage. I'll also never forget the 1996 September regatta when Brian crewed for me, even though his energy level was low due to all his treatments. Despite the fact that he wasn't feeling 100%, he found a way to trim the chute, give advice, and laugh. The 1997 May Iceberg regatta was won by George Deyett, second place went to Nick Mercier and third place to Eric Cutting. The 1997 Fall Massabesic Regatta was won by Ray Harrington, Ken Deyett finished second and Nick Mercier third.

The regatta which attracted the most boats (28) and rock stars this year was the Spring Regatta held on May 31 and June 1 at the Mallett's Bay Boat Club on Lake Champlain. Local sailor Andy Horton came away with the gold, followed by Tito Gonzalez and Peter Hall. Notable finishers for the New England District were Ray Harrington (4), Don Brush (8), and Bill Fastiggi (9). Aside of the time many of us spent with Brian at some of the watering holes and dance clubs in Burlington, I remember Brian telling Stuart Nickerson one Sunday morning that he was going to sail out to the racing area with me and crew so that he could help me adjust the rig. I remember that Stuart wasn't thrilled, but Brian had already made a promise to me and knew that I needed more assistance than Stuart.

The Maple Leaf Regatta on Lake Bomoseen had a huge turnout this year with 21 boats. Bill Fastiggi (or Billy Fast as Brian called him) took home the Vermont Gold, with Don Brush and George Deyett rounding out the top three. I remember during one regatta at Lake Bomoseen when I felt like a high school student attempting to sneak a bottle out my parent's liquor cabinet. You see, Brian's mom Eve had a bottle of Crown Royal tucked away in a hotel room, unbeknownst that Brian had located it. Every once and a while, Brian and I would sneak away from the table to go fix drinks for ourselves and others.

This years District Championship was held on July 11, 12 and 13 at Mallett's Bay Boat Club on Lake Champlain. On Friday, 3 races were held for the 8 boat Junior and Masters fleet (no women crews were present). The winner of both divisions was decided only by a point with John Hughes (Merrimac Fleet #121) defending his long-held title by edging out Ed Ziemer in the Masters division. Nick Mercier (Massabesic Fleet #273) won his first Junior Districts by narrowly defeating defending champion Sean Carroll.

For the past few years, the New England District has invited sailors from outside the District to participate in our District regatta. This year, two of three boats from outside the District finished 1-2 in the regatta. Despite a 13th place finish in one race, Al Boucher managed no lower than 5th in the other four races and amassed two bullets on his way to winning the regatta. Tony Staples, in first place after Saturday with three 2nd places, hung on Sunday for second place in the regatta. The top three New England District finishes were Bill Fastiggi (3), Ray Harrington (4) and Andy Horton (5).

The Wellfleet Regatta was held on August 2 and 3 with 7 boats participating. Robert Cutting finished first, followed by C.B. Currier and John Hughes. I've enjoyed some great times sailing in Wellfleet, either at the annual regatta, recent District Championship, or the three-day Cutting Cup Regatta held over the Labor Day weekend. Ted Lavery and I sailed with Brian Hughes in the Cutting Cup Regatta in 1994 and won. This year, Centerboard Yacht Club Fleet #14, sailing on the waters of Casco Bay in Portland, Maine, held two one-day regattas on August 16 and 17. On Saturday, four Lightnings were sponsored by local businesses to participate in the Multiple Schlerosis (MS) Regatta which attracted over 100 boats from numerous classes. Trophies were awarded to the sponsors and winning boats from numerous divisions, with the Lightning honors going to Chris Dwinal (1), Pete Merrill (2) and Bill Purdy (3). On Sunday, Centerboard Yacht Club held its own regatta in light, shifty breezes. Five boats participated with the top three finishers in this regatta being the same as the MS Regatta.

The final regatta in New England during 1997 was hosted by Spofford Lake Fleet #145 on September 20 and 21. Eight boats participated with Ned Hinds coming away with gold, Bruce Atkinson with silver and Dave Fitch with bronze.

At the annual winter meeting, Bill Fastiggi was awarded the Pratt Trophy for his on-going dedication and contributions to the District and Class. George Deyett won the 1997 Circuit Championship for the third time since 1989 (1990, 1992). Congratulations to both of you!

NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT

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No report.

OHIO DISTRICT

1996-1997

District Commodore	David Gall
District Secretary	Bridget Frymier
District Champion	Greg Fisher
District Runner-Up	.George Fisher
1997-1998	
District Commodore	Bridget Frymier
District Secretary	Bobbie Stone

Fleets: Indian Lake 23; Leatherlips 27; Turkeyfoot 33; Pymatuning 36; Buckeye Lake 43; Cleveland (Rocky River) 71; Mansfield 150; Atwood Lake 212; Cowan Lake 303

A winter luncheon meeting at the Elephant Club in Columbus began the 1997 season with George Fisher discussing the New Racing Rules in effect this year and Matt Fisher telling of his experiences associated with winning the 1996 Lightning North American Championship. The Mansfield Sailing Club fall regatta was sanctioned to be included in competition for the Governor's Cup Trophy.

The first regatta of the season began with the Spring Classic on May 10 and 11 at Pymatuning Yacht Club, which hosted a record number of 38 boats. Saturday's first race was held in strong and gusty northeasterly winds, occasional heavy rain, and temperatures in the 40's in which 5 boats capsized and one was de-masted. The second race was canceled when winds increased to 25 knots gusting to 32. The weather improved on Sunday and two races were sailed in a light to moderate northwesterly breeze. Larry McDonald won the regatta with Bill Faude coming in second and Matt Fisher taking third.

The Windshift Regatta at Leatherlips Yacht Club on June 13 and 14 brought out 13 boats to compete in excellent conditions on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir. Tom Varley came in first with David Gall second and Eric Brandt third.

For the first time in history the 1997 Ohio District Championship Regatta was hosted by Fleet 27 at Leatherlips Yacht Club on June 28 and 29. A steady breeze on Saturday morning with 5-10 mph winds out of the south to southeast set the stage for a long two lap windward/leeward course between the narrow banks of the O'Shaughnessy Reservoir for the first race and the breeze picking up slightly and continuing out of a more easterly direction with stronger windshifts for the second race. Racing on Sunday resumed with a 10 mph breeze building to 15 mph out of the south to southeast with a few light windshifts which made ideal conditions for a windward/leeward course. The regatta was won by Greg Fisher sailing with his brother Matt, and Matt's 8 year old daughter, Amanda. George Fisher came in second and Aaron Stange was third.

A brief meeting was held with Bridget Frymier elected as Commodore and Bobbie Stone as Secretary. The 50th Ohio District Championship will be held at Pymatuning Yacht Club in 1998. Dan Hertzer received the Ohio District Sportsmanship Trophy.

The Independence Day Regatta was held at Pymatuning Yacht Club on July 5 and 6 with 13 Lightnings participating in light, shifty, puffy conditions. Lesley Frymier, sailing with Bill Fastiggi and Matt Frymier won the regatta with Garry Condon second and David Gall third.

The Stumpbuster Regatta at Indian Lake on August 16 and 17 consisted of three races on Saturday held in nearly ideal conditions of a steady 15-18 knots wind all day. After the strong electrical front came through, bringing a brilliant lightning display on Saturday night, light winds of 5 mph held just long enough to finish Sunday's race. The regatta was won by Steve Weeber with Bill Young coming in second and Dick Pugh third. The Mr. Stumpbuster Trophy, promoting continuing involvement in sailing and good sportsmanship, went to longtime sailor Paul Howald from Leatherlips.

The Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Yacht Club on September 6 and 7 continued its streak of good air for the second year in a row. Ten Lightnings participated with Mansfield Sailing Club having the majority of boats. David Gall kept his boat upright and showed them the way, winning his club's regatta. Tom Varley from Mansfield was second and Kurt Andrews from Leatherlips was third.

The Mansfield Sailing Club held its Bare Bones Regatta this year on September 20 and 21. The members continued their tradition with gracious hospitality and the regatta was again covered by the local news media. Fifteen boats showed up to support their efforts. Tom Varley invited everyone to spend the weekend camping in "Varley Valley", where a bonfire party was held on Friday night. Saturday's races were held in 20-28 mph winds blowing out of the north and Sunday's races were in more comfortable 10-14 mph winds from the northeast. Again the winning was a family affair won by John Werley with his wife Bertie and young son Tim. Second place went to Tom Varley sailing with his wife Kay and son Jon and third place went to Kurt Andrews.

Buckeye Lake's Regatta, the Snow Ball, was held October 4 and 5 in near perfect weather with clear skies and temperatures in the 70's with a good southwest wind which held all through Saturday becoming very light on Sunday. The regatta was won by George Fisher with Steve Weeber coming in second and Mike Hein third.

The Fall-In Regatta at Cowan Lake was held on October 18 and 19. Jim Stone provided the Friday night entertainment. He enlisted the help of about ten sailors to put his boat back on the trailer about five miles from the club. It went airborne when the trailer, which became unhitched from the van, came to an abrupt stop after hitting a fence. Luckily it landed in a soft ditch with nary a scratch and only minor damage was done to the trailer and fence. Three races were sailed on Saturday in good air. Due to the drifter conditions on Sunday there was only one race which resulted in the regatta having a tie for first and another one for second place. After the tie breakers, Eric Brandt came in first with Dick Pugh second, Steve Weeber third, Tom Varley fourth and Mike Thomas fifth. Eric Brandt from Leatherlips experienced the traditional first time regatta winner dunking. The Governor's Trophy was won again by Tom Varley, sailing with his wife Kay and son, Jon. Nipping at his heels (or rudder) were Steve Weeber and David Gall who were both one point away. There were more skippers in contention this year thus making the competition more interesting. Mansfield Sailing club sailors were more active in the Ohio regatta circuit. It is a pleasure to see a reactivated club becoming so involved in Ohio sailing.

I again encourage you to travel and participate in another club's regatta. I always thought you had to be "good" before you started going to regattas. Dean Caley, when he sailed with us at Atwood Lake, encouraged us to go to other regattas. He said, "A regatta is just a big party with a few races thrown in on a weekend." Participating in regattas improves your sailing because you learn from the more experienced sailors as you try to keep up with the

OHIO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AT LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB



competition, which is usually better than that of your home club. I have also made many friends that I look forward to seeing again each sailing season.

Congratulations to Greg Fisher, who came in second in the North American Championship and to George Fisher, 5th in the Masters' North American Championship, who are always gracious in giving other Ohio sailors the benefit of their experience and expertise.

Bobbie Stone

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District CommodoreJohn DeBenedetti District ChampionJerry Neuburger

Fleets: Maple Bay 64; Vancouver 90; Seattle 132; Chinook Eugene Yacht Club 229; Portland 283; Okanagan 368; Prairie Fleet 507

Pacific Northwest District takes in all of Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and now southern Alberta. There are active fleets in Eugene, Portland, Vancouver and Kelowna, BC, Calgary, Alberta, and an inactive fleet in Seattle. Some members do a bit of traveling but we are seeing less interfleet travel in the whole picture. Distance continues to be our biggest problem; most fleets are many hours apart.

Still, we manage to have regattas in each of these places, with good sailing. This year our District Championship were at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club, near Portland, but only the local sailors showed up! They were greeted with strong winds most of the weekend. Jerry Neuburger managed to stay ahead of the fleet to win - his third straight PNW District Championship!

Three members of the District went to Richmond, CA for the Pacific Coast Championships, sailed in typically fresh breezes. Next year we will run this event in Eugene, OR in September.

Team Races were held at VLSC in October a good time was had in light winds.

John DeBenedetti

PERU DISTRICT

Peru Vice President & District CommodoreFrancisco Ayulo

Lima Fleet 424

No report

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District CommodorePeter Hall

Fleets: The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club 215; Pointe Claire Yacht Club 499

No report.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District CommodoreJames Taylor
District Secretary/TreasurerPhil Taylor
District MeasurerJohn Pelosi
District ChampionLen Krawcheck

Fleets: Savannah 127; Clark Hill (Augusta) 257; Lake Lanier (Atlanta) 348; Catawba (Charlotte) 365; Greater Charleston 429; Waccamaw 463; Wake 481; Tennessee Valley (Knoxville) 500

No report.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District CommodoreBarney March III	
District SecretaryJohn Marion	
District ChampionRobert Bernhardt	
District Runner-UpJohn Marion	
GYA ChampionJohn Marion	

Fleets: Southern Yacht Club 62; Mobile Bay 135; Shreveport Yacht Club 175; New Orleans Yacht Club 209

The Southern District had a great 1997 season. The year started in Shreveport, LA at the Holiday-in-Dixie Regatta. The local fleet is prospering behind the guidance of David Wasner and family.

The next stop was the Spring Regatta in Mobile, AL. As usual the Buccaneer YC did a terrific job with the party on Saturday.

The Districts were held in Mandeville, LA in conjunction with the School's Out Regatta. Pontchartrain YC and all their volunteers ran an excellent series.

One boat from the District traveled to the North American Championship. Robert Bernhardt with Larry Frost III and Scott Kircharr crewing gualified for the Blue Fleet.

The Gulf Yachting Association Trophy was sailed for at Pontchartrain YC in September.

Fairhope YC in Fairhope, AL hosted the Wadewitz Regatta two weeks later.

The season will end this weekend at the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans.

1998 looks to be an excellent year. There will be four more stops and the Southern District Traveling Series will begin.

SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

Switzerland Vice PresidentGilbert Despland
District CommodoreJacques Perret
District Secretary Kathy Cairns-Herzog
District Treasurer
District MeasurerUrs Wyler
District ChampionUrs Wyler
District Runner-UpJacques Perret

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel 169; Sempacher/Hallwiler/Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee 250; Murtensee 358

1997 was as anticipated an International Sailing Season for the Swiss Lightning Class. Our activity is still the same. The motivation of our "last battalion" of Lightning crews is lightly decreasing. We are looking now at the possibility of organizing the World Championship 2001 in Switzerland to keep the Class active.

After an exciting preparation for our participation at the World's in Montreal with Audrey Matteson, the sudden announcement of her death broke our project. After reflection I decided to participate in her memory. Goodbye, Audrey, we'll always remember the good times we have had with you sailing and travelling in Europe.



Audrey in Marsala at 1996 Winter Championhip. Photo courtesy Jacques Perret



Some of the Swiss at the Worlds: the Grafs, Perrets and Thierry Monnier. Photo courtesy Jacques Perret.

International activity:

-4 crew at the Italian Championship in Rimini. Very good participation for this first try to organize an Italo-Suisse Championship.

-3 Swiss boats at the World Championship in Montreal. The first participation at an oversea championship since 1979!!! Thanks for the participation of the US crews: Jo Ann Jones, Joan and Gary Hurban.

-1 crew at the European Championship in Athens. Poor participation as a result of the exceptional participation at the World's in Montreal.

Activity in Switzerland: Sempach 26/27 April: Participation of five boats at our spring regatta. Very light air conditions for all the week-end. We just finished one race but we have founded an organizing club for the next European Championship in Switzerland in 1999.

Neuchâtel 18/19 October: Five boats at our District Championship in Neuchâtel holded by our traditional "Fondue" regatta. Very light airs during this tipical autumnal week-end. Just enough to sail two races.

Next Year the Finland District will organize the European Championship at the occasion of its 50th anniversary. It will be a big event and I'm sure that at least 4 Swiss boats will participate.

Very good season 98, sure with more wind !!!

Jacques Perret

TEXAS DISTRICT

District CommodoreSteve Harris
District SecretaryJennifer Eldredge
District ChampionJim Alman
District Runner-UpJenny Eldredge

Fleets: Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club 35; Rush Creek Yacht Club 435; Lake Conroe Association 505

Most of the Texas District activity centered around the Rush Creek Yacht Club fleet on Lake Ray Hubbard and on the Lake Conroe fleet close to Houston.

Unlike most years, Spring Dinghyfest was a drifter and it really blew during the Texas Districts. Both regattas were hosted by the Rush Creek Yacht Club fleet on Lake Ray Hubbard. The Toys for Tots regatta, hosted by the Conroe fleet, was also a surprise drifter.

Most active District participants this year were Steve and Patty Harris from Houston who traveled to most of all of the Texas regattas and sailed in the blue fleet in the N.A.s. Scott Anderson has been out on his new Lightning most weekends on Lake Ray Hubbard and has traveled to all of the Texas regattas. Jay Martin and Jenny

Goodacre have been sailing with Scott most of the year. Jim Alman sailed in the Worlds in Canada.

The Spring Dinghyfest was the first big regatta of the year. Scott Anderson and Jay Martin won the regatta. Tom Lamson (sailing Jenny Eldredge's boat) did great in the light air with John Skiles and Melissa Kaufman. They got a second overall, almost beating Scotty but didn't make it to the start on time for the first race on Sunday. Patty and Steve Harris were third overall. Other regatta participants were Doc and Deanna Newman (father and daughter team), Patrick Moseley, Jeff Herron, Vern Goldberg and Chris Murphy.

Jim Alman and Jeff Kerr won the Texas Districts on Lake Ray Hubbard in June, Jenny Eldredge, Tom Lamson and Shaun Williamson were second, Steve and Patty Harris and Chris Shipman were third. Scott Anderson, Jay Martin and Jenny Goodacre were a close 4th. Also sailing were the Newmans, Vern Goldberg, Patrick Moseley, Jeff Herron, Billy Bennet from Brenham, among others.



The Shipwreck party was held Saturday night of the Districts at Rush Creek. Gilligan and Ginger (or was it really Tom Lamson and Marlene Vaske?) were there- apparently Gilligan discovered how to make moon shine on the island. We all had fun, but no one was officially Shipmanized.

The Fall Dinghyfest was held once again at Rush Creek the last weekend of August. Jenny Eldredge, Tom Lamson and Craig (Rock Lobster) Bandy won the regatta. Steve and Patty Harris were second and Scott Anderson, Jay Martin and Jenny Goodacre were third.

Commodore's Cup on Lake Conroe in October was a little chilly and windy. Steve and Patty Harris won the regatta. Scott Anderson with Jenny Goodacre and Deanna Newman got second. Chris Shipman and team were third. Other participants included John Waskom from Dallas (White Rock) and Billy Bennet from Brenham.

Toys for Tots regatta on Lake Conroe in December was a drifter and Scott Anderson won it. The Harris' got second and Chris Shipman and team got third.

Jennifer Eldredge

US @ LARGE DISTRICT

Rocky Mountain Fleet 488 (See Fleet Report)

URUGUAY DISTRICT

District SecretaryGuillermo Rondini Meneses

Es con verdadero entusiasmo que le informo oficialmente que el 44º Campeonato Sudamericano de la Clase Lightning se disputara en Punta Del Este (Abril 12-19. 1998) con caracter de "Abierto" Por correo recibira ud los detalles e ilustrciones del caso.

Un cordial saludo de Guillermo Rondini

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SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB FLEET 1 Central New York District Sailing on Skaneateles Lake Skaneateles, NY

Fleet Captain		Reynolds
* David Penfield		39
* David Penfield		9178
* Frank J. Haas	Blitzen II	11154
* David M. Hayes	Ensayo	12210
* Hendrix Tenevck, Ir.	Gail Wind	13677
* Gary Kuhns		13900

Gary Kuhns

At the time of my writing this report, Fleet 1 is actively planning the 60th Anniversary Lightning Regatta, planned for July 3-5, 1998. Fleet 1 and the Skaneateles Country Club are very excited about hosting this event. Regatta Chairman Dave Penfield and his crew look forward to hosting all Lightning sailors.

The theme for the 60th is fun, fun, and more fun. While the racing will be fantastic, on-shore activities, including child care, parties, and 4th of July celebrations should make this event fun for the whole family. All Lightning sailors, regardless of ability or boat condition, should plan to make the trip to Skaneteles for this event. For more information contact our web site at: www.waynes.com/ business/regatta.

In 1997 our Fleet 1 Lightning sailing was focused on our local regattas. The interclass Sandbagger Series, Columbia Cup, and All Lake Regatta all saw winning entires from our fleet. Chris Kuhns and his crew were particularly deadly in these series.

Mike Yates and his crew took Acme #378 on the road to two regattas. Early in the summer they traveled to Hammondsport NY for the Champagne Regatta. The weather was great, the facilities superb, and the sailing fun. The old wood team was able to sail a respectable regatta and beat several other worthy contestents.

Unfortunately the same could not be said for their record and the one day regatta hosted by the Onondaga Yacht Club. Gusty winds and poor starts spelled trouble for #378. Consistency being the only positive aspect of the day: consistently last. However, good cheer and strong singing voices made for a good day.

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB FLEET 3 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain/SecretaryRobert O'Brien

* Robert R. Adams (Life)		11980
* Robert R. Adams (Life)	Vagabond	14008

Regrettably Lightning sailing at Bay Head Yacht Club is dormant. Former Commodore Bob Adams is a recognized Bay Champion in Class-B Cat boats, but Vagabond Lightning 14008 did not compete at all in 1997.

The Bay Head Yacht Club does have a suitable Lightning sailboat available for Junior sailors, and it is hoped that this will spark a renewed interest in the Lightning.

In 1946, Hubert Johnson, a noted Bay Head boat builder, constructed Lightning #3798 for the 16th birthday of his twin daugh-ters, Florence and Isabel. This boat has recently been donated to the Bay Head Historical Society which is in the process of restoring it to like-new condition. It will be prominently displayed in town and will also, we hope, renew an interest in the Lightning sailboat. With over 100 youngsters in the Bay Head Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, it is hoped that a few of them will graduate into competitors in our fine racing class yacht - The Lightning!

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB FLEET 4 **Central New York District** Sailing on Lake Delta Rome, New York

[*] Albert A. Adolfi, Jr.	Snowbird	10725
* Aaron Dewey	CBU	12720
* David A. Winberg	Run-a-way	13143

No report.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB FLEET 5 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Chicago, Illinois

	Fleet Captain Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary Fleet Treasurer Fleet Champion Fleet Champion Fleet Runner-Up Fleet Champion		Fox kins ırke
* *	Tom Hennessy	Wind On	10443
1	Dave Hernandey	wind On	10930
*	John F. Tschanz	Wind Rose	11316
	lim Colgan	while Rose	11446
*]	Robert C. Baron	Aeolus	12167
*]	David Field		12283
]	Bruce Thompson	Mjollnir	12395
]	Pat McGuinnis	,	12650
*	Ion Schmid		
	& Tom Rogers John L. Walter		13259
*	John L. Walter	Showtime	13686
*]	Doug Steffenson	Hot Flash	14015
*	im Fairman	Plan B	14065
* 1	William Gibson	Pigs On Ice	14137
1	Peter Sherman		14337
*]	David W. Stix	0 I T T I I	14388
*	Derek Ettie	Cooler In The Lake	14452
"	Robert K. Smither (Life)	Photon	14466
	Paul Wurtzebach	D-59	14478
	Steve Cushman		
	& Ben Wallace	D	14500
*	& Martha Pharr Cushmar	Dale	$14508 \\ 14511$
* 1	Adrian Irving	Racer X	14511
* 1	leanne Ehrenberg David Wagner	Racel A	14527
	& Steve Lowery		14610
* 1	Doug Nickel	Feeding Frenzy	14613
* 1	Hugo Carey Long	In The Weeds	14619
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*	& Robert Almgren		
*	& Margot Waltz		14621
*]	Dennis A. Burke		14844
*	Adrian K. Irving	Dale	14847
*]	Elizabeth Altman	04 (032)	0

Fleet 5 grew its ranks with seven new boat owners and 4 new boats. Steve Daube, Doug & Jean Steffenson, and Pat McGuinnis arrived from fleets outside Illinois. Tom Rogers and Jon Schmid have been Chicago area "big boat" sailors who wanted a taste of "big fun" sailing. Our favorite new member is Dave Field who tracked our fleet down at the Chicago Strictly Sail boat show last Ianuary.

Our 1997 fleet leaders re-taught the rest of us the "consistency lesson" this year. Fleet Champion Dennis Burke bested the larger 1997 fleet with speed and consistency. Most of Dennis' success came before his long awaited new boat arrived. Next season he'll be fresh off a winning season and driving a new speed machine named ?????.

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Right on Dennis' wake was Doug Steffenson and his wife taking second for the season with a rotation of crew members. Unnamed sources report that they have a solid third for '98. Look out Dennis!

Dave Stix was close behind Dennis and Doug but for a couple more races . . . Consistency, Consistency!

Finishing the season with the Red Flannel Regatta meant going out with a BANG again this season! Thirty-two boats registered for the best eye popping, boat swamping sailing of the year. Home town favorite Paul Wurtzebach showed the best control and consistency in the heavy stuff, with local challengers Dave Stix and Ben Wallace taking second and third respectively. It would almost be a let-down if this regatta didn't test our sailing mettle at the end of every season! In 1998 Fleet 5 is considering adding a second Chicago regatta to the schedule in association with the Verve Cup Regatta hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club. This would be a terrific opportunity for big fleet sailing earlier in the summer and an expectation for less bite from the weather.

Working hard in the off season, the fleet is considering more changes to encourage increased consistency and fun in our local sailing format. With the success of our display at the '97 Strictly Sail show, Fleet 5 is putting plans in place for another year at the show.

Fleet 5 invites you to join us in Chicago in '98!

HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB FLEET 6 Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....R. Neil Hayes Jr. Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Brian Hayes

* R. Neil Hayes

* & Richard N. Hayes	Woody	10801
* Brian Hayes	Oblio	14746
* Edward "Bud" Olsen	Life Member	0
* Kjell A. Heitmann		0

Fleet #6 was reactivated this year in hopes of attracting the interest of our local club members to rejuvenate one-design racing in the area. A growing J24 fleet as well as a Flying Scot fleet potentially starting up has sparked some interest by club members this summer in small boat sailing.

Fleet #6 has a long distinguished history of great Lightning sailors. Bud Olsen, Dave Peterson, Dave Chanoux and many other local and national "hot shots" called the HBC home during the 40's, 50's and 60's. The fleet became stagnant in the late 70's and 80's as the long sail to the race course and just plain old "life" took many of the fleet sailors into larger boats or out of sailing. Dick Hayes, one of the first members of the fleet sailing with Dave Peterson in #137 as a teenager and his own boat #10746 with his kids through the 70's, is now the only member left from the fleet's heyday. He also happens to be our dad. Both Neil & I owe our Lightning sailing roots to him and our mom, Janet. I'm not certain everyone who sails Lightnings appreciates it but we do.

This year, being our first year back on active status, we decided to get our feet wet by hosting the CT/RI Districts in July. Attended by nearly 20 teams the regatta was an enormous success. The 1+ mile sail in and out of the river was made much simpler by having the 3 knot current running with the fleet both ways. The regatta was blessed with fair winds and great weather. The entire membership contributed time and energy and we are very grateful for their contribution.

Although we had no organized "fleet racing" we tried to travel a fair bit in 1997. Neil sailed *Woody* in a few local events this year but found himself quite tied up with work and preparing Claire and R. Neil III to crew. Perhaps next year *Woody* will be able to make a few more events. Maybe try for the wooden boat trophy at St. Pete? Team *Oblio* sailed the Southern Circuit, Worlds and a few miscellaneous weekend regattas with mixed results. Regardless of where we were we had a great time!! Thank to all our hosts throughout the year. See ya in 1998! *Brian Hayes*

ONONDAGA FLEET 10 Central New York District Sailing at Onondaga Lake Syracuse, New York

Fleet Captain/SecretaryCraig Thayer

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* W. Craig Thayer * W. Craig Thayer	The Cheese	10370

With the writer living and working only minutes away from Onondaga Lake, but no Lightning sailing taking place, it seemed only logical that an attempt be made to revitalize Fleet #10, which went defunct over twenty years ago. Fortunately, Onondaga Yacht Club still exists as a small but pleasant facility, whose members were supportive of my interest in reviving Lightning sailing, as only a limited venue of handicapped sailing now exists.

To start the ball rolling, I scheduled a one day regatta for late August, enlisted the help of several members, asked for donations of equipment and beer from the local sailboat shops, made up some embroidered flags as trophies, and did a little dance to the wind gods a couple of days in advance.

When Saturday morning arrived, the skies were dark and threatening with the wind building (maybe I overdid the wind dance part!!). However, the rain held off, and although two or three boats apparently chose to pass because of the weather, we still managed a decent turn-out of ten boats from six different clubs here in central NY. Northwesterly winds of 15-20 mph persisted for the duration of the day, providing for plenty of hiking on the weather legs and exciting downwind runs on the short windward/leeward courses.



Action at the Onondaga One Day Regatta: (left) Jesse Miller with crew Jeanette and Steve Little of Ithaca YC head for the finish; (right) Mike Yates, with Grace and Beth McNamara, off the wind in #378, built in 1939. Photos by Craig Thayer.

When a lunch break was taken at the club after two races, a tie for first existed between Dick Hallagan of Newport YC and Bram Palm of Crescent YC. A great lunch of sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, and a cake decorated with a Lightning flash (all prepared by Sue Ennis) stoked up the sailors' energy reserves to go back out and sail four more races before the time limit at 4:30. The rain held off until after the boats were being torn down to be followed by a magnificent rainbow and then plenty of sunshine for the trophy presentation where Bram and crew collected for the first place spoils. Eagle newspapers gave us a real nice spread, with additional coverage of the event appearing in the main Syracuse paper and on TV.

Final Results - 6 Races, 1 Throwout

- 1 Bram Palm, Jean Palm, Stephanie Matice
- /Crescent YC, Chaumont, NY 2 Dick Hallagan, Ron Higgins, Yoli Taylor
- /Newport YC, Rochester, NY 3 Clay Murphy, John Steiner, Ron Scaccia

/Willowbank YC, Cazenovia, NY



Team Palm, Hallagan and Murphy with their rewards from Onondaga Lake's One Day Regatta. Photos by Craig Thayer.

4	Dan Pope, Terry I	ngerson, Sandy Schrader		
		/Newport YC, Ro	chester, NY	*
5	Ed Seyerlein, Glen	Wilcox, Anca Wilcox		*
		/Ithaca YC,		
6	Bill Anderson, Ma	ggie Anderson, CJ Anders		*
-		/Ithaca YC,	Ithaca, NY	
7	Jesse Miller, Steve	Little, Jeanette Little		
		/Ithaca YC,		
8	Joe Homola, Tom	Gehagan, Vince Dempirio		*
0		/Willowbank YC, Caz	enovia, NY	*
9	John Atkins, Matt	Atkins, Jack Austin		*
		/Newport YC, Ro		*
10	Mike Yates, Beth I	McNamara, Grace McNan		*
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See Fleet 70 for complete report.

3 generations of Huntsmans winning Fleet Silver. Photo Mary Huntsman.



BUFFALO CANOE CLUB FLEET 12 Lake Erie District Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet CaptainBr	ian Starck
Fleet TreasurerTo	m Allen Jr.
Fleet ChampionTo	m Allen Jr.
Runner-UpEd	Roseberry

* *	Laird Robertson	USAir	3951
*	John Swanson (Life) William E. Neal	See Adler	6345
*	Charlie Nowak	See Adler	6983
*	Lawrence Bone, MD		9111 9845
	David E. Fretz	Calif	10356
	Matt Sanders	Spirit Menace	
			10710
*	Paul Niederlander	Electric Dreams	11117
	Ned Roseberry		11768
*	Ronald Allen Hughes	S 0	12445
	Clarence O Jones, Jr (Life) Thomas Ward (Life) John L. Cosman	Sea-O	12770
~	Thomas Ward (Life)	West Wind II	12802
	John L. Cosman	Lyc Opener	13244
	John, Jody & Jill Swanson	Firecracker	13366
	John Frank III		10 (50
	& John Frank IV		13652
	Alison Emblidge		13653
24	Brian Starck		
24	& Robert Starck	Confusion	13787
*	Richard A. Aubrecht		
*	& John J. Beimler	21	14112
*	Edwin Roseberry, Jr (Life)	Berry V	14261
	Russel Short		14266
*	Warren Emblidge, III Do	nuts, Donuts, Donuts	14286
*	Pascal Buckley		
*	& Christopher Buckley		
25-	& Richard I. Buckley, Ir.	Catspaws	14410
*	Tom Allen		14411
*	Jody Swanson John W. Swanson (Life) Thomas M. Ward (Life)		
*	John W. Swanson (Life)	Crackerjack	14499
	inomas ivi. ward (Life)	West Wind	14502
*	Tom Allen		14524
*	Larry Bone		
*	& David Starck		
25	& Joe Starck	Hotel California	14548
2:-	Mike Vollmer	Daze of Thunder	14553
*	William E. Neal		14569
*	Tom Allen		14602
*		Atom	14611
*	John Schimert		14678
*	Lvnn Maver		14682
*	Tom Allen, Jr.		14742
*	Richard A. Aubrecht		14744
*	Michael Vollmer Daze o	f Thunder Part Deux	14772
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*	Anne Allen (Life)		Ô
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Fleet 12 sailors have won many class championships over the years, but '97 was especially gratifying. Larry MacDonald, Jody Swanson & Ian Jones are, of course, the new World Champions. They were also victorious in the Southern Circuit, winning at both Savannah and St. Pete.

Kevin Robinson chaired a very competitive Canadian Open at the BCC this summer. He and his skipper, David Starck, fought it out with Jody Swanson's crew for the overall. In the end, however, Tom Allen Jr. with Bill Pictor & John Humphrey emerged to win.

Not many of our members made it to Crescent this year, but those who did sailed well. Jim and Jane Allen finished 4th; brother Tom finished second. Tom Sr. also sailed the Blue Fleet (again). Pascal Buckley competed for the Prez Cup with his brother Chris and Kevin Murphy.

Past Class President David Sprague won the Districts at Chautauqua! This was the first Districts he had his kids crew for him. Hmm. .

Dave Stephens and Lynn & John Mayer bought Lightnings and joined the fleet this summer. They didn't waste much time getting up to speed. Jean Swanson, Joe & Carol Starck, Anne Allen, and Sue Fretz ran another fantastic Wednesday Night Series.

We're hosting the NA's in '98. Anne Allen is chairing the event. Brian Starck

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB FLEET 14 New England District Sailing on Casco Bay South Portland, Maine

Fleet CaptainPeter Merrill

* Ronald Smith	Bayou Cadillac	3814
* Stephen W. Purdy	Herb Stone	12328
* Peter S. Merrill	Albert E. Moore	12359
* John Tozer	Mouette	13886
* Christopher Alan Dwi	inal	14096
* Dr. John E. Tozer		14777

No report.

PAUPACK FLEET 16 **Metropolitan District** Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	George Madel Brian Williams
Fleet Champion	
Runner-UpHe	
[*] Brian H. Williams Mimsy	10301
⁶ K.E. Jones Dabo 4	10518
Jim Wilson Rolling Roc	k 10861
Gene Baerenrodt	11082
[*] Sandi Scull Halcyone	11907
* Heinz Kornmann Windy	13638
^e George Madel Byken	14722

With the boats all in storage, the docks out, and the fall foliage at its peak, it is time to reflect on the 1997 sailing season.

Due to a long, cold spring, lack of preparation, crew problems, etc., our traditional start to the season with the Cold Duck Regatta on Memorial Day was postponed until a later Saturday. At the end of the two races, Heinz and George were tied. This forced a third race the next Saturday, at which time Heinz officially won the Regatta.

Our regular season of three series went well with only one day in each series being canceled (two for no wind and one for too much wind). Results of the series are as follows:

Folwell Series:

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1st	Sandi Scull	Crew:	Deni Morgan
		John Bri	nker
2nd	Heinz Kornmann	Crew:	Kathy Schneider
		Mike Ve	ellas
3rd	George Madel	Crew:	Laura Wells
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Heinz Kornmann Crew: Kathy Schneider 1st Mike Vellas

2nd	George Madel	Crew: Laura Wells
3rd	Brian Williams	Tim Mitch Crew: Christy Roulston John Rowley
n Series:		John Rowrey

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3rd

Crew: Kathy & Mike Crew: Deni & John

Laura & Tim

Our final race of the season was our traditional crew race. This race is always fun and interesting as a crew member must skipper the boat. All the crew did great as skippers. I'm not sure how well the skippers did as crew! At the end of the three race series, John Brinker, skippering Sandi's boat, was declared the winner. Jason Parseghian, in George's boat, was 2nd, and Christy Roulston, in Brian's boat, was 3rd.

Thanks to Matt, Mike, Gay, Johns and Les for being steady replacement crew. Thanks also to Mike Mitch for helping with the committee.

On June 21-22 we hosted the Met Districts. Ted Duffy from Monmouth Boat Club had a very impressive win. The regatta was reported in the July Flashes.

The PA Governor's Cup Regatta was held September 13-14. 21 boats, light (but enough) wind, a great bunch of sailors, and two beautiful days made for lots of fun. The winner was Bob Bush from Riverton. This regatta was also reported in Flashes.

Seven handicap races were held at LWYC this year. As many as 20 boats participated at different times. The competitiveness of skippers and crew was every bit as strong as in our Lightning fleet. Hopefully this program will be continued next year. Brian Williams

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 19 Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Chautaugua Lakewood, New York

Fleet Secretary/TreasurerJ.J. McDonnell

Rick Anderson		4518
	Blue Mac's	9332
* James J. McDonnell * Doug Reid	Moxie	9402
Colleen H. Wright		10156
* Iames Neville		10922
* Heinrich Kutschke	H.E.K.	13605
* James D. Neville	Bacarat	13922
* James D. Neville * Gordon S. Black, Jr.	Daisy	14341



Winners at Chautauqua's Cornball Regatta: Skip Wilday, John Humphrey and crew, Cal Schmiege and crew. Photos courtesy J.] McDonnell



When y're hot, y're hot! Skip Wilday was hot! At the 33rd Annual Cornball Regatta, Skip moved right out front at the starting gun and continued to improve his position. Not once! Not twice! Not three times, but... FOUR ... times to leave no doubt who was the winner. John Humphrey of Silver Lake battled Calvin Schmiege exchanging seconds and thirds, but in the final tally, it was John second by one point and Calvin third.

David Sprague, from the Boulevard Club in Toronto beat out Tom Allen Jr. by one quarter of a point to win the Lake Erie District Championship. It was a particularly sweet win for David since it was the first time that he competed in a championship regatta with his two children, Megan and Dan, as crew. You can bet that we'll be hearing a lot more from that combination in the future. Calvin Schmiege, always a top contender, captured third place.

J.J. McDonnell

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 23 Ohio District Sailing on Indian Lake Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet SecretaryRobert Clover

* John Green		11055
* John Green * Franklin L. Terry	Mellow	12287
* Robert Clover	Wind Thief	12551
* John W. Timmermeist	er	13741
* Judy Creamer	No Fear	13747
* W.J. & Helen Limbau	igh (Life)	

Fleet 23 is pleased to announce that Jim Young, a long time Lightning sailor, has agreed to serve as the Fleet 23 Captain. Jim brings us great enthusiasm for Lightning sailing not to mention his interest in ice-boating.

Unusual weather on Indian Lake erased more racing weekend events than usual. We are looking for better things in the 1998 season. Our sailing waters provide some of the best sailing environment in northwest and western Ohio and Fleet 23 invites all Lightning sailors to stop by and sail with us at any time.

We wish you all fair winds and following seas!

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB FLEET 25 Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Mohawk Sparta, New Jersey

* Hank Hitpas		8671
* Hank Hitpas * Donald T. Okner	Tomato Sloop	11448
* John Marx	Ariba-Ariba-Andele	11565
Hank Jelinek	Sub-Lime	13160
Stephen Nichols		13211
* William M. Beveridge	The Great Escape	13373
* Perry L. Anderson	Dreamer	13381
* Josef M. Holbein * Josef Holbein	Meister Eder	13800
* Josef Holbein	Meister Eder	13820
* Robert H. Graham		14061
* William Warren	Sushi	14198
Angela Hopkins * Richard T. Miner	Wild Goose	14327
* Richard T. Miner	Hawkeye	14607

The 1997 sailing season for our club was comprised of two series, Spring and Fall. The winds were typically unpredictable for our lake and tested the skills of our sippers and their crews during



Photo: Fleet 25 Skippers and Crew August. Photo by Don Okner

every race. Consequently, both series were full of enjoyable and challenging opportunities for all who participated. Our season began with the loss of two skippers but only one boat. Cary Zachman and his wife Pat joined the Red Bank Yacht Club and Bill Devlin and his wife Marilyn Aja moved to California where Bill is pursuing a new job. Fortunately for Bill and our club, new member Hank Jelinek was waiting in the wings for Bill's boat, *Sub-Lime*. We fondly say good-bye to those who have moved on and we welcome Hank and his family into our fleet.

The Spring Series, which began on May 18th, was punctuated by some Lightning storms which were the cause of a few cancellations and at least one good drenching for the fleet. Otherwise, the winds held, even into late July. Our first handicapped regatta, the Gabor Cup, was scheduled for May 25th but was postponed several times due to weather problems and was eventually held on July 6th in conjunction with the Marine Base Regatta which was run by our Snipe fleet. The event was won by John Marx in his Snipe. Our Spring Series, which was most competitive, ended with Bill Warren in first place, Rich Miner a close second, Perry Anderson taking third in a tie breaker with Don Okner, and Hank Jelinek in fifth place followed closely by Josef Holbein.

When we moved on to our Fall Series, the activity and competition remained strong. Nine different boats participated and six boats had first place finishes throughout the series. Rich Miner lead the fleet with eight firsts, Bob Graham and John Marx had four each and Bill Warren, Josef Holbein and Don Okner each had one first place finish. The Commodore's Cup Regatta, the last of our handicapped races for the season, was held on Labor Day weekend and was aptly won by our Commodore, Rich Miner. The Fall Series ended with Rich Miner in first place, Bill Warren second, Josef Holbein third, Perry Anderson in fourth and Don Okner in fifth followed by Hank Jelinek.

Based on the averages from both the Spring and Fall Series, Rich Miner, who accumulated thirteen first place finishes, took the honors as our 1997 Fleet Champion. Bill Warren, with five first place finishes, came in second and Perry Anderson was third followed by Josef Holbein, Don Okner and Hank Jelinek. The grand finale to our 1997 season was our annual dinner dance and awards ceremony which was held at the Lake Mohawk Country Club on November 22. Thanks to Connie Warren's efforts in making the arrangements it was a memorable evening. Trophies were presented to all qualifying skippers and crew members and special recognition went to Rich Miner's crew, Gail Miner and Tom Komlo, who were awarded Crew of the Year. Congratulations also went to Josef Holbein who rightfully earned honors as Most Improved Sailor.

The Lightning sailors at Lake Mohawk look forward to another competitive and fun-filled season in 1998 during which time Hank Jelinek will serve as our Fleet Captain.

Don Okner



Photo: Little Egg's Junior and Senior Club houses. Photo courtesy Franz Schneider

LITTLE EGG HARBOR FLEET 26 **Central Atlantic District** Based on Little Egg Harbor Bay Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	John Te	eigland
Fleet SecretaryFranz K. Schneid		
Fleet Champion	eet ChampionJohn Teigland	
Dr. Jody Robinson * John Teigland, Jr. (Life) * Franz K. Schneider, Ir.	Procrastination	10768
* John Teigland, Jr. (Life)	Cirrus	11666
* Franz K Schneider Ir	Hornet	14348

Tranz R. Sennerder, Ji.	riornet		14340
The fleet at Little Egg Ha			
stigma attached to 38 years of	of inactivity.	More and mor	re members
are expressing an interest in o	our boats an	d recognizing t	he value of
the Lightning Class organization	ion. A full se	chedule of Satu	rday racing
and special holiday events w	as scheduled	d by the club.	Our more

competitive sailors supplemented this with a series of Sunday races with the neighboring Brant Beach fleet. We also participated in a number of local regattas at clubs also located on Long Beach Island. There were twelve boats at our Invitational Regatta on the week-

end of August 9th. Conditions varied from race to race and competition was extremely close. At the end there were no less than three ties. A number of other positions were decided by a one point difference. Richard Warren from the Surf City Yacht Club won the regatta breaking the tie with his brother Steve on a boat for boat basis. Likewise Gary Hurban from the Nyack Boat Club broke a tie with Mark Schneider from Riverton to take third position.

A family oriented club, the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club has a strong dedication to sportsmanship as well as sailing excellence. Based on the southern tip of Long Beach Island we are blessed with an excellent deep water course, and a strong prevailing southerly breeze. Come and sail with us sometime.

Franz Schneider

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB FLEET 27 **Ohio District** Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir at Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet CaptainDon Schregardus Fleet Treasurer/SecretaryAndy Sehulster

* Ralph D. Powless (Life)		8234
* Charles Matthews		9498
Harry Minck		11133
* Donald R. Schregardus	Flying Cloud	11236
George Hodge	Gone With The Wind	11982
Kurt Smith		12046
* Christina Hedrick	B.O.B.	12580
* Andrew I. Sehulster	Lady Be Gooder	12787
* Ralph D. Powless (Life)		12895
* Eric Brandt		13855
* Kurt Andrews	White Heat	13935
* Thomas H. Varley, Jr.	Afterburner	13979
* Carl R. Clipp		14104
* Paul Howald	My Obsession	14395
* Daniel R Hertzer		14848

This year at Leatherlips there must have been something in the air, or perhaps in the water. A virus seemed to spread through the fleet causing an undeniable yearning, or a contagious desire, for a better, faster, newer Lightning. It started last fall at our lobster-clam bake. Chris Hedrick got the virus first and spent countless hours over the winter in Karen Johnson's garage repairing and repainting her boat. With the help of Zach Austin, Karen Johnson and others the "bug" ran its course and Babes on Board was relaunched the first of June looking quite sharp with a new paint job, updated rigging, and newer sails. Dan Hertzer got a bad case of the virus in January and as a result ordered a brand new boat. Dan went from having the oldest boat in the fleet (9498) to the newest (14848). Dan picked up his boat two weeks before the North Americans and had the whole fleet oohing and aahing over the shiny new machine. The Lightning virus must be contagious as Andy Sehulster and crew were soon seen at the club updating much of the gear on their boat. Don Schregardus put his boat up for sale as he too started looking for a newer boat.

As the virus spread through the fleet, there was still a lot of sailing and other activities at the club this year. Leatherlips hosted another successful Windshift Regatta in June. Under excellent conditions Tom Varley sailed to a hard fought first place with Dave Gall second and Eric Brandt third. Two weeks later Leatherlips hosted its first Ohio District Championship Regatta. It was great to see 28 Lightnings compete in some great racing. Greg Fisher and George Fisher tied for first after the five races. Both regattas were highlighted by great team work on and off the race course. Special thanks went to the entire fleet for the extra work needed to pull off these events.

This year our club tried a couple of new events to help spread the word about sailing. First we held a club open house and had mem-bers take guests for a sail. The event was held on Memorial Day weekend and despite cool temperatures and rain many people came to learn about the club and go for a sail. It was pretty surprising to see non-sailing adults as well as children want to go for a sail in the rain. I think this was a great way to get some new interest in the club and for people to try sailing. Also this year our adult sailing classes started a "fleet night". Normally classes are taught in club Lasers, but on "fleet night" one of the one-design fleets would take the entire sailing class out on their boats. On Lightning night we had six Lightnings out with the skippers showing the ropes to the



class participants. This was a big success with several of the class participants becoming regular crew members for club regattas. Getting interested people on the water and in a Lightning is a great way to help increase interest in the class. Try it.

As far as racing this was a very competitive year with lots of silver brought home by club members. Tom Varley, Carl Clipp, Kurt Andrews, and Don Schregardus won at least one of the club series. Tom Varley and Eric Brandt both won Ohio regattas this summer and Tom Varley won the Governor's Cup for the second year in a row for the Ohio District. Dan Hertzer took crew Don and Kathy Schregardus to the North American Championships while Chris Hedrick took her boat and crew to the Women's North American Championship. Dan Hertzer also received the Ohio District Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to everyone.

Finally, be careful, the Lightning virus continues to spread. At last report, Kurt Andrews has just put an order in for a new Lightning. We will all be looking forward to seeing it in the spring. Don Schregardus

DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 31 Michigan District Sailing on Devil's Lake Manitou Beach, Michigan

1997 Fleet Captain	Larry Niswander
1998 Fleet Captain	Merrill Bales
Fleet Secretary	
1997 Fleet Champion	David Laidlaw
1997 Fleet Runner-Up	

* Larry Niswander	X Spurt	197
* Richard E. Stanbridge		8381
Robert Carlisle		10871
* Peter C. Paullin	Go Blue	11951
Clyde Brasher	I Delight	12345
* Gary Marzolf		
& Richard Foster		
& Walter Magee		12506
* Hank Hodgson		12607
Dennis Marsh		12777
Robert Doyle		13767
* Charles L. Smith, M.D.	Sorry Charlie	13891
* Jeffrey W. Clemes	www.?.com	13959
* Merrill Bales	Hay Bales	14090
* John D. Folwell, Jr.		14260
* Jack & Chris Tibbs		14301
* Amy Dunwell		
* & Jay Dunwell	Mighte	14449
* Hank Hodgson	TCB	14510
* Richard F. Elwell	1.00	14540
* Harry Teets	Over Easy	14618
* Bruce Goldsmith	The Road To Success	
bruce Goldsmith	Under Construction	14649
* Dan Norton	onder construction	14774
	Adrenalin	14810
* Jeffrey C. Maludy, M.D.* David Laidlaw	rurenann	14830
* Roy W. Poor, Jr.		11050
* Scott Smith		0
* Jack Beal (Life)		0
Jack Deal (Life)		U

With the gathering of the clan on May 3 at the Club House for our Spring Party, Fleet 31 started its 1997 season with the awarding of the "keeper trophies" for 1996 and high hopes for the summer's sailing, beginning with Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day weekend turned out cold and windy, making the sailing challenging for the first time out (including some unscheduled swims). Dick Elwell came away with a well earned win, followed in second by John Folwell.

During the Districts (at Higgins) and the Team Races (at Fenton), we had our Stay-at-Home Series. These took place this year on June 22 & 29, with hot weather and variable winds. This time, John Folwell took first with Dick Elwell in second place.

The following weekend was our 4th of July Series. Saturday races were canceled due to lack of wind, but Sunday turned out to be one of the best sailing days of 1997 on Devil's Lake, with Hank Hodgson taking top honors, followed by Jeff Maludy in second.

The rest of the Sundays from Memorial Day though the middle of August comprise our Fleet Sunday series, and of the 27 races scheduled, only 17 races were actually sailed, mainly due to lack of wind, and with the conclusion of this series, the Fleet Champion and Fleet Runner-Up were Dave Laidlaw and Dick Elwell respectively. And now that the fleet rankings were known, the Captain/Commodore Series, made up of the lower half and upper half of the fleet respectively, could be sailed on August 23 & 24. The winner of the Commodore's Trophy was Dave Laidlaw, and the winner of the Captain's Trophy was Harry Teets.

On July 18 following the Fleet Picnic, we sailed a Night Race with partial cloud, full moon and a nice breeze for a change. The race was won by Jeff Moehl in Merrill Bales' boat, and #197 wasn't last for once because one other skipper (who shall remain anonymous) didn't find the finish line in the dark.

This brought us to the Labor Day Series and finally some nice sailing weather for both days, and the turnout of participants reflected the weather. The winner was Hank Hodgson, and a tie on points for second between Dave Laidlaw and Merrill Bales, with the tie breaker giving second to Dave.

The 54th Annual Regatta, which was sailed in memory of Jack Tibbs, brought our season to a close. And what a close it was! As reported in *Flashes*, it was a fitting conclusion to a frustrating season. Due to light to no wind conditions, only two races were sailed. The winner was Sean Fidler with Mike Thomas in second and Colin Park in third.

In spite of the wind or lack there of, the fun and fellowship was as good as ever. Good luck next year Merrill, and thanks to all the Fleet members and friends who made my job as Fleet Captain enjoyable. *Larry Niswander*

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET 33 Ohio District Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake Akron, Ohio

Fleet SecretaryJerome Seppelt

Dave Mendenhall	Wood Work	8586
Chuck Suter	Lime Light	10425
* Clem B. Shriver	Red III	11123
Carol Mendenhall	Me Ma's Folly	11904
* Gregory Gray		13594
* Jerome Seppelt	Nittnay Lightning	13989
* Jerome Seppelt* Dale Jackson	Nittnay Lightning White Lightning	14075

South Shore Yacht Club, the home of Lightning Fleet 33, celebrated its 60th Anniversary of Sailing Tradition this year at the Commodores Dinner held November 15, 1997. Lightning Fleet 33 contributed to South Shore many of its legendary commodores and they were honored in the following order of their service: 1937 H.B. Duckworth, 1941 John Rundt, 1943 Ed. W. McCain, 1947 Grover C. Johnston, 1948 Thomas S. Daugherty, 1949 E.W. Adams, 1950 Karl Rollius, 1958-1959 George Burkholder, 1960 Mac McCleaster, 1961 Dale S. Burkhart, 1962 Clem Shriver, 1964 Lynn Nye, 1967 Roger Judy, 1973 Robert Manard, 1976 William Blank, 1981 Charles Suter, 1983 Dale Jackson, 1985 John Mesereau and 1995 Jerome Seppelt. It was great hearing the commodores' sailing tales of yore. Sailing brings a unique brand of individual to the table in that they have a great respect for the past and have fun with it. It was a pleasure being together with the men and women "Hello Hedy and Sonia" who through the years made Lightning sailing what it is today!

Sailing the Great Turkeyfoot this summer sharpened our skills needed for light air racing. Sunday after Sunday we had long, intuitive conversations racing side by side so slowly around the course. We have requested the State of Ohio to lengthen our sailing time so we can complete our course work. Stay tuned! *Jerome Seppelt*

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET 34 Central Atlantic District Based on the Metedeconk River Brick, New Jersey

*	Carol H. Kern Robert G. Savarese	Zig Zag	6557 10952
*	George B. Francis & A. Richard Thomas, Jr.	Miss Fitt III	11411
**	William C. Bogardus Jr. David S. Ruiter	Yankee Doodle	11800
*	& Stephanie Ruiter	Love It	11894
*	Greg Kinzel Peter Stagaard		$11972 \\ 13084$
	Donald Brennan Jarrett Lynn	Serai Sunshine Daydream	$13139 \\ 14450$
25-	Bernie Beegle		$14514 \\ 14525$
*	Ryan Dunn Joe Buczkowski, Jr.	Root Down Hakuna Matata	14550
	Brian Taboada James G. Carson (Life)	Jesus Built My Hot R Fuzzy Logic	od14589 14595
*	Keith Taboada Frank Conway	Roadmaster Crusader	14597 14642
*	Paul F. Gelenitis (Life)	Clusadel	14642
22	Djoerd Hoekstra (Life)		0

Fleet 34 enjoyed a successful season without the fanfare of hosting a Districts, States, and Youth Worlds as was the case in '96. We did host the multi-class Tune-Up in June which, for the first time, was designated a CAD-MET event. Dave Ruiter was the winner of this twelve boat regatta. Ryan Dunn was first in the Barnegat Bay Spring Series and the team of Paul Gelenitis and Pete Stagaard prevailed in the Fall Series. Co-skippers Keith Taboada and Owen Carolan won the Fleet Championship sailed in the summer by narrowly defeating Ryan Dunn and Chris Arner. Owen went on to win the Club Overall Championship sailed this year in J-24s.

Highlight of the season was the Districts at which 11 of the 28 competing boats were from Metedeconk, five in the first seven. Keith Taboada once again proved his recent domination of the District by winning with Paul Gelenitis a close second. Paul with Chris Arner as co-skipper won a tenth Barnegat Bay Championship. Ryan Dunn sailed to third in the fifty-boat Atlantic Coast Championship at Cedar Point, CT, and we can't ignore Brian Taboada's creditable twelfth at the Worlds in Montreal.

After a big showing in New Orleans, our fleet was not "up" for much traveling although we were represented at the Long John, Connecticut Governors Cup, New Jersey States, Southampton Fall Classic, Frigid Digit and Borderline Regattas. Jim Carson/Jarrett Lynn and Paul/Betsy Gelenitis sailed the Southern Circuit. Jarrett and Jim traveled to Detroit for a fourth and sixth respectively in the President's Cup. Not to be forgotten are the other sailors in our fleet who for one reason or another were less conspicuous. Fleet Captain Don Brennan, busy with Club Commodore duties, sailed most local series with an assist from son Andrew. Ensign Joe Buczkowski enlisted the aid of brother Mike and Todd Pearce to keep his boat going while he played warrior. George Francis, who jumped in any boat that needed a skipper, Dicky Thomas, Chris Krautheim, Tricia and Bill Bogardus and Greg Kinzel all contributed to provide good spirited competition.

Also not to be forgotten are our Juniors who traditionally do well and more often than not end up getting their own boats. This year Ryan Bradley was the star, winning the Junior States and placing third in the Junior North Americans. With the Club Advanced Junior program taught in Lightnings by Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter for the past 23 years and now assisted by George Francis and Dickie Thomas, there are always crews available and an excellent source of future Lightning sailors. *Jim Carson*

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET 35 Texas District Sailing on White Rock Lake Dallas, Texas

Fleet CaptainRalph Bilnoski
Fleet SecretaryArdis Good
Fleet ChampionRalph Bilnoski
Runner-UpJohn Waskom IV

Xanado	10275
	10811
Hard Tack	10959
	13722

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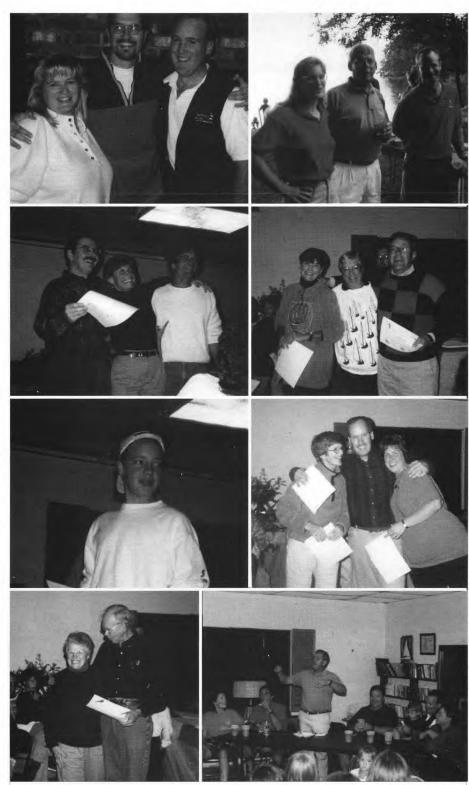
Fleet 35 continued our traditional Spring/Summer and Fall Series with the exception of actually getting in some races in August this year. We normally lay out the month of August due to the lack of wind and Texas heat, but this year, August proved to be some of our better sailing weather and made up for races lost earlier in the season due to bad weather. The fleet is heavy with skippers and light of crew so we were fortunate to have two experienced Lightning skippers join us as crew this season. Robert Mitchell, formerly of Conroe Fleet 505, moved to Dallas for a quick stop on his career path to Chicago. Also showing up to crew was Spencer McGowan. Spencer too has his own Lightning and his was not as far away as Robert's, but he found it easier to make it the few blocks from his house to White Rock Lake and joined us as crew a good part of the season. We are happy to report that he has now moved his boat to our fleet. Ralph Bilnoski, with his son Brian as crew, managed to beat out the skippers with the aforementioned crews to take the Fleet Championship - Spring/Summer and Fall combined. John Waskom IV came is as Runner-Up. Fleet members participated in fewer regattas this year than in past years, but did sail in the Holiday-in-Dixie Regatta in Shreveport, the Commodore's Cup in Conroe and in our own Corinthian Club Championship.

The really big news is that, after many years of seeing the bottom of our lake closer and closer to the top, and with our centerboards dragging in the mud, the lake is being dredged. Not an easy accomplishment when your lake is located in the City of Dallas - it involves bond votes, environmental studies, special interest groups, engineering studies, bidding the job, revising and rebidding the job, etc. But at long last the bid was awarded and the project is underway. The dredging will not begin until early in '98, but we are encouraged by the current activities in preparation for the actual event - holding tanks and pipelines for moving the mud away are now in place and the ever-required warning signs are up. The project will take about 18 months and we're hoping it won't interfere with our club and fleet sailing during the duration, So, barring our own White Rock "Nessie", we'll have something to report in next year's yearbook. Ardis Good

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET 36 Ohio District Sailing on Pymatuning Lake Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	Scot	Werley
Race Chairman		
Fleet Secretary/Treasur	erJanis	Gamer
Fleet Champion	David	Werley
Runner-Up		
Thomas S. Petroski		5070
G. Scotland Werley & Edward E. Werley	Caledonia	6133
W Terry Patrick	Swift Instice	8635

* W. Terry Patrick Swift Justice 8635 * Edward E. Werley Kyushu Gypsy 9375



Row 1: Dave Werley (right) with crew Jonette Werley and Greg Maras, winners of the

Kote T. Date were fight, with every field for the work of the field were grand starting of the Championship Series. Photo by Herb Jestel. Kathy and Dave Palmer, winners of the Fleet Captain's Award with Ed Werley (center), the originator of the award and Commodore of PYC. Photo by Herb Jestel. Row 2: Garry and Linda Condon and John Woodall, winners of the Spring Series. Photo by Jan Gamer.

Jack Borland (right) with crew Bridget Frymier and Anne Borland, winners of the Saturday Series. Photo by Jan Gamer. Row 3: Ryan Ruhlman, winner of the Fall Series. Photo by Jan Gamer.

Fleet Captain Scot Werley with crew Nedra Lewis and Karen Werley placed second in the Fall Series. Photo by Jan Gamer. Row 4: Don Courtsal with crew Carolyn Werley placed third in the Sunday Series.

Photo by Jan Gamer.

Jack Borland relating a harrowing experience sailing on Lake Erie with Fleet 36 mem-bers Sarah and John Woodall, John Werley, Dave Werley and Ryan Ruhlman at our local PYC News Conference. Photo by Jan Gamer.

*	Victor Maras		
*	& Marilyn Maras		10527
*	Lud Lekson I	a Biche IV	11278
*	Thomas S. Petroski		12884
*	David Palmer C		12972
*	W. Timothy Borland A	gent Orange	12973
*	Janis Gamer F	Recess	13240
*	James V. Martuccio, Sr.		10110
*	& James Martuccio, Jr.	Covert Mane	uvers
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*	Ronald Vranich To Be		13390
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*	Thomas E. Katcher		13833
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*	Leonard Ciccone F	Rigmarole	
*			14222
*			14285
*	William Weihe, Jr. S		14343
*	Justin Proctor		14365
*	W. Terry Patrick Second		14412
*	Dean N. Caley Grease	d Lightning	14420
*	John Werley		14422
*	John P. Borland Chai	nge Of Luff	14513
*	Thomas S. Petroski Pur	ple Moose II	14523
*	Victor Maras	F	
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*	John Woodall		14573
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*	G. Scotland Werley		14579
*	David E. Werley		14657
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Competition, Growth and Celebration! These words describe our 1997 sailing season.

Our Spring Classic, held on May 10th and 11th, hosted a record number of 38 boats. The weather provided quite a challenge for the skippers and crews with a de-masting and five capsizes in the first race. Our incredible rescue crews, headed by Keith Custard, handled all situations well. The race committee, consisting of Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton and Joel Ridge, managed to conduct three races with no throwout. We were so pleased to have Bill Faude, our Lightning Class President, participate in his first PYC Spring Classic. This year, Larry MacDonald with crew Jody Swanson and Ian Jones took top honors with Bill Faude finishing second. Matt Fisher finished third followed by Dick Hallagan and Jim Allen. Thanks to Kathy and Dave Palmer for organizing our 13th Annual Spring Classic. From challenging weather to a cocktail party, dinner and dancing that couldn't be challenged - Kathy and Dave did a great job.

Fleet 36 had a very active sailing year with at least 12-15 boats sailing every weekend.

Finishing our Spring Series in first place this year was the Condon/Woodall Team followed by John Werley in second and the Ciccone/Petroski Team third.

Our Saturday Series had Jack Borland in first followed by John Werley and Victor Maras.

Dave Werley finished first in the Sunday Series with John Werley finishing second and Don Courtsal third.

For the second year in a row, Ryan Ruhlman finished the Fall Series in first place. Scot Werley, our fleet captain, finished second and John Werley, third.

The Stay-At-Home Series was won by the Ciccone/Petroski Team followed by Herb Jestel and Terry Patrick.

Last year David Werley finished third in the Championship Series. When the results of this year's races were tallied, Dave and his crew Jonette Werley and Greg Maras finished first. Congratulations to Dave and his crew! John Werley finished the Championship Series in second place followed by Vic Maras, Don Courtsal and the Ciccone/Petroski Team.

Our fleet grew by two boats this year. Their owners are Dennis McLaughlin (14340) who had been crewing on a regular basis at PYC, and Martin and Deborah Powell (13181) who are newcomers to PYC. We hope to see more of them out on the lake in '98.

Fleet 36 thrives on celebrations and we started the season with our "Get-the-Nots-Out" event. Scot and Karen Werley planned a day which began with readying our boats for our 13th Annual Spring Classic and ended with a party in our PYC clubhouse.

After our fleet recovered from the Spring Classic, we celebrated sailing in June with a "Spuds and Suds" party. Even though 100 pounds of potatoes were baked for the hearty members of Fleet 36, it probably was the "Suds" that helped convince eight skippers and their crews to register for the Ohio District Championship at Leatherlips Yacht Club for the following weekend. Finishing in the top ten at LYC were Fleet 36 skippers John Werley with crew Bertie Werley and Jay Mueller and Rob Ruhlman with his crew Abby and Ryan Ruhlman.

In July, our Lightning Fleet participated in the Independence Day Regatta at PYC and helped with a grand Saturday night dinner prepared by fleet members Eleanor Hawn and Keith Custard.

August was a busy month on and off the water. We continued to have over half the fleet participating in our weekend races and our annual Lightning Corn Roast was a huge success again this year with 33 dozen ears of corn being cooked over an open fire.

A Mardi Gras party complete with the jazz sounds of Bourbon Street and "real" Cajun cooking was organized by fleet member Bertie Werley. This party lasted well past midnight. Party goers appreciated the surprise attendance of Dean and Kandy Caley before they left for their honeymoon.

PYC nostalgically celebrated its 60th Anniversary of sailing over Labor Day weekend. Lightning Fleet 36 played a major part in making this family celebration very, very special.

Our celebrations ended with our Annual Awards Dinner held this year in the PYC clubhouse. Scot and Karen Werley organized a fun evening with a superb dinner prepared by Karen. Bertie Werley transformed the clubhouse into an Autumn landscape via her creative natural arrangements. Vic Maras, our race chairman, conducted a "spirited" awards ceremony. During the ceremony, Scot Werley presented the Fleet Captain's Award to Kathy and David Palmer. Their sportsmanship and camaraderie made them perfect candidates for this coveted award.

Fleet 36 is looking forward to an even more exciting '98 sailing season. John and Bertie Werley have already begun organizing our 14th Annual Spring Classic to be held May 9-10, 1998. In June, our fleet will be hosting the 50th Annual Ohio District Championship with Anne Borland and Bridget Frymier as co-chairpersons. We are aiming for 50 boats on the starting line for the 50th. Plan now to attend. Hope to see you on the lake in '98!

Janis Gamer

Fleet 36 members gathered at the Picnic Table under The Tree. Photo courtesy Jan Gamer.



CHELSEA YACHT CLUB FLEET 39 Metropolitan District Sailing on the Hudson River Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain/SecretaryJay Anderson

* Jay H. Anderson Skidaway 14182

Lightnings continue to sail on the Hudson River at Chelsea, although there was no organized fleet activity in 1997. Efforts will be made to hold some races as a fleet in 1998. At least one boat plans to make the trip to Skaneateles in July '98.

WESTERN LAKE ERIE FLEET 42 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Erie LaSalle, Michigan

Fleet Contact										J	im	Da	vis	
Fleet Champion										J	im	Da	vis	
Fleet Runner-Up										.Jeff	Ha	am	an	

*	Aaron Stange		9099
*	Becky Ganues		10024
*	Ernest Dieball		10291
*	Skip Dieball		10638
*	Skip Dieball Dennis Dieball	Wimpy-12	10638
*	Craig Koschalk	mmpy 12	10798
*	Rick Rothenbuhler		10798
*	left Kasper		10956
*	Jeff Kasper Robert Rishel		13640
*	Mike Thomas		13040
*	& Stephen H. Thomas		
*	& Bill Thomas	The Hanne Deep	14148
25-	& bill Thomas	The Happy Boat	
	Craig Gabel		14249
*	George Sipel	D 11	14249
*	Chris Marzke	Rumline	14250
*	Josh Kerst	Instant Karma	14519
*	Britt Wadsworth		14682
*	Aaron Stange		14747
*	Jim Davis	Flash Over II	14779
*	Britt Wadsworth		14818
*	Jeff Hagman		14824
*	Chris Snyder		11024
	Chills Shydel		0

Fleet 42 sailors enjoyed another active season which consisted of much travel and the hosting of four regatta, including the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships.

The season started with five boats traveling to Indianapolis Sailing Club for the Indiana Open. George Sipel's consistent top five finishes in the five race series earned him and his crew top prize out of the seventeen boat fleet. Others there included Jim Davis, Bruce Goldsmith (tour guide for the nightly "local establishments") and the "Happy" Thomas family who were working closely with Jeff Hagman in detailing the geography of the bottom of Geist Reservoir. Oh, well, Jeff, you had to clean the fiberglass dust out of that new boat somehow.

The following weekend three boats packed up and headed to Pymatuning Yacht Club for the Spring Classic. It was a competitive fleet as the top five consisted of names such as MacDonald, Faude, M. Fisher, Hallagan and J. Allen. However, the Fleet 42 contingent scored respectable finishes in the tough 38 boat fleet. Final results -Jeff Hagman 8th, Thomas family 10th and Rick Rothenbuhler 12th.

From PYC it was back to the home water of NCYC for the hosting of the annual Great Lakes Championship on May 17-18. Racers were tested in a variety of conditions as Saturday was light and fluky with some reported sightings or should we say "unsightings" of 180^o shifts which saw numerous times boats on one side of the course sailing upwind, those on the other side with chutes up and those in the middle, well, just plain out of luck. Sunday's conditions improved dramatically as we had moderate, consistent breezes which allowed for two good races. Matt Fisher proved consistency wins as he was able to dominate in all conditions while other contenders had at least one bad race. The final standings were Fisher 1st, Jim Allen 2nd, and Colin Park 3rd.

The month of June held two of the three biggest events of the 1997 schedule. June 8-13 the World Championship was held in Montreal. Our fleet had two boats qualify. Congratulations to the Thomas family and to the team of Jim and Christine Davis and John Heagy.

The Michigan District Championship was held the following weekend at Higgins Lake, the participants from our fleet included Brit Wadsworth, George Sipel, Rick Rothenbuhler, Jim Davis, and Mike Thomas.

The traveling schedule slowed for the remainder of June and the month of July which allowed us to relax and enjoy some Tuesday night club racing. Though the turnout was down from previous years, those who attended enjoyed some close racing. The first series saw Jim Davis take first, followed by Jeff Hagman and Rick Rothenbuhler. The second series which ran from August through September was won by Jeff Hagman with Davis 2nd and Chris Snyder 3rd. The annual July 4th Fleet 42 Lightning Bash was also held. This fun three-race series was filled with action. Short windward/leeward courses combined with big breeze made for plenty of mishaps. Three boats whose names will not be mentioned found themselves practicing the scoop recovery method. I think two of these boats had practiced this maneuver earlier in the year at Indianapolis. Chris Snyder with crew Skip Dieball and Laurie Synowic in a borrowed boat (Thanks Bruin) were the fastest on this day followed by Aaron Stange and Brit Wadsworth.

The first week in August, NCYC and Fleet 42 were proud to host the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships. Beautiful weather and hospitality made for a memorable regatta. In the Masters' division, Bruce Goldsmith with crew Sherry Goldsmith and Derek Gauger posted an astonishing 1, 1, 4 to win over a tough fleet of 24 boats that included such Lightning Class legends as Jim Dressel, Dick Hallagan, George Fisher, and Tom Allen, Sr. - Congratulations, Bruce!

Our fleet also had participation in the Women's and Juniors' divisions. Shelly Rothenbuhler with crew Christy Synowiec and Jo Tunnicliffe raced consistently to earn a mid-fleet finish in the Women's division. In the Junior division, teams of Anna Tunnicliffe, Steve Gerst and David Tunnicliffe, and Katie McCullough, Chris Kretz and Keith Wells - all competing in their first Lightning regatta - earned respectable finishes. It looks as though the future of our fleet is bright considering the skills and interest these junior sailors have shown in the Lightning class.

From here is was up the road to Crescent Sail Yacht Club for the NAs. Rick Rothenbuhler, George Sipel and Jim Davis competed in the Championship division while Aaron Stange finished 2nd in the President's Cup division, kinked mast and all (something about forgetting to clip the backstay on after leaving the hoist and then putting the chute up).

After the NAs, it again was time to relax and take a break until the month of September when it was back on the road again. Regattas included Pontiac Yacht Club, Devil's Lake Yacht Club, The Red Flannels in Chicago, and the Hoosier Open at Lake Wawasee. Memorable moments for some of our fleet members at these events included Jeff Hagman checking out his centerboard again (or lack thereof) after a vicious wipeout amongst the huge swells of Lake Michigan, which also resulted in a "new" three piece mast; and Steve Thomas showing off his football skills at Devil's Lake. Our season ended with the Fall Blowout at North Cape.

Our season ended with the Fall Blowout at North Cape. Unseasonably warm weather and light to moderate breeze gave a great closing to the season, Seventeen boats participated in the one day, three-race series. Bruce Goldsmith again showed the magic touch, besting Jim Davis and Jeff Hagman in a close regatta that came down to the last race, which was won by the Bruin.

Upon final scoring for the season, Jim Davis won the Fleet Championship with Jeff Hagman as Runner-Up. A special thanks to all fleet members and NCYC members for making all our events possible. We had a great season and look forward to next year.

Chris Snyder

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 43 Ohio District Sailing on Buckeye Lake Columbus, Ohio

Fleet SecretaryMarty Fisher

* George Fisher (Life)		10860
* Matt Fisher	Ladies Choice	14045
* George Fisher (Life)		14345

No report.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 47 Lake Erie District Sailing on Silver Lake Perry, New York

Fleet CaptainMark O. Humphrey Fleet SecretaryMark Grinder

* C. Scott De Golyer, III	Just Sav No	7949
* Mark O. Humphrey	Just Say No Passing Wind	9119
* Mike Humphrey	U	9739
* David Nasca	Chase	9845
* Gerald Walter		11501
* David A. Copestick		12688
* Paul Malone	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd	The Judge	13948
* Mark W. Grinder	Speedy Devil	14672
* Mark O. Humphrey		
* & John Humphrey	Illusion	14719

Racing on Silver Lake is making a comeback! We now see a consistent core of 8-10 boats ready to go on Sunday mornings. Some of the crews are new to sailing, some are very young, some have been around, it seems, forever. All are having a good time and are looking forward to next season.

Racing results are as follows:

4th of July Series

	Otis Humphrey	1st	
	Mark Grinder	2nd	
	Mark Dadd	3rd	
Club	Champion		
	Dave Nasca	tied for	
	Mark Grinder	1st	
	Scott DeGolyer	2nd	
	Mark Dadd	3rd	

It seems for such a small lake, we have produced some pretty impressive crews over the years, and this year was no exception. Otis Humphrey received the Jerry Blake Memorial Trophy for best crew at the Lake Erie Districts, and John Humphrey crewed on the winning boat (with Tom Allen Jr) at the Canadian Open. Nice going, guys!

We also had some on-shore fun this season with lunches/keg on the lawn, a mid-season "Party at Grinders", the Harvest Regatta festivities, and the year-end buffet dinner attended by 47.

As we look forward to next year, though, one well-loved person will be missing. Earl Fowlston, a long-time member of our yacht club, passed away this fall. Earl raced for years with daughters Tammy and Becky as crew. He and his wife Ruth were very active in the club. When Earl "retired" from racing, he served as Race Committee, along with Fred Schade, for many years. He will be remembered fondly for his gentle spirit, his booming laugh and his Bloody Mary salute at the start of a race. He will be missed.

Mark Grinder

WASHINGTON DC FLEET 50 Dixie District Sailing on the Potomac River Washington, DC

Fleet Treasurer		evine ehrle trove
* Allan Rogers	Little Bit	3343
* Mladen Karcic	Little Dit	6351
* Timothy W. Rinaman	Windhawk	7294
* Joe Warren	Flamboyant	9383
* Don Behrens	Team Sparkle	10096
* James E. Connerton	Hawkeye	10215
* William Timothy Elam	Speculation	10643
* George Saroch	War Horse	10800
* James Dillard	indi Tronov	10817
* David E. Menotti	Bon Joy	11288
* James Dillard	2011 909	
* & Justin Morris	Many Excuses	11369
* Harry H. Keith, Iii	Thunder	11767
* Edgar D. (Ted) Hunting	Swill Dog	12081
* David A. Pyle	Ms. Caroline	12126
* Roger M. Theis	Fast Forward	12470
* Mladen Karcic	Rakija	12962
* William Armstrong	Shamrock	13306
* Robert Astrove		14019
* Red Fehrle	Moon Shadow	14100
* Joseph G. Anderson	Puff The Magic Dra	
* Frank Gallagher	Malicious Intent	14266
* Stuart White		14479
* Terrence R. Lamb		14521
* John R. Butler		14592
* James Dillard	No More Excuses	14627
* R.J. Pelasara		0
* Fred Marl		0

1997 was another busy year for Fleet 50. We started the season with the Potomac Cup Regatta, and when we flipped the "how much wind this year" coin, it came up windy . . . real windy. Being good hosts, we let the out-of-towners win again . . . Hallagan/Wardwell/Grotheer got 1/2/3.

As usual, several new faces joined us this year . . . Guy Mossman . . . John Butler's back out of retirement . . . Terry Lamb left the Hobies to join us . . . Carl Muska travels from Harve-de-Grace to sail with us quite often . . . Dave Menotti was there some . . . and Roger Theis joined us and did a lot of fleet work right off the bat.

Nancy and Red Fehrle had a baby Thomas delivered by Mr. Stork . . . Amy got busy at work . . . Stuart slam-dunked anybody whenever he got the chance . . . John Butler was real fast as was Harry Keith and Tim Elam and Ron Kiss . . . Rick Pelasara was working in Africa a lot . . . Ben Bates got married to Nadine . . . and Christie Dillard tells us she's getting married, too.

With some 42 races making up the Fleet Championship, a team of accountants (Bobby) is still working on the scores, but it looks like Bob Astrove has prevailed to become Fleet Champion again.

A highlight of the season was the one-day Homecoming Regatta we had on September 28. Some of our "retired" drivers came back to take the helm in borrowed boats with the regular drivers now crewing. It was great to have John Richardson, John Ogle, Bill Buckley and Art Gatenby back in the saddle again. Several of our other retirees couldn't make it that Sunday but we hope to see them next year . . . Mike Arnold, Jim Capron, Frank Gentile, Dave Racine . . . and a bunch of others. It was windy, cold and nasty for three races, but the guests did a great job . . . some of the regular skippers didn't do so well as crew. We all had a great time and look forward to a bigger event next year.

See you next year. Frank Gallagher

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB FLEET 51 Michigan District Sailing on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet CaptainTom Fleet SecretaryRober Fleet TreasurerMike	t E. Lee
* Paul J. Nagel * Robert E. Lee	835 12178
* Robert G. Brower	13388
* Paul J. Nagel	13588
* Jaffrey L. Datton	13998
* Jeffrey L. Patton * Tom Vickers Ticket	14038
* Joe Romer Traf	14434
* Michael D. Williams Assisted Suicide	14436
* Robert G. Brower Michigan Rude	14652
* Michael D. Williams	14856
* John I. Covert-Sisung	11050
* John J. Covert-Sisung * H.J. Cawthra (Life) Xl	0

Fleet 51 welcomed three new members this season. Joe Romer got an additional (albeit short term) asset with the boat he purchased from long time fleet member, Mike Willams. Mike Willams! Mike's new boat wasn't to be delivered 'till mid to late August, so Mike put Joe and his brother Rick on a steep learning curve on his old boat. This trio proved to be quite formidable finishing second in the Wednesday and Spring Sunday Series.

The second new member of the fleet is Paul-banana boat-Nagel. Paul's contagious enthusiasm was evident by being the virtual anchor of the fleet races by participating in over 85% of the fleet races. Paul and his teammate-brother Mark's tenacity earned the banana boat a third place overall.

Our third new member of the fleet is Peter Wenzler, an accomplished sailor of numerous classes and keelboats. The Lightning's simple yet sophisticated rig, and the class' depth, has caught Peter's interest and in his first year in the class, Peter has already participated in several regattas including the NA's.

When Bob Brower is not on a fishing trip, he and his crew Craig Hupp and Lisa McCabe sailed to a pair of seconds in the two Sunday Series and a third in the Wednesday Series, earning a second overall. Bob Lee and his crew got a shot in the arm with a new set of sails. John Covert-Sisung sold his boat in mid season and his steady hand on the helm will be missed.

The Fleet Championship team 14038 experienced a new skipper. On a Sunday morning in August, with a little coaxing from her dad, Lindsey Vickers skippered her first race.

The Fleet Wednesday Night Post Race Party was a great success, with Jeff Patton supplying the Coney dogs and the remainder of the fleet supplying the buns, chili sauce and martini "condiments".



Crowded start at the 1997 North American Championships at CSYC

1997 was the year of the Crescent North Americans. Our fleet was quite busy all season long planning and orchestrating the Lightning North American Championships. The efforts of the fleet, the entire North American committee (and Mother Nature) paid off in a very memorable regatta. The Race Committee was impressed with the fleet's sailing talent and depth. For those of you that decided not to go to the 97 NA's, you missed out on some fantastic sailing, competition and social activities. For those of who made the trip to Crescent we want to thank you and the entire club membership enjoyed your company. Hope to see you at the Crescent Regatta next year.

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB FLEET 53 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Fenton Fenton, Michigan

Fleet CaptainCarl Pohly
Fleet SecretaryJames Reach
Fleet Champion
Runner-UpDavid Nickels

* Ronald J. Soyka * Ronald J. Soyka * Bob Rufli * James Reach * Carl Pohly	My Sally Waverunner Lapa Uila	5254 6499 11854 13808 14242
 George H. Nickels David Nickels George H. Nickels Kevin Nickels 		14448 14741 14743 14756

1997 saw an increase in Lightning membership and racing at the Lake Fenton Sailing Club. Mike Farney (8590) and Elizabeth Herman (8675) joined Bob Rufli (11854) in becoming new members of LFSC. Ronald Soyka has also expressed an interest in racing at Lake Fenton with one of his two boats (5254 and 6499). Hopefully, the increased membership will translate into increased racing enthusiasm during the Wednesday and Sunday series.

George Nickels emerged as the winner of both the Wednesday and Sunday series for 1997. His brother David Nickels held down second place in the series. As always, the series were closely contested with Kevin Nickels, Carl Pohly and Herman Nickels all competing strongly. Suresh Gupta and Bob Rufli added additional competition to the 1997 races. It is anticipated that the competition will be even better in 1998 with the new members and new boats that were added during the past summer. *James Reach*

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB FLEET 54 Michigan District Sailing on Cass Lake Keego Harbor, Michigan

CommodoreDan House
Vice CommodoreEd Woods
Rear CommodoreBill Ziegler
TreasurerLouie Nickels
SecretaryJoyce von Drehle
Fleet Captain Bob Mever

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*	Eric S. Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
	Beth Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
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*	William Roberts		13283
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*	Stephen R. Braski		13468
	Robert W. Shaw		13545
*	John Crowther		13606
*	James R. Bowers		13789
*	Don Rau		13837
*	Dennis Mccarthy	Lane Lady	13937
*	Leels E. Engeneth	Lane Lady	
	Jack F. Ensroth	Phantasy	13995
*	Paul T. Von Oeyen	Phantasy	13995
*	Dennis Reger		14031
25-	Diana Fernando	Chaos	14049
*	Trish Szydzik		14054
*	Edward G. Woods	No Clue	14097
		Cutting Edge	14105
*	Gregory Tarrant	Dittage	
*	Gerald Engelman	Blitzen	14117
	Bruce J. Finsilver	Quick Silver	14144
*	Jim Zwolensky		14215
*	Mark Whatley		14220
*	Andre R. Dubel		14280
*	Bruce Henderson, M.D.	Summer Wind	14282
*	James T. Crosby	Neon Glow	14415
25	Michael Develop	NCOIL GIOW	
	Michael Roualet		14439
	Joe Lapalme		14457
*	Thomas Klaban	Allegro	14464
*	Buzz Brown	Shenandoah	14477
*	William B. Noll		14515
*	Michael C. Delano		14534
	Bob Padilla	Tea Bag	14563
	Ted Flack	Major Obsession	14567
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	Peter J. Wenzler	Green	14590
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*	John Garrison	Stupendous Full Tilt Boogie	14637
*	William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	14641
*	Dr. James McCoy	Dr. "J"	14690
*	John Greenstreet	24 5	14724
25	Bonnie K. Nickels	Double Nickel	14755
*	Domine K. INICKEIS		14755
	Louie Nickels	Double Nickel	14755
*	Robert W. Shaw	Emissions Control	14760
	Richard F. Beaubien	Renaissance!	14767
*	Edward Dziuba	Gotcha!	14778
*	James R. Bowers	Excelsior!	14789
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*	Jim Allen		14807
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*	Dr. Joel Humphrey		14841
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*	Charles C. Hess	Flash3	14842
25-	Richard Bukowsky		
*	& Traci Bukowsky		14854
*	Robert H. Mathers	Evergreen	14870
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*	Dan House		0
*	John H. Ostrander		0

Chances are, if you raced a Lightning at a major North American event in 1997 you bumped into a Fleet 54 member. Just to give you an idea, our Fleet was represented at the Southern Circuit / Midwinters, Worlds, North Americans — Women's, Juniors', Masters' and Open, as well as every event on the Michigan circuit.

At home, Fleet 54 also had a very prosperous year in 1997... new members... new boats — more fun. Our program consisted of over 70 races scheduled from May 4 through October 12!

We ran separate racing series for Wednesday evenings and Sundays. Each of these was further divided into Spring, Summer and Fall series — so we were a little short on creative names.

Participation on Wednesdays was excellent. We had thirty six different skippers sail in at least one Wednesday series race. Twenty

five boats on the line was quite common. Series standings were determined using the Cox-Sprague scoring system to encourage participation and recognize that sometimes there are other things that get in the way of sailing. A boat must sail in one half of all the races sailed in the series to qualify. Nineteen boats qualified for the Spring series while 22 made the cut for the Summer. For the Fall series, we opted to go with a high point scoring system. Thirty six boats sailed at least one of these post-Labor day races. When all was said and done, we recognized the top five finishers from each of the three Wednesday series. Eleven different skippers shared the fifteen trophies. The Overall Wednesday winner was Ted Flack — ably assisted by his three sons Ryan, Bob and Eric.

Sunday racing was also well attended this year. Twenty two boats sailed at least one Spring Sunday race. That number increased to 29 for the Summer. In the end, nine boats qualified for the Spring series, with 10 boats getting in enough for the Summer series. Participation continued strong through the Fall high point series as well, with 25 different boats sailing at least one race. Sunday awards went three deep. Of the 9 trophy spots, eight different skippers were recognized. The Overall Sunday winner was Bob Mathers.

We also ran our second annual Memorial Day Regatta. It was a breezy affair won by Mark Whatley, followed by Bill Ziegler and Ted Flack taking Tom Klaban out in a tie breaker. Past Commodore Charlie Hess took the Club Championship from a fleet of twelve. His two closest challengers were Tom Klaban and that ever pesky Ted Flack.

Over Labor Day weekend we held our Commodore's Challenge regatta. This event is based on the notion that turnabout is fair game. For one regatta, the faithful crew takes the helm and the know-it-all skipper is reduced to nothing more than a disposable object and forced to swab the bilge, clear the board or do any other ridiculous thing the person holding the tiller tells them to do. Eleven boatloads showed up for this year's edition. Bob Flack came out on top with Eric Klaban close behind. Jim Garrison ran off with third. All three boats had Dad trimming the jib and jibing the pole.

On the road, Jim Allen represented Fleet 54 at the Worlds. Jim got back in time to finish in the runner-up spot at the Michigan Districts and then take off for the NAs and a fourth place finish. Diana Fernando and Charlie Hess also sailed in the Blue Fleet at the NAs. Six others sailed for the Presidents Cup at the NAs — Louie Nickels, John Garrison, Joel Humphrey, Peter Wenzler, Jon Bennett and Tom Crosby. Bonnie Nickels sailed to a second place finish in the Women's; Ryan Flack was fifth at the Juniors and Bob Mathers was seventeenth against the other stalwarts of the Class in the Masters.

Our White Cap regatta drew an incredible 45 entries this year. That everything went smoothly is a testimonial to the race management skills of Esther and Hank Callahan and helpers. Saturday conditions were excellent, Sunday a little foggy to start and then 'testy'. John McCree from Bay City took top honors, followed by Dan Norton and Sean Fidler. Put the 1998 White Cap on your calendar — the weekend after Labor Day — and come see for yourself what the World's Largest Lightning Fleet looks like in person.

The only downside to all of this is that as I write this on November 23 (to meet the DECEMBER 1 DO-OR-DIE DEAD-LINE) our boats have already been put away for about a month now. Spring is a LONG way off, but hope springs eternal — more members... more boats — more fun in 1998! Come join us. *Bill Ziegler*

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FLEET 59 Lake Erie District Sailing on the Niagara River Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain	Cal S	chmiege
Fleet Secretary	Larissa	Higgins
Calvin H. Schmiege (L	ife) Sea Porsche	1394
Judith Walker Bob Starck	Vampira II	1429
Bob Starck		1437

Calvin H. Schmiege (Life) 14580

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The members of Fleet 59 from Niagara Sailing Club spent the sailing season traveling this past year and a lot of water has passed under our hulls. We sailed Pymatuning, the Newport Invitational Regatta, Cuba Lake, the Canadian Open, the Cornball and the Districts at Chautauqua, the North American Masters, and the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake

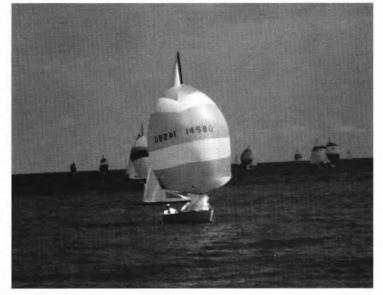
Bob Starck sailed the Lake Erie Old Salts at the Buffalo Canoe Club - and won! Crew members were Marcy Holler and Paul Wheeler.

Larissa Higgins enjoyed skippering the Lightning at the Cuba Lake and Silver Lake Regattas, and hopes that her father gives up the helm to her more often in the future!

Brian Starck was second at the Cuba Lake Regatta, and also sailed well at Silver Lake.

Cal Schmiege was pleased to be first at the first mark in the first race of the North American Masters - and finished second in that race to the eventual overall winner, Bruce Goldsmith. Cal and his crew, Larissa Higgins and Steve Cox, enjoyed taking home third place trophies at both the Cornball and Districts.

Good luck and good sailing to everyone in the ILCA from Fleet 59. We are looking forward to another great year of racing in 1998.



Fleet 59's Cal Schmiege at the Masters North American Championship

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET 62 Southern District Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain		Wynne
	John	
* George C. Aucoin, Jr. * Douglass Wynne	Zeus	10475
* Douglass Wynne	Capt. Punch	10812
* Chris Wynne	1	12235
* Larry Frost, Jr.	FF	12335
* Larry Frost, Jr. * Rod Branch	Lay Lady Lay	12340
* Iohn P. Buziak	Seasaw	13621
* John P. Buziak * John R. Marion	Slick Willy	14344

Fleet 62 sailing on Lake Pontchartrain had a good year in 1997. The Fleet hosted three excellent regattas. The Districts were sailed at Pontchartrain YC in conjunction with the School's Out Regatta. This regatta had 105 boats participating in six one-design classes. Eight Lightnings participated with Robert Bernhardt from Buccaneer YC winning in a tie-breaker over John Marion. The Gulf Yachting Championship was also held at Pontchartrain YC. John Marion won this series by one point. The combined District and GYA Trophy was awarded to John Marion. The fleet has grown by two boats. Chris Wynne has rebuilt a Lippincott and Larry Frost III has been racing his father's boat. The Sugar Bowl is next week and we expect a modest turn-out due to its being so close to Christmas. Thank you to all the Fleet skippers and their crews for a good year.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 69 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	John Esser
Vice Fleet Captain	Robert Franke
Fleet Secretary/Treasure	erDana Blumberg

* Dean S. Cady		
* & Karen Balistreri	Rampage	11442
* Wayne E. Babler, Jr.	Rampage Firebird Suite	11888
* Sue Herzfeld	Second Wind	13430
* Junior Sailing Foundation	Bluette II	13794
* John H. Esser	Sans Souci IV	14400
* Robert A. Franke		
* & Amy Simonsen	Reality Check	14555
* William G. Faude		14740

Again the annual Midwest District meeting was held at the Milwaukee Yacht Club in January 1997. The turnout was not as good as it had been in past years due to a number of factors.

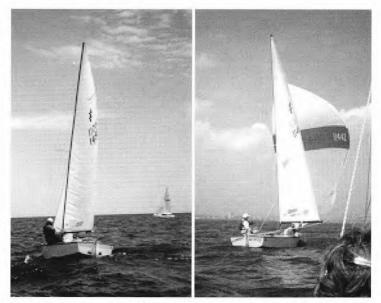
The annual Commissioning Ceremony, again run by our fleet, was held on a beautiful Friday evening in May without any hitches. The cannon went off at the right time and the flags two-blocked at the right time.

May was again a horribly cold month as was the first part of June. The 51st P&T Regatta was held in early July over a wonder-





Top: Faude & Franke to leeward (and outside) on one of the many "Wined ups" during the 1997 Districts. Faude, Phelan, Long, Larson, Irving, Wallace, Phelan & Franke preparing for a leeward mark rounding at the 1997 Districts. Photos Amy Simonsen.



Left: Irving sailing upwind in the Milwaukee "Echo" at the 1997 Districts. Right: Team Franke (including Luke) in hot pursuit of Team Blumberg (including Charlie) during the 1997 MYC Little Mackinac Race. Photos: Amy Simonsen & Bob Franke

ful weekend. However, the turnout was the poorest I can remember. Paul Wurtzebach, Chicago, was first followed by Bob Franke/Amy Simonsen, Milwaukee, and Ben Wallace, Chicago.

The Midwest Districts were held at MYC. Again, the turnout was poor, even though this year the District voted to have a two-day regatta instead of a three day regatta. Bill Faude, Milwaukee, was 1st followed by Paul Wurtzebach, Chicago, and Dave Stix, Chicago.

The annual Little Mackinac Race was held on an ideal Sunday in August. The race across Milwaukee Bay to the can buoy took about two hours. A wonderful beat down and a wonderful spinnaker run back to the finish line. Dana Blumberg was 1st followed by Bob Franke/Amy Simonsen and John Esser.

Again, this year our fleet did not race for a season series. Hope there is more interest next year. John Esser

MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB FLEET 70 Metropolitan District Sailing on the Navesink River Red Bank, New Jersey

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Ross Nowak		13333
* Patrick E. Corr		
* & Patrick F. Corr	Silver Spoon	13386
Rob Atkinson	1	13673
Dale Barney		13743
* Edward Landis		14043

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* Ted Duffy		14175
Dave Minton		14276
* Jack Huntsman		14342
* Jack Huntsman* Jon Schwartz		14450
* Henry O'Hern, III	Joker	14482
Dave Watts	Joner	14492
* David Clausen	Almost Perfect	14495
* Alfred C. Morton	Blue Haven	14539
* Paul Jeka		
* & Don Jeka		14624
* Frank Mergenthaler		14634
* Henry O'Hern		14692
* Ralph F. Wilson	Thunder P	14727
* Paul A. (Sandy) Hun	tsman, Ir. (Life)	
* & Jack Huntsman	Premiere Cru	14814
* Paul A. (Sandy) Hun	tsman, Ir. (Life)	
* & Mary W. Huntsma	in	14852
* Iim Schwartz		0
* Ross Nowak		0

What a wonderful year to sail a Lightning on the Navesink. Fleet #70 started its sailing season with a closely contested Spring Series won by Jack Huntsman in the last race of the series. The always fun and competitive Annual Long John Regatta followed as 39 boats from all over the East Coast and Canada came to Red Bank for some of the best early season competition on the ILCA schedule. As always, the dinner and 50-50 were a blast. Congratulations go to top club finishers: 4th Jack Huntsman; 7th Jon Schwartz; 9th Ted Duffy and 12th Sandy Huntsman. A special thank you to all who volunteered to make the Long John a success!

Among the titles captured by Fleet #70 members while on the road were the NJYRA and Metropolitan District championships. Ted Duffy with crew Michael Plosica and Wolf Haugk won the competitive District Championships at Lake Wallenpaupack, PA. Sandy Huntsman and crew were second. Jon Schwartz claimed the NJYRA Lightning Championship. Congratulations also go out to Jon and Jack for their strong showing at the 1997 Worlds in Montreal and to Jack for making it to the 1997 Mallory Cup Finals, in New Orleans.

Fleet members did indeed have a great time in 1997 with active participation and success in M.B.C.'s Spring, Summer, Bridge and Holiday regattas and numerous social activities as well.

Thanks again to all who volunteered their time to ensure that this was a wonderful year to sail a Lightning on the Navesink! Fleet 70 en masse



ROCKY RIVER FLEET 71 Ohio District Sailing on Lake Erie **Cleveland Yacht Club, Rocky River, Ohio**

Fleet Captain	.Walter Sellars
Fleet SecretaryJame	es Cunningham

* Mrs. Janis Stevens Muel	ler (Life) G.A.M.E.	9653
* Walter Sellars, M.D.	Newfie	14191
* Bill L. Buckles (Life)		0

No report.

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUÑA FLOTA 73 Colombia District Sailing on Lake Tomine Bogota, Colombia

	Fleet Secretary	Philippe Ja	icob
	Juan Ponce Juan Martinez		7451 8133
	Andres Hernandez		11750
* *	Rudi Salmang & Richi Salmang	The Flying Mustard	12829
	Oscar Rodriguez	The Flying Mustaru	13410
	Jose Isaza		13431
*	Dominique Rodriguez		13432
24	Jorge Uzcategui		13447 13604
	Andres Lisocki Vicente Hernandez		13604
	Hans Streubel		13971
	Rafael Esguerra		13990
	Mauricio Valenzuela		14085
	Rafael Concha		14181
	German Mejia Manuel Isaza		14219 14241
*	Jaime Restrepo		14322
*	Philippe Jacob	Jubilee	14536
*	Jorge Uzcategui		14700
*	Jochen Raute		14704
	Jaime Castillo		14805

No report.

DECATUR FLEET 74 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Lake Decatur Decatur, Illinois

Fleet CaptainDoug Floyd

* David Griffith		7701
* David Griffith		12441
* William Stringer		12974
* Roger L. Grohne	Enterprise	13078
* Roger L. Grohne * Gary Peck		13726
* Robert W. Ohlsen	Bobs Last Boat III	14012
* Doug Floyd		14205
* Doug Floyd * Mark Paoli		0

No report.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET 75 **Metropolitan District** Sailing on the Hudson River Nyack, New York

Fleet CaptainJoan Hurban
Fleet TreasurerStephanie Mayo
Fleet Recording Secretary Howie Rinehart
Fleet Corresponding SecretaryJim Morris
Fleet ChampionChris Sprole
Runner-UpMike Shasho

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Ronald McCormack		10207
Arthur Stahl		10220
* James P. Wolfe	My Three Esses	10224
Elliott Carman	North River	10380
* Lawrence Decker		10620
Peter Steckler		10737
* David Surman		10784
* Daniel Parietti	Shamrock	11143
Irwin Kwartler		11416
Okke Postma	Kitty Hawk	11544
* William Donelan	Grease	11583
* R. Robert Sengstacken		
* & Richards Jarden	No Frills	12045
* James F. Morris, Jr.		
* & J.P. Mann		12166
* Randall Mirgue		12642
* Howard B. Rinehart	Corvette	13625
* Ceaser Lipert		13810
Chris Kelly	Suntag	13832
* Gary S. Hurban	His	14073
* William G. Cook	Fat Chance	14140
* Mark Keane	Thumbs Up!	14363
* Michael Shasho	Little Crunch	14384
* Joan A. Hurban	Hers	14482
* Stephanie Mayo	Special Effects	14484
* George McDonnell	1	
* & Arthur Spielvogel	White Lightning	14565
* Chris Sprole	8 8	14631
* Kathryn Connell		
* & Paul Connell	Ruffian	14714
* Judy Hanlon	Thistle	14781
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1997 found Fleet 75 at Nyack the largest it has been in years. The fleet is now 35 members strong. Joining us this year from the Greenwood Lake fleet are Ceaser Lipert, Okke Poktma, Bob Sengstacken, Mark Keane. Also joining the fleet are Richards Jarden, Judy Hanlon, Randall Mirque and Dave Surman. This increase in membership and the increases in participation in all club functions make the Lightning fleet at Nyack the most active fleet in the club.

Congratulations to Chris Sprole who is once again Fleet Champion. Mike Shasho had a great season finishing second and became the first skipper to move from the "B" fleet to the "A" fleet. Gary Hurban finished the season in third place after taking the fleet championship for three years in a row. Stephanie Mayo took the honors in the very competitive fleet. Congratulations to these skippers who did an outstanding job.

Once again the Last Blast Regatta was very successful. This final regatta of the season was held on Saturday, October 12th when 26 boats enjoyed a perfect day. Paul Connell was the top finisher from Nyack in a very competitive fleet. Many thanks go to Fred Dexter, Lon Murchison and Wally Bartel for serving on race committee and Al Klingler, Bill Michell, Henry Ridder and Mike Dempsey for serving as patrol. Following the races a fine dinner was enjoyed by all. This regatta has become one of the more popular regattas on the East Coast because of the hard work of many members.

We had a very active season averaging 11 boats on the line every race. This year we got 10 new members with 9 boats giving us a total membership of 37 with 28 boats in the fleet. We had boats participate in 17 away regattas ranging from the Mid Winters in Florida to the Lightning World Championships in Montreal. Gary Hurban took first place in the Cad/Met Circuit. This circuit consists of a series of 10 regattas over the course of the season. We instituted the Winners Circle which was very informative. Here the winning skipper each Sunday gave the rest of the fleet an idea of their strategy and tactics.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB FLEET 77 Central New York District Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain	Al McReyn	olds
Fleet Secretary	Howard Stick	knev
Fleet Champion		
Fleet Runner-Up		
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* Dale E. Hamilton	Quest	11050
* Larry C. Stephans	Quest	11051
* Howard P. Stickney	Cookie Boat	11074
* Wilmer R. Wright	COORIC Doat	12215
* David N. Eckler	Droopy Sloop V	12313
* Richard W. Hallagan	D100py 5100p v	12355
* Andy Smith	Windswept	12333
* William W Farmer Ir	windswept	12400
 * William W. Farmer, Jr. * James I. McIntosh 	Misty	13080
* Richard Doherty	Irish	13080
* R. Neal Smith	Stealth	13081
* Howard P. Stickney	Steatth	13082
* Richard Leonardo	One Track Mind	13651
* Daniel I Veneta M D	Uselw	
* Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.	Honky Obsession	13697
* Alan R. Mcreynolds * Lica Stephone		13815
* Lisa Stephens	Endurance	14108
* Leland G. Atkinson III * Todd Schurmacher	Comfortably Numb	14185
* Todd Schumacher		14210
* Peter Hallagan	с тіш	14255
* George Sereno* Mark C. Sertl	Spar Trek III	14277
* Mark C. Serti	Lucky Too	14298
* Richard Leonardo		14328
* Lori Foster	N / 1 XV7	112/7
* & Philip Lange	Mambo Wa	14367
* John H. Atkins	DI D	1 1 2 0 7
* & Chad H. Atkins	Plan B	14397
* Daniel Pope	Madame X	14520
* Robert Crum	Holy Cow	14522
* Dr. Robert L. Jamison	White Cap II	14605
* Richard W. Hallagan		14655
* Richard W. Hallagan		14855
* Brad Poulos		0
* Dave Walsh		0

It is important to thank the people who make things happen either in the "bright lights" or behind the scenes. I would like to thank our Fleet Captain Dale Hamilton and our Secretary/Treasurer Howard Stickney. Dale was unable to race much this year but contributed much behind the scenes when the important stuff needed to get done. Howard is always there, God bless him, as an important anchor in our fleet; he keeps the books, manages the scores, and dutifully collects the dues. John Atkins will be our new Fleet Captain and wants to bring added attention to the area juniors, which is very important. Eva Smith provided much needed support for our regatta, she organized and managed much of the off-thewater activities. What a great dinner! I, Alan McReynolds, the regatta chairman, wish to again thank her for covering for me while I went out to play in those wonderful boats called Lightnings. There are many of whom will go unnamed, but the contributions of all no matter how small or how large really does make a difference, much thanks to all of you.

The Celebration of Spring regatta has been held in the beginning of June for most of the last 17 or 18 years. This year we had 30 boats participate in the fun. The weekend provided plenty of rain, but much to our surprise the rain stopped when it came time to race. We had fog and we had the bay all to ourselves. The race committee did a wonderful job of getting in three races on Saturday. Following was the PIG ROAST and the band, good food and great fun. Sunday was a pretty good repeat of Saturday with 2 starts and some very tight racing. Mark Sertl won the regatta again this year. Nice job Mark. We plan to go with the same format for next year so be sure to join the fun and put us on your schedule. Think PIG!

As with most one-design racing across the country, our numbers were down somewhat from past years. There is a strong core at the club though, and I think that with effort in the right places we will attract more sailors back to the water. In total we sailed 52 Lightning races in several different series at our club this year. That is a lot of sailing. Dan Pope sailed very consistently getting 1st in the Spring Series, 1st in Summer Series, 1st in Fall Series, and 1st in the Champion Series. Alan McReynolds got 2nd in Spring Series, 2nd in Fall Series, and 2nd in the Champion Series. Dick Doherty got 3rd in the fall series, 1st in the Summer Bay Series, and 3rd in the Champion Series. Bob Jamison got 2nd in the Summer Series, and 2nd in the Summer Bay Series. Dick Hallagan, the travelin' man, placed 3rd in the Spring Series. Dick Leonardo place 3rd in the Summer Series. Landy Atkinson, our very busy Commodore, placed 3rd in the Summer Bay Series. Other notable sailors include youngest crew persons Alexandria, 8, and Julia Lange, 10, two lovely young ladies sailing with father Phillip. Also, Logan McReynolds, 11, co-skipper most of the year, became full time helmsman for the last four races of the year with his father and 15 year old sister Erin for crew. After the final race of the year he was treated to the Newport tradition of a swim in Irondequoit Bay for winning his first club race. It is rumored he may be the youngest winning Lightning skipper in Newport history. All in all, it was a good year. Hope the same for you and good luck to you next year.

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 85 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet CaptainTom Emch
Fleet SecretaryFranz Edson
Fleet TreasurerLori Davis
Fleet ChampionFranz Edson
Runner-UpChris Vann

* Martin J. O'Meara, Jr. (Li	fe) Baby "Makes" III	7170
* David M. Peterson (Life)	Woody	10801
* Lester J. O'Brien	Luff Song	11474
* Barry Buehler	Ugly Fuzzy	11784
* William A. Sebestyen	0, ,	12069
* Gary Davis	Somewhat Cavalier	12786
* David G. Dickerson	Second Wind	13940
* Christopher J. Vann		14055
* Ward Woodruff		14189
* Gary Woodruff		14189
* Tom Emch	Chao	14289
* Anthony Kotoun		14411
* Donald R. Barrett	Imp Baby	14417
* Franz R. Edson	Hazardous Duty	14419
* Tim Healv		14763
* Bill Shore		14765

Once again the Lightning fleet hosted the season opening Memorial Day pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. The Memorial Day series followed with racing over the three-day weekend. Don Barrett won, Franz Edson was second, and Chris Vann finished in third.

Traveling to beautiful Montreal, Canada, over the week of June 8th, Tim Healy and Don Barrett represented Niantic Bay at the World Championship Regatta. Tim with crew Bill Healy and Maria White finished third, only three points out of first. Don with his wife Donna and George Wiederman finished 44th. Tom Emch also made the trip sailing as crew with George Fisher from Columbus, Ohio.

The Connecticut Governor's Cup was sailed with a small but very competitive fleet. Tim Healy won the event, with Stu Nickerson, Brian Taboada, Brian Hayes, and Gianni Cuccio finishing in the top five. From Niantic Bay, Franz Edson, Chris Vann and Don Barrett finished in the top ten.

The Independence Day series was sailed over the three-day Fourth of July weekend. Tom Emch won the series with Franz Edson in second and Chris Vann in third.

Six boats from Niantic Bay traveled to the Connecticut/Rhode Island District Championship Regatta over the third weekend in July. Brian Hayes and the Housatonic Boat Club hosted a great regatta with five races sailed. Tim Healy, sailing with Matt Reynolds and Maria White as crew, dominated the regatta. Demonstrating superior boat speed and excellent tactics, this crew won all five races. Also from Niantic Bay, Don Barrett finished third, Franz Edson, Chris Vann and Tom Emch finished fifth, sixth and seventh and Bill Sebestyen finished eleventh.

Making the trek to Michigan for the North American Championship. Tim Healy with crew Mike Breault and Adam Walsh won the last three races and the North American Championship. Also representing Niantic Bay, Tom Emch crewed for George Fisher in the Masters and the NAs.

The three day Labor Day Regatta was won by Don Barrett with his wife Donna and super crew daughter Adrianne sailing with him. Franz Edson finished second and Chris Vann finished third.

The overall series winner for the 1997 season was Franz Edson, with Chris Vann second and Don Barrett third.

Though not large, our fleet at Niantic Bay is active and very competitive. We are extremely fortunate to have the Healy brothers as members of our fleet, All of our performances are enhanced by racing with and against these two great sailors. Hopefully over the next couple of years we can attract some new sailors to our fleet, and we certainly look forward to a great season in 1998. If you are in the neighborhood, come join us for some great sailing on Niantic Bay.

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB FLEET 90 Pacific Northwest Sailing on English Bay Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada

Fleet Captain	Matthew Henley	
Fleet SecretaryR.H. Pearce		
[*] Clifford K. Harris	Panique	7606
* Matthew Henley	Rocket	11645
[*] R.H. Pearce	Liisa	13289

No report.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON 95 Metropolitan District Sailing on Greenwood Lake Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain		n Murphy	
	Jim Cosmas		
[•] David Surman	Flashpoint Duct Tape	10784	
[*] James C. Cosmas	Duct Tape	11983	
[†] James C. Cosmas [†] Dan Murphy	Dr. Pepper	12923	

No report.

SANTA MONICA BAY FLEET 102 California District Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor Redondo Beach, California

Fleet Captain Wendell Harter Fleet Secretary Mike Boswell

*	Peter McCutchen	Elizabeth	3229
	Mike Boswell		11373
	Bert Winther	Well Greased	13117
1	Wendell W. Harter	Paddlin' Madelyn III	13186
	Bruce Yaeger		14206

Our racing season began with the California Lightning Circuit, which was hosted by the Mission Bay Lightning Fleet in San Diego waters during Easter week. Wendell Harter represented Fleet 102 at the event.

Lightning participation in races at King Harbor Yacht Club, the home club for Fleet 102, was very light for a variety of reasons, one being that the club's two hoists were down for two and a half months while being replaced with new ones. Now that Bert Winther has completed repairs on his boat and the club hoists are in good working order, we expect to have a more active racing season for Lightnings 1998.

Mike and Dick Brewer of MBYC, who regularly compete in our fleet races, sailed in the North American Lightning Championship and returned home with a new boat. They then used it in the Pacific Coast Lightning Championship, held at Richmond YC in the northern part of San Francisco Bay, and won with four firsts and a fifth. Obviously they are going to be tough to deal with in the coming racing season.

The Fleet's Christmas part was held at the Manhattan Beach home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter.

LAVALLETTE FLEET 104 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainChris Larsen	
Fleet SecretaryBill Dacosta	
Fleet ChampionPeter Scott	
Runner-UpJohn (Curt) Morton	

* Anthony M. Ventimiglia			
* & Eugene Ventimiglia		9539	
* G. Wm. (Bill) Gerold	At Last	10988	
* William E. Dacosta	Elusive	12957	
* Robert F. Hoffman	Fuzzy Blues	13710	
* Dr. Robert T. Morrow	Men-At-Work	13782	
* Ronald K. Kiss	No Excuses	13897	
* Anthony M. Ventimiglia			
* & Eugene Ventimiglia	Spirit	13955	
* Christian J. Larsen	Peggy	13965	
* John C. Morton	Gunsmoke Too!	14539	
* William A. Scott	4-Carat Diamond	14635	
* Dr. Donald A. Cooper		0	

1997 must go down in the books as a somewhat disappointing year for Fleet 104. By the early part of June, we had fifteen Lightnings on trailers at the Yacht Club, ready to sail for the start of a banner season. A series of unfortunate events and illness took its toll and forced some of our skippers to forego sailing as much as





they hated to do so. Our usual participation on any given race day has been averaging twelve boats, but this season it was closer to eight. What makes it worse is the fact that we had perfect sailing weather each week during the summer series, not one race canceled or delayed.

On the brighter side, each race was well contested with several lead changes and our race committee, headed by Vice Commodore George Schreyer (a Lightning sailors himself), gave us good courses each week. There was plenty of spinnaker action and windward legs that created good competition among those who were on the water.

Of six qualifiers for the season's series, Peter and Bill Scott (son and father) with James Miller as third did not place below third and yet barely won out over Curt Morton, Dennis McKenna and Kim Schwarz (the 1996 Champs). Ron Kiss, Ed Bitzer and Bob Brandes took over the third place; Charles Heuschkel, wife Lauren and various crews placed fourth. Chris Larsen, Tom Livelli and Roberta Schreyer placed fifth; and Bill Dacosta, Walter Krueger and Joan Young were the final qualifiers. Previous champs, Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, Bob Morrow and Bob Hoffman were among those who were unable to sail regularly and thus did not qualify for the series.

No less than three skippers earned the right to win the prestigious Bottoms Up trophy in 1997: Chris Larsen, Dr. Don Cooper and Walter Krueger. Each made a short speech recognizing the efforts of their skillful sailing.

There were two bright spots during the summer. Our fleet had the honor of hosting the 1997 CAD Championship Regatta on July 12-13. A twenty-seven boat fleet participated in four races. We had a wonderful banquet for all and those who attended reported having a good time. Past Commodore of the LYC Anne Attridge served as head of the Race Committee which included Kathryn Plosica, Trudy DiFrancesco, Del Kusma and Andy Johnson.

The second highlight was our annual final sail race and picnic held in September. We hosted five Sunfish and two Flying Scots in a combined race that became a paddling event when the wind died completely in order to satisfy a time limit prior to our enjoyment of all the goodies that were served.

In closing, we offer our thanks to those behind the scenes for a wonderful racing season. Vice Commodore George Schreyer, Race Committee, Bob Viera, Trudy DiFrancesco, Joyce Johnson and Peggy Larsen; Patrols, Andy Johnson, Jack Henderson and Bill Chadwick; and last but not least the communications team, Mary Ann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertakos and Barbara Jost.

We are looking forward to a much improved season in 1998. Bill Dacosta

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110 Michigan District Sailing on Higgins Lake Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/SecretaryJohn N. Dent

 * Scott D. Carman * & Steven E. Randall * Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr. * Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr. * John N. Dent * Scott D. Carman 	Bohica Go Dog Go	2138 9102 11185 12784
* Scott D. Carman * & Steven E. Randall * John N. Dent	Deck-A-Dent	13999 14021

1997 was a truly memorable sailing season at Higgins Lake as we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Higgins Lake Boat Club and Lightning Fleet #110. Activity began earlier than usual as we prepared to host the District Championship. No small task for us, due in part to our unique island location.

Racing got underway Friday, June 20th as 33 boats approached the starting line. A windward-leeward course was set for variable southwest winds of 10 to 15 miles per hour. Pre-race jitters affected both sailors and Race Committee as eager racers forced a general recall, and then abandonment and restart of the starting sequence. The race did finally get started and eventually saw Sean Fidler edge Dan Norton in a very close finish. The course was lengthened for the second race of the day as wind speed picked up somewhat. Jim Allen got out to an early lead after a clean start, but was eventually overtaken by Colin Park, Sean, and Tom Niles in another very close finish to end the day.

Saturday morning brought light rain and a southwest wind of 15 to 20 miles per hour. Racing was postponed until the rain let up a little bit. After a clean start Jim Allen led Jim Davis and Sean around the windward-leeward course. This time he held on to win, but Mark Whatley and Colin took the next two places. After lunch the wind died, the rain picked up, and races were postponed for the day.

After a calm beginning to Sunday morning, a northwest breeze filled in nicely. Recognizing that there would be no throw out, sailors aggressively approached the starting line forcing two general recalls. Finally, with the Z-flag flying, the fourth race of the Regatta was started. Dan Norton led Sean Fidler and Jim Allen from start to finish to get his first win. Just before the time limit was met, the final race of the series was started cleanly. Jim Allen and Mark Whatley jumped into the early lead, but were eventually overtaken by Colin Park who won the race and secured his overall victory in the 1997 Michigan District Lightning Championship.

After the trophies were presented, and raffle prizes given away, boats sailed back to the mainland to begin their return trip home. I think all left having experienced a very competitive regatta with a variety of conditions. We certainly enjoyed hosting it and would like to thank all of you who journeyed to Higgins Lake for helping us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. I would also like to thank the Commodore of the Higgins Lake Boat Club; Peter Morley, Jr., and Race Committee Chairman Stan Dent without whose help, this would have been impossible. Also, thank you to my wife Judi, and the rest of our Club members who helped make this event a success.



Michigan District Championship action at Higgins Lake

Our sailing season continued with the Firecracker Regatta held on the Fourth of July. This was followed by a potluck dinner party. Our 50th Anniversary Regatta was held on July 26th as a handicapped event, open to all classes. The eventual winner based on adjusted time was John Dent in a Lightning. Our 50th Anniversary party took place the following Saturday hosted by Susan and Peter Morley, Jr. whose grandfather was the original Commodore of the Higgins Lake Boat Club. This was a splendid affair with entertainment provided by a nationally renowned dixieland jazz band. Many former members and friends whom we haven't seen for some time came out for this one. It was a fitting celebration for the 50th Anniversary of our Club. The season concluded as usual on Labor Day with the competition for the Higgins Lake Property Owner's Association Cup. John Dent was the lone Lightning battling several Hobie Cats for the class honor. Confidence was high as John and Judi raised the spinnaker, chasing those high flying Hobie Cats in brisk conditions. The jibe was fine, but when the reach tightened up and the decision was made to douse the chute, the value of that middle crew became apparent. Before they knew what hit them, John on the low side of the boat, and Judi catapulting from the deck, were over. This was something neither had experienced before and therefore, a bit of a shock. The ensuing clean up effort, while entertaining to many spectators, made continuing the campaign impossible. The awards banquet at the DNR MacMullen Center formally ended the racing season at Higgins Lake.

We would like to invite our old friends, as well as our new found friends back to Higgins Lake next year. We will be back in our usual time slot and look forward to seeing many of you August 1st and 2nd. *John Dent*

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB FLEET 112 Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay Green Bay, Wisconsin

President President	
Vice-President/SecretaryBrian Grahovac	
TreasurerJohn Evans	
Fleet ChampionTerry Phelan	
Runner-upBrian Grahovac	

*	James L. Hopkins Doug Olson	Puzzle	9634
	Doug Olson		10439
*	Kevin Hart	Truth	11307
	Heyrman		13235
	John Evans		13376
	Masse		13565
*	Frank A. Wood	Confusion 3	13568
	Peggy Himmel		13695
*	Terrence Phelan		
	& Mari Martin	Surprise	13817
*	Brian Phelan		
	& Steve Adamski	Just Friends	13818
	David Poquette	5	13818
	Grahovac/Havil/Hiskes		13901
*	Michael B. Kulkoski		
	& Bruce Heida	Birken Bot	14106
	Michael J. Merkatoris		14130
*	Jim Merkatoris	Jim	14193
*	Bill Dean	Rock N' Roll	14568

Thanks to the continuing efforts of the members of Fleet 112 we proudly celebrated our 50th anniversary in grand style at a special Spring banquet. Special thanks go to the founding members who registered our charter with the International Lightning Class Association in 1947. Without them Lightnings might never have graced the emerald waters of Green Bay. Although our location has changed through the years our dedication to racing and family fun hasn't. Races are conducted twice weekly on Monday and Thursday nights from late May until late September. Our season began with much enthusiam as evidenced by the large inventory of sails purchased by members of the fleet. A seminar on tuning presented by Greg Fisher of North Sails helped move us into the fast lane. Many sailors listened attentively and took notes. The following day Greg provided on the water coaching at the Fond du Lac regatta.

Our fleet was well represented at this regatta with six boats making the hour and a half trip. We also had at least 5 boats that traveled to Milwaukee, Sheboygan, and Chicago. At our annual Evans Regatta 18 boats competed for the coveted Evans trophy. The honors went to Paul Wurtzebach of Chicago who garnered 7.25 points from 5 races!

The sailing this summer was interrupted by an unprecedented streak of five consecutive cancelled races. In all, eleven races were not sailed either because of calm or storm. The effects of El Nino!? The Fleet Championship was won this year by the team of Mary Martin, Rick Evans, and Terry Phelan. The Grahovac team was second, Phelan/Adamski -third, Dean -fourth, Hopkins - Fifth. The winner of the Phelan Trophy was Brian Grahovac. Mike Merkatoris won the Hayes Handicap Trophy. The race management team of Tom Phelan and Jane Stannard deserve kudos for their professional approach to running the race committee.

Terry Phelan, GBSC President

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 115 Lake Erie District Sailing on Cuba Lake Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain .									•		Skip Wilday
Fleet Secretary			 								.Valerie Kane

* Greg Buckley		9150
* Greg Buckley* Mark Mueller	Black Magic	10008
* John B. Rudd	Allegro	10705
* Michael D. Kane	Austerity	11175
* Lawrence Older	Red Baron	11766
* Mike Lamb	Mad Dogs	13764
* Greg Buckley	Ole Blue	13890
* Skip Wilday		14725

No report.

FLYING BEAVER Lake Erie District Sailing on Hamilton Bay Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain		onald
	Paul Eicher	
* Keith MacDonald		11289
* J. Paul Eichenberg * Scott Warrener	E. H	12443
* J. Paul Eichenberg	Fun II	$14134 \\ 14476$
* David Wood	Cha Geill Bunch Of Weenies	14476
* Larry MacDonald, Ir.		14834
* Larry MacDonald, Sr.	(Life)	

No report.

MERRIMAC RIVER FLEET 121 New England District Sailing at The American Yacht Club Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet CaptainClif Robinson Fleet SecretaryPatrick McCormack

*	Robert E. Carleton		1320
*	Patrick McCormack		9434
25	Bob Pepe Alfred J. Martin Patrick Gallagher	Jeremiah	10461
25-	Alfred J. Martin	Kaboom	10857
25	Patrick Gallagher	Shark Byte Healing Over	11150
25	Mark R. Windt	Healing Over	11640
*	Winthrop Snow Alan P. Lavender	Swan	13517
*	Alan P. Lavender		13576
*	David Sestini	O'Mon	14154
*	John R. Hughes Patrick McCormack		14275
*	Patrick McCormack		14547
*	Leonard C. Pratt (Life)		

No report.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB FLEET 126 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Westport, Connecticut

Fleet CaptainChristopher Miller
Fleet SecretaryGiselle Wasner
Fleet TreasurerRichard Thackaberry
Fleet ChampionGianni Cuccio
Fleet Runner-Up Dick Thackaberry

* Maria	White		7552
* Gavin	Watson	Cygnus	11097
Dick P		70	11381
* Richard	d Thackaberry	Ol' Blue	11385
	tsworth	TNT	11486
* Rod Ra		Loligo	11570
	H. Martin, Jr.	Flexible Flyer	13056
* Iames I	De Cesare	Fester	13708
* Terence	De Cesare e D. Frimmet	Adventure Galley	13821
* John C	uccio	G.T.O.	13871
* Christo	pher Miller	Helter Skelter	14030
* Steven	Wexler	Lloyd on Acid	14238
* Iim Cr	ane	Cat	14572
Tom G	lvnn		14630
* Charles	Proctor	The White Boat	14821
* Jody L		ine mile bout	0
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Fleet 126 sailing from Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, Connecticut had a busy season. The Fleet hosted the 1997 Atlantic Coast Championships as well as its regular Spring and Fall regattas. In addition the fleet sails every Saturday from Memorial Day into mid September. The high point of the season, the Atlantic Coasts, was attended by 50 boats and was a 4-race competitive series. Ched Proctor, a member of Fleet 126, successfully defended his title.

The Fleet welcomed two new members this year, Bob Martin and Terry Frimmet. Bob and Terry were consistent and improving participants, but Gianni Cuccio continued to best the Lightning sailing in and around Cedar Point Yacht Club. The club's season series was won by Gianni with Dick Thackaberry second for the season (yet again) while Terry placed third. The Fleet will be hosting the 1998 Connecticut/RI districts as well as the Spring and Fall Invitationals. See you in 1998!

SAVANNAH FLEET 127 Southeastern District Sailing on the Wilmington River Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

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* R. Eric Oetgen

* John M. McIntosh, Sr. (Life) Red Boat * J. Wallace Aggett (Life)

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No report.

MADISON BEACH CLUB FLEET 129 Connecticut/Rhode Island Sailing on Long Island Sound Madison, Connecticut

Fleet CaptainJames Deephouse	
Fleet SecretaryTim Millhiser	
Fleet Champion	
Fleet Runner-UpJohn Sulzbach	

* Thomas H. Davidson	Cod	11113
* James R. Deephouse	Early Times	11207
* John Ronshagen	P.F.Ď.	11773
* I. Michael Sulzbach	Rosie	11933
* W. Harmon Leete	Moonshine	13230
* Timothy Millhiser	S.S. Oshpoodle	14342
* Leighton Lee	Finelee	14441

The highlight of this year's season was the many juniors skippering and crewing this year. In particular, John Sulzbach, Anne Davidson, Scott Howard and Erin Riley put in a fine performances much improved over the past. Junior crew Ned Goss and Ryan Sakmar were key to Millhiser's win and Ashley Sakmar, Peter Young and several other juniors rounded out many of the crews.

and several other juniors rounded out many of the crews. Peter Young, taking a break from his strong Optimists season, won a second in the Fisher Cup Race. Terry and Linda Zanes took first as they got their new boat up to speed. In another year or two, the juniors will be pushing the old guys out of the way.

MOBILE BAY FLEET 135 Southern District Sailing on Mobile Bay Mobile, Alabama

Fleet SecretaryL.M. Bohnenkamp

Denis Hermecz John Kern	Robt. Jeffcott	8365 8704
Thomas Perrine	Sunday's Child	10980
Robert Borneman	Sun Kiss II	12956
Dr. Russell March, Jr. &	See State	
Barney March III	Bigeminy III	13060
Ioe Wacker	-	13158
Nick Blakeney	Dulcinea	13200
L.M. Bohnenkamp &		
John M. Bohnenkamp	Bohdacious	14136
Robert Bernhardt, Ir.		14736
Denis Hermecz	0	14759
	John Kern Thomas Perrine Robert Borneman Dr. Russell March, Jr. & Barney March III Joe Wacker Nick Blakeney L.M. Bohnenkamp & John M. Bohnenkamp Robert Bernhardt, Jr.	John Kern Thomas Perrine Robert Borneman Dr. Russell March, Jr. & Barney March III Joe Wacker Nick Blakeney L.M. Bohnenkamp Robert Bernhardt, Jr. Bunday's Child Sunday's Child Sun Kiss II Bigeminy III Dulcinea Bohdacious Enigma

After a good season last year, we regressed this year, rather like the recent stock market drop. We can't seem to get Blakeney, Borneman, and Perrine racing again, but we will keep trying. We did have active participation from three of our skippers who sailed at almost every opportunity. Robert Bernhardt was the big winner this season with firsts at the Southern Districts, Buccaneer Spring Regatta, and the Holiday-in-Dixie at Shreveport, culminating in a Blue Fleet slot at Detroit.

John Bohnenkamp sailed to a third at the Districts while Mitch took a third place at the Gulf Yachting Association Championship, and finished the season with a win at the Wadewitz Regatta at Fairhope Yacht Club. Barney March was active this season with place finishes at Mandeville and Fairhope. We hope for better participation next year. Come on out guys - it's still fun! *Mitch Bohnenkamp*

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 137 Michigan District Sailing on Gull Lake Richland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary	Thomas Peter Hudson

* David J. Decker	We Could Go Faster	14474
* Thomas Hudson	Be Calm	14712

The Lightning activity on Gull Lake was rather quiet during the 1997 season, but you would still periodically see a Lightning slicing through the deep, turquoise waters of this premier, southwestern Michigan lake. Members of the Gull Lake Fleet periodically appear at one of the many Regattas held in the Michigan District and surrounding areas throughout the season.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET 145 New England District Sailing on Lake Spofford Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet CaptainAlex Gemmell Fleet TreasurerPatrick McQueen

Alex Gemmell		10254
* Fred H. Hamblet (Life)	Gail	11346
* Frederick Turner, Jr.	Smurfin Along	11210
* Randall Locke	0	12362
* David H. Fitch	Three Cheers	13835
* Christopher Hamblet		14446
* Raymond Fitzpatrick		0

Spofford Lightning Fleet welcomes Alex Gemmell as the new fleet Captain and recent Lightning new boat owner. Alex represented SYC by skippering in the N. E. District Masters Competition and he crewed with Tom and Caroline Chase in several New England regattas during 1997.

Fred Turner was honored with a perpetual trophy for his years of distinguished service. Dave Fitch with his wife Dorothy won the "Around the Island Race" in their Lightning *Three Cheers*. The Spofford Lightning Regatta, sailed in pleasant but windy September weather, concluded with Dave Fitch in 3rd place, Alex Gemmel in 4th, Randy Locke in 5th, and Fred Turner in 7th. Past Champion and veteran sailor, Len Pratt, was Race Committee Chairman. Due to crewing on Lightnings, some Club members are searching for used Lightnings.

TORONTO BAY FLEET 146 Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Ontario Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet CaptainDavid Sprague

P.E. Sulman * David Sprague (Life)	Pampero In Lieu	11177 14174
* David Sprague (Life) * J.R.G. Bleasby (Life)		0

No report.

SÃO PAULO FLEET 147 Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain	Peter	Zacher
* Dietmar Heydenreich	Irema	11710
* Juan Jose Ramos De La	Fuente	Abuelo
12513		
* Fred Paim Vieira	Goyabada	12526
* Manfred Kaufmann Ir	Perereca	12657
* Cid Vieira Franco De Go	odoy E.T.C.	12686
* Thomas Buckup	Viking II	13008
* Leandro Hosback Serejo	U	13406
* Juan Jose Ramos De La	Fuente	14170
* Claudio Biekarck	Phreskura	14203
* Mario Buckup	Meia Noite 8	14378
* Ricardo Perego Costa D	iners Club Internati	onal 14596
* Claudio Kunze		
* Antonio L. Figueirero		

No report.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB FLEET 150 Ohio District Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet CaptainTom Varley Fleet SecretaryWilliam Woodrow Fleet ChampionTom Varley Runner-UpSean Dillon		
 Chandler Stevens Mark Shaw William Woodrow Charles Shaw William Woodrow Augustus Bales Mark Shaw Rick Fox William E. Schamadan 	Wiki-Wiki Merimar Windsong Close To The Edge	6944 8235 9581 10047 10444 13485 13907 14643 14808

1997 blessed Fleet 150 with good winds and a very active agenda. We gained three great new members: Bruce Cummins, Hank Geary and Dr. Bill Schamadan.



Part of the Fleet 150 Family at Clearfork Reservoir. Photo Rose Mary Woodrow

Several of our skippers competed in various Ohio District regattas, plus the District Regatta at Leatherlips Yacht Club. This season our fleet sailed a total of 63 club races, equating to 260 boat-starts.

Our Fleet Captain, Tom Varley, successfully defended his Ohio Governor's Cup Championship, winning it once more by clinching at the Cowan Lake Fall-In Regatta in October. Tom has been a great help to our fleet by sharing his expertise in race tactics and sailing in general.

We were fortunate to have had two clinics presented by the ILCA Traveling Coach, Jon Singsen: one on races starts and one on spinnaker technique. Between the Jon Singsen clinics and Tom Varley's ongoing tutelage, our fleet continues to shoe marked improvement in the competition and an increase in participation.

Our various series championships are	
Memorial Day Weekend Series	William Woodrow
Fourth of July Weekend Series	Rick Fox
Labor Day Weekend Series	Tom Varley
Sunday Morning Series	Rick Fox
Wednesday Evening Series	Rick Fox
Fall Series	Tom Varley
Principal Series	Tom Varley
Mansfield Sailing Club Champion	Tom Varley
The Manefield Sailing Club 1997 Cl	ampionship Pegatta

The Mansfield Sailing Club 1997 Championship Regatta sailed on September 26-27 between the top skippers in our Lightning and Flying Scot Fleets, saw Tom Varley and Rick Fox finish first and second respectively in the six race series. This is the second consecutive year that the Lightnings have been the dominant teams in this championship competition. On that Saturday, Club Commodore Rick Fox and wife Kym put on a superb party at their home for all the sail-off competitors, wives and crew.

Other Lightning Fleet awards for 1997 presented at our Mansfield Sailing Club Trophy Dinner were:

"Best Lightning Crew" awarded to Kay Varley;

"Butts-on-the-Line" Award (for sailing the most club races) went to Bill Woodrow with 51 races sailed;

"Tom McDermott Most Improved Skipper" awarded to Bill Woodrow.

Our club Social Committee sponsored excellent "feeds" for the Memorial Day and Labor Day Holiday weekends, and a great Fourth of July Champagne breakfast.

In August, we enjoyed our Annual Sunset Sail, followed up by some adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship on shore.

We elected to name our second annual regatta The Clearfork "Bare Bones" Regatta. You may ask why? Well, we determined that since we do not have a really fancy facility to go with our really nice lake, "Bare Bones" seemed to be humorously descriptive, ergo, we dubbed this event as such.

However, while "Bare Bones" may be the name of our regatta, there was nothing "Bare Bones" about the hospitality, wind, weather, food, and fun provided at our regatta, this according to a number of testimonials we received from the sailors who participated.

15 boats from five different Ohio District Lightning Fleets (Pymatuning Fleet #36, Leatherlips Fleet #27, Mansfield Fleet #150, Atwood Lake Fleet #212, and Cowan Lake Fleet #303) competed on September 20-21. We enjoyed good wind on both days and some interesting changes in the lead took place during the five races, but John Werley (PYC #36) sailed the most consistently to win out over Tom Varley (MSC #150), Kurt Andrews (LYC #270) and David Gall (AYC #212) in that order. John, sailing with his wife Bertie and young son Tim, were presented with the "Bare Bones" Regatta rotating Championship plaque, with the stipulation that he bring it back next year to defend his championship!

Tom and Kay Varley hosted a "Bonfire Party" at their home in "Varley Valley" on Friday night complete with hot dogs, marshmallows, and a keg of suds. A number of the skippers/crews camped at "Varley Valley" for the weekend.

Fine lunches at the lake were provided during the regatta by our staff of chefs and on Saturday evening following "Happy Hour", a "done to a turn" steamship round of beef with all the trimmings was consumed by a delighted crowd.

We're proud that our regatta is now included as a part of the Ohio District Governor's Cup Regatta circuit. Our intention is to continue to make improvements to our regatta program, with the goal that the Third Annual Clearfork "Bare Bones" Regatta in 1998 will be even more successful than in '96 and '97.

We look forward to more growth within our fleet next year. At this time we have several good new prospective skippers for our fleet which will hopefully materialize in 1998. The good publicity we've enjoyed in recent years is creating renewed interest in sailing in our area. Our club is considering embarking on a Junior Sailing Program, as well as an Adult Sailing Instructional Program. If successful, we can expect to expand the membership even more so in the coming years.

In the meantime, we will endure the Ohio winter, contemplate the makeup of the fleet in 1998 and look forward to another season of association with this unique fraternity . . . the Lightning Class sailors.

William W. Woodrow

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB FLEET 151 New England District Sailing on Ipswich Bay Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet SecretaryAllison Peter

[*] Georges Peter, M.D. Mouette	14688
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No report.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 154 Indiana District Sailing on Lake Wawasee Syracuse, Indiana

	Fleet Secretary	Craig Cobb Bill AlBill AlBill AlBill AlBill AlBill AlBill Al	len um
	T.J. Curfman	Big Red	9954
*	Stephen C. Miller	Dig ried	10134
	Dale E. Fulkerson		11181
		Yellow Bellied Sap Sucker	12276
*	William Stucky		12316
	Gordon Medlock	Deacon Blues	12586
*	John R. Nixon (Life)		13001
*	William Stucky	Joe Bfsplk	13721
	Kevin Scheid	5 F	13851
*	David Tranter	Late Edition	13860
*	Douglas A. Schmahl	Brandywine II	13895
*	Bill J. Allen	Golden Harvest	13910
*	Virgil Snyder		13975
*	Stephen C. Miller		14125
*	John R. Nixon (Life)		
*	& Craig Cobbum	Why Not	14475
*	Edward Bradley Wagn	on Wolf Cookies	14600
	Ed Weber		
	& Tom Galliher		
		Three Bald Men	14647
*	Alan Fox	The Fox	14835
* * * *	& Tom Galliher & Marty Kaplan	Three Bald Men	14125 14475 14600 14647

The season series started with Alan Fox leading through the first third of the season. But, by July 1st the John Nixon/Craig Cobbum boat had moved to within one point followed closely by Doug Schmahl, who was just a couple of points behind Fox. Brad Wagnon and Bill Allen were battling each other to stay out of fifth. Nixon/Cobbum then reeled off three firsts and three seconds to established a fourteen point lead over Schmahl who was just one and one-half points ahead of Fox. Wagnon and Allen were still exchanging places for fourth and fifth. John and Craig rode their cushion through the remainder of the season to take the Club Championship. After being humiliated at the Masters, Bill Allen put together four firsts and three seconds to move from fifth to second for the runnerup spot. Alan Fox was third. Virgil Snyder won the Commodore Cup.

Alan Fox edged John Nixon/Craig Cobbum by one and onequarter points for the Memorial Day Regatta winner. Doug Schmahl was third by one-quarter point behind Nixon/Cobbum. The Independence Day Regatta was won by the duo, Nixon/Cobbum, followed by Schmahl and Brad Wagnon. Bill Allen ran away with the Labor Day Regatta with three firsts. The duo was second with Fox third.

Bill Allen took *Golden Harvest* to the Master's this year. Brad Wagnon, skipper of *Wolf Cookies*, and Bill's regular crew, Dave Wisler, respectively did forward and center position. Bill now knows why they call it the Masters. It doesn't have any thing to do with age — it's the outstanding skill of the skippers.

We understand that Alan Fox will be on a weight reduction program before the next season starts. He was seen stepping off his boat onto the pier with his foot continuing on through the pier. Alan claims it's all muscle and a weight reduction program would effect his hiking abilities??? With all kidding aside, we wish Alan a speedy recovery from his surgery. In the truest racing tradition, Alan postponed his surgery until the racing season was over.

It was WYC's turn this year to hold the Indiana Districts. Only six boats participated and they were all locals. Craig Cobbum with crew Jim Wellington Jr. and Ben Rieff took first. Bill Allen and crew Dave Wisler and Christie Cobbum finished second.

Alan Fox purchased a new boat from Uncle David. Virgil Snyder traded up by selling his 13851 to our newest member Kevin Scheid and bought Alan's old *Divine Wind*, 13975. We welcome Kevin to the fleet. With two young sons Kevin should have crew for several years.

The Hoosier was a weekend earlier this year due to Gull Lake not scheduling. It was outstanding weather with great steady breezes, which provided for five excellent races. John McCree had a four and one-quarter point lead over Sean Fidler at end of the first day. They were closely followed by Colin Park and Jim Allen. The traditional hot rum cider and lasagna dinner was enjoyed by all Saturday evening. Colin came back with a second and first on Sunday to edge out Sean Fidler by a half of a point for first place. Jim Allen moved up to third with McCree slipping to fourth. The "Bruce" held on to his Saturday's fifth. Jeff Schmahl, who did an outstanding job as the regatta chairman for two years in a row, won the tie breaker for seventh. This was the best finish for the locals. See you next year.

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB FLEET 164 Central New York District Sailing on Cazenovia Lake Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain 1998 Federico M	Aeira
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer 1998Dave	Bull
Fleet ChampionFederico M	Aeira
Runner-UpDick 1	uttle

* Kathleen King		9109
* Ioe Homola		11010
* Joe Homola Sam Woods		12004
* Ionathan Carter	Notacal	12776
Mark Jenner		12929
Steve Burrell	Full Deck	13052
Steve & Wendy Richards		13083
* Federico Meira	Manolete	13675
* Richard H. Ryczek	Trivial Pursuit	13933
* David K. Bull		
* & Federico Meira	No More Bullship!	14369
* Clay Murphy* Richard P. Tuttle	1	14418
* Richard P. Tuttle	Motion	14465
Jonathan Fellows	Wild Goose	5 5

Fleet 164 sails out of Willow Bank YC on beautiful Cazenovia Lake (near Syracuse, NY). Our fleet racing last year was concentrated on Sunday afternoons when there was not a competing District regatta. Our champion, Federico Meira, was not crowned until the last day of racing when he edged out runner-up Dick Tuttle and third place Clay Murphy.

We were pleased to welcome back to active status three boats that had new owners. Dick Ryczek bought Tad Helmer's boat; Sam Woods showed up with 12004; and Joe Homola bought the very fast 11010 from Ray Cudney. All competed in '97 with Joe doing some winning and all should be factors in '98.

Dave Bull snuck back from RC and semi-retirement to win the annual Charter Member's Cup from Dick Tuttle. Our "crewette's" race was not sailed in '97.

Seventeen Lightnings competed at our "CAZ-FLASH-BASH" in mid-June and the winner was - surprise, surprise - Dick Hallagan. A complete report was in *Flashes*.

Fourteen boats competed at our "CAZ-ONE-DAY" in late September. A cold front stormed through after the first race and we ate chili and watched whitecaps until the regatta was canceled - right before the wind subsided. Winner was Federico Meira with Chad Atkins second and Jack Jones third.

We look forward to a fresh sailing season in '98 and hope to see all of you at nearby, beautiful, Lake Skaneateles for the 60th over the Fourth of July weekend.

Dave Bull

HELSINKI FLEET 166 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Finland Helsinki, Finland

* Panu Jalas * Kimmo Aromaa	Kvarkki	14430
* & Terho Aromaa (Life)	Masi V	14534
 * Erkki Lempiainen * & Olli Muroke * Raimo Aromaa (Life) 	Gamma Kesaheila	14638 0

Kaudella 1997 Helsingin laivueella ei juurikaan ollut toimintaa. Helsingin laivueen veneet kilpailivat lähinnä match-race kisoissa Suomen Mestaruuksien lisäksi. Laivueen venekanta pieneni taas kerran Olli Murokkeen ja kumppaneiden myydessä Gammansa Kemiin. Helsingin laivueen paras menestys tuli Suomen Mestaruuskilpailuista Kimmo Aromaan saadessa hopeaa ja laivueen voittaessa joukkuemestaruuden.

Kuluneen kauden päätapahtuma oli Suomen Mestaruuskilpailut Valkeakosken Purjehtijoiden järjestämänä. Ajankohta oli varsin myöhäinen, elokuun puolivälissä, mikä saattoi pudottaa osallistujien määrää. Tänä vuonna Mallasvesi tarjosi kilpailijoille kaikkea mahdollista säätä. Kahden voimakkaan säärintaman ylittäessä Suomea, toisen kisapaikan pohjois- ja toisen eteläpuolelta, tuulta oli ensin liikaa, sitten riittävästi, ja lopulta ei ollenkaan. Perjantaina vesillelähtöä lykättiin aina iltaan saakka ja päivän ainoa lähtö oli kello 19.00. Lauantaina otettiin aikataulua kiinni ja ajettiin kolme lähtöä keskituulissa. Sunnuntaina taas odoteltiin vesillä tuulen viriämistä, joka sitten alkoikin vähän ennen viimeistä mahdollista ajankohtaa. Viideskin lähtö saatiin siten ajettua.

Olli Muroke oli myynyt viime vuoden mestariveneensä Gamman Kemiin, ja uuden kipparinsa Kari Huuskon ajamana vene aloitti SM-kilpailut taas hyvin voittaen kaksi ensimmäistä lähtöä. Olli Muroke oli lainannut uudehkon Lightboats-veneen ja aloitti varsin vahvasti kuten myös paikkakunnan värien puolustaja Järvisten Red Snapper. Masi V kärsi selvästi harjoituksen puutteesta ajaen pari huonoa lähtöä ennen kuin pääsi vauhtiin mukaan. Tuusulan Olli Lähteinen Shark-veneellään ajoi hyvin, mutta sortui ensimmäisessä lähdössä kulkuoikeusrikkomukseen maalilinjalla, eikä huomannut korjata virhettään. Tuloksena oli siten hylkäys. Lauantaina iltapäivän lähdöissä Gamma alkoi hieman hiipua, kun taas Masi ja Shark alkoivat vertyä. Red Snapper jatkoi tasaista sarjaansa. Sunnuntaiaamuna mitaleita ei vielä oltu jaettu, Gammakin saattoi vielä hävitä lähes varman mestaruutensa. Sunnuntaina tuuli olikin sitten olematon ja oli selvää, että vain yksi lähtö, jos sitäkään saataisiin ajettua. Tuloksiin laskettaisiin siten kaikkien lähtöjen pisteet, joissa Masilla painoi 8. sija ja Sharkilla diskaus. Lopulta yksi lähtö saatiinkin ajettua, ja siinä Masi voitti, Gamma oli toinen ja Red Snapper kolmas. Suomen Mestari tuli pitkästä aikaa Tuusulan tai Helsingin ulkopuolelta. Kari Huusko ajoi ensimmäistä vuottaan Lightningia ja korjasi potin viemällä myös ranking- mestaruuden. Viime vuoden kakkonen Masi V oli taas toinen ja Valkeakosken Red Snappersai ensimmäiset mitalinsa kotikisoissaan.

Historiallisista syistä laivue 166 jatkaa vielä aktiivisten joukossa, mutta yleisesti ottaen Helsingin laivueen toiminta on hiipumassa. ILCA:n jäsenmaksukorotus saattaa pienentää jäsenmäärää entisestään, eikä yhdelle tai kahdelle veneelle kannattane enää laivuetoimintaa ylläpitää.

The Year 1997 showed very little activity for the Helsinki Fleet. Our boats raced mainly in match races besides the District Championships. The number of boats decreased again, when Olli Muroke sold his *Gamma* to Kemi. The best results of our Fleet were second place in District Championships by Kimmo Aromaa and first place in District team race.

The main event of this year were the District Championships. The event took place quite late in the season, in the middle of August, which could have caused the unusually low number of participants. This year the Lake Mallasvesi offered almost every kind of weather. Two strong weather front were crossing Finland, one north and one south to the race area. This resulted first in too heavy weather, on the next day in medium air and on the final day in almost dead calm. On Friday the races were postponed until 19.00 hours waiting for winds to drop. On Saturday three races were sailed to get back to the time schedule and on Sunday the sailors waited almost until the last minute, before some wind appeared and the fifth race could be sailed.

Olli Muroke had sold his previous year champion boat Gamma to Kemi and with the new owner Kari Huusko the boat began with overwhelming speed and won first two races. Olli had borrowed a quite new Lightboats boat and together with the host club boat Red Snapper sailed well. Kimmo Aromaa with Masi V sailed first two poor races before getting back the routine. Olli Lähteinen from Tuusula sailed also well with the boat Shark, but in the first race he made a right-of-way mistake on the finishing line and did not correct it. He was thus disqualified. On Saturday afternoon races Gamma did not sail as well, whereas Masi and Shark were getting better. Red Snapper continued with a even series. On Sunday morning, with two races left, the winners were not yet certain. Even Gamma could lose its almost certain first place. The wind was almost non-existent and so only one or no races would be sailed that day. The results of all races would be calculated in the final score, Masi having an eight place and Shark a DSQ. Finally one race was sailed, and in that one Masi won, Gamma was second and Red Snapper third. The District Champion was after many years found from outside Helsinki and Tuusula area. Kari Huusko sailed his first year in Lightning and besides the District Championship he won also the District ranking series. The previous year runner-up Masi was second also this year and host club Red Snapper got their first Championship medals by placing third.

Due to historical reasons the Fleet 166 continues to be on the active list, but generally the activity in the fleet is decreasing. The increase of dues will probably decrease the number of members further. It is doubtful that organizing events for one or two boats will have any sense or effect on Lightning class activity.

LAKE DAVENPORT FLEET 167 Midwest District Sailing on the Mississippi River Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain	Rick Kuebler
Fleet Secretary	Jean Steffenson
Fleet Treasurer	Mike Higgins

* Wesley L. Johnson * Charles E. White * Brandon Holton

- * Henry L. Strieder
- * Mike Higgins
- * Rick Kuebler

⁶ Donald L. Johnson ⁶ Michael Steffenson

Michael Steffenson

Kasara 6033 10232 Off Like A Prom Dress11456 Moxie 13202 Southern Cross 13611 Mr. Wonderful 13941 Stinger 14720 14857

No report.

LAKE OF NEUCHÅTEL FLEET 169 Switzerland District Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	e Monnier	
Fleet Secretary	Claude	Lambelet
Claude Lambelet	Garoupa	12860

* Gilbert Despland Chiloe 13840

1997 was not an especially good year concerning the regatta participation of our Fleet 169.

Garoupa, with oldtimers Claude Lambelet, Jean-Claude DuPasquier and Jean-Pierre Monnier, traveled to Rimini on the Adriatic coast of Italy to participate in the Italo-Swiss Championship, where they finished in the middle of the fleet. They were there at the end of May and the beginning of June and the weather was perfect.

In October, as we have done from time immemorial, we raced the Regata Fondue; this year, however, the weather was foggy and we finished only 2 races. The results were:

1	13790	Meltemi		Wyler, Durr, Durr
			2	1 3
2	14530	Santa Ma	ria	Perret, Perret, Monnier
			1	2 3
3	14664	Karhu		Graf, Graf, Brugger
			4	3 7
4	13161			Sigrist, Merz, Briker
			3	4 7
5	12860	Garoupa	Lambelet	, Monnier, Inversin, Comtesse

5 12860 *Garoupa* Lambelet, Monnier, Inversin, Comtesse 5 5 10

After the first race Saturday night, we had the annual meeting followed by the traditional cheese fondue with good Neuchâtel white wine.

Claude Lambelet

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB FLEET 173 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Pete	r Pierce
	Jeffrey	
	The Re	
Fleet Runner-Up		
 * James W. Titus * Jeffrey L. Carson * Jeff Herrick * Carl Reitinger 		11575
* Jeffrey L. Carson		13809
* Jeff Herrick	Num E Nuf	14120
* Carl Reitinger		
* & Glenn Reitinger	Verbal Abuse	14325
* J. Edward Serrill * Bob Seybold	Quakers	14660
* Bob Seybold	911	14660
* Peter D. Pierce		C



Bob Seybold, Ed Serrill and Barb Serrill (14660) slightly ahead of Glenn, Carl, and Beth Reitinger (14325) at first weather mark.

Sailors in the Lightning class at Brant Beach Yacht Club, Brant Beach, New Jersey had another great summer season of sailing. Reitinger3 (14325) Glenn (skipper), Carl, Beth dominated the racing, wining all but two races all summer. Bob Seybold, Ed Serrill, Barb Serrill (14660) sailed efficiently and came in a strong second for the season. Skipper Jeff Herrick (14120) along with crew Joanne Herrick and John Cogan edged out Franz Schnieder (14348) and crew Sheila Schneider and Eric Reitinger on a tie-breaker. Pete Pierce (13809) worked hard to break-in new crew this season, Jeff and Josh Carson. Carson2 had so much fun sailing and swimming, that they bought the boat from Pierce! Lightning skipper Glenn Reitinger is serving as Commodore of Brant Beach Yacht Club for the 1997-1998 season.

Respectfully submitted by, Jeff Carson, Fleet Secretary #173

SHREVEPORT FLEET 175 Southern District Sailing on Cross Lake Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain	David W	lasner	
Fleet SecretaryGay Griffith N		Means	
Runner Up	David W	David Wasner	
* Gay Griffith Means		6116	
* Iim Wasner	White Lightnin'	9281	
* Gay Griffith Means	0	10987	
* Will Bittick		12699	
* David Wasner	Power Surge	13220	
* Will Bittick		14629	

Shreveport Fleet 175 celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year. Our fleet sails on Cross Lake which is partially the city limits of Shreveport. The bed of the lake was dammed up as a joint project by the city of Shreveport waterworks department and the Kansas City Southern Railroad in 1920 to form the present lake which extends about twelve miles in the direction of the Texas line. Sailing began immediately as those in the vicinity now had a place to float their craft and the sport became organized shortly thereafter with the chartering of the Shreveport Boat Club (now Shreveport Yacht Club) in 1926. In 1947 Fleet 175 was chartered and our Lightning family has been a close one since that time. I say "our" because my parents joined very shortly thereafter with the purchase of 3477. After having been introduced to the Lightning at Pass Christian, Mississippi, they were captivated both by sailing and the Lightning as a pleasure boat and racing craft, not to mention the fact that they had a few friends in the fleet. The camaraderie is something that has continued throughout these years, and throughout my lifetime I have maintained close ties with former Lightning sailors.

Fleet 175 and Shreveport Yacht Club lost one of our most ardent sailors with the sudden death of Charles O. Hardey. Chuck and his wife Ray had taken up sailing in the early 1940's when he was in law school at Tulane. When they moved to Shreveport in 1947 they began sailing a Lightning. With the help of local boatbuilder Cecil Plants they built Melody and Solo and sailed Lightnings off and on throughout their sailing career. Chuck had in recent years purchased a local Lightning just for the purpose of building up our fleet. My son Nathaniel used to say that when he was home for holidays from school that when he would visit the yacht club (he was raised in Dallas and a newcomer to Shreveport) and really not know many people, he had a friend in Chuck Hardey with whom he could talk sailing. We extend our condolences to Ray, Jim, Lynn, and Robin.

Our first event for the year was the annual Holiday In Dixie Regatta. Sailing conditions were perfect with winds about 10-12 with an overcast sky so the sun was not too hot and temperature around 75 degrees. There was a lot of changing of position which made for a really fun regatta. It was a pleasure for me to have as overnight guests in my home old friends from Dallas Ralph Bilnoski and his son Bryan Bilnoski who is a freshman at SMU (I can remember going out with him in an Optimist Pram when he was about 3) and Ardis Good and another Lightning sailor of longevity and also second generation Lightning sailor also John Waskom. We appreciated all of our out-of-town sailors as well as the locals who helped make this regatta a great success. Robert Bernhardt won this regatta with crew of Scott Kirrchhar and Colin Godfrey. Second place went to Scott Anderson and Jay Martin. We had a total of eight boats.

Wednesday evening races were held in the Summer and these proved to be a really fun and relaxing time for all. I especially enjoyed them because my son Nathaniel was home for the summer and this was our time to be together and to invite along friends who know nothing about sailing but try and want to learn and it is a good time to introduce prospective sailors to our fleet.

Super Derby Regatta was sailed on September 20-21. It is a memorial to Karen Askew and a benefit to AAKP. It is also a major attraction to tourists and locals. Weather varied to the extremes. On Saturday there was very little wind but Sunday's winds were very gusty. Three Lightning sailors participated and the results were as follows: l. Christine and David Wasner; 2. Mike Wasner; 3. Gay Means, Jim Wasner, and Paul Qualey.

A fleet championship was sailed in October and the results were as follows: 1. Will Bittick; 2. David Wasner; 3. Mike Wasner.

Again the Wasner family is to be commended for their support of the fleet. Actually they now have their own fleet within our fleet since Mike has now acquired a Lightning. Jim is always willing to lend a helping hand in whatever way that he can. David and Christine were not able to sail so much this year due to the arrival of their baby son in May. We are happy to have him as a new soon to be sailor in our fleet.

Thanksgiving Day was a beautiful one weatherwise here on Cross Lake and since I was fortunate to have a few family members around it seemed logical for us to celebrate this day with a sail in Lightning 10987 with whom we have had so many happy days and journeys. Several other friends were out enjoying this beautiful weather on Cross Lake, celebrating the day and appreciating the wildlife on the lake. This year there has been a population of least terns as well as the usual white pelicans, egrets, and blue herons. One Thistle sailor who might be a prospective Lightning sailor fell out of his boat trying to get a better view of a least tern.

Fleet 175 ends the year with fifty years of celebration and devo-tion to the Lightning as a versatile boat - one which is easily trailered, easily launched, can be sailed in moderately shallow coastal waters just as easily as a Lido 14 for example. The class is worldwide and wherever one goes one can fit in with the Lightning "family" (maybe even Charleston?) and strike up an immediate camaraderie. These recent years the class is to be commended for the emphasis on the wooden boat fleet thus keeping its heritage as well as its forward looking approach. Fleet 175 celebrates 50 years of fun and friendship and memories with a very optimistic outlook for the coming year on beautiful Cross Lake.

Please try to visit us for the 1998 Holiday In Dixie Regatta. Gay Griffith Means

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET 178 Long Island District Sailing on Great South Bay Amityville, New York

Fleet CaptainBill Weiss

[•] C. Thomas Powell	Dolphin III	9697
Elizabeth Brewer	Doipinn m	2027
* & William P. Weiss	BullsHit	10260
[*] Teresa Bouchard	Partners Choice	11219
⁺ Alan Pearlman	Alevai	11774
[*] Malcolm B. Hendry	Partners Choice	12480

No report.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 180 Lake Erie District Sailing on Conneaut Lake Conneaut, Pennsylvania

CommodoreSkip Ragghianti Fleet Secretary/TreasurerLinda Ragghianti

* Chad Waldschmidt* Charles S. Good* Lawrence Levine	Hied Aweigh II	11563 11747 13506
* Charles S. Good		13711
* Robert C. Asmus		13899
Mike Mercatoris		14041
* Ronald Ragghianti	Cool Breeze	14146
* Kenneth Pote	Bud Lightning	14444
Duane Good		14711
* Edward J. Benevent		14750

The wind gods smiled on Fleet 180 at Conneaut Lake in 1997. Out of 26 possible races, 22 were sailed, with three boats stating all but two races. The Championship Series race results showed that in the ongoing Battle of the Titans, Skip Ragghianti again edged out Chad Waldschmidt for first place. Proving the value of the "winged" boat design, the Potes raced up the fleet to third. Skip also won the Holiday Series followed by "Doc" Good's boat skip-pered most of the season by Chuck Andrews. Chad came in third proving Carol's point about "Old Yeller." A Sportsmanship Trophy



Fleet 180 skippers and crews and Birdie

went to the "Crew" who ran most of the races, cheered us greatly and quietly "reminded" us of our errors. A second Sportsmanship Trophy went to Duane "Doc" Good who, after neurosurgery at 82 years old, was at the tiller for the last race of the year. At the end of the season picnic at Pote's special awards were also given. A Wrong Way Corrigan Award was given to Merc, who, after setting the course, explaining in great detail to the crew running the race the nature of the course with buoys to starboard, nonetheless managed to round the first buoy to port. "Ramming Speed" Waldschmidt was observed T-boning Chuck Andrews with Julie taking his boat into "Harm's Way." Ed got the "Creative Spinnaker Set" Award and Skip got the "Barbara J. Skulling" Award. Special thanks is given by our entire fleet to Jon Singsen who gave excellent on and off the water teaching, improved the quality of our boatsmanship and had fun watching us have fun. All in all a great summer was enjoyed and we look forward to fleets in our local area joining us next summer as we celebrate Fleet 180's 50th Birthday.

Mike Mercatoris

SHEBOYGAN FLEET 187 **Midwest District** Sailing on Lake Michigan Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain:	
Fleet Treasurer:	Dr. Bruce Vandommelen
Fleet Secretary:	Michou Braun
Fleet Champion:	Ric Larson
Fleet Runner up:	

* Robert T. Melzer	Puff	7879
* James Hanson	White Caps	10363
* James Hanson* Steven Bannow	Totally Berzerk	12942
* Lindsay Vogel	Second Chance	13224
* Eric R. Larson	Virtual Reality	13862
* Jay Hogfeldt		
* & Bruce Vandommelen	Think Twice	13872
* Michou J. Braun	Zorch	13930
* Daniel Reichelsdorfer	Silent Movie	13994
* Paul Reak		14005
* Christopher Graf		
* & Hans C. Graf	I Saw Elvis	14007
* Jason Bemis		14142
* Jason Bemis* Erik C. Simonsen		14234

As Fleet 187 prepares for 2k, we continue to see strong participation at the local level. We averaged 10 boats on the line for our Tuesday Night Race series. Additionally, we saw more boats getting better results overall. While Ric Larson and Dan Reichelsdorfer continued to be the boats to beat, Erik Simonsen, Lindsay Vogel and Lightning newcomer Rich Reichelsdorfer pushed the perennial champs consistently throughout the season. We had a few Tryg Jacobson sightings, with Tryg showing his usual excellent form. We also saw his daughters participating, allowing for yet another Lightning dynasty to start. We also had the Grafs (Chris, Jan, and Hans) come out to play. They even brought their Portuguese friends out for an exciting race in light air.

The overall results for 1997 are as follows: 1st Dan Reichelsdorfer 1st Ric Larson 2nd Ric Larson 3rd Lindsay Vogel

Cap Griesholdt (June) Roger Piper (July) Last Chance (Aug/Sept) 2nd Tryg Jacobson 2nd Dan Reichelsdorfer

1st Eric Simonsen

3rd Erik Simonsen 3rd Rich Reichelsdorfer This years Brotz Regatta was a well attended event. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't exactly cooperate. Saturday saw serious fog and no breeze. We didn't get any races in on Saturday. Very odd for Sheboygan in August! Sunday came in finally with light air. The First race saw Dan Reichelsdorfer, winning the first race narrowly beating Green Bay's Terry Phelan and Dave Stix of Chicago in third. While the boats milled around for the 2nd start, the breeze looked like it was settling in nicely. During the race, however, there was a shift not to be missed. Taking advantage of it was Erik Simonsen, who went on to win race 2, followed by Mike Fauqusz of Green Bay and Adrian Irving of Chicago. After that, the breeze decided it was Leinie time and left us for the rest of the regatta. Coming through with the overall win was Dan Reichelsdorfer, with Erik Simonsen 2nd and Terry Phelan 3rd.

Still working on getting our local crews to travel, Sheboygan sailors did venture out to Fond Du Lac, Green Bay for their 50th, Districts in Milwaukee and the Flannels in Chicago. We also were ably represented at the North Americans at Crescent by Ric Larson, with crew son Eric and Amy Lundeen. Ric did quite well in the Championship Fleet, finishing 11th.

With our bid in for the 2000 North Americans, Fleet 187 is working hard on our local fleet growth and starting on fundraising. We look forward to hosting this event and seeing you all in Sheboygan!!

MARBLEHEAD FLEET 189 New England District Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet CaptainRick Humphrey, Jr.

*	Ed Wolfe	Wolf Pac	9779
*	Donald R. Humphrey, Jr.	Fog Horn Leg Horn	12706

No report.

MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 194 California District Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean San Diego, California

Fleet Captain		nne Land
Fleet Secretary		
Fleet Champion		
Fleet Runner-Up		
Michael & Dick Brewer	Excalibur	8966
Scott Finkboner		11138
Anne Land	Code Bleu	11404

*	Joel F. Vann	Direct Access	11603
**	Dan Newton	Afternoon Delight	13187
*	Warren Gross	Santorini	13467
26	Eric Swayze	Flipper	13819
*	Mark Zimmer		13842
*	Kirk Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
*	Carl M. Eichenlaub (Life)	Algonquin J Calhoun	14473
*	Scott Finkboner	Play It By Ear	14681
*	Michael Brewer		14846
25	Jim Milstead		0



Incoming and Outgoing Fleet 194 Officers at the Installation.



Steve Ross with the Thursday Night Thing Trophy.

1997 was a very successful year for Fleet 194. We had some growth within the fleet with the additions of Melinda Poltorak and Matthew Lyon. Scott Finkboner also added to the Fleet by adding a wife, Marlene. And Al Poindexter started sailing again - welcome back! And last, but not least, the Brewers returned from the NAs with a new boat which is sure to add some competition to the fleet. As a matter of fact, they've already proved their new speed by winning the Pacific Coast Championship!

The Fleet hosted a very spirited Circuit this year. The overall winners were Scott Finkboner 1st, Mike Poltorak 2nd, Miller/Lyon 3rd, Scott McBurney 4th, and John DeBenedetti 5th. Scott Finkboner is our District Champion and Steve Ross won the TNT (Thursday Night Thing) Trophy.

The 1998 Fleet Officers are: Steve Ross, Fleet Captain; Al Poindexter, Fleet Secretary; and Derek Bateman, Fleet Treasurer. On behalf of the Lady Officers of 1997, we wish good luck to next year's officers. See you on the water! *Irene Milstead*

SURF CITY FLEET 196 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Manahawkin Bay Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary		.Rich Warren
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* Donald A. Green		10420
* Charles N. Howe (Life)	Streak In	12454
* George Schmidt	Punch Too	14068
* Timothy G. Robinson		
* & Andrew Temme		
* & Frank Temme	Triple Threat	14131
* Jack Elfman* Richard M. Warren	Rip City Express II	14139
* Richard M. Warren		14300
* John Williams * Peter M. Bonanni	Kids' Stuff Too	14431
* Peter M. Bonanni		0

No report.

MACATAWA BAY FLEET 204 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa Holland, Michigan

Fleet SecretaryMarv Hoekstra

*	Brian Huckabee		12939
*	Craig R. Anderson	Walt	13958
*	Marvin Hoekstra	It's Not Easy Bein' Green	14531

Fleet 204 continues to exist as a small, three boat organization. We did a bit of match racing on Thursday nights in the summer months. We also held our annual Macatawa Bay Invitational Regatta on June 13 and 14, which was won this year by Diana Fernando and her crew. We usually get a good turnout because Lightning sailors like to race on the open water of Lake Michigan, avoiding weedy centerboard, lakebottom plowing, fluky blasts and other features of small lake racing. We also have a very excellent race committee.

Fleet sailors are active around Michigan, hitching up the trailer quite often to enjoy great times on the Michigan district circuit. If your future brings you to Holland, Michigan, come see us. *Marv Hoekstra*

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS FLEET 206 Argentina District Sailing on Lake Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet CaptainOsvaldo Bordino

*	Luis Miguel Bordino & Osvaldo Bordino Pablo Bordino Pablo Bordino	Flamingo V	11043 11649 12622
	rabio bordino		12622

No report.

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB FLEET 209 Southern District Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet CaptainBuck Ballatin

* John A. (Buck) Ballatin SB

9696

No report.

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB FLEET 212 Ohio District Sailing on Atwood Lake Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet SecretaryStephen Jolly

	6886
Four Winds IV	10900
	11368
Yellow Jacket	11508
The Grav Fox	12845
Shifty Characters	14424
Blue Thunder	14445
	Four Winds IV Yellow Jacket The Gray Fox Shifty Characters Blue Thunder

No report.

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET 215 St. Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lake St. Louis Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet SecretaryPeter Hall

* Jean-Francois Simard	
 * Anthony Staples * Jacques Trottier * Alain Boucher 	
* Jacques Trottier	
* Alain Boucher	
* Peter Hall	
* Russel C. Scrim (Life)	

No report.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET 216 Michigan District Sailing on Saginaw Bay Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain	
Fleet SecretaryChris Jacobson	
Fleet ChampionJohn McCree	
Runner-UpChris Jacobson	

Hanns Heil	Wind Swept	4090
* Terry Hart	a free sector of the	5437
* George E Ascherl, Ir.	Megs	7153
* George F. Ascherl, Jr.* Matthew D. Princing	TNG	970.5
* Terry Hart	1110	13236
* James Peters	Halcyon	13385
Rick Allen	Flicky Wick	13758
* Terry Hart	Hart Beat	14009
* John E. Johnson	Teko	14022
Blair Moulthrop	Terro	14048
* John Waechter	Score One!	14087
* Clark Howell, Jr.	Zipper	14103
* John McCree	Sleeper	14323
* George Peet	Hot Dog Man	14503
* Chris Jacobson	Fastidiots	14577
* Matthew D. Princing	Scars & Scrapes TN	
* C.A. Pinkerton	sears & serapes in	14616
* Colin Park	Rudy's Barmaid	14700
* Joseph C. Dissette	Carousel XXXIII	14703
* James Schofield	Shuss Boomer	14775
* Colin Park	Siluss Doomer	14780
* Tom Niles		14819
* Robert K. Hafford		0

Fleet 216's season gets underway every year with our annual spring meeting held in April at Joe Dissette's house. Joe and his wife Ann have been kind enough to host theses proceedings year after year providing refreshments and exceptional hospitality.

The first regatta of the year was a Indianapolis with Colin Park, Chris Jacobson and Matt Princing participating. Saturday's racing began with cold and blustery conditions resulting in a spectacular crash and burn by the Jacobson boat. After floating around for a while one of the crew was overheard commenting that "she can't feel her legs anymore." Sunday's conditions were much better and when the racing concluded George Sipel took the first place honors.

Fleet racing was extremely competitive this year with very few points separating the top five finishers. Weather conditions were anything from light and flat to windy with five-foot waves but for the most part good winds were experienced all season long. John McCree finished as Fleet Champion with Chris Jacobson, Terry Hart, Jim Schofield and Joe Dissette rounding out the top five and Most Improved Award going to Jacobson.



Joe Dissette, Ye Olde Salt, with crew Jim Schofield and John McCree, after finishing 2nd in Race 2 at the Masters North American Championships at North Cape Yacht Club. Photo courtesy Ann Dissettte.

The battle for this year's Clamso Capsize Award came down to two boats. During one particularly breezy evening both of these boats went over, one while jibing and the other while rounding the leeward mark. This latter boat couldn't seem to get their spinnaker down but apparently the skipper decided that he was going to round the mark anyway. Needless to say this did not work, so based on this criteria, Terry Hart received the Clamso. Not wanting to leave the other boat out, Matt Princing was presented with a 45 rpm recording of Wipe Out by The Fat Boys. On a historical note, Terry's boat has been involved in numerous Clamso awards, this year being the first time with Terry as skipper. Other awards included emergency sea rations for John Waechter for disappearing behind a freighter and a Speedo swimsuit to Dave Corcoran for his involvement in a capsize.

On July 19th-20th, the 43rd annual Bay City Yacht Club Lightning Regatta was held with 16 boats participating. After the four race series Dan Norton from Devil's Lake prevailed with John McCree second and Jim Davis third.

One of the visiting boat experienced a very unusual phenomenon. It appears that a mysterious brick sized chunk of mud flew out of the sky and landed in their boat. One crew's theory was that this substance was ejected from a nearby smokestack and traveled a mile and a half against the wind and landed in their boat. The other crew thought is was a meteor fragment. The skipper finally concluded that it was bay mud from the top of the mast since they had just capsized four times.

The 1997 Michigan Districts were held at Higgins Lake Boat Club. Fleet 216 sent 9 boats with our own Colin Park taking first place and two other finishing in the top ten. Five boats participated in the 2nd Annual Family Regatta. This year a complex handicap formula was utilized allowing for a 1-point deduction for each family member (including pets), a half-point deduction for each child 7 and under and a half point deduction for each crew member wearing a costume. The results were John McCree winning with Joe Dissette, Terry Hart, Tom Niles and John Johnson finishing 2nd through 5th respectively. Unfortunately, this year's 4th Annual Hooter's Cup never took place because of scheduling and weather conflicts.

We look forward to another successful year in 1998 with increased competition and participation. *Chris Jacobson*

HENDERSON HARBOR FLEET 225 Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario, Henderson Bay Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet CaptainJack Jones	
Fleet SecretaryJohn Treadwell	
Fleet ChampionJack Jones	
Fleet Runner-Up	

* Leonard A. Montague	May Day May Day	10712
* Richard A. Matarese M.	D.Fata Bella	13232
* John Boxberger* Bradford A. White	The Pit	13834
* Bradford A. White	White Lightnin	13894
* Irwin K. Stone M.D.	Anasazi	14094
* John H. Treadwell, II	Hendershore	14192
* Richard C. Grissinger	Footloose II	14254
* Jack Jones	You Bet I'm Chicken	14321

Another active sailing year at Henderson Harbor - with a twist as 4 boats sailed out of Harbor View and the rest out of HHYC. But, as always, what really counts was the weekly rendezvous on the Bay for some great sailing. We had 10 boats race during the course of the season, which ran from 6/8 through 9/21. And our largest fleet was 7 boats, and that happened 7 times! Our results:

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		John Boxberger
	Spring Series	John Boxberger
	opring series	Jack Jones
		John Treadwell
	Barnes Memorial	Jack Jones
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		John Treadwell
	Pickslay	Jack Jones
	TICKSTay	C. Leonard
	Commodores Cup	Jack Jones
	commodores cup	John Treadwell
		John Boxberger
	Thursday Series	G. Leonard
	Thursday Series	C. Leonard
		Zach Skinner
		R. Grissinger
		Jack Jones
	Sunday Series	Jack Jones
	Sunday Series	John Treadwell
		John Boxberger
		C. Leonard
		R. Grissinger
	Stoney	John Boxberger
	stoney	Zach Skinner
		R. Grissinger
	Fall Series	C. Leonard
		R. Grissinger
		Jack Jones
	Frostbite	John Treadwell
		Jack Jones
		R. Grissinger
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May Robinson Memorial Jack Jones John Treadwell C. Leonard John Boxberger R. Grissinger

Our Fleet and HHYC hosted the '97 District Women's, Juniors' and Masters' and had some fine performances from amongst our fleet, as Jones and Treadwell placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Masters' division; and John Boxberger and Zach Skinner were 2nd and 3rd in the Juniors'. Also we sent two boats to the North Americans, with Jack Jones in the Masters, and John Boxberger, Allison Stevens and Scottie Matarese in the Juniors. Congratulations to all.

Next year we hope to have 2 additions to the fleet, plus the return of May Day. But on the minus side, we missed Irwin Stone very much this past season. Hope to see everyone on the water, as much as possible, in 1998. *John Treadwell*

BISCAYNE BAY FLEET 226 Florida District Sailing on Biscayne Bay Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet CaptainJohn Rouse Fleet SecretaryAlix Shaw Frank Atkinson Jr 8330 Sam Septembre Sam I Am 10700 Dean R. Gosselin George F. Siegle Walter H. Beckwith, Jr. Winfield L. Cooper 11171 Folie A Trois A1A 11205 Flashback 11425 11643 Larry J. Ames & Stuart Anderson (Life) Glockenspiel 11702 Iack Hamm 12050 Michael Broderick Honeycomb 12064 David Holland Lizzie 13592 Ted Kapustka 13748 Randy Clee Hi-Voltage 13861 **Onofre** Torres Rumrunner 13983 Bill Mauk Silent Runner 14066 John Rouse Turbo Dog 14084 Eamonn De Lisser Main Squeeze 14098 Winfield L. Cooper 14178 South **Jeff Shaw** Steam Driven 14212 Jon W. Ewing Free Beer Yesterday 14374 * Fay Regan Booby Trap 14708 John Gochberg 14809 * Ben Lieberman 0

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BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET 227 New England District Sailing on Lake Bomoseen Bomoseen, Vermont

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Fleet Secretary	Jennife	r Bagley
* Bruce M. Atkinson		8330
* Bruce M. Atkinson		
* & Stefan Sargeant	Live Animals	11137
Trip Westcott Charlie Freeman		11493
Charlie Freeman		11504
Jim Leamy		12077
Jim Leamy * Fred Bagley		13497



* Anthony F. Abatiell	
* & Ethan Abatiell	13732
Bill Cohen	13859
* Raymond P. Harrington, Jr.	
* & Raymond Harrington	14056

Lake Bomoseen's Lightning Fleet 227 celebrated its 46th year with great winds, successful regattas and no millfoil. Though only eight boats raced locally, we boasted a competitive batch of skippers, a new crop of youngsters as crew (Sydney Harrington and Heather Fjeld), and a great new yellow committee boat with a voluptuous mermaid on her bow. Thanks, Jamie. Fleet 227 raced 24 times over the summer, including three two-day series over the Memorial Day, Labor Day and 4th of July weekends.

We also hosted the 12th annual Maple Leaf Regatta in June, where 21 boats vied for top honors, prizes being jugs of Vermont Maple Syrup and Karl Fjeld's famous hand-crafted wooden trophies. Burlington's Bill Fastiggi took top honors, followed by Charlotte's Don Brush. George Deyett of Chelmsford, MA was third, and 227's own Ray Harrington took 4th, followed by Eric Cutting from Merrimac, NH. All skippers received photos of their boats in action, thanks to Fleet photographer Tony Abatiell.

Top winners in the Memorial Day Stagg-Potter Series were the Cohen boat, first, with the Atkinson and Harrington boats tied for second. The 4th of July Stowell Series top three finishers were Atkinson, Harrington and Abatiell. Labor Day's Belrose Series saw the Harrington, Atkinson and Bagley boats finish 1-2-3.

We ended the season with a banquet at The Lakehouse Restaurant, watching one more sunset shimmer over the October waters of Lake Bomoseen. Fleet Champion was Ray Harrington (again), followed by Atkinson, Bagley, Cohen and Abatiell, with Freeman and Leamy tied for last place. All skippers receive engraved needle-nosed vice grips with a 3/8 inch wrench attached. No more excuses for a badly tuned mast!

We invite you all to our 13th Annual Maple Leaf Classic next summer. Jennifer Bagley

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 228 Central Atlantic District Sailing on the Delaware River Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainJohn Haiges	
Fleet SecretaryCaroline Schneider	
Fleet Treasurer	
Fleet Champion	

* Hugh J. Hutchison	Enterprise	8616
* Mark L. Keene		8690
* Paul L. Alberti	Discovery	9628
Gary Swangler		10956
* Maury Benbow	Smidge	11519
* Caroline Schneider	White Rabbit	11753
* Josh McCaully	Daisy	12140
* Gary Birnhak	Yell-O!	13624
* Richard Moyer		13792

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Another good year on the river. As usual, the best fleet racing is on Wednesday nights when we have good wind throughout the Summer. This year was no exception with John Haiges showing good speed and easily taking the series. The series was highlighted by an early May race that showed that the fleet had a few wrinkles to iron out. We had 11 boats expected to start the race. One boat had a breakdown on the pier. Two boats hit each other before the start so hard they had to stop. One boat put up the spinnaker sideways. Two boats capsized. And one boat went aground in a falling tide (we have an eight foot tidal drop) and then broke his centerboard pennant and had to retire.

As usual, the Sunday series is not much to write about as the wind is normally in short supply until about 3 PM and many of our boats are traveling to away regattas. Maury Benbow sailed well to take this series. Our Fall regatta was won by Dick Hallagan (as usual) with John Haiges just a point behind. We welcomed Gary Swangler back into the fleet after a two year hiatus. Gary bought an old Lippincott and had a 5-1-1 the first day of the Fall regatta in his first three races in the boat - not a bad start. We also welcomed Gary Birnhak as a crew turned skipper.

One of the best things about our fleet is that we travel. We had multiple fleet boats at 15 different regattas this year, with 6 boats at the PA Governor's Cup, 6 boats at the Districts, 6 boats at the ACC's and 2 boats at the NA's. Maury Benbow sailed well at the Master's in Michigan coming in 9th. Stuart Feldmen sailed to a midfleet finish in the Green Fleet in his first NA's. Bob Bush was happy to make the blue fleet and put a few boats behind them. We also enjoyed a little side wager with Nyack Boat Club this year with the scores of the best five boats added together in two different regattas. We ended the year at 1-1.

We had a wedding in the fleet this year. Caroline Schneider married Bob Hoedemaker. Congratulations Bob and Caroline. If you are in the Philadelphia area on a Wednesday night next Summer, stop in and enjoy the romantic river.

CHINOOK FLEET 229 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir Eugene, Oregon

Fleet CaptainJohn Mahoney

*	Wally Iones
*	Wally Jones Chuck Gottfried
	A. Morrie Craig

Caledo	onia			6061
				7525
Green	Eggs	And	Ham	13942

No report.

FLOTTA DEL GARDA 249 Italy District Sailing on Garda Bay Northern Italy

* G. Ferdinando De Amicis (Life) Sindbad

8763

No report.

SEMPACHER / HALLWILER / VIERWALDSTÄTTER / GREIFENSEE FLEET 250 Switzerland District Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwil, Luzern and Greifen Zürich, Switzerland

Cilvia Marz

*	Hubert K. Stocker	You Never Know	10463
*	Heinrich Leimgrubler	Csardas	10467
*	Jacob Blickensdorfer	White Star	12306
*	Rudolf Herzog	Joy III	12571
*	William Lingg		13072
*	Christof Luthy	Domi-Nike	13099
*	Silvio Merz		13161
25-	Ernst Beyer	Cezanne	13705

In Sempach at our traditional Fleet Championship we had 5 boats. The wind was not as we like it. Anyway we had two races in changing conditions. Once again our Fleet Champion is a crew from Lake Murten: Meltemi, with the fabulous Urs Wyler, Gilbert and Walter Dürr.

We are now looking forward to the next sailing season and especially to the 1999 season when the European Championship will be here at our very nice Lake of Sempach. I hope that we will have many many people here. See you there. Silvio Merz

SALAMIS FLEET 251 Greece District Sailing on the Bay of Phaleron Athens, Greece

Fleet Captain	Nickolas Dimou	
* Christos Bonas * Nickolas Dimou	Clockwork Orange	10966
* & Alexandros Dimou	Renata	13968

* Theodore Tsoulfas

Elect Coorston

No report.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET 252 Central New York District Sailing on Keuka Lake Hammondsport, New York

Peter Cunning	ham
James Stau	
Purple Haze	9249
Acres Aweigh	10490
Tippecanoe	12702
7-11	12711
	13514
Cherry Bomb	13541
The Other Woman	13816
	Purple Haze Acres Aweigh Tippecanoe 7-11 Cherry Bomb

* Brent Gillette		14119
* Peter M. Cunningham	Ballyhoo	14221
* James E. Staunton	Mangy Moose	14256
* Michael N. Kalinich	0.	14368
* Robert Cole	Thumper	14416
* Clyde L. Rathmann	Grumpy Old Men	14426

1997 was an active season for our fleet, with increased participation in club races. Barry Brogan, long a member, participated in most of this season's races. Brent Gillette, former crew member for past Fleet Champion, Tom Buechner, returned to the fleet as skipper of his own boat and took third place for the season. Peter Cunningham, with his father David Cunningham as crew, moved from Runner-Up to Fleet Champion this year, and Jim Staunton took the spot of Runner-Up. We missed Bob Cole's participation in this year's races. His "other life" commitments kept him away from the club all season.

Peter Cunningham also took Ballyhoo to the Districts and to Cazenovia for their regatta. He was joined at the latter by Jim Staunton with Mangy Moose. Brent Gillette went over to Silver Lake for variety in competition. Here at Keuka Lake, we had a good turnout for the Champagne Regatta. Once again, the winners got to take home pewter trophies made by fleet member Leon Fontier.

The 1998 Champagne Regatta is planned for June 27 & 28, the weekend just prior to the 60th Anniversary celebration at the Skaneateles Country Club, also in the Central New York District. Plan on an extended holiday, and stop at Keuka for the Champagne Regatta on your way over to Skaneateles! Eileen Loh-Fontier

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB FLEET 253 **Dixie District** Sailing on the Susquehanna River Long Level, Pennsylvania

	Carol Park	Conversations	?
25-	Keith Dietel		9474
*	Stephen D. Tiley		9897
	William McGuin	Fort Knox	9904
	Bud Moyer	Jack Tar	10391
25-	Courtland Dunn	5	11329
	Holly Miller		
	& Walt Poyck		11582
	Richard Willey		
	& Roy Wells		12137
*	Starling H. Mikell, III	Deb Star	12941
*	Kenneth C. Kuzdro	Sneak Attack	13218
	Frederick S. Bush	Double Whammy	13813
	Charles F. Noble	Starthrower	14156
	Larry Stets		?

1997 was a year of continued slow growth for Fleet 253. Our Wednesday night races usually found 5 to 7 Lightning on the starting line, up a bit from past years. And we even had a couple of Saturday in-club regattas and a few Sunday afternoon races, despite the annoyance of jet-ski noise and waves on the river.

We welcomed Walt Poyck and Holly Miller, who after several years of crewing bought Charlie Noble's Crescendo and started the task of learning what it's like to skipper.

And we enjoyed seeing Noble in his new (to him) Starthrower, going very fast when he got all the boat's many strings pulled just right.

Ken Kuzdro (with Noble and Kevin Smith as crew) represented the fleet at the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta at Lake Wallenpaupack, won by Riverton's Bob Bush, who learned to sail on the Susquehanna way back in the 70's. Time marches on, but Fleet 253 is still going strong.

BURT LAKE FLEET 254 Michigan District Sailing on Burt Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Commodore	Bob Garlinghouse
Fleet Secretary	Ann Swayze
1997 Fleet Champion	Gary Street
Fleet Runner-Up	
Bob Garlinghouse	11078
David Beery	13909
Gary Street	13963

Tom Hanson14023* Stuart F. CheneySpirit14505* Clark E. Swayze14770Fleet 254 sailed through 1997 in generally light winds and a very

November-like August. Coming through it all on top was last year's runner-up Gary Street in #13963. Street finished the season with firsts in more that half of the races and though every race was very hard-fought the final standings were most decisive in his favor.

Last year's champion, Clark Swayze, was runner-up in 1997. Commodore Bob Garlinghouse completed his first full season as a Lightning skipper and wound up in third place overall. Congratulations to Bob and his first mate, Diana!

Our annual 4th of July Daggerboard Regatta was sadly cancelled due to cold weather! Honestly, it was 57 degrees at race time! Yet by end of season Fleet 254 sailors seemed to be a bit heartier—the awards picnic went on without hesitation despite pouring rain! Needless to say we are all looking forward to a new season in 1998. Ann Swayze

CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET 257 Southeastern District Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake Augusta, Georgia

Fleet CaptainRobert E. Harkrider Jr. Fleet SecretaryRichard F. Mayne

* Gilbert L. Klemann, M.D.		2381
* Howard David Estroff		9398
* Nancy Klemann Sproul	Hot Flash	9468
* Jeff Brault	Jr. Boat	10810
* Sharon Harkrider		12489
* Gilbert L. Klemann, M.D.	Intropid	13190
* Richard Mayne	No Excuses	14127
* Robert E. Harkrider Jr. (Life)		14532
* Robert E. Harkrider Jr. (Life)	Little Knockers	14693
* Robert E. Harkrider Jr. (Life)		14889
* James A. Harris, M.D.	Driving Blind, Dea	
		14701
* Thomas I Schroeder		0

* Thomas L. Schroeder

The Clark's Hill Fleet had little change in the number of fleet boats, and no fleet sailing. We did have participation on the circuit, with Bob Harkrider, and Jim and Connie Harris making most of the circuit races and finishing second and third respectively.

Augusta also held the second scheduled Regatta on the circuit April 26-27, 1997. Fifteen boats sailed with Jim Harris taking first, Bob Harkrider second and Lenny Krawcheck of Charleston, SC, third. A new boat in the fleet is Howard Davie Estroff in Lightning 9398; he and Dick Mayne traveled to district circuit races but did compete in enough races to qualify this year. Jim and Bob went to the NA's and qualified to race in the Blue Fleet.

Richard Mayne

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB FLEET 262 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Old Hickory Lake Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet CaptainBrian Smokler Fleet Co-CaptainMary Ann Smokler Fleet SecretaryJoseph Cunningham

	Chandler Owen	c. 1 .	9055
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24	Joseph Cunningham Robert G. Hempel		10537
25	Harry K. Whitver Bill Killebrew		10691
25	Bill Killebrew		11480
*	Chandler Owen		11609
*	Chandler Owen	Doc Gilbert Express	11737
*	David Ausbrooks	The 7th Habit	12511
*	Joseph F. Hunt	Whoppersnapper	13212
*	Brian Smokler	·····FFFF	13666
*	Mike Osborne		13769
	Bill Killebrew		13875
	Chandler Owen		13917
	Bruce Richards	Airborne	13957
	Bradford Currie	Chance	14000
		Chance	14000
*	Cully Ward	V .? V 11	11117
	& Kat Ward	Kat's Kradle	14116
	Anne Beesley	D :	14533
*	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.	Reprise Wildebeest IV	14533
*	Robert G. Hempel	Wildebeest IV	14571
*	Jerry Fertig		14588
*	Dr. Robert Cotton	Airborne	14645
	Bill Killebrew	Z Z Top	14680
*	William Hofmeister		14706
	Frank L. Kelly, Jr.	Spirit	14748

What a year it's been. We're silver fleet! The high point of this year was Mandy Hofmeister, Jan Thompson, and Cathy Osborne winning the Women's North American Championship. We are so proud of them.

The Lightning season started with the Tennessean Regatta in April. Cully Ward with crew Jan Thompson and daughter Kat Ward took the first place Silliman Evans trophy. Our weekly Sunday fleet races started after the Tennessean and had a consistent turnout of 5 or 6 boats despite an unusually rainy spring followed by a dismally windless mid-summer. Let's blame it on El Niño.

The Mississippi Valley District Championships were held at HIYC this year. Gerry Paoli from Lake Carlyle took top honors. Way to go guys and we can't wait until 1999 when you host the North Americans.

Fleet 262 made a great showing at the Lightning North American Championships in August. Junior sailor Kat Ward and crew Jim Ward and Paul Killebrew did well in the very competitive Junior fleet. This was Kat's last chance to compete before heading off to Duke University (where she has earned a place on their sailing team) and Paul's last regatta before heading to the University of Georgia. Bob Cotton and former Master's Champion Don Sherburne competed in the Masters division. In the competition at Crescent Yacht Club, HIYC was represented by four boats: Bill Killebrew and Bob Cotton competed in the Green Fleet, and Bill Hofmeister and Chan Owen sailed in the Blue Fleet. Check out the Boat Formerly Known as Doc Gilbert Express, colorfully painted by Lightning sailors in dedication to Audrey Matteson

Five HIYC Lightnings made an appearance at the always-fun Cotton Pickin' Regatta in Hernando, Mississippi, in September. Cully Ward took top honors in a very close competition with Bill Hofmeister. Nothing like that Arkabutla flat water planing to get your attention. Thanks for holding off on the crop dusting this year, guys.

HIYC was well represented in Atlanta at the Atlanta Cup at Lake Lanier. Bill Hofmeister took a bullet in the only race in the very light (as in nonexistent) wind series. Remember sailing without wind is like dividing by zero, alternate realities usually don't impinge on ours, and would have won isn't the same as actually winning . . . unless you do win.

The annual McDougall Regatta was another light air race. No matter how many times you try it, dividing by zero cannot be defined, and sailing without wind isn't sailing. By the numbers, Bill Hofmeister won the regatta, but offered up his trophy to Bob Cotton who won the races in which the presence of wind made sailing (and not drifting) possible. Our fleet is strong not only because of the skills of talented sailors like Bill Hofmeister and Bob Cotton, but because the Corinthian spirit in which they compete.

The 1997 Bluenose offered rain the first day and plenty of wind the second day. Greg Fisher and Brian Hayes of North Sails with help from champion Colin Park presented their second annual sailing seminar the Friday afternoon before the races. After video taping starting drills, tacking practice, and mini-races in the harbor they critiqued our performance on tape during the cocktail party. With 45 boats competing, the races on Saturday offered moderate winds and rain. The hot food that evening was well appreciated after the soggy day. Sunday it was very windy. The 2 races run on Sunday were Lightning sailing at its best: high speed beats to windward and spinnaker planing on the runs. The real excitement happened after the races when 10 boats capsized running back into the harbor. As always the regatta was exceptionally well run by former Senior Fleet something or another Rob Hempel and PRO William Hofmeister and able crew. We really appreciate Bill giving up racing in this competitive fleet and lending his talents to the organizational side of this regatta. Mark you calendars now, the Bluenose is the first weekend in November.

Thanks for all who participated in our fleet activities and all the Harbor Island people who helped make it possible. If you find yourself in Middle Tennessee, please stop by and see us.

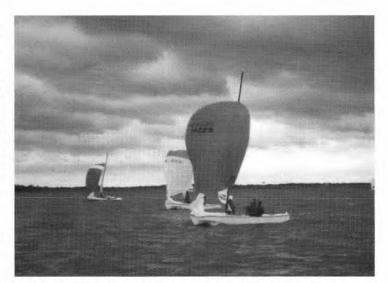
Brian Smokler-Fleet 262 Captain (#13666 "Feather")

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 266 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Carlyle Lake Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Treasurer:	Terry Bu Carolyn Bu Dan Mori Terry Bu	urke arty
 * Frank Hruby * Steven G. Bailey * Rob Zerban * Greg Florian * Barring Coughlin * Linus J. Portman * L. Michael Braig * Arthur Merdinian * Eric Bernstein * Dr. John G'Sell * Daniel Moriarty * Glenn Grummon * Matt G.S. Burridge * Denny Heisler * Gerry Paoli * Terry Burke * Dr. Tom Aquino, M.D. * Robert G. Burridge 	Frances Gumby D.F. Swallow Misty Lee Yellowhammer Dirty Old Dagwood Liquid Diet Snakewake Mama Top Flash	$\begin{array}{c} 11580\\ 12029\\ 13273\\ 13308\\ 13836\\ 13892\\ 14013\\ 14089\\ 14114\\ 14118\\ 14165\\ 14204\\ 14229\\ 14636\\ 14654\\ 14766\\ 14828\\ \end{array}$

This year was frustrating . . . the weather gods were not cooperating. Forty two percent of the scheduled races were abandoned . . . mainly for lack of wind, several for too much wind. The year was successful nonetheless both on and off the water.

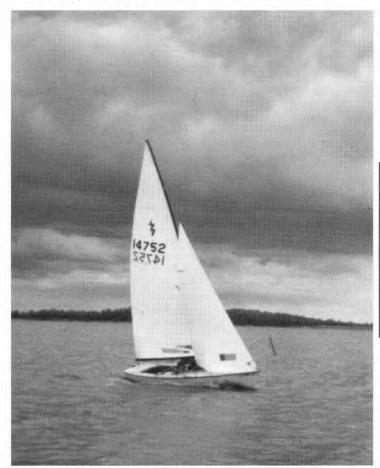
The year started out with the Mid-Continent Regatta on the first weekend of May. Steve Hayden steered his boat to a first place finish in a fleet of 19 boats. On Saturday, it was cold and winds were



Photos from the Mid-Continent Regatta in May at Carlyle. Above, downwind under threatening skies. Lower, the winner finishing, Steve Hayden. Photos courtesy Terry Burke.

blasting. On Sunday, the sun was out and the winds moderated to 15 to 18. Jim Sears guest skippered Rick Bernstein's boat to a second place. Bill Hofmeister from Nashville, David Stix from Chicago and our own Gerry Paoli rounded out the top five.

On the regatta Circuit, Dan Moriarty, Matt Burridge, and Byrnadett Frerker teamed up to sail at the Winter Championship. Gerry Paoli won the Mississippi Valley Districts with Jim Sears finishing in 5th. Also going to the Districts were Dan Moriarty, Terry Burke and Mark Paoli. Dan, Matt and Rick teamed up for the North Americans and finished a very respectable 5th place. Arthur went back to his home port and finished 2nd at the Fall Classic at Cedar Point. Rick, Dan and Jim teamed up and went to the Red Flannels in Chicago and tuned in a 5th place finish.



Fleet Reports

The big news in the fleet was the acceptance of Fleet 266 bid for the 1999 North American Championship Regatta. Our regatta chairman, Matt Burridge, and his regatta team are already hard at work putting the event together. Carlyle Sailing Association has handled numerous championship regattas including the national championships for the Flying Scots, E-Scows, Snipes, and others. We have held the USSA events including the One of a Kind, Champion of Champions, and the 1994 Olympic Festival. This year CSA will hold the Flying Scot National Championship for the third time. Carlyle Sailing Association is one of the finest inland sailing facilities in the country. This year we will get a work out in preparation by handling both our Mid-Continent and the MVD championships in the first part of the season.

The fleet series ended with Dan, Matt, and Jennifer Aljets teamed together and winning the season long fleet championship. This team is breaking up at least for fleet racing because Dan bought John G'Sell's (14118) boat. Terry Burke with his steady crew of Nora Kelly and Ron Frerker finished in 2nd. Matt and crew did a clean sweep Spring, Summer and Fall Series. Terry was 2nd in the Spring and Fall Series and Gerry was 2nd in the Summer Series. This year we had to say goodbye to long time fleet members and

This year we had to say goodbye to long time fleet members and good friends Mark and Theresa Kniepmann. Mark went down to Florida to work with his brother Ken. We will miss him and his family. The boat was sold within the fleet to Arthur Merdinian who has been crewing for a long time with Rick Bernstein and Rick's dad, Stew before that. Next year is going to be tough on the race course with all the talent. Keep up with the goings on in our fleet at our web site: www.ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/topflash

Terry Burke

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB FLEET 270 Indiana District Sailing on Geist Reservoir Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Secretary	Elizabeth FElizabeth F	schini
* Charles Watt		7275
Andrew Harmon	Weirdly Manor	8679
* John B. Leath	No Excuse	9050
* Kenneth D. Woods		11203
Steven J. Jay		12393
Norman Cubellis		12896
Lamar Michael		12963
* Bill Higgins	Christopher-Alex	13278
* Steven Hayes	Sundance	13489
* Michael R. Franceschi		13657
* John B. Leath	L'eclair Rouge	13954
* Dr. Edwin Fineberg	Make It So	14349
Ioseph Lassaux	Sundance II	14359
* Dr. Walter B. Tinsley,	Ir.	
* & Paul Vos	Winsome	14537

The 1997 sailing season at Indianapolis came in like a lion but went out like a lamb - with a good mixture of wind in between.

The 35th Annual Indiana Open, held the first weekend in May brought slightly fewer boats than previous years as some of our friends from Chicago competed at a conflicting venue. After a brief postponement due to an electrical storm, the first race found a nice breeze - 25-30 knots with a few strong puffs! The first day, five of the eighteen competitors, flying downwind under spinnaker, found the water inviting and decided to go for a swim. Day 2 showed the same fierce competitiveness as the first day with several general recalls. The wind was a more gentle 15-20. In testimony to good sportsmanship, 720's were graciously done rather than taking infractions to the protest room. The winning skipper was George Sipel of Western Lake Erie Fleet 42, followed by Sean Fidler of Saginaw Bay Fleet 216, Dan Norton of Devils Lake Yacht Club Fleet 31, Jeff Hagman also of Western Lake Erie Fleet 42 and Colin Park of Saginaw Bay Fleet 216. Fleet races throughout the season had varying winds, to test us in all conditions. We were pleased to see and increase in "boats on the line" for the Sunday afternoon series. Our Fleet Championship was won by Joseph Lassaux, followed by Michael Franceschini second and Paul Vos/Walter Tinsley third.

As the 1998 season inches closer, we look forward to more fun and greater competitiveness with back-to-back Sunday afternoon races, the 36th Annual Indy Open on the first weekend in May and the Indiana Districts, which we will again host. We invite all Lightning sailors to join us on Geist Lake.

Michael Franceschini

LAKE MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB FLEET 273 New England District Sailing on Massabesic Lake Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet SecretaryGordon Geick

* Gordon Geick	Mongoose II	9390
* Kenneth Deyett	0	9829
* George Devett		11400
* Michael Adams	Sunday Punch	11401
* Walter Colantuono	River Blues	11740
* Nick Mercier	Annie Oakley	11885
* Iohn Dika	Glory	12723
* Joe Ray	Bloody	13602
* Maurice L'Heureux, Ir.	Quick Silver	13828
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick	Shannanigans	14060
* Joseph P. Celia	0	14180
* Norman G. Deyett		14273
* William Berry	Amarcord	14442
* Kenneth A. Carlson		14553

The MYC Fleet again had an enjoyable and competitive season with our fleet racing and at outside regattas. The season began on the Southern Circuit with red, white, yellow and metallic gray boats making the trip south. Our finishes weren't overly impressive, but we provided color both on and off the water.

The MYC Iceberg Regatta was sailed in mid-May in blustery and shifty conditions which overpowered many boats. Collisions, swimming, broken rigging and a boat with "flotation tanks" almost sinking highlighted a challenging day won by George Deyett.

Our Sunday racing had a strong fleet at the line with good competition at all levels. This was helped by Ken and George Deyett hosting a series of racing clinics for club members.

The team race day was a fun event that allowed cooperation and coaching between sailors who are normally competitors. I encourage each fleet to try this.

Ken Deyett had a strong 3rd place at the New England Districts and Nick Mercier won the Junior Championship. George Deyett attended most every District regatta and won the New England District Lightning Circuit Championship.

Lake Massabesic YC will celebrate our 60 Year Anniversary in 1998 and will host the New England District Championship. Hope to see you there.

Gordon Geick

DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 274 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet CaptainFrank Bermel	
Fleet SecretaryMary Jane Robbins	

* Ken Davis	Garfield	9791
* William N. Baxter, III	Turbo Dog	11999
* Richard R. Ranta	Metrognome	12082
* Herbert Cochrane	Wet Paint	13258
* Clay Jones	Wild Cherry	13703
* Colie L. Jenkins, Jr. * Frank Bermel	3 Sheets To The Wi	nd 13805
* Frank Bermel		13966
* Joseph A. Kelly * Roy W. Robbins	Jill E.	14171
* Roy W. Robbins	Sho Boat	14270
* Lynn A. Jones	Leap Frog	14338
* W.N. Baxter		14357
* Crit Currie	Rebel Devel	14666

No report.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB 279 Central Canada District Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

* James W. Colquhoun		7270
* James W. Colquhoun * Jim Mikulinski	Speculator	9871
* Don Willson	· F	10321
* Brent Bottomley	Rootin' Tootin'	10917
* I.V. Bailey	Zamboanga Too	11009
* Mark Sandberg	8	11387
* Vic Miller		12597
* Tim Maenpaa		12863
* Malcolm Crooks		13048
* Bob Maki	Natural Gas	13115
* Kurt Broll	Frenzy Free	13180
* William Evans	Blue Max	13267
* W. Porter Bailey	Wild Blue	13515
* Innes Martin	Zugzwang	13589
* Bob Walsh	The Bonbo	13591
* Malcolm Crooks	Bluenose IV	144.51
* Jim Cameron	TBA	14507
* Ross Bailey	Nellie	14612
* Richard Walsh		1.012
* Russell Gordon		0

No report.

CHEQUESSET FLEET 280 New England District Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain/SecretaryChristy Sorensen

* Judith Dalmas * Eric H. Cutting * & Robert Cutting	Firefly	6899
* Eric H. Cutting		
* & Robert Cutting	Cutting Wind	9714
* Anne Tredick	Yasu	10765
* Robert Dickens Smith		10795
* Stafford Frazier	Nike II	11096
* Christine Jones Sorensen	Muma Works	11249
* W. Stuart Nickerson		11379
* Albert Preston Moore	Scruples	11751
* Frederick Gentner	F	13239
* Eric H. Cutting		
* & Robert Cutting	Winds Will	14310

No report.

COLUMBIA FLEET 283 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and on the Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

 Fleet Secretary
 Sandra Neuburger

 * Lee B. Winner
 Loki
 2426

 * Gerald M. Champney
 Lillia May
 7111

 * John A. Sanford
 An' Son
 8497

*	John A. Sanford	An' Son	8497
*	James Mcallister	Thunder	9690
25	Gary Kokstis		10731
25-	Arthur La France		11433
*	Cathy Miles		12219
25	Philip F. Parshley		12990
		Orangutan	13476
	Dave Webber 1	Brain Donkey	13680
*	Gerald L. Neuburger	Whelp A	13788
25		Foam Heads	13896
*		Sly	13961
*	Roger Hicks I	Roaring 40's	14040
25	Douglas S. Hickman I		14079
*	Philip F. Parshley Humah	umanukunukuapua'a	14288

Fleet 283 continues to enjoy the aftermath of 1996's rush to join in the fun of racing Lightnings on Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, WA. That meant:

(1) Good participation in the VLSC race series with 8 to 10 boats on the line, enthusiastic crew, and crew wanna-bes begging to join in the fun. The strong showing of VLSC juniors—David (he bought a Lightning this year) and Nick Mountford and Kevin and Matt Stravers.

(2) More enthusiasm to travel and race other Fleets. John DeBenedetti and crew (Roger Orteg and Tim Nearing) took in the California Circuit in San Diego sponsored by Fleet 194 and finished 4th overall.

(3) The Pacific NW Districts were here at home at VLSC. Jerry Neuburger and Crew took the win, making it a three-peat for District Championship. John DeBenedetti, Roger Hicks, and Doug Hickman did the midnight run to San Francisco for the Pacific Coast Championship, DeBenedetti taking a third and Doug Hickman a 5th. The Memorial Day Regatta in Eugene, OR saw Phil Parshley and juniors, Matt and Kevin Stravers, take a first. The Kitsilano Invitational in July had John DeBenedetti take a first, Jerry Neuburger a second. The Harvest Day Regatta in Eugene, OR, had John BeDenedetti get a 1st, Phil Parsley a second, and Doug Hickman a third. Doug Hickman took a first in the Cascade Locks Regatta with Roger Hicks and Jerry Neuburger second and third. Team Races were held at VLSC with teams looking for ways to give those green flags. The third team found themselves stranded in Salem. Too far away from the water to make an impact.

(4) Fleet 283's outstanding moves. The 1996 (prestigious) "Broken Rudder" Award held by Roger Hicks presented the 1997 "Broken Rudder" Award to John DeBenedetti for "overall excellence." It appears that John has won this award every 10 years since 1910 (check me on that date).

The 1995 and 1996 winners of the Mary Kay DeBenedetti Award for outstanding contributions to the Fleet, John and Marlys Sanford, presented the award to Roger Hicks. There are those people who just can't stop making those outstanding contributions. Thank goodness!

The 1996 Fleet Champion was Jerry Neuburger and the runnerup was John DeBenedetti who in 1997 swapped trophies. Congratulations, John —1997 Fleet Champion. Jerry somehow managed to retain the runner-up status in spite of backs, aunts, a wedding, and various stitches. Brad Klein, the 1996 Crew of the Year, gave up the trophy in 1997 to Matt Stravers who crewed for almost every skipper in the Fleet. Apparently, he did an outstanding job.

We look forward to the sailing parties of the winter and yearn for plenty of extra water courtesy of El Niño for the Frostbite and Spring Series.

PARTHENON FLEET 286 Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay The Yacht Club of Greece, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet SecretaryAndrew Sinopoulos

* Andrew Sinopoulos (Life)		7569
* Andrew Sinopoulos (Life) * George Andreadis (Life)		11459
* George Tyros		13802
* George Vardaxoglou		13981
* Nikolas Vazakas		14211
* George Andreadis (Life)		14264
* George Andreadis (Life)* George Andreadis (Life)	Crinis VI	14334
* Akis Tsarouchis		14377
* George Andreadis (Life)		
* Stratis Andreadis		14544
* Nickolaos Krallis	Spray VI	14836
* Nickolaos Krallis	1 .	
* & Dimitrios Kosmadopoulo	S	14837

No report.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET 301 New England District Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion Runner-Up	Janice L	ange stiggi
* Peter Tourin	Wind Harp	7829
* David Lansky	Thesis Interruptus	8033
* Edward Guild	Two Boys	10846
Tom Moody	2012010-04-0	11158
* Donald C. Brush, Jr.		11212
* Patrick Zachary	Challenger	11623
* Sean Carroll	Ant Farm	11754
Todd Cox	Rainbow Rider	12366
* Stanford White	Nightmare II	13156
* Edward J. Ziemer	Zoom	14297
* Robert Smith		
* & Lea Ann Smith	Robert Y Lea	14438
* Richard N. Fastiggi	Ciao	14480
* Ianice Lange	White Rushin'	14486
* Donald C. Brush, Jr.	Wild Goose	14640
* Michael L Huffman (Life)		14644
* Kurt Kling	Apple	14658
* David P Gorman	Blind Faith	14758
* Bill Fastiggi	Dog At Large	14798
* Andrew Horton		14799
* Janice Lange		14876

The summer started with a bang at the annual Spring Regatta, May 31-June 1. Twenty eight boats participated in the most competitive regatta seen in Malletts Bay in years, maybe ever. Andy Horton, Fleet 301, won the regatta in which 8 of the top ten boats were going to the World Championships in Montreal the next week. Top visiting skippers included Tito Gonzales (Chile), Peter Hall (Canada), and Ray Harrington, Brian Taboada, Ched Proctor and Tim Healy (USA). Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and the three great races on Saturday were followed by rain and no wind on Sunday.

The next few weeks were quiet due to 2 members, Bill Fastiggi and Andy Horton, sailing in the World Championships and 4 other members chartering their boats for the Worlds. Our usual Summer Series took a back seat to the two major regattas and the Worlds as Fleet 301 ended up sailing only 5 days of fleet races. However, the close competition in our fleet, due to excellent skippers sailing top notch boats, contributed to exciting enjoyable racing.

Our second major event was the New England District Championship, July 11 - 13. On Friday, former Fleet 301 member John Hughes, with crew Lisa Brauer and Sean Campbell, won the Masters Division with Ed Ziemer from 301 the Runner-Up. The Junior Division saw Nick Mercier from Massabesic in 1st followed by Sean Carroll, with crew Katie Dutton and Jeff Templeton, from Fleet 301. The District Championship had 29 boats entered including two from Canada and 12 from Fleet 301. Ten different fleets were represented. On Saturday evening everyone enjoyed the traditional Bove's Lasagne Dinner at the Malletts Bay Boat Club.

In August at the Chiot Regatta, a local one design regatta, the Lightning Class sailed for the silver cup, which was won by Bill Fastiggi with Kurt Kling in 2nd place. The 1997 Fleet Champion was Bill Fastiggi, followed by Robert Smith, Kurt Kling, Don Brush, and Andy Horton. At the November Awards Dinner, Bill Fastiggi was presented with the Bob Sidle Trophy for Fleet Champion. Our other fleet trophy, the Emerson Award, for dedicated service to the fleet was presented to Ann Brush, long time crew, sometime skipper, and fleet officer who is always available to assist with events. Congratulations Ann and Bill!

We look forward to an exciting season in 1998. *Janice Lange*

COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 303 Ohio District Sailing on Cowan Lake Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet CaptainJim Young		Young
Fleet SecretaryTed Hardman		
Robert M. Japikse Ron Millard	Freelance	10272
Ron Millard	"We're Here"	10687
Richard H. Niemeyer	Blue Thunder	11368

Nichard n. Interneyer	Dide Indider	11300
* James T. Young	Entropy	11507
* James T. Young	1.7	11531
* Ted Hardman	2nd Wind	11672
* James T. Young		13275
* James T. Young* Clark Shingledecker	Starlight Express	13502
* Michael Kemp	Shaka	13504
* Bill Young	Coot	13719
* Dick Pugh		
* & Jeff Pugh	Figment	14110
* Kenneth J. Irwin	Adrenalin	14216
* Dr Stephen A. Weeber	Phoenix	14287
* Dan Dressel		0

No report.

OULU FLEET 307 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Bithnia Oulu, Finland

Fleet Secretary		.Simo Koski
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* Lasse G. Hammar	9436
* Lasse G. Hammar	9436
* Markku Paloma	14269

No report.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET 314 Dixie District Sailing on the Sassafras River Maryland

	Fleet Captain		
	Fleet Secretary		
	Fleet Runner-Up		Mast
÷	Robert B. Horne	Doc's Boat	9391
÷	Robert B. Horne	Great Pumpkin	12381
	Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	12710
÷	A. John Gregg	Grapevine	13740
÷	F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D.		13926
÷	Chuck Harker	Etc	14218
÷	F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D.	Sassy Canary	14648
÷	Alfred B. Mast		14651

* Howard S. Edson Etc. 0 The 1997 season was again one of consistency. Ted Ganley stayed in town all summer and was rewarded with Fleet Champion honors for the third straight year. There was much speculation at

honors for the third straight year. There was much speculation at the end of the season as to where Ted will be "doctoring" next year. Gee, would we really hate to lose the competition???? The Early series was won by Ted with Al Mast finishing second

and Jack Gregg placing third. The two perpetual Lightning trophies awarded to the winners of the first and fifth races of the series are the Walbert Cup and Buss Neff Cup respectively. Both of these races were won by Ted.

The Late series was won by . . . Oh heck, just look at the preceding paragraph. Ted, Al, and Jack finished one-two-three again. Ted also took home the Commodore's Cup for winning the first race of the series. But wait, Al Mast won the fifth race of the series to win the Skipper's Cup.

The two annual Bay races usually result in different members of the fleet to share in the annual awards banquet, and this year was no different. Howard Edson did his annual "Jump in a boat and skipper the Bay race routine" and came away winning both the Summer and Fall Bay races. The rest of us are wondering why we let him become a Lightning owner again. Now we all agree that the boat looked much better sitting on the beach. Bob Horne could only hold off Howard for so long in the Summer Bay race, but finished a close second. Jack Gregg finished . . . you guessed it . . . third. Author's Note: Ted did race, he did finish, and he came in last! (I couldn't resist). Ted came back in the Fall Bay race to finish second, with third place honors going to Tom Hopkins.

Ted was clearly the winner of the James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Award. Of the sixteen series races, he won eleven and finished second four times. Gregg, Mast (twice), Horne, and Hopkins won the five remaining races.

The Butt Award, usually given to the Skipper/Crew/Boat that is involved in the most amazing feat of the year, was not awarded this year as there was nothing of record that met the criteria. People just don't seem to understand the importance of this fine trophy. In years past, you'd be amazed at some of the ridiculous things that our fine sailors have accomplished.

ALGORRABO FLEET 318 Chile District

* Iorge Salgado		11040
* Jorge Salgado * Jorge Ruben Salgado		12654
* Juan A. Arcos	Red Witch	13039
* Eric Velasquez Beltran	Linda Chica	14295
* Jose Manuel Horwitz F.	Pampero	14307
 * Ignacio Bazaure 	Tifosi	14791
* Enrique Gallego		

- * Juan Eduardo Reid
 - No report.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 325

Dixie District Sailing on Rehoboth Bay Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Fleet Captain/SecretaryDavid Racine

Carl Robinson W. David Racine, III Liberty Call Pisces 11028 11899

No report.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET 326 Michigan District Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet SecretaryPaul Davis

* Michael Fisher		7007
* Iim Weckenbrock		10629
* James K. Lewis		10889
* Mike Dow		13493
* Paul C. Davis	Holey Cow	13932
* R. Garret Demarest, III	Spirit	14460
* Mike Dow	Melba	14516

No report.

JYVASKYLAN FLEET 328 Finland District Sailing on Lake Paiijanne Jyvaskyla, Finland

Fleet SecretarySampaa Salminen

* Timo Lehtinen		6838
* Antero Westerlund	Melanie	12479
* Samppa J. Salminen	Kristiina	14364

No report.

SEVERN RIVER FLEET 329 Dixie District Sailing on Chesapeake Bay Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet CaptainPhil Grotheer

Eugene	6639
Lone Pine	8516
Flash Rider	12812
Ant Farm	13312
	13856
	14156
Sakajo	14278
Yankee Clipper	14433
11	14481
	14566
	14581
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	Flash Rider



Havin' fun even when we're not racin'. Phil and crew kicked back. Photo courtesy Phil Grotheer.

The 1997 season was one of changes for our Annapolis Fleet. With several years of mediocre participation, the 97 season saw some changes that will continue to increase participation in years to come. The main catalyst is Tuesday night racing, or TESOD as one of our SSA Reps. has named it (Tuesday Evening Summer One Design). The DC area is famous for acronyms if you can't tell. Anyway, this has fired up a bunch of us and we already have 3 new members for 98.

We had five regattas at Severn Sailing Association last season. One spring regatta with about 11 boats which was a blow out due to extreme spring cold fronts, the Dixie Districts with 14 boats, a Summer Regatta and a Fall Regatta, both with average turnouts, and the Frigid Digit which is our biggest invitational with 28 boats. Our regatta attendance was mediocre, but the Tuesday sailing took off. Normally 4 to 7 boats would be on the line every week where 4 to 6 races are sailed right in Annapolis Harbor. The attractions are basic simplicity: No spinnakers, 2 crew can sail, no lunches necessary, no scores are kept, no protests, 2 minute sail to the start, and the list goes on. People really love this kind of "simplified" sailing, so were gonna keep pushing it and I'm sure it will bring new members and improve weekend attendance as well.

Fleet Champion was your truly this year (Phil Grotheer). People to watch out for next year are Joe Friebele who just bought a newer boat, Doug Heussler who'll be getting a newer boat and newcomer Steve Palmer who bought Joe's boat and has a Snipe background. Jonathan Lange, Harry Keith and Dixon Duffett were also regulars on the water, so watch out for them all next year. Anyone that sails a Lightning is invited to sail with us next season. Tuesday races cost \$10 for non-members and weekend regattas have varying but very reasonable entry fees. Anyone who's sailed in Annapolis will tell you it's worth it to come down. Its always an honor to be a part of such a winning combination of "Best Class" and "Best Yacht Club" again this year and I'm looking forward to my next race start already.

Phil

SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332 New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	Kay & Bob Ha	inson
Fleet Treasurer	Bob Sengs	taken
Fleet Secretary	Teresa Sengs	taken
Fleet Champion		natley
Bob Hanson	Junge	7944
Brad Eaton	0 0	8268
Tor Brunvand	Snowy Owl Mountain Thyme	10212
Robert W. Sengstaken		10320
Dwight Gertz	Jumbo	10555
Martin Riehs	Loonasea	10724

* David D. Closson	Go-Mo-Shun II	10732
* Jack Russell * Wallace E. Ackley		12859
* Wallace E. Ackley	Tashidelek	12509
Jack Russell * Wallace E. Ackley		12859
* Wallace E. Ackley	D D .	13382
Ed Michaels	Banana Boat	$13620 \\ 14033$
* Allan Whatley	DC	14035

Fleet 332 had a very successful season with a 10 race series. The Fleet was welcomed to the home of Betty and Jack Russell on August 8th for our July Awards. The Blair cup for the July series was awarded to Alan Whatley. Second place skipper for July was Tor Brunvand, and third was awarded to Bob Sengstaken.

Besides the Sunday race series, the fleet also hosted two regattas, the Around The Lake Race and the Squam Lake Regatta. The Around the Lake Race is open to all boats using the Portsmouth Handicap. The interesting challenge of this race is to decide which is the fastest course through various islands to the mark. Although a couple of catamarans were entered, they didn't have enough wind to make up for their handicap to win.

The August Squam Lake regatta was a great success this year with 18 boats entered. Eight boats, mostly from Massabesic Yacht Club (273) joined us for two days of great sailing, and great food, thanks to Teresa Sengstaken. A tough fight for first place was won by one point to George Deyett - with crew Sharon Deyett and Adam Deyett. The first place skipper was awarded a silver plate, with Lightning sailplan. Congratulations also Stu Nickerson who took second with crew - Lisa Brauer, Mark/Ross Nickerson. We hope that we will see everyone back next year!

The August 31st meeting was held at the newly renovated home of Allan and Jean Whatley. Our annual Labor Day Weekend - traditional year-end party, was a wonderful success. A great pot-luck supper and the presentation of the awards. The Fleet thanks Jean and Allan for their wonderful hospitality!

After two great years, Bob and Kay Hanson step down as Commodore. They will try to get two more wooden boats to join our fleet so that we can have a "Wooden Mast Award".

Congratulations again to Alan Whatley for winning the August series and the Custance cup for fleet champion. Second for August was Ed Michaels and third was Dwight Gertz. This year the Closson Cup was awarded to Ed Michaels. The Closson Cup is awarded to the skipper with the best last three races of the year.

This was the first year of our Fleet Spirit Skipper Award. A double old fashion glass is given to the skipper who attends the most races of the season, and does not receive any of the place awards. It is after all, the dedication of all skippers that makes Fleet 332 so wonderful. It is fitting that Jack Russell, who has been an officer many times (Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, Regatta Chair, etc....), and his continued competitive spirit, along with his generous nature be presented this award. Congratulations Jack!

Fleet 332 would like to remember the passing of two past members. Dick Blair (The Blair Cup), and Ted Burr (Intrepid #14111), passed away during the month of August. They were both great friends of Fleet #332.

We look forward to seeing you at Squam Lakes Regatta in August. Bob and Teresa Sengstaken.

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB FLEET 335 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Barnegat Light Yacht Club Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Justin Monnig
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	

* Paul B. Wood	Talisman	10526
* David P. Kunz		11221
* David P. Kunz		11550
* David P. Kunz		12556
* John Faus		13007
* Hal Pote	Rastamohican	13876
* Justin Monnig		14080

* John Faus	Conch Fritter	14350
* William S. Clarke	Hot Pepper	14489
* David P. Kunz	11	14650
* Matt Reiser		0

With eight boats participating and more than 23 races in the Summer Series, Lightning Fleet 335 had another successful season. The outcome was not in doubt with John Faus again taking first place in the Series. Second place went to Bill Clarke and third place went to John Demming. Providing strong competition throughout the season were Fleet Captain Justin Monnig, Paul Wood, Hal Pote and Nick Iwaskow.

The Annual Regatta held on the deepwater north course on August 23 was won by Bill Clarke with Paul Wood 2nd and Justin Monnig 3rd.

Available crew is the heart of a successful Lightning fleet and BLYC has great depth in this department. Without these participants, both seasoned and beginners, the efforts to have a successful sailing program would be futile. Joe McGinnis, Jeff Alvino, Alex Klein, Bill Brown, Max Achtau, Mac DeTuro, Stephanie Demming, John and Kathy Wright, Al Andril, Andy Demming, William Brown, Steve Wright, David Essig, Clay Shaner, Holly and Dave Faus, Mark Alvino, Alex Cano, Pat and Charlotte OíConnell are but a few of the many particpants. It is from this group that we hope to realize several additional boats to our fleet over the next several years. We are in the midst of planning our mid-winter meeting which

We are in the midst of planning our mid-winter meeting which will probably be held in late January. There we will elect our officers for 1998 and plan our next season. *William Clarke*

GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338 Central New York District Sailing on Galway Lake Galway, New York

* Harold B. Hansen* James Dickson	Rocky	7123 12115
* Dale H. Brown * Willard Kohler * R. James Millard	Eng_neer Huggie	12636 13251 13655
Ken Buhrmaster Maury Gardner Lynn McConchie		0 0 0

We had a good summer with a variety of winds and as many as eight boats on the line in a few races. Jim Millard retained first place as spinnaker crew Becky Gaudreau really perfected her technique. Dale Brown finished with a slid second after a couple of seasons without much time in the water. Lynn McConchie persisted for third despite having both crew not only new to sailing, but nonswimmers. Hasna Kirchner showed real talent flying Lynn's spinnaker. Front man, Steve Huber, had an adventurous time trying to uncleat the jib as water poured in over the side while heeling in heavy weather. Everyone on the lake could HEAR where Lynn's boat was. Lynn is a man of GREAT patience. *Jim Millard*

LAKE LANIER FLEET 348 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Lanier Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet SecretaryDavid Smith

* Terry E. Tyner 14622		 * Edward Heller * Thomas W. Wynn * David S. Smith * Terry E. Tyner 	Live Luff Laugh Razorback Nemesis	$12849 \\13729 \\14067 \\14622$
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HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET 353 Ohio District Sailing on Hoover Reservoir Columbus, Ohio

Fleet CaptainEhmann Miller Fleet Secretary/TreasurerGoldie Miller

Gary Babin	E
Greg Fisher	St
Ehmann Miller	Т

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till Crazy	10860
he Goldie Marie	12015

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FLOTTE MURTENSEE 358 Switzerland District Sailing on Lake of Murten Switzerland

Fleet Captain					5						Urs Wyler
Fleet Secretary											.Walter Dürr

* Benjamin Pia-Richter	Old Man	8767
* Daniel Fischlin	Damafimo	10899
Kurt Gloor		12951
Hans Spinnler		13257
* Hans-Peter Schmid	Milan	13692
* Urs Wyler	Meltemi	13790
* Jacques Perret	Santa Fiamma	14530
* Jacques Perret* Peter Graf	Karhu	14664

Terminprobleme und mangenide Beteiligung führten im vergangenen Jahr dazu, dass unsere Flotte keine Flottenmeisterschaft durchführen konnte. Dafür beteilgten sich unsere Boote recht zahlreich an internationalen Regatten. SANTA FIAMMA, KARHU, und MELTEMI nahmen im Frühling mit gutem Erfolg an den italienischen Meisterschaften in Rimini teil. Die selben 3 Boote wagten sich auch über den Atlanik an die Weltmeisterschaften in Montreal. Dort mussten wir jedoch deutlich erfahren, wie hoch die Trauben an solchen Anlässen hängen. Probleme mit Revier, Material (Charterboote) liessen den Erfolg ausbleiben. Trotzdem war das Abenteuer Kanada eine Reise wert. MELTEMI beteiligte sich als einiges Schweizerboot an der Europameisterschaft in Athen. Dort mussten wir erfahren, dass der Steilenwert einer EM in Griechenland nicht mehr sehr hoch ist. Probleme im Vorfeld zu dieser Meisterschaft, kleine Beteiligung, knappe Bootsvermessung, Regatterevier in der Bucht liessen keine grosse Stimmung aufkommen. Wenn das so weitergeht . . .

Walter Durr

CATAWBA YACHT CLUB FLEET 365 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Wylie Charlotte, North Carolina

* Richard Lake Johnson	Sarah	9087
* Ronald K. Wright	Sleuth	11241
* William C. Campbell, III	Sassy	11897

Fleet 365 of the Catawba Yacht Club on Lake Wylie enjoyed a surge of activity in Lightning racing during 1997. In March, the fleet hosted a Southeastern District regatta for the second year in a row. Lake Wylie provided ample wind for the three race, no throwout, event. Len Krawcheck won the regatta. The fall club series brought a buzz of excitement as Chase Saunders joined the fleet and Chip Arnett traded up to a newer Lightning to bring participation in the series to seven active boats the most in fleet history. Competition was keen and on the final race day, three boats sailed with a shot at first. Beck Small won the series with Bill Campbell placing second.

1998 goals include continued participation in the Southeastern District series and expansion of the Lightning fleet.

Active racers during the 1997 season included Beck Small, Bill Campbell, Chip Arnett, Chase Saunders, Richard Johnson, Larry Jordan, and Ron Wright.

OKANAGAN FLEET 368 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Okanagan Lake Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain/SecretaryBob Bazett

* Bill McIlroy	It's About Time	12376
* Robert Bazett	White Shadow	13477

This past year was a rather uneventful one for our fleet with no out of town travel to other Lightning Regattas, and no out of town participation in our own Springtime Regatta which was held in May. This is not to say that our fleet is not active, however, as our weekly club racing managed to attract an average of four Lightnings to the starting line, and we still receive enquiries from prospective buyers - if only we could find some good used boats!

Our weekly fleet racing began in early May this year, and due to the high water levels of Okanagan Lake, extended to the end of October - about one month longer than normal. Unfortunately, poor wind and weather conditions plagued much of our summer, which reduced the level of sailing enthusiasm and resulted in sporadic participation by many of the boats within our fleet. Hopefully, next season we see a return to more normal conditions and a corresponding boost in participation. *Robert Bazett*

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET 372 California District Sailing on San Francisco Bay Point Richmond, California

		Elissa	
		er Michael Me	
	Fleet Champion	Scott McBu	rney
		Michael Me	
*	Michael A. Molina		9169
	Elissa Hall	Elusive	12337
	R. Scott McBurney	Ain't She Heavy	13179
*	Dave Larz Anderson	Crusader Rabbit	
	Bruce B. Arnold	Peppermint Patty To	o 13783
*	Elissa Hall	Too Elusive	13869
	Mark D. Patty	Raggedy Ann 4	13943
*	Michael A. Molina	Double Happiness	14305
*	R. Scott McBurney	Iamaican Bobsled	14481

Despite our illustrious list of members, only three of us were able to get out and sail religiously this year. Obviously Scott was the most religious of us all.

We start with our midwinters in December. They are sailed the first Saturday of each month through March, with as many as five races in one day. Bruce, Elissa, Scott and Mike all sailed, but not at the same time, so we only had three of us competing on anyone day. Only Scott and Bruce sailed all four weekends so Scott took home the honors and Bruce was second. In April Scott and Mike headed down to San Diego for the Circuit. Scott finished fourth overall and Mike was seventh in a very competitive fourteen boat fleet.

We hosted the Districts in May. Mike was able to keep some of the hardware home, finishing third, while yours truly decided to bathe in the Bay for the first time in her sailing career out here. And my brand new crew still came back for more abuse the next day. Boy, is ignorance bliss!

The fleet helped the local Adam Cup semifinalists practice for and conduct the semifinals. For some reason, someone thought the Lightning was similar to a Flying Scot. Maybe in length, but that's it. The team we sent, non-Lightning sailors, didn't fair well in the finals, but it forced our fleet to get out there and practice. Man, those women are mean.

Our next big event was the Pacific Coast Championships. We managed to get ten boats on the line, in near perfect conditions. Mike's MO last year was destruction of spinnaker poles while this year it seemed to be the spinnaker itself. Not a pretty sight for a new spinnaker. Scott was the highest home team finisher in fourth and Elissa finished sixth. Next year the PCC's will be in Eugene and we intend to send all of us.

I jumped ship to sail in the Thistle's Women's Nationals in San Diego. These are structured much differently then the Lightning Women's N.A.'s. There are only three races and they are on the Saturday before the regular Nationals. They had an incredible turnout though of 18 boats in a very competitive fleet. I finished fifth overall, with a seventh, a second and a fifth. Unfortunately, the second race was thrown out, so I was bumped out of trophy contention.

We're out here sailing in shorts for the winter if you care to join us. The temperature is hovering between 55 and 60. Life's rough. See you at the anniversary regatta.

Elissa Hall

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET 387 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Lansing Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain .									Larry Koster
Fleet Secretary									
Fleet Champion									Matt Dahline

Dave Vietti	Baka	10366
* George Siegel	AIA	11205
Jim & Page Graves	Deadahead	11394
John LeFevre		11520
Ron Seely	Orange Crate	12561
Dennis Dudley	Orange Crate Do-Rite	12888
Mike Moody		13254
* Neil Harrison		13279
Blaine Severin		13344
John Fishbeck	Evergreen	13730
Bob Chronister	Bananas	13903
John Biernbaum	Miwahsin	14024
* Matt Dahline	Fastidiots	14133
* Fred Hull	Hull Speed	14147
* Larry Koster	Fubar	14267
* Bill Davidson	Shabumi	14294
* Ron Marshall	Ohm	14447
Terry Kleiman		14468

The Lightning continues to be the most active fleet for Sunday racing at the Lansing Sailing Club. Matt Dahline, skipper of *Fastidiots*, with Rachel Mills, is the Fleet Champion after winning both series for 1997, the Spring-Fall and the Summer series. Matt and his crew traveled to the Saginaw Bay and Pontiac Yacht Club regattas. Matt also crewed at the Devils Lake and the Bluenose regattas with Chris Jacobson of the Saginaw Bay fleet.

Ron and Jane Marshall, with Bob Hill, placed 2nd in the Summer series and 3rd in the Spring-Fall series. A newcomer to the fleet, Mike Moody with son Michael and Pat Dolan placed 2nd in the Spring-Fall series and tied for 3rd in the Summer series. Mike and Pat sailed at Pontiac's "White Cap" Regatta aboard 13254.

Larry Koster and his various crews tied for 3rd in the Summer series. Jolene Johnson, now of Clarkston, crewed aboard FUBAR with Larry at the Saginaw Bay, the Pontiac and the Wawasee Yacht Club regattas. Our other crew person was John LeFevre (became a Lightning owner in October) at Saginaw Bay, Gil Chesbro at Pontiac and Tom Hudson of Kalamazoo met us at Wawasee.

For the first time, Fleet #387 participated in the North American Masters' Championship. FUBAR's crew of Larry Koster, Walt DeGruyter and Tom Rasmussen sailed in the Masters' event on Lake Erie out of North Cape Yacht Club. We were the OLD SALTS, our combined age was 199 years.

Our fleet continues to grow. George and Ann Siegel came back Michigan with their Lightning A1A late this summer after having sailed in Florida the last few years. Neil Harrison, a Laser sailor 15 years ago, rejoins LSC with a Lightning. Dave and Sandy Vietti join the fleet after buying Baka from the previous owner. Mike Moody, another Laser sailor, buys and skippers 13254 summer of 1997. John LeFevre crews aboard various boats, then finds 11520 for himself in October. Lansing Sailing Club's Fleet #387 is looking forward to a very competitive sailing season in 1998. Larry Koster

SALINAS YACHT CLUB FLEET 405 **Ecuador District** Sailing on the Pacific Ocean Guayaquil, Ecuador

* Roberto Campoverde	El Abuelo	8513
* Camilo Saman Salem	Sea Breeze	9411
* Miguel E.Plaza, Jr. * Miguel Plaza Merino	La Ratonera	11928
* Miguel Plaza Merino	Desencuentro	14099
* Iuan Carlos Plaza P.	Culilla	14145
* Francisco Sola Medina	Samuel	14150
* Carlos Andres Plaza	Gato	14150
* Ing. Cesar Baquerizo	Colo	14163
* Ing. Cesar Baquerizo* Sebastian Meira T.	Saudades	14379
* Gaston Vedani	Bess	14370
* Santiago Romero Barst		14389
* "Paco" Sola Tanca	Zorro Loco	14541
* Juan Santos Garces	Magia	14671
* Santiago Romero Barst	Pepto Bismol	14673
* Jaime Santa Cruz Vial	Marraqueta	14674
* Carlos Lecaro	Garufa	14676

During 1997 both fleets 405 and 447 had enough Lightning activity. Granted, it's difficult to top 1996 results (Junior Worlds, South American Champ and Runner-up, Junior North American champ, North American 4 and 6 in blue fleet), but we held on.

The highlights of the year were by all means the approval of our bids to host the next Youth World Championship in 1998 and the World Championship in 1999. That task alone kept us busy.

Nonetheless, we managed to be present in Montreal for the worlds with four teams. Didn't do very well, but we were there! We also went to Antofagasta, Chile to defend the South American Championship. Had to make do with a fourth place, but due to difficulties prior to the trip, we were content.

Another first for us was the fact that we obtained individual sponsorships from Diners Club, Banco del Agro, American Airlines, Saeta Airlines, among others, which in a great deal helped us to get to Montreal.

Locally we set up a calendar that was hard to accomplish in full, mostly due to conflicts with international regattas. Still, our traditional American Airlines Cup of Champions was held in January. Huge success. This year we invited Matt Fisher, a repeat performer in Salinas who always sails well no matter what, and newcomer (to Salinas, not sailing, as we found out!) Tim Healy. It turned out to be a battle of foreigners, which was finally won by Healy by a twopoint margin (7-9). Our good friend Tito Gonzalez also came and did very well, placing third overall. Juan Santos came in fourth, winning best local award - tickets to the Worlds!

Districts also had a good showing. They were held in May and this year it was up to Salinas to be host. Three teams from Sister fleet 447 attended, adding up to 15 entries. After six races the overall winner was Juan Santos and the top-four spots stayed home.

Then came the Annual Salinas Tominé Regatta (Ecuador-Colombia) in June which this year was held in Salinas. Four teams from Colombia raced our local fleet, but in the end the top-four places went to Ecuadorians. Juan Santos was the overall winner.

Last but definitely not least was the long awaited trip to San Pablo, where the Nationals were held. It is a test of endurance just to get there. 10 hour drive up the mountains, only made worse by the fact that traveling in convoys is even slower. Still, five teams made it "up there". Weather was perfect, although there wasn't much wind (the you-should-have-been-here-yesterday law that Murphy never thought-of because he was not a sailor). Great fun! Or ask Miguel Plaza Jr. if you don't believe me. Not only did he win (by an 8-point margin), but he also finished up a couple of gallons of rum without the help of his crew. No, seriously, Miguel, la Flaca y el Patucho did a great job and had more luck than they needed. Very well deserved win. Honorable mention goes to Johnny Meira, Sebastian Meira and Santiago "amuleto" Romero, sailing in the pink boat (aptly named *PEPTO BISMOL!*) They were having a ball, not seeming to care much about winning, but always staying at the top. They came in sixth, but deserved at least a third.

So that was 1997 in a nutshell. Of course, in between regattas we had plenty of time to sail Lasers, J-24s and our newest in-betweenregattas-hobby: R/C sailing!!.

Now we look forward to 1998, which should be a great year for Lightning sailing in Ecuador if "El Niño" hasn't drowned us by the time you read this. So far we have benefited from warmer than usual seas and enough breeze to make this sport fun. We'll keep everyone posted through Flashes and, yeah, we will have a website too sometime next year.

See you in Salinas in 1999! Paco Solá District Commodore

HIGH ROCK FLEET 415 Southeastern District Sailing on High Rock Lake Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet SecretaryCindy Booke

Buddy Hedrick	Carpe Diem	10152
George Howard	Carpe Diem Rain Maker	10354
Aldred K. Warren, III		10386
Nathan Varner		10728
William W. Pleasants	and the second second second	12336
Delbert E. Foster	Dad's Toy III	12603
Jonathan Smith		
& Thomas R. Smith	White Lightning	12730
Nicholas Reid	S'nick'r	13154
Pell Kennedy	and the state of the	13931
Gordon P. Kellogg	Special K II	14044
Frank Mills	Patricia Ann	14248
Richard Simpson	Blitzen	14432
Sam L. Booke III		14702
Carter Utzig	Maybe	14746

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LA PINTA FLEET 424 **Peru District** Sailing on Bay of Callao, Lima, Peru

Fleet SecretarySergio Levaggi Tocci

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GREATER CHARLESTON FLEET 429 Southeastern District Sailing on Charleston Harbor Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet ContactLeonard Krawcheck

* Milt Rhodes		10039
* William R. Sloger, Sr.	Wasabi	11771
* Leonard Krawcheck	Got It	14519
* Ross Griffith		

* Kenneth C. Krawcheck

No report.

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB FLEET 430 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay **Ocean City, New Jersey**

Fleet Secretary		n Parker
* John J. Parker	Flower Child	13380
* Erik T. Hostvedt	Blue Streak	14014

No report.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 431 Long Island District Sailing on Shinnecock Bay Southampton, Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain	Richard	d Warren Robinson
* John V.H. Halsey * Robert G. Shewan	Windy Too	11071 14074
* Tim Rumph * Tim Rumph * John Lewandowski * Richard E. Warren	Seahorse Outrageous	14157 14339 14551
* Bruce Hendry		$14560 \\ 14679$

No report.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB FLEET 435 Texas District Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	Scott Ar	nderson
Fleet Secretary	Jennifer El	ldredge
* Sylvan Newman		10397
* Sylvan Newman* Vernon R. Goldberg	Andros 3	13228
* Vernon R. Goldberg		13266
* Robert Thomas	Pandora	13311
* Sylvan Newman		13622
* Patrick Moseley		
* & Jeff Herron		13806
* Jennifer Gandy Eldredge	Some Girls	13870
* Scott Anderson		13953
* James Alman	Vertical Smile	14428

* Scott Anderson

* Richard C. Guinan, Jr. (Life) * George R. Hatfield (Life)

John S. Schneider (Life)

The Rush Creek fleet started the year off with a party at Jenny/Jeff and Pumpkin Eldredge's house. Awards were given for the prior year - the usual suspects won their usual trophies. After a few revelers crashed the party, we danced and enjoyed liquid beverages until the wee hours.

The Lightning Rush Creek fleet once again hosted the Spring Dinghyfest Regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club on Mother's Day weekend. It usually howls for this regatta but we had a drifter this year. Steve and Patty Harris came from Houston to sail in the regatta.

Scott Anderson won the regatta with Jay Martin on the boat. Tom Lamson was using Jenny's boat and John Skiles and Melissa Kaufman were sailing with him. If they weren't 5 minutes late to the start on Sunday, they might have beaten Scotty for the overall trophy. Third was the Harris team from Houston. Some of the other participants were Doc Newman and fast and sexy daughter Deanna Newman, Vern Goldberg and Chris Murphy, Patrick Moseley and Jeff Herron.

The Rush Creek Lightning fleet once again hosted the Texas District Championships. Maybe we had an El Nino effect on Lake Ray Hubbard this year because the Texas Districts held in June were quite windy. We didn't have any capsizes but a lot of planing was going on. Jim Alman and Jeff Kerr won the regatta with Jenny Eldredge, Tom Lamson and Shaun Williamson second, the Harris clan with the infamous (what a sailor and what a partier) Chris Shipman also on board got 3rd. Perhaps too many skippers on that boat. Scott Anderson, Jay Martin and Chris Breland fourth.

Fall Dinghyfest at Rush Creek was not in the fall but in late summer.

Tom Lamson and Craig Bandy got Jenny around the course for a first, second was Scott Anderson, his darling girlfriend Jenny Goodacre and Jay Martin. It was very nice for the Harris team to make it up to the regatta too.

The fleet hasn't done a lot of traveling this year. Scott Anderson has done both of the fall Lake Conroe regattas. The Commodore's Cup was extremely windy and cold and Deanna Newman (the fast and sexy theme song needs to be played) was sailing with Scotty along with Scotty's girlfriend Jenny Goodacre. Scott and Jay Martin given this year. Scotty reported that it was a light air regatta but a lot of fun and Scotty won! Jenny Eldredge

FOND DU LAC FLEET 442 **Midwest District** Sailing on Lake Winnebago Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain/SecretaryMike Elmergreen Fleet ChampionJeannane Vanderloop

* Sue Dorscheid

* & Michael Elmergreen Escape 13617

This year started as usual with the Lighthouse Regatta. It was a special year with twenty boats participating, two from Canada. Malcomb Crooks and Ross Bailey made the long drive with their crews for an exciting five race series. Five different people won races but the overall winner was David Stix from Chicago with crew of Robert Alexander and Karl Erikson. Three points behind David was Bill Faude with crew Jared Drake and Sue Dorscheid. Three points behind them was Paul Wurtzebach with crew Bonnie Hawkins and Ieananne Vanderloop.

Fox 11 news did their Friday night news broadcast live from the lighthouse. They had live interviews with Regatta Chairman Mike Elmergreen and class president Bill Faude. Ross Bailey sailed around in the background and received lots of air time. Greg Fisher was our on-the-water coach who also provided trim, tactic, and boathandling critiques from videotape after the races on Saturday and Sunday.

The club racing was again our mongrel fleet racing under Portsmouth Handicap every Tuesday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This year Jeananne Vanderloop skippered Mike Elmergreen's boat *Escape* and won every race except one. Al McReynolds from Rochester was visiting during a week with Jeananne out of town. As guest skipper, Al managed a fourth place on a course that turned into a reach-reach instead of the usual winward-leeward. Needless to say, the scows ate up the pointy boats.

The boats are now in the barn, and the ice boaters are now waiting for their turn. Elmo

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES 446 Argentina District Sailing on the Waters of Rio De La Plata Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet SecretaryRoberto Ricoveri

* Roberto Ricoveri	11037
* Hector Longarela	11649
* Diego Perroto	

No report.

SAN PABLO FLEET 447 Ecuador District Sailing on Lago San Pablo Quito, Ecuador

Fleet CaptainJaime Martinez

Samuel	11365
	12221
Speedy	12338
Nirvana	14389
Buscapleitos	14558
	Speedy Nirvana

No report.

MARSALA FLEET 449 Italy District Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea Marsala, Sicily, Italy

	Fleet Secretary	Fleet CaptainGiovanni Pellegrino Fleet SecretaryGiuseppe Valenti Fleet ChampionMario Noto Fleet Runner-UpStefano Reina			
*	Giovanni Pellegrino (Life)	Wanted I	12027		
*	Marsala Societa' Canottieri		12537		
*	Giuseppe Valenti	Trepepe	13345		
*	Vito Pernice	Ho Hell	13349		
*	Antonio Marino	Raimbow	13402		
	Giuseppe Giacalone	Dove Vai?	13478		
*	Marcello Attina	Wanted III	13481		
*	Pietro Zerilli	Lily Bay Tan	13706		
*	Roberto Giacalone		13878		
*	Roberto Crucitti		14102		
*	Giovanni Pellegrino (Life)		14179		
*	Stefano Reina	Maranna	14197		
*	Gaspare Buffa		14361		
*	Gaspare Buffa Mario Noto		14731		

There was intense activity within our fleet during the season. The most important success was the Italian Championship in Marsala, organized by Club Velico Rimini. Our Società Canottieri Marsala Fleet Champion, Mario Noto and crew Giuseppe Alagna and Mario Alagna, and 3 other teams were right at the top of the results of this Championship.

Our fleet also participated in the European Championship in Athens: Antonio Marino and his team finished fifth.

Our season will end with the Winter Criterium organized by the Circolo Velico Marsala on December 28-31.

The clubs that help us carry out this intense activity are: Circolo Velico Marsala and Società Canottieri Marsala, It is important to remember the help of our builders Pellegrino Giovanni e Antonio De Vita, who allow our fleet to win everywhere with their wonderful wooden boats.

Giuseppe Valenti

FLOTTE DEL TRASIMENO 453 Italy District Sailing on Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy

Fleet SecretarySergio Rustichelli

* Sauro Scarpocchi	Wind III	13348
* Sauro Scarpocchi		13455
* Giovanni Rosi		13462
* Matteo Balestrero		13462
* Sergio Rustichelli		14228
* Sauro Scarpocchi		14239
* Franco De Regis		14316

No report.

TUUSULVANJÄRVI FLEET 456 Finland District Sailing on Lake Tuusulvanjärvi Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Captain	 	.Waltteri Karhusaari
Fleet Secretary	 	Maija Pyy
Fleet Champion	 	Olli Lähteinen
Fleet Runner-up	 	Antero Punttila

* Juha Siilin		12482
* Juha Siilin* Lauri Hamalainen	Vipunen	13098
Matti Leppänen	1	13348
* Pertti Pyy		13413
* Niko Lappalainen	Poiju	14018
* Rainer Korhonen	Porkkana	14179
* Leo Korhonen		14274
* Hartti Nisonen		14274
* Olli Lahteinen	Shark	14331
* Juha Siilin	Sini	143.52
* Juha Siilin * Pertti Pyy	Amarillo	14406
* Heikki Hamalainen		14491
* Juha Hamalainen		14494
* Antero Punttila	Snow White	14535
Iuha Savela		??
* Timo Ahomaki		0
* Pentti Laitinen		õ

Greetings from Lake Tuusula Fleet to all Lightning sailors! Our 1997 sailing season started with Lake Tuusula's traditional On The Rocks Regatta in early May. The regatta was sailed on almost "on the rocks" as the last ice patches on the lake had melted only a couple of weeks before the regatta. Needless to say, we all lacked practise but still managed to have highly competitive races. I must confess that I cannot remember who won the regatta and I seem to have



Fleet 456's Antero Punttila and crew Erkki Punttila and Maija Pyy at the World Championship in Montreal. Photo courtesy Maija Pyy.

misplaced the results also. Anyways, it was a good, though a little chilly, start for the 1997 sailing season.

Only one boat from fleet 456 took part in the first ranking series regatta in Tampere on 17-18th of May. Olli Lähteinen and crew placed second in the regatta won by Kari Huusko and crew from Kemi.

Three boats from our fleet took part in the second Ranking series regatta, the Helsinki Regatta in mid-June. Olli Lähteinen and crew placed second, with Rainer Korhonen coming in fifth. The undersigned came sixth - out of the six boat fleet - in my first ranking series regatta as a skipper. Thank you Risto and Riitta for having the courage to get in a boat with me! Kari Huusko from Kemi, not only won the farthest traveller award, but also won the entire regatta in impressive form. Pentti Laitinen and crew from Valkeakoski placed third.

The activities slowed down a little for the summer holidays in July, with Fleet 456 hosting Finland District's on the water training session on Lake Tuusula. Fleet 456's Antero Punttila and crew Erkki Punttila and Maija Pyy, however, kept themselves busy at the Worlds in Montreal. Antero and Erkki even took time to take part in a warm-up regatta in Rochester before the main event in Montreal. The only "fully Finnish" team ended-up placing in 53rd place. Overall a good finish, considering that it was their first regatta together this season.

Two active Fleet 456 crews travelled to northern Finland for the third ranking series regatta in Kemi at the end of July. Olli Lähteinen and crew actually arrived in Kemi straight from the European Championships in Athens, Greece. Pertti Pyy and crew placed third in this very well organized regatta, with Olli placing fourth. Kari Huusko showed that the victories in the two first ranking regattas were not just luck by completing an impressive three-in-a-row victory streak on their home waters. The regatta organizers and local Lightning sailors deserve a special mention for a very well run regatta, both on and off the water. Thank you Kemi!

This season the District Championships were held in Valkeakoski in mid-August. Fleet 456 had three participants in the 13 boat fleet. Olli Lähteinen and crew continued their fine form by placing fourth, with Niko Lappalainen and crew placing sixth. Pertti Pyy and crew were ninth. The Districts were won by, wait for it! Yes, Kari Huusko and crew from Kemi. Be it on a lake or on the ocean, the "Boys from Kemi" seem to be unstoppable.

The fourth ranking series regatta was sailed in Lahti at the end of August, with four boats from our fleet taking part. Juha Siilin and Matti Leppänen skippered their first ranking series regattas. Juha joined our fleet in 1996 with Matti joining this summer. Both have been taking part in our Tuesday night practise races and it was great to see them battling it out in ranking regatta. Olli Lähteinen pressed Kari Huusko, but had to settle for a second place finish in the eight boat fleet. Pentti Järvinen was third with yours truly placing fourth, and Juha Siilin and Matti Leppänen coming in sixth and seventh.

Our sailing season came to an end with the Fall Regatta sailed on our very own Lake Tuusula on 20-21 September. The Fall Regatta was also our last ranking series regatta. Even though Kari Huusko had already secured the victory of the ranking series, they drove the 670 kilometers to take part in the season finisher. Kimmo Aromaa from the Helsinki Fleet won the regatta with Olli Lähteinen placing second. After having toured the Helsinki nightlife on Saturday Kari and his crew took part in only the first race on Sunday and then headed back on the long drive to the north. Antero Punttila and crew were third, with Niko Lappalainen and crew coming in fourth.

Fleet 456's 1997 season ended with the traditional Little Christmas party on November 29th, yesterday. The boats are all stored for the winter, our home lake has already frozen over and the sailing gear stowed away in wait for next summer which promises to be a busy one for Fleet 456 and the Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat Sailing Club. Not only will we be hosting the Finland District Championships, but also the Open European Championships. The planning for these events, to be held in July, has already started and we're planning on holding a sailing week that will be long remembered. A wooden Lightning event is also being planned as a part of these activities to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland. On behalf of the Fleet 456, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all Lightning sailors to come and join us for a week in July to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Finland District. Welcome!

Yours, Waltteri Karhusaari, Fleet 456 Captain

NORTH FLORIDA FLEET 461 Florida District Sailing on Lake Eustis North of Orlando, Florida

Fleet SecretarySteve Hayden

*	Christopher (Kip) Hamblet	FOB	11346
*	Christopher (Kip) Hamblet	FNB	14446
*	Hans Birkholz	Like A Monkey	14698
*	Steve Hayden		
*	& Fisk Hayden (Life)	Calvin	14752

Fleet 461 was at all the major regattas, in and out of the state of Florida, this year. Fisk Hayden, Southern Circuit Chairman, had another record attendance year for the "new" Southern Circuit. Steve Hayden's team attended the World's in Montreal and finished 6th overall. Kip Hamblet sailed on Bob Wardwell's team, finishing in the middle of the 60 boat fleet. The Florida Districts were held at Coconut Grove SC and won by Steve and Angie Hayden and Barr Batzer. Hans Birkholz finished fifth overall, giving Fleet 461 two boats in the top five.

The Lake Eustis Sailing Club has purchased land to begin developing a new Sailing Club site. Hopefully, we will be hosting some regatta during the '98-'99 season. Good Sailing!

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE FLEET 462 Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet SecretaryPer Olov Hornell

* Coorgo I	ewis Rider	Easy Rider	11693
" George I	Lewis Kidei	Lasy Ruder	
* Claus Br	omberg	Waikiki	13405
* Nelson S	mall Schmitt		14071
	tiano Ruschmani	n Flying Cloud	14168
* James Su	mner	Macumba	14329
* Nelson S	mall Schmitt		14353
	mall Schmitt		14504
	Anthony Norris	Flash Rider	14602
	mall Schmitt	Xamego V	14633
	Anthony Norris	0	14845

No report.

LAKE WACCAMAW FLEET 463 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Waccamaw Waccamaw, North Carolina

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* Paul R. Jueschke	Celebrate!	12125
* Vivian E. Hollinshed		14247
* J.M. "Dick" Coburn	Strings Attached	14252
* James Taylor	Blitzkreig	14390
* Allen Smith	Maggie II	14521
* H.B. Toby Wells, Jr.	00	0

The 1997 season was a complete turnaround from last year weather wise. You might say it was a tame year, no hurricanes or intimidating storms. There was only one none-race day for lack of wind; though there were several "blasters" out of the Northeast early in the season which begins in April and goes through October. We hosted several Lightning regattas and several open regattas.

In June we held the Coburn-Bradley Cup, which is the match race qualifier in Lightnings for the national match race championships. Pierce Barden of the Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, walked away with the honors and on to the next round.

Our September district regatta was won by James Harris while Driving Blind, Deaf & Dumb, of Clark's Hill Fleet 257, Augusta, Ga. James Taylor was a traveling man this year making all the dis-

James Taylor was a traveling man this year making all the district races and finishing 7th at the Borderline Regatta which always has a good turnout. This year the conditions were a little brutal, though warmer than North of the Mason - Dixon Line.

Dick Coburn finished strong in the season fleet championship with Paul Jueschke keeping it close in a number of races. We are all looking towards next year with an early April start of racing activities and the great camaraderie of Lightning sailors.

Ya'll come on down for some good 'ol Southern Hospitality!! See Ya next year!! *Paul R Jueschke*

FLOTTA DEL CONERO 466 Italy District Sailing on the Adriatic Sea Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Fleet SecretaryRenao Bozzi

* Ivano Brolli		13037
* Bruno Roccheggiani	i Bibir	13346
* Giovanni Sorci		13445
* Giorgio Curzi		14239
* Paolo Poletti		14243
* Fabio Giuliani		
* & Carlo Jommi		14245

No report.

VALKEAKOSKI FLEET 468 Finland District Sailing on Lake Mallevesi and Vanajavesi Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet SecretaryPerti Jalonen

*	Aimo	Jokiniemi
*	Aimo	Iokiniemi
*	Pentti	Jarvinen
*	Pentti	Jarvinen

12992
14403
14352
14761

No report.

CEDAR FLEET 478 Florida District Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River Fort Myers, Florida

Fleet Secretary	_ombardo	
* Ralph Suhm	Mysti Blue	8822
* Elizabeth Lombardo	Ab Fab	14705

No report.

FLOTTA ROMA 479

Italy District Sailing on Bracciano Lake Rome, Italy

Fleet Secretary	
Sergio Masserotti	14554
Marco Nicolai	14782

No report.

WAKE FLEET 481 Southeastern District Sailing on Kerr Lake Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet CaptainEd Michels Fleet SecretaryJames Nutt

Douglas King	Plummer	11900
* Worth A. Lutz, III		12773
[*] Ed Michels	Banana Boat	13620
[*] Michael S. Rees, M.D.	Adrenalin	13877
^b Pierce P. Barden		14190
[*] David L. Francis	Too Fast	14332
[*] James E. Nutt, M.D.	Hallucination	14376
* James E. Nutt, M.D. * John W. Pelosi	Anubis Leisure Society14396	

No report.

ITHACA FLEET 484 Central New York District Sailing on Cayuga Lake Ithaca, New York

	Fleet Captain		teve Little
	Fleet Secretary	Je	sse Miller
-	Bryne O'Brien	Whisper	10113
	John Rudd	Allegro	10705
•	John Rudd Terrill Moore	Anna T.	11347
	Glenn S. Wilcox		11960
	Aage Larsen		13124

* Stephen Little		13372
* Carlo Montemagno	Photon	13787
* Jesse W. Miller	Hot Flash	13934
* Edward Seyerlein		14002
* Bill Anderson		14628
* Edward Severlein		14002

1997 was a year of phenomenal growth for Fleet 484. New boats were purchased by the Andersons, Littles and the Montemagnos and were added to our fleet. Aage Larsen purchased 13124 from Rick Eckstrom. We also instituted Thursday night fleet racing for the first time. This was very successful, with 13 evenings sailed out of a possible 16, and with 6 of the 10 boats participating a good part of the time. Bill and Maggie Anderson and sons won the season trophy by 3/4 of a point. Jesse and Ginny Miller with Aage Larsen as crew won the summer series by a similar slim margin.

Six of the 10 boats traveled to at least 2 away regattas. The Andersons and Ed Seyerlein sailed in all the District regattas. Ed sailed at the North Americans with Bill Anderson as crew. They also each did several out-of-District events.

Maggie Anderson coined the phrase "Deck Party" which consisted of snacks and suitable libations on the back deck of a Lightning after we raced. They were eagerly anticipated each Thursday evening.

We all had a wonderful summer. We agreed that our sailing had improved generally during the summer. We learned from each other, and we were inspired by each other's boat improvements.

We are all looking forward to 1998. There are rumors of 1 or 2 new boats. Lots of new sails have been ordered and we are getting ready.

Jesse Miller



Fleet 484 at home: back row (l to r) Ed Seyerlein, John and Kirsten Rudd, Bill Anderson, Steve Little, Enos Travis; front row (l to r) Aage Larsen, Beverly Chin, Jeanette Little, Anca Trandaferescu, Glenn Wilcox, Maggie Anderson, Jess Miller

VALLEY FLEET 486 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Alton Lake Machens, Missouri

Fleet Captain	ainGerald Wr	
	y Mary Ann Dellerman	
* C. Graeme Wilson	Chaos	8664
* Mark Nash	Black Bart	11125
 * Jerry Chapman * Stephen Wyers * Richard Conaway 		11637
* Stephen Wyers	Top Secret Fascination	13379
* Richard Conaway	Fascination	14088
* Gerald L. Wnorowski		14233

Sailing the Valley 1997

Let's see....no 500 year flood, no gale force winds, no famine or pestilence, gee it was just an abnormal year. Abnormal in the fact that there were no calamities as in the previous years. Just nothing happened. And not really much on the sailing scene either. It seems as if we all had a lot to do this year that kept us away from sailing. When we did sail, we enjoyed it, and we all hope that next year we'll get to sail more, and enjoy it more.

We still held the two regattas we normally host, the Muddy Rudder Regatta in September and the Governor's Cup Regatta in October. Winds were light and fluky for the Muddy Rudder, and I did not do too well. The Governor's Cup weekend provided some of the best sailing in many years. The temperature was warmer than normal, and the winds were strong, but not overpowering. I particularly relished the Governor's Cup since I was able to win it, in the Lightning Class, for the second year in a row. I still can hardly believe it.

The following are excerpts from the accounts of our regattas as written by Steve Wyers.

Valley Sailing Fleet 486 Muddy Rudder Regatta

St. Louis, MO Sept. 6-7, 1997

We had nine boats for the Muddy Rudder. We were disappointed that the only guest competitor was Linus Portman, sailing #13892 from Carlyle Sailing Association. Winds were light and fluky Saturday, with temperatures in the low 80's. We ran one-lap triangles, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Rick Conaway dominated the morning races

Winds were still light in the afternoon. In race three, Rick got buried at the start and took a 5th to Linus Portman's 1st. In race 4 Jerry Chapman had a commanding lead. We (Steve Wyers) were in second, but were hit by a shift just before the lee mark, causing us to miss it. Jerry Wnorowski passed us as we fought to round, as did Linus. When we (Steve) finally made it around the mark, there were the first three just below us, sitting in a massive hole and floating down river! Rick, who had had his problems, came by in 5th place, chute full and shot off into the lead, followed closely by Graeme Wilson! I don't know how he could fly a chute so close to the wind! We (Steve) caught a puff and followed, with Linus a bit behind. I couldn't catch the leaders, and made the mistake of not covering Linus, who caught a shift to place 3rd. (Jerry) Chapman, who had sailed so well, finished 5th. Followed by a very dejected Jerry Wnorowski in 6th.

Sunday we started a two-lap triangle in light air, at about 9:45 am. The wind died just after the start, and Jerry Wnorowski anchored as we drifted. When nobody cleared the first mark within the 45 min. limit, the race was canceled. After a conference additional racing was called, thankfully as it didn't improve any later. I was happy for the four races Saturday, and no protests to settle! Boat No Skipper/Crew

	Races: 1	2	3	4	Score
14088	Rick Conaw	ay, Greg P	oloniak, I	Dave Bailey	
	1	1	5	1	7.25
13892	Linus Portm	an, Joe Ra	ttini, Lloy	d Roberts	
	2	5	1	2	9.75
13379	Steve Wyers,	Diana Kir	nder, Beck	y Williams	
	3	3	2	4	12
11637	Jerry Chapm	nan, Eric W	aldschmie	dt, Brian R	oberts
	4	2	4	5	15
14233	Jerry Wnoro	wski, Nori	ma Wnord	owski, Jim	Harpel
	5	4	3	6	18
8664	Graeme Wils	son, Jim Sc	hwartzko	pf	
	6	7	7	3	23
12891	Phil Cotton,	John Voel	ker, Rich	Neiman	
	7	6	6	DNF	29
10865	Tony Brescia	, Mark M	cFayden, 1	Kevin O'Le	eary
	8	8	8	7	31
13627	Linda Colen	nan, Bob W	Vaterhout,	Lori O'Ba	nnon
	9	9	9	DNF	37

1997 Governor's Cup Regatta Oct. 4-5, 1997

The 1997 Governor's Cup lived up to its history. Although the winds were forecasted to be 10 mph both days, we got 15 gusting to 25. At least it didn't rain as it has in past years! What this amounts to is one of the best Governors Cups ever! This year's races combined a Governor's Cup regatta for catamarans with the Hobie

Blews sponsored by Alton Lake Sailing Association (ALSA) starting first, with the Governor's Cup miscellaneous catamarans starting second. Lightnings had third start, Comets fourth, and miscellaneous monohulls fifth. In all there were 36 boats. The course both days was a port triangle two laps for monohulls and the official Hobie course chart for cats. Five races were sailed, three on Saturday and two on Sunday.

Jerry Wnorowski won the Lightning Class for the second year, placing him in position to retire it in '98. Graeme Wilson sailed to a well-deserved second and Rick Conaway placed third out of six boats. In Comets a visitor from Indianapolis won followed by Jerry Chapman and Eric Waldschmidt in a good seven-boat fleet. There were nineteen catamarans, plus three Lasers from ALSA and a Flying Dutchman sailing in miscellaneous. The Dutchman would have really been flying but its crew wasn't wearing a trapeze harness and was using the trap gear as a hiking line making it difficult to trim the jib and impossible to launch the chute. In that wind it should have been a jet!

Boat No	o Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	Score
14233	G. Wnorowski	.75	.75	.75	.75	3	6.00
8664	G. Wilson	3	2	2	2	.75	9.75
14088	R. Conaway	2	3	4	3	2	14.00
13379	S. Wyers	4	4	3	4	5	20.00
10895	M. Ely	5	5	5	5	4	24.00
11598	J. Voelker	7	7	7	6	7	34.00
	mittad by Larry W	7	whi El	ant Cat	tain	1	51.00

Submitted by Jerry Wnorowski, Fleet Captain

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLEET 488 US @ Large District Sailing in Colorado and Nebraska

Fleet Captain	Вс	b Stoller
* William F. Cabrall	Blue Moon	11457
Fred Donny	Lloron	12470

William I. Oublait	Dide moon	1110/
* Fred Denny	Heron	13478
* Martin R. Mulhern		13857
* Bob Stoller	North Star	14769

Fleet 488, the Rocky Mountain Lightning Fleet, started out its season this year in California at the California Circuit. I trailed my boat out (a 19 hour drive) and Marty Mulhern flew out to crew with my daughter and me. Some of the lakes were still frozen in Colorado, but the the weather was just about perfect in San Diego. We found we were quite rusty compared to those California sailors who can sail all year around. We had a good time and worked on our boat handling and experienced one of the most thrilling planing reaches to date coming out of Coronado Bay into the ocean as we approached Point Loma.

Back in Colorado we had to wait until May to start the sailing season. Lightnings were at the head of the fleet in most of the open classes regattas that we sailed; Bill Cabrall with his Blue Moon (seems like the name complements North Star) was active this summer and proved once again that a 26 year old boat can be just as competitive as a 3 year old one.

We sailed on lakes in the mountains, on the plains, in Wyoming and Nebraska. We executed a magnificent capsize with the spinnaker up at the Wyoming Governors Cup but still managed to get a second in our fleet. At the Nebraska Governors Cup Blue Moon was second in her fleet. We sent a representative to NAs this year at Crescent Sail Yacht Club and were reminded of the reason that they are called the North American Lightning Championship. It certainly is great to sail among the best sailors in the world.

The fleet looks forward to dry sailing several boats at Cherry Creek Reservoir in Denver during the summer of 98 and would encourage any one who finds himself in Denver and would like to sail on a Lightning to get in touch. Better yet, bring a boat. The competition is great and the venues available are varied and challenging.

Bob Stoller

ACULEO LAKE FLEET 490 Chile District Sailing on Aculeo Lake Champa, Paine, Chile

Fleet SecretaryManuel Gonzalez Mas

*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas	Ojo De Lince	11011	
*	Luis Herman		11023	
*	Angel Fantuzzi	Kings Brooks	11450	
*	Pablo Amunategui E.	Pocas Lucas	13650	
*	Rodrigo Zuazola Francisco Perez Spencer		14255	
*	Francisco Perez Spencer		14294	
*	Rodrigo Zuazola	Cabello Del Algual	14307	
*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas		14454	
	Manuel Gonzalez Mas	Coballo Del Alguacil	14709	
	Angel Fantuzzi		14791	
*	Francisco Perez Spencer		14794	
*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas		14838	
*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas		14843	

No report.

TOHICKON CREEK FLEET 491 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Lake Nockamixon Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	Gary Bonner
Fleet Secretary	Barbara Benson
Fleet Champion	
Clifford H. Matson, Jr.	96
Steve Lathrop	1792

	Steve Lathrop		1/92
*	James Perkins	The Bolt	6378
*	Charles S. Shoemaker	Esprit	9928
*	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.	1	10420
*	Brent W. Benson		11444
	Alan Schragger		12077
*	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.		13399
*	Gary Bonner		13720

Four Lightnings competed in two series of five Saturday race days (Benson, 11444, first and Bonner, 13720, second, both series). Visiting Lightnings are welcome to sail with us in any Series or Regatta race. The Buccaneers we used to race level with weren't in the picture this year. The Benson's 11444 traveled to the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup and finished fifth. We finally had excellent weather for our Cap-it-off Regatta (Cad-Met) on October 18 when eight boats competed. (Last year's regatta brought 30-40 kt winds, driving rain and no racing.) Bob and Sterling Bush, 14025 from Riverton, won the regatta with local Sunfish sailor, Bill Schantz as third crew. Locals Brent and Barbara Benson, 11444, were second with Warren Mangan (Impulse, 505, etc.) as third crew.

BOW LAKE FLEET 493 New England District Sailing on Bow Lake **New Hampshire**

Fleet SecretaryNed Hinds

* Edward E. Hinds, III		11440
* Michael Lindh	Bad News Bees	12124
* Robert D. Shapiro		14111
* Edward E. Hinds, III	Naut!	14296

The Bob Evans Regatta was held on eight consecutive weekends, July 5 through August 23, 1997. It was a beautiful summer in the fantasy land of the beautiful New Hampshire hills.

Ned Hinds won a spirited competition with Bob Shapiro and Mike Lindh fighting for second and third place respectively.

We were washed out one weekend both Saturday and Sunday with heavy winds. The make up race was held the following weekend doubling up with extra races.

The most exciting event of the season was on the 16th of August when we were visited by the State Marine Patrol. With 20 seconds to go before the start all boats were maneuvering for position to begin the race. The State Marine Patrol boat came charging down the starting line signaling frantically that one of the boats was not registered properly and would have to withdraw from the race. With 5 seconds left before the start the committee boat advised the patrol vessel to "Clear the Start Line". The patrol boat was now exactly in the middle of the start line shouting incoherently that the race must be stopped because of the illegal, unregistered boat.

The look on the policeman's face as a fleet of Lightnings bore down on him and the start horn sounded was a sight to behold! After some discussion the Marine Patrolman conceded that the committee had no control nor jurisdiction over boat registration. The fleet finished its race and no one got a ticket.

We had an excellent regatta, our 23rd.

Bob Shapiro attended the Cedar Point Regatta. Bob and Ned Hinds were at Massabesic and three of our fleet, Mike Aversa, Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro, went to the Spofford Lake Regatta. Ned came away with a first at Spofford.

Great year, lots of fun and great competition in 97, and with new boats in our fleet, 1998 will be even better.

SWIFT CREEK FLEET 496 Dixie District Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir Chesterfield County, Virginia

Fleet SecretaryJames Richards

* James E. Richards	Macerator	14292
* Robert C. Wardwell (L	ife)	14485

No report.

POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB FLEET 499 St. Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lac St. Louis Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet CaptainDavid Browne

* Susan Rhodes	
* & Andrew Rhodes	11331
* David G.C. Browne	14240
* Rod Hayes	
* & John Sauter Flip	14443
* R.A. (Tony) McBride (Life)	0

No report.

CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO FLEET 501 Colombia District Sailing on Tomine Lake Bogota, Columbia

Fleet CaptainRoberto Laignelet Fleet SecretaryJuan Carlos Recaman

	Gonzalo Reyes		1366
*	Alvaro Acosta		6097
*	Alvaro Sanjines	Cingara	7452
25	Fernando Venegas	0	8911
25-	Roberto Laignelet		8957
*	Alvaro Acosta		11660
	Fernando Diaz		11677
	Emilio Borrero		12570
*	Carlos Alvarado		13044
	Carlos Bernal		13201
*	Leopoldo Gonzalez	Aciarius	13216
*	Alfonso Fidalgo		13338
	Jaime Loboguerrero		13427
*	Fernando Plazas Uscategui		13428
*	Rafael Gutierrez	Camel	13429
*	Alberto Prada		13446
*	Andres Iriarte		13447
*	Jose Leopoldo Gonzalez		14011
*	Hernan Salcedo		14057
	Luis Pardo		14111
25-	Marcela Recaman		14132
*	Solmar Bermudez Cortez		14132
*	Miguel Ribon		14135
*	Iorge Umana		14155
*	Mauricio Mutis		14181
*	Manuel Acosta		14538
*	Hernando Ramirez		14552
	Mauricio Venegas		14733
*	Mauricio Mutis	Norfalia	14801
*	Gustavo Tamayo		14802
*	Richard Deeb		14803
	Ricardo Seidner		14862
	Alvaro Bustos		14863
*	Roberto Londoño		14864
	Jorge Recaman		14873
	Carlos Leal		;

1997 was a great year for our fleet. In January we ran a wonderful clinic with TIM HEALY, BILL HEALY AND MATT REYNOLDS. They helped a lot to improve the sailing level of the participants, to the point that now we consider our sailing with the terms BT and AT (Before Tim and After Tim).

With seven brand new boats this year (out of eight that arrived this year), plus other new members, our fleet is very healthy and strong, with a lot of activities, both in our lake and abroad. We had one crew sailing at the Worlds, one at the Junior NAs, a partial crew at the Masters, and two at the North Americans. For the first time in twenty six years, the age of our club, we took 1st place at the Nationals and 1st and 2nd at the Colombia District Championship. **Nationals:**

1st Place: Fernando Venegas, William Kemenes, Pedro Latiff. Juniors:

1st Place: Juan C. Bustos, Camilo Salcedo, Nicolas Deeb Districts:

1st Place: Solmar Bermudez, Pedro Londoño, Roberto Londoño 2nd Place: Roberto Laignelet, Renee Taylor, Maritza Vargas *Roberto Laignelet*

SUNCOAST FLEET 502 Florida District Based at Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, Florida

Fleet CaptainJe	ff Linton
Fleet SecretaryDave Ma	arsciano
Fleet ChampionJe	ff Linton
Fleet RunnerupBi	Il Meyer

* Kenneth See * Andrew Hayward Dream On

* Diana Demby		11222
* Diana Demby * David E. White, III	Bamboozle	12396
* David Clement		12606
* James P. Taylor* Clark T. Higgs	Liz II	13063
* Clark T. Higgs		13285
* Doug Thomas		13636
* William H. Mever, III	Fired-Up	14006
* Andrew Hayward	High Voltage	14062
* Michael S. Maher	Emeline	14414
* Donald W. Sherburne	Encore	14588
* Jeff Linton		14730

Suncoast Fleet 502 is happy to report significant net growth this year. New Skippers include Dave Marsciano, Rod Koch, and Dr. Michael Mayer. The Fleet lost Andy Hayward who opted for a cruising boat, but Andy is restoring a Lightning in his driveway, and with his skills with fiberglass, we expect to see him again.

We now have five competitive Lightnings at DIYC in Tampa, FL, and Don Sherburne of St. Pete (Winter home) just joined our fleet. We expect to grow by a few more boats in 1998.

In the 27 race Thursday night series at DIYC, Jeff Linton won each of the 3 series, Andy was 2nd in the middle series, and Bill Meyer was 2nd, 3rd, and 2nd in the series to secure the runner up position.

Jeff was runner up in the District Championship at Coconut Grove, winner at Sarasota, runner up at Coral Reef, and sharing the Triple Crown helm with Mark Taylor, the Linton/Taylor team won the Florida Triple Crown. Jeff has won the Sunfish NA's 4 out of the last 5 years, and he is a welcome addition to our Fleet and the class. Jeff bought a new boat about a month ago, and he and his crews, wife Amy and Mark Taylor are looking forward to the Southern Circuit.

We welcome Dave Marsciano to the Fleet. Dave's first outing was the Lightning Midwinters last March wherein he lost his mast because the spreader collars fractured. We knew Dave was serious when he purchased a new mast on the spot, and we know Dave is on a tight budget.

We are proud to welcome Dr. Michael Mayer who built his Lighting out of wood one board at a time. It is a work of art, and much to our surprise, he rounded the windward mark ahead of several boats in the Thanksgiving regatta sailing with his two sons who are just learning how to sail.

Good sailing, and Our Bests from Suncoast Fleet 502 Bill Meyer

LAKE CONROE ASSOCIATION FLEET 505 Texas District Sailing on Lake Conroe Conroe, Texas

Fleet SecretaryPatty Harris

* Gene More		9999
* Bryce Mowbray		12239
* Billy S. Bennett		13384
* Steven Harris	Kwitchersniveln	13717

With just a few more races to finish up the '97 sailing year, it's hard to believe it went so fast. The local Lightnings participated in races from Houston, to Dallas, to Shreveport, to New Orleans, and as far away as Detroit. We enjoyed everyone's hospitality and will continue to make as many regattas as possible. The Houston Yacht Club honored the Lightning at their Centennial Year Regatta: the Lightnings were the only boats participating which were over 50 years old. The fleet had one participant go to the NAs: congratulations to Steve Harris on making the Blue Fleet. In closing, we encourage all our neighboring boats into active participation at all local regattas.

Patty Harris



Ginger and Gilligan at the Annual Castaway Party at Rush Creek Yacht Club in Dallas. Photo courtesy Patty Harris.

ORIENT YACHT CLUB FLEET 506 Long Island District Sailing on Orient Harbor Orient, New York

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Thursday Night Fleet (ChampionGeorg	e Koch
Keith Cummings		6921
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George W. Koch Orient Yacht Club		10545
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George W. Koch	Missy	14122
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Spirit

Rachel Sorenson

Fleet Reports

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Along with the traditional Saturday races, the fleet added to its schedule by joining the club's Thursday evening races of Lasers and Optimists and thus doubled the racing schedule. Rachel Sorenson and her crew dueled with George Koch and his crew for first place and the championship in both the Saturday and Thursday series. The championship in each category was not decided until the very last day of competition with Rachel Sorenson winning the Saturday series and George Koch winning the Thursday series.

The Orient Yacht Club's Lightning, the *Janice Mount*, was completely redone and was ship shape by the end of the season.

Our local season ended when three of our boats went over to compete at the Southampton Yacht Club in the Fall and enjoyed a great two days of sailing with over twenty Lightnings in good winds.

The emphasis for this winter is to find a few more Lightning sailors and to put together a program to hopefully host the District Championships next summer.

THE PRAIRIE FLEET 507 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell in Alberta Canada and on Canyon Lake and Flathead Lake in Montana

Fleet CaptainKarsten Dalberg

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Reggie Good Ian R. Taylor Karsten Dalberg Ismo Palm	Rhythm & Blues
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No report.

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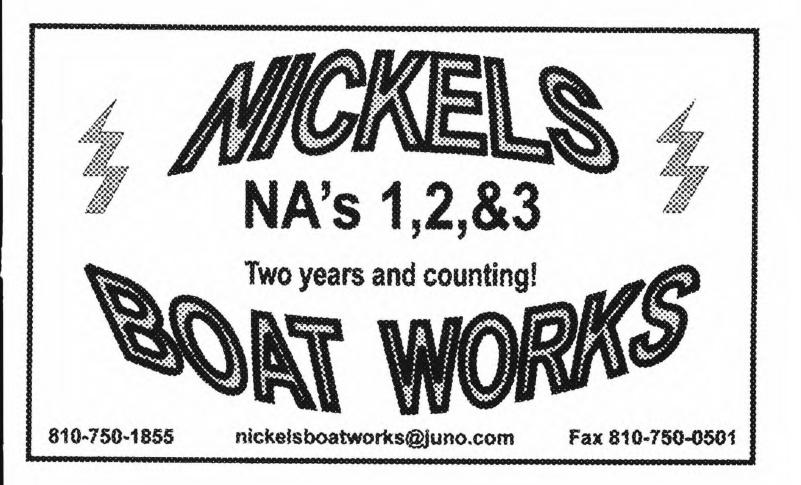
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