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We wanted to share with you in this book the joys of junior sailing in the Lightning Class. Not only do kids provide for a source of growth but they keep families sailing, they bring their peers to the sport, make old salts want to share their secrets and keep overall competitiveness high by constantly raising the bar.

So this is why we dedicate this 2005 Lightning Class Yearbook to all those unsung heroes that have it as their primary goal to bring fresh blood into their fleets. Those parents all over the globe that sacrifice performance over a memorable regatta sailing with their kids. Those who have an extra sail they are willing to let go to a kid who's just starting. Or those of you who spend hours on the phone, convincing kids to give it a try, finding them crew, lending a

boat, tuning it, feeding them, lodging them, giving them a ride.

There is so much time and effort that goes into bringing new sailors to the class, and so little recognition to those who do. The Lightning Class recognizes that your job is one of the most invaluable, and we can just hope that you keep on doing it.

This book is for you, wherever you are, you know who you are. May this edition be an incentive for you to keep doing such a wonderful job!

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HOW IMPORTANT HAS THE LIGHTNING BEEN TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

Consider the years of enjoyment that you've had with the Lightning. Reflect on the support and organization the ILCA has provided over the years. Think of the friends you've met on the water. Now is the time to help guarantee your children and grandchildren can make their own special Lightning Memories.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT ILCA?

The ILCA has established many alternatives to enable members and friends to make special gifts and bequests of lasting significance—to help ensure the long-term viability, vitality and mission of the Class.

- The ILCA Fund
- The Mary Huntsman History Fund
- The Limbaugh Fund
- Planned Giving
- Special gifts

THE ILCA FUND

The ILCA Fund was established in 1982 as a way to guarantee the long-range operations of our Class. The goal is to secure funding equivalent to two-years of the operating costs so that the Class can remain solvent during hard times. This will assure that future sailors can have the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and fellowship of sailing our very special boat.

The fund's income and as much principal as necessary may be used for repairs, purchase of extraordinary capital items (not supported by the annual budget) or long term capital projects.

THE MARY HUNTSMAN HISTORY FUND

The Mary Huntsman History Fund was formed upon approval from the Governing Board, September 1st, 2004. The primary objective of the fund will be to help recover and properly preserve Lightning Class heritage. The fund is named after Mrs. Mary Huntsman, Past President and officer of the Class, who held the Historian VP for the first time. Under her Presidency Mary secured the purchase of Lightning Number One and subsequently coordinated its donation to Mystic Seaport Museum, when she will be restored and rightfully displayed.

Funds money may be used to help restore and adequately display Lightning Number One, organize the vast photo collection taken by Mary and other volunteers throughout the years, scan and archive all historic documents, publications, plans, constitution and bylaws, articles, brochures, and videos. A main objective of the fund will be to make all this material easily available to the class members.

THE HELEN & JAY LIMBAUGH FUND

The Helen & Jay Limbaugh Fund was established in memory of two of our most avid supporters. Helen was our Executive Director from 1965 to 1982. Jay was our Class President in 1964. Both remained strong supporters of the Class long after their tenures were completed. Because of Helen & Jay's strong interest in junior sailing, and their belief that our juniors are the future members and officers of our Class, the organizers of the fund have dedicated these funds toward



Junior activities.

The available monies in the Limbaugh Fund are restricted to support of education, training, and the promotion of junior sailing. Only income may be used. The principal may not be spent. Uses of these funds may include: Support for the Youth World Championships, The Sears Cup, funding junior racing clinics, trophies, promotion of youth regattas, etc.

PLANNED GIVING

The laws of the U.S. permit its citizens to choose how to dispose of possessions at death. The ILCA has been granted status as a charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. As such, your gifts to the Class can be deducted from income and estate taxes. These tax laws make giving to the Class both economical and philanthropic.

HOW MAY GIFTS BE MADE DURING YOUR LIFETIME?

Gifts of Cash: A gift of cash during a person's lifetime is the simplest type of gift. You may send a check to the ILCA at any time or include an extra amount of money in the renewal form when you pay your membership every year.

Gifts of Marketable Securities and Investment Real Estate: Gifts of appreciated securities and real estate held for investment purposes are often more beneficial to the donor than gifts of cash. When such items are donated, the donor receives a contribution deduction equal to the current market value of the security and generally, the excess of the market value over the donor's cost basis is not taxed. Often it can be advantageous to donate substantially appreciated items than to sell them and pay the capital gains tax.

Gifts through wills: Remembering The ILCA in your will is another method of giving. Such a gift is deductible in calculating estate taxes. Provisions for the gift may be included in the body of the will or by adding a simple codicil.

Gifts of boats and equipment: You may consider donating your boat and equipment to the ILCA, thereby helping make them available to newcomers. You can deduct the fair market value of your donation from your income or estate taxes. It may be more advantageous for you to give the boat to the class than to sell it. The Class has the procedures in place to facilitate making this important gift.

There is no time better than the present to make gifts to our Class. Your contribution will assure that the next generation of sailors will have the same support that we all now enjoy and sometimes take for granted. We hope you will consider planning an ILCA donation, always informed, of course, by appropriate legal and financial counsel.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !



ILCA 2005

CARTER UTZIG - PRESIDENT

Started sailing when I realized that I could not convince my wife to paddle white water at the level required to get my adrenaline pumping. So we bought a sailboat not knowing much about anything - a 470 at that. After some good times learning from Capt. Hof (Hofmeister), we could go around a racecourse sailing rather than swimming. We progressed to larger boats but our hearts were in small boats. After visiting Nashville, we made the decision to return to dinghy sailing. There again was Capt. Hof with a boat to buy - Colin & Karen's Lightning. As an engineer by education, this was a dream come true (Colin can out gadget most). And off we were into the Lightning family. Many people were kind enough to teach us and then sit around afterwards to discuss life. We started a family, moved to Charlotte, and met the Bookes - another Lightning family just a few houses down with children the same age. Our families have covered a lot of miles on the road together since then. As time passes, my wife is sailing less but my girls are sailing more. What a thrill! It looks like the next couple of years will bring less travel, more fleet building at our club and enjoying racing with my family.

BRIAN HAYES - SECRETARY

The Hayes family name has been associated with Lightning sailing since the mid 1940's when Brian's dad, Dick, started sailing on the family boat #3445 at the Housatonic Boat Club's Fleet #6 in Stratford, CT. Some 20 years later I was born into the Hayes sailing clan and I'm still "pushing around the box" some 40 years later. Although I have been able to have some modest success on the race course (due to crewing for some great skippers and having even better crews sail for me) most of my great thoughts of Lightning sailing come from the great times and friendships I've made off the water at places like Kerr Lake, Nashville, Nyack and St. Pete, to name just a few. These days my wife Kelley and I are doing our best to juggle our work schedules and raise our children, Olivia (7) and Brian Jr. (5), while still finding time to sail Lightnings. I think I need to find a way to work less so I can sail more!!

STEVEN H. DAVIS - TREASURER

Steve started his sailboat racing at age 6 in Sabots at Newport Harbor Yacht Club in southern California. He progressed to snowbirds, kites and Etchells. While raising a family, Steve took a 20-year absence from the sport and concentrated on Little League and 4-H and other pursuits of his two children. A relative newcomer to the Lightning Class, he purchased his first lightning in 1999 and has thoroughly enjoyed the Lightning Class and its members. Steve is active in the Denver Sailing Association and the Sailing Association at Intermountain Lakes. He can be found at lightning regattas throughout the US with his wife, Jan, otherwise known as "the manager", "regatta mom" or "the social director".

BILL CLAUSEN - CHIEF MEASURER

Bill started racing Lightnings in 1947 on boat #134. He's owned 1495, 7195, 10895, and still have 14495. He grew up racing in Ocean City on the New Jersey shore. Bill crewed and worked for some of the greats of the Lightning class: Bob Seidelman, Marcy Lippencott, John Tiegland and Jim Carson. He learned a lot about Lightnings from them and continues to enjoy being involved in measurement and do the photography coverage for major events.

His son David sailed in four Jr. NA's and crewed with Bill in the last Worlds Masters at Miami.

JOE BUCZKOWSKI - EXECUTIVE/COMMITTEE MEMBER

Joe first started racing Lightnings when he was 14 and Jim Carson invited him to the Frigid Digit in Annapolis, MD. That was 17 years ago and the rest is history. His first NA's was in Rochester, NY in 1990 and since then he has competed in numerous NA's both as crew and skipper, 2 Jr NA's and one Jr. Worlds. Starting off in the Central Atlantic District at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club he currently sailing in the Dixie District out of the Hampton Yacht Club in the Hampton Roads Area of Virginia where he is currently stationed as a LT in the Navy. Always looking for a chance to sail he will pop up at different regattas and grab crew to get them into the class and is always looking to help others. He is known for his "fun" attitude as exemplified by his boat names. He currently sails 15084 named "RIE" which means "No worries". With an attitude like that who can't have fun!

KAREN JOHNSON-EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Karen began sailing with her dad when she was a child at Delta Sailing Association in Memphis Tennessee. Mom and dad are still sailing in California. It won't be too long before her son, Evan is ready to start crewing! Karen lived in Chicago after college where she was active in the fleet at Corinthian. She now participates with the fleet at Leatherlips Yacht Club. Lucky for us as a class she still loves her job!



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2004 Youth World Championship from the VPs Prospective

By: John Atkins, VP Youth World Championships
(Photos by Sally Atkins)

The 2004 Lightning Youth World Championship was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Guarapiranga Lake from February 28 through March 6. 14 Teams from Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Greece and the USA attended the championship.

The beginnings of this Championship started the day after the 2002 Youth World Championships finished in Rochester NY USA. I was in the process of inspecting the boats at Newport Yacht Club when Torsten Bojlesen arrived at the club and introduced himself. He was hoping to watch some of the racing only to find out that the Championship had ended. As it turned out the host families for both Brazilian teams were having a good-bye breakfast at the Club so at least he could talk to the teams, but what brought a smile to his face was that the new Youth World Champion was Thomas Sumner and crew. Before leaving, Torsten came over to me and asked who he should talk to about hosting the next Youth World Championship. This was perfect timing as I had just accepted the position of Vice President for Youth World Championships. I replied that I was and the rest is now history.

The Regatta chairs, Torsten and John Bennett worked for over a year and a half to organize this championship (to the tune of almost 1000 e-mails). The Championship was centered at the Clube de Campo Sao Paulo, but 3 other yacht clubs, Sao Paulo Yacht Club, Yacht Clube Paulista and Yacht Clube Santo Amaro, equally supported the Championships with boats, personnel and dinners. The sailing area is a lake formed by a dam that was built in the 1930s and is used as drinking water for Sao Paulo.

Housing and most meals for the Competitors as well as for both Sally and I and the Judges were provided by the Clube de Campo Sao Paulo. The Club is situated within a Nature Reserve with the housing area about 2 kilometers from the Sailing Center. Transportation between the housing area and the Sailing Center was by tractor and buggy but on many mornings we opted to walk through the reserve, past the golf course, equestrian area and tennis courts. The front deck of Sailing Center provided a great place to have breakfast and watch the abundant wildlife, even if we mistook the Spoonbilled Roseates for Pink Flamingos.



We arrived late (midnight) the day before the start of the

Championship due to plane problems but there in the airport terminal was our driver who had been there since 3 PM that afternoon waiting for us. Arriving at the club around 1:30 AM, we were greeted by Torsten and shown to our beautiful Vila. There we were greeted by Xavier Roca and the other Judges. Xavier was a judge for the 2002 Youth Worlds so it was nice to rekindle our friendship.

After a few hours of sleep and a wonderful Brazilian breakfast, I met with Nelson Schmidt who was responsible for boats as well as sail measurement. It didn't take long to realize that this part of the Championship was in the best of hands and the lack of any real breakdowns over the course of the Championship was a testament to Nelson and his crew's commitment to provide and maintain the best available equipment. The boats were provided by the various Lightning fleets on the lake and varied from 11700 series to new 15000 series which included Allen, Nickels and Lipincott hulls.

The PRO was Claudio Buckup who provided excellent race committee work and the Jury consisted of 3 IJs, Nelson Illha from Brazil, John Mac Call from Argentina and Xavier Roca from Ecuador along with 2 National Judges, Jamie Chavez Teuber from Chile and 1 from Brazil. Three areas of the lake were used during the championship with racing starting in the afternoon to take advantage of the thermally generated south/southeast winds which were steadier than the early day winds. There were a few protests and all breakdowns were minor and were resolved quickly on the water by the repair crew before racing started.

All six scheduled races were run which provided a workout. Two races were run on Monday, the first in light backing winds requiring course changes throughout the race. Marcelo Bellotti won, with defending youth champion Thomas Sumner in second and Vassilas Angelos of Greece in third. The second was in moderate air from the thermally generated southeast. Thomas Sumner won with Marcelo in second and Robert Ramirez of the USA in third. Only one race was sailed on Tuesday and that being in an unsteady westerly. Thomas won with Marcelo in second and Christos Mavridis of Greece in third. Wednesday was a scheduled layday providing a time for the competitors to relax and get together. Two races were run on Thursday, both in a steady South wind with a little rain thrown in throughout both races. Race 4 was won by Thomas, with Christos finishing second and Sebastian Herera of Ecuador in third. Race 5 was won by Maegen Ruhlman of the USA, Marcelo in second and Thomas in third. The sixth race was held on Friday in moderated air. Marcelo won with Thomas in second and Joao Hackerott of Brazil in third.

Brazil took 1, 2 and 3 with Thomas Sumner retaining his Youth World Championship title. Second place and one



point out of first was Marcelo Belotti, who sailed in 2002 as well. The third place was Joao Hackerott.

Overall this was a great championship for the competitors not only for the sailing but probably even more so for the friendships made. This championship has both helped the local fleets grow with lots of publicity and brought the fleets together. There is a great deal of interest for the younger Brazilian sailors to race the Lightning as a result of hosting the Youth Worlds and many are already looking forward to 2006 in Europe.

Congratulations to Thomas, Felipe Brito and Mark Pineda on repeating as Lightning Youth World Champions, and also to all the competitors who displayed true Corinthian Spirit both on and off the water. Thanks to both the Organizers and the Competitors for a great regatta, they along with their committees made this regatta what it was.

Sally and I wish to extend our thanks to everyone who was involved with this championship for not only doing their respective duties but also for making this a most memorable event.



About a month after the Championship, I received an e-mail for John Bennett informing me (in his words): All the sailboats from the Yacht Club Santo Amaro were destroyed in a quick tornado that hit the Guarapiranga Lake last Monday. Yes John, the Yellow Nickels was cut in half, Bieckarks boat, world champion I think, is in pieces and several woodies that the owners wouldn't sell for any amount of money look like match sticks. This will be a huge blow to our sailing in São Paulo. YCSA is the home of many world champions and many of the best boats in the country were in this hangar.





2 Boats, one Coach - 2004 Junior North American Championship

By: Ian Schillebeeckx – Belgacom USA 14901

We finally took off on Friday morning 7/30/2004 5:00 AM for our trip, to Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada and the Lightning Junior North Americans. I could finally participate as a skipper: Beth Ward and Lucas Hofmeister completed team Belgacom. Another team from Carlyle Sailing Association (CSA) traveling with us was team N.K.D.A (No Known Drug Allergies) skipper Nicolas Beckman (Nick " The Great") with middle crew Eddie (crazy Eddie) Burke and bow crew Ian (Schmearcat) Moriarty. And of course, the coach, my dad was there.

After 11 hours driving, (7 in rain), we finally stopped at the Buffalo airport to pick-up my crew, Beth and Lucas. The boarder guard had quite some questions the next day: we wondered had they ever seen such a sight: double decked Lightning trailer, crew (6 kids and "the coach") and gear that filled the car to the ceiling. Customs had difficulty getting a head count.

We arrived in Crystal beach Saturday around 11:00 AM it was blowing the leaves off the trees and we had to unload our double decked Lightings in the pouring rain. The coach did well ... and we were sailing three (3) hours later in 8 foot seas and 15 knots of Northerly wind.... what an experience!

The next day we participated at the local club race, both teams N.K.D.A and Belgacom did reasonably well given the trying wind conditions: "consistent" 10 to 15 degrees shifts. We of course were a bit challenged, starting out by letting the spinnaker pole fall in the water and losing bow crew Lucas of course the fault of our coach. After complaining, we re-rigged the front crew hiking straps (although they failed again later) and arranged for a better spinnaker pole attachment system.

Day 1 – we started and were in the lead ... now my turn to miss my hiking strap and fall off the boat; luckily my crew, Lucas, had practice, and grabbed me by my feet and pulled me in while I had the main sheet and tiller extension still in my hands. After this incident and some shifts, we rounded the mark in second place. The race was on and we were not going to give this position away... at least that is what we had in mind! The last leg was a drifter, team Nicolas got a nice 30 degrees lift and steamed to the finish line, he finished 4th ... we finished 6th as we consequently over stood the finish line.

Day 2 – We raced four (4) races in shifty Northerly wind conditions (10 to 15 knots, raining, and wavy),

but we knew we could be fast if we stayed calm. We did quite well and finished 3rd, 4th, 2nd and a disappointing 10th place (720 penalty at the start). Team N.K.D.A did very well too and finished 10th, 14th, 13th and 7th.

Days 3 –We were 3rd overall after day 2 ... we had to sail even faster under these conditions to win! The day started off very disappointing as we sailed a 6th, 4th and a 10th place, N.K.D.A finished 7th, 11th, and 3rd. The last race was critical for us as we wanted to stay in the top 5 overall... we were going to win the last one! Starting in the middle of the fleet, we notice a shift on the right the rest didn't. By the time they noticed it, it was too late and I crossed the entire fleet and rounded the wind ward mark in first position.

With excellent downwind spinnaker speed, we rounded the mark in first place a loud horn announced shortening of the race course and we were heading towards the finish covering the second and third place boats. Dan Moriarty and Matt Burridge tricks came to my mind. Constant information came in from my team on the second and third placed boats. The left side seemed the way to go: more pressure. The other boats followed through the middle of the race course. But then, Lucas mentioned that we were sailing too far left on a 10 degree lift ... what now ... we needed a header to tack and get to the finish line ... we hung in there, but it lifted even more ... the other teams meanwhile were more in the middle, and could tack and be lifted to the finish... I ended a close third.

The final result was, team Belgacom 5th place overall and team N.K.D.A in an honorable 10th place overall; our Lightning CSA NA campaign was a success – and we are looking forward to the Sheboygan/Milwaukee 2005 NA's.

The regatta was great. In addition to the sailing, CSA was truly a success in beach volleyball. We played volleyball every day till 11:00 PM, while the coach made our lunches for the next day and searched for Nutella in the local food stores for our breakfast which we ate just in the nick of the time to get to the race course.

Thank you to the lightning class for organizing such a great event and to all the lightning sailors from Carlyle Lake who have supported Junior Lightning sailing and encouraged both CSA teams with their 2004 Lightning NA campaign!



Fleet 266 Junior Lightning Sailing Program: A Focused Approach

By: Marc Schillebeeckx 14901

Today out of the blue sky I got a call to write 12 words about Fleet 266 Junior Lightning Sailing program. So, when I was asked the question "Why are we successful with our junior lightning program" I had to ask myself the question: "Are we successful?"

I do think now this is not a rhetorical question anymore ... so let me answer this!

First of all being successful with a junior lightning program takes quite some effort from the local fleet itself (fleet, parents and club). Our success is basically generated by the many skipper/parents that wanted to have juniors on board as crew members and dedicated their valuable time to these juniors. And yes one may say that as a result of having these juniors on board we (skippers/parents) once in-a-while were not so fast anymore.

Usually we discussed junior participation at our yearly February fleet meeting over a few beers. We determined how many junior skippers we could send to the Junior North American and started running with the idea. Once the number of boats/skippers was established we looked around for crew within the fleet "and" within the districts. This approach allowed us to have two junior boats for the 2004 junior sailing season. I shall not forget to mention that lightning members from Harbor Island Yacht Club (HIYC) played also a significant role in our success. Like somebody at HIYC would say to me: "Do not forget to promote inter-fleet relationships and ... our kids had a great time with junior lightning sailing".

We must say that all parents involved with junior sailing made sure that they (these junior) were able to sail lightning year around. We made sure we encouraged them as much as we could and arranged for participation at official lightning regattas as much as we could. We even went one step further and crewed for our juniors at club fleet regattas and some official lightning events.

The Junior North Americans was always "THE EVENT" to go to. Juniors talked and chatted over the internet for hours ... we arranged for double decking and housing to keep the cost of the event down as much as we could ... and we may not forget to mention that all fleet members of fleet 266 and ... the junior side of our club (Carlyle Junior Sailing Association) pitched in with donation to make the trip to the NA's possible. We told our juniors at the beginning of the year ... "do not worry we will get you to the NA's" ... and it happened!

Looking forward to participate again with two junior boats at the 2005 Junior North Americans in Milwaukee.



GETTING JUNIORS INTO LIGHTNINGS (HOW WE DO IT)

It all started back in the mid seventies when Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter recognized a void in the Metedeconk River Yacht Club's Junior Program. Older juniors had absorbed all they could from existing Club programs and, in addition, were working days so they were unable to participate in conventional daytime lessons.

Thus the Metedeconk River Yacht Club Advanced Junior Program was born and has persisted for nearly thirty years, training from seven to fifteen juniors per year in the fine points of Lightning sailing. The program has developed its share of outstanding sailors over the years, but leaders in the Class, the boating industry and indeed the world sailing community. Paul Gelenitis, Betsy (Gelenitis) Alison, Jay and Jody Lutz, Ryan Dunn, Joe Buczkowski, Bill Bogardus, Brian and Keith Taboada, and Mitch Hnaff to name a few all got their Lightning training in Metedeconk's program. On the horizon are newcomers Andrew Brennan, Wade Schon, Jimmy Roe, and Courtney O'Connor, all recent graduates we expect will make a mark beyond junior sailing.

The existing program was adopted by the Yacht Club in 1975 and is made available to juniors that attain the top junior rating, that of "Racing Skipper". The program leads to the Club Junior Championship, sailed in Lightnings at the conclusion of the program. Although the Club owns one Lightning, boats are borrowed from members of Fleet 34 many of whom come through the program themselves. It's not hard to borrow Lightnings when the incentive is an instant source of young, enthusiastic crews.

Typically, candidates must have multi person boat experience and are recommended by the Club Junior Instructors. They are required to submit letters requesting acceptance to the class that contain a resume of sailing experience and reasons why they want to participate. Upon tentative acceptance, candidates are scheduled to "try out" by testing their sailing knowledge and by sailing a Lightning. Fortunately, most candidates are able to pass this test although stepping into a Lightning from a Blue Jay or '420' can be a formidable experience.

In the early years of the program 100% attendance was expected. Today we find sailing does not elicit the same kind of priority as in the past and it has been necessary to adopt a more liberal attitude toward excused absences. Early season lessons are often frustrating (will they ever learn?), but it's rewarding to see the results at the end of the year. Yes, they can actually jibe a chute!

If your juniors need a different program, if your Fleet needs crews, here's the program that's served us well for all these years.

A PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED JUNIORS

INTRODUCTION: Fleets or Clubs wishing to improve junior skipper and crew proficiency in the Lightning may use the following program, initiated by the Metedeconk River Lightning Fleet in 1975. The information provided is intended as a guide around which a program can be developed tailored to suit the individual needs of both instructors and trainees. Sessions should be chosen and developed to meet the most immediate needs of those enrolled in the course.

PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS: Two or more knowledgeable, experienced sailors. The number required is flexible and will depend on their availability. One person should act as "leader" to coordinate and direct the program. An instructor need not attend each session. However, at least two should be on hand for each session, one to lead the session and the other to assist and take notes for a critique.

EQUIPMENT: Minimal race committee equipment including at least three portable marks (hippy-hops are fine), stop watch, power boat for use as an instruction launch, boat horn, a bull horn and two or

more fully equipped Lightnings in sound condition. (The number of participants in the program will bear some relationship to the number of boats needed.)

TEXT: ISAF Rule Book.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATION: Participants should be limited to no more than twelve to fifteen in order to provide individual instruction. No more than 3 or 4 trainees should be chosen for each boat available. Learning to skipper and crew a Lightning requires careful division of duties aboard the boat. These duties should be divided amongst three people as in actual Lightning racing with extra persons assigned aboard the instruction launch to assist and observe.

Participants should be selected from applicants by a committee consisting of a Club or Fleet officer or Junior Instructor and the Program Instructors based on criteria announced in advance. Suggested criteria are:

- a) Mature minded individuals aged 15 - 18 years. Younger individuals showing unusual ability may be selected. The upper age limit may be adjusted to suit local junior age limitations.
- b) Satisfactory completion of all other locally available junior programs.
- c) Demonstrated ability to become competent Lightning skipper and/or crew.
- d) Willingness to attend all scheduled sessions.

SCHEDULE: Five to ten three hour sessions are recommended scheduled to suit availability of instructors and trainees. (Metedeconk's program is scheduled for Thursday evenings at 1800.) A typical schedule might be:

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| 1800 Boats in the water, sails on, ready to go. | |
| 1800 - 1830 | The lesson |
| 1830 - 2030 | Instruction and racing on the water. |
| 2030 - 2100 | Critique |

THE LESSON: Half-hour session with discussion focused on the topic for the day. Spend more time on the lesson at beginning of program and more actual racing later in the program.

INSTRUCTION AND RACING ON THE WATER: Practice of points discussed in the lesson for the day. Then as many short races as possible. Change skippers each race or practice run and give everyone a chance to sail in each crew position. When racing use three-minute dinghy starts to save time. Instructors should point out mistakes as they occur and coach from the instruction launch. Any alleged rule violations should be protested and protests heard during the critique. Instructors should record important good points and mistakes for discussion at the critique.

CRITIQUE: General discussion of important points observed during the session.

HOMEWORK: Assign study of rules appropriate to next session.

- SESSIONS:** The following topics are suggested:
- Session 1) Icebreaker quiz, care and use of the boats including launching and
 - hauling, familiarization with the boats.
 - 2) The Spinnaker
 - 3) The Start
 - 4) Sail Shape and Adjustment
 - 5) The Compass
 - 6) Protests (good bad weather topic)
 - 7) Weather and wind (another bad weather topic)
 - 8) Specific Rules (i.e., those that apply to mark roundings)



Getting Juniors Energized!!!

I was asked to write about the successes that our fleet has had in attracting junior sailors to the Lightning. My initial thought was - it's so easy! Why wouldn't juniors want to sail Lightnings!!!

First, the strength of our fleet is such that it is the most competitive racing in our area. We have a lot of boats and they are all modern, competitive racing Lightnings. When the young sailors at our club look at the boats they are the coolest boats in the club. Our fleet racing is competitive, but we try to make racing fun. Lots of short races. Lots of socializing, and good camaraderie, occasional cookouts after sailing, fleet parties. We host lots of regattas that are very visible at our club.

Second, we keep close tabs on the junior sailors at our club and the neighboring clubs. We've got a local community sailing center and two clubs that have junior sailing programs where they teach kids how to sail in dinghies. When people are looking for crew we try to get the juniors as crew. Once we get them in the boat we make a point to let them steer a race, or if they are less experienced, on the way in after sailing. Explain what the controls do. Talk about sail trim. Encourage them to ask questions. Have them fly the chute.

We also put on clinics for the junior sailors a few evenings a month during the summer where we let them sail our boats - sometimes with three juniors, or sometimes with two juniors and a fleet member as a coach, depending on their skill level.

Success breeds success. In the past 12 years we've had a great slew of junior sailors. Among them they've won three Junior NAs, A Youth Worlds and a Sears Cup. But just as important is that we've had at least three teams from our fleet participating in the last four junior NAs and at least one Junior team at every Junior NAs in the last 15 years.

Fleet building 101 (or building fleet 301)

We've tried to take a pragmatic approach to building our fleet. First we tried to identify our "target market." Who might be interested in buying and racing Lightnings? Who do we want to attract? How do we go about it?

First we looked at the make-up of our own fleet. Most of our members fall into one of three distinct categories. We figured that the people that we would attract to our fleet would have similar motivations. We came up with three distinct types of potential lightning owners.

1- Someone who owns a PHRF type of boat and wants to improve their racing skills by racing one-design.

Typically this group will be in their late 40's or early 50's. They are attracted to the Lightning because it is lower cost to race and maintain, no special tow vehicle is required and fewer crew are required.

2 - Couples in their 30's with 2 jobs and no kids who like to race.

3 - Someone who has kids who are young teenagers and are looking to race as a family, or for a boat for their kids to race.

The next step is that we sell the boat and sell our fleet. We try to figure out what their needs are and then show them how the Lightning meets their needs. If they have older juniors in our club sailing program, we convince them that they need to get a boat for their kids to sail. If they are PHRF sailors who express interest in racing one-design, we get them out on a boat. We try to enlist them as crew. If a skipper can't sail, he or she loans his boat for someone else to sail in our fleet race.

We try to find them a boat. Our fleet has even taken the unique step of buying a competitive Lightning in the fall when the used boat market is plentiful and then actively look for a buyer for that boat in the spring when the used boat market is tight and the demand is high. Once you convince someone that they need to buy a Lightning, it helps if you have a boat for them to buy!

We are trying other things to help continue our growth and support our fleet. We have a fleet website with a fleet emailer. Anyone who wants to sail with us or wants to be on our email list can sign up on through our website. We try to send out emails to this entire list a few days before any fleet races to talk about the upcoming races, who needs crew, who is available to crew. After sailing we also email our results.

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Dead beetles, cheap sunglasses, fire gum, and Spiderman on board

"A REALLY SWEET BOAT... IN A HAPPINESS ZONE"

To get away from summer work, to be in zone, in happiness for two weeks. That's how Junior Skipper Meagan Ruhlman sums up the joy of sailing with her peers in the North Americans.

Meagan is one of a handful of Juniors recently asked to describe their loyalty to the Lightning Class and its major regatta of the year. It begins with family and is sustained by friends, according to our sampling.

Meagan started sailing what she calls "a really sweet boat" when she was four at the Pymatuning Yacht Club. She was brought into the class by parents and a brother.

"There's always someone in the Lightning Class who has talent and the ability to take me to the next level," she says. "I learn and grow from them, pushing myself. Everyone is so open and friendly; it's a comfortable atmosphere."

Meagan credits the camaraderie between sailors and the unbeatable competition for keeping her interested in the class. "I'm creating bonds with them that can help me later in life."

"I can't stress enough how awesome the atmosphere is; there's such a bond between Lightning sailors, especially among my junior friends. We talk about it all the time; we know we're going to spend the rest of our lives racing against each other even though we don't live near each other. We know that because we see it in our parents. It's a really cool experience."

This was Meagan's second NA's with crew Martha Fisher, one of her best friends. "She calms me down really easily; she keeps it light and fun. There are always issues on the boat but she brushes them off and lets them go. Whatever happens on the water stays on the water," she says.

Meagan grew up with Ian Gilliland, her "totally relaxed" middle crew. "If I yell he laughs it off and he's always telling jokes," she says.

"Sometimes people get so wrapped up in the skipper, but without my crew I'd be nowhere. I have to keep my crew happy any way I can."

"Larry McDonald once told me that a good way to make sure the crew will work is to make sure the crew is always in a good mood and doing their best for me. He said one way to assure this is to bring along their favorite snacks – to let them know you're thinking about them."

For Meagan's team that means chewing gum on the boat. "We always have Dentyne Fire Gum – not a question," she says, "and minty gum."

The boat Meagan steered to a third place finish in the juniors belonged to her parents. The "really exciting" news is that she received it as a Christmas present.

Meagan, who will be 20 next summer, has aged out of the

juniors, but she looks forward to continuing two weeks of fun by sailing in the Women's from now on.

"THE INTENSITY OF THE NA'S IS THE BEST."

A much younger sailor, Andrew Hess, was only 12 when he sailed for his then 14-year old brother in last summer's NA's. At the Connecticut NA's he'd sailed one day but this was his first Junior NA's "full time."

Sounding mature beyond his years, Andrew says, "The intensity of the NA's is the best."

"Dad was a sailor and I learned on a Lightning," he says of his introduction to the sport.

Andrew and Alex's father, Charlie, started the competitive program for juniors at the Pontiac Yacht Club, Fleet 54. The goal of the program is to get junior participants to the Junior NAs. In 2004, the club had its first entry: his two boys and Jeff La Palme. Next year they hope to have two boats with junior teams in Milwaukee.

"We are a Lightning club," says Charlie Hess.

"We focus on Optis through 13-14, get them involved in Lasers, and all along as crew in Lightnings. Other programs in other clubs drive kids into 420s, FJs, or double-handed boats. We try to get kids into Lightnings as skippers as soon as we can. They have ample opportunity – two or three opportunities a week to crew or skipper."

"It really works," says the elder Hess, who started the Opti class at their club when his oldest was seven. The club rallied behind it and they've had a junior instruction program ever since. The travel team for kids is fashioned after a travel soccer team and parent involvement allows them to move the kids where the regattas are.

"We have a full time coach for them," Hess says. "It's taken a while to build up the infrastructure but now we're there."

Young Andrew likes the way a Lightning sails, the shape of the boat, the way it's set up. He has an Opti that he sails in the summer but he likes three people because "you don't have to do everything."

The all boys boat – "Flash with the Power of Three" practiced for three weeks prior to competing in Buffalo. There, Andrew met a lot of people who make sails.

"I got to know some of the professionals," he says.

"THE BEST BOAT TO CONTINUE MY SAILING CAREER IN"

"Malletts Bay Boat Club already had a huge fleet of Lightnings and I realized that it would be the best boat to continue my sailing career in," says 16-year old Chad Miller of his decision to join the class.

Chad had been sailing only FJ's at MBBC, but he thought they were rather simple and not as much fun as another boat might be. He wanted to try a 49er until "Mark Gardner



told me to get my parents to buy me and my sister a Lightning, so we did."

Chad believes the Lightning is special because of the fleet. "It is not an easy class to sail in; I am only 16 sailing with some of the best in the world, and compared to them I know absolutely nothing. Also, it is such a technical boat that you really need to know everything about it to make it move well, or you could just get lucky."

At the helm of their currently un-named boat during the NA's, Chad's not exactly sure how everything was set up.

"Everything is continuous and is run to every side, front and back. We just barely got one of those clothes line things that takes up the excess spinnaker halyard. That came after many remarks from my crew as we rounded the leeward mark with the chute still halfway up. We try to change our mast in accordance to the wind each day, and sometimes to changes on the water when it is necessary."

Nothing unusual about their equipment: extra rope, and an old cut up cranberry juice bottle because they never had a bucket that stayed on the boat for that long.

According to Chad, a shared chemistry makes their team special.

"We joke all the time, but always give a helping hand, and we think we know what needs to be done. Each person on the boat is completely different and brings a different aspect to the boat. There is one young girl, one boy from Vermont, and a genius from New York City; we can't help but get along most of the time."

"We needed to have some of the free bagels from breakfast onboard at every race or we would not function during the day."

Chad did take note of the crew's attire: "We can be identified in the rain by the two outside kids in rain jackets—one with the best hat in the world, and the middle kid in a ski jacket he claims is waterproof. On other days, the middle kid will have on a black sweatshirt with jeans."

"All of us use extremely cheap sunglasses, and, hopefully, soon you'll be able to tell who we are because we'll be out in front, I hope it's soon..."

"YOU HAVE TO GET YOURSELF AMPED FOR THE STRESSFUL SITUATIONS"

Tara Schon is juiced about the Juniors. She remembers "the energy that goes through your veins" and recalls that "You have to get yourself amped for the stressful situations" that arise in a Lightning NA's.

As passionate as she is today about sailing, at first she didn't like it that much. As an eight-year-old she started sailing an Opti at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. She graduated to a 420, spending four high school years with that and FJs. There was a Laser summer and she instructed under the tutelage of Faye Bennet at Spray Beach Yacht Club, and at Beach Haven on Long Beach Island.

She and her brother have sailed together but last August she was crewing with her cousins on "Fluffy," a boat borrowed from Jody Lutz. The same three had sailed the Sears Cup in Annapolis and she says their "cousin bond" works because there is a lot of communication. The cousin who skippers keeps his head in the boat. The middle person

keeps the spinnaker going and upwind looks all around. She is on the bow.

Regarding any identifying marks on their boat, Tara says they found a big dead beetle that stayed on the bow the whole time, even when they almost flipped once. And they won a toy Spiderman at an arcade in Niagara Falls that went along for the ride.

Tara, 17, believes Lightning sailors are the most fun because while they are "hard core on water, every day in the Juniors, after a good day or a bad day, we play a good game of volleyball."

"The people are so much fun. If someone says 'Lightning,' they're one of your own."

"It's a long regatta," she says. "Bonding with people — that's the best."

"IT'S A VERY RESPECTED CLASS"

"They say that three's a crowd," says Geoffrey Pictor. "But not really — Lightnings are fun because it's a three-crew."

A tenth grader in East Aurora, New York, Geoff became involved with Lightnings indirectly from big boat sailing. He'd been doing some big boat sailing with his friend, Bergen Ackerman, who also owned a Lightning. Bergen asked Geoff to join him in a couple of Lightning regattas and that eventually led to the NAs.

"At least it isn't like 20 people, and solo sailing can get a little lonely so, if you have three people that's pretty good for conversation and it gives more of a team atmosphere to the sport," says Geoff.

Their team had done some Tuesday and Thursday night racing but Geoff was philosophical about their preparation. "A lot of teams were really competitive and a lot of those teams were really out to win," he says. "Our team was just getting started in Lightning sailing. We were just out to have a fun time and we didn't want to come in last place. We did our best and we were as competitive as we could be with the old boat that we had."

Hull number 11117 may have been the oldest boat in the Juniors. It could claim superlatives: the only boat with wood splash rails; the heaviest boat? (80 pounds overweight); the lightest crew? (340 pounds total).

At check-in the sailors were greeted by, "I know this boat," as old-timers recognized the rounded seats and customized work of former owner Paul Neiderlander — "a great fabricator," says Geoff. Sails and backup equipment came from Tommy Allen.

"It's a very popular class. It's a very respected class," says Geoff, adding, not incidentally, "my dad sails Lightnings so he can be our coach a lot."



My Lightning Experience-A club sailing experience

- Robert Grey Hoffman - age 12

As I began my summer 2004 I thought it would be like most of my summers, sailing 420's and Opti's at sail school and doing a good amount of racing. It did not turn out that way. Half way through the first week of summer I was told that a friend and I were invited to sail and race on Mr. Jones's Lightning. It was more fun than I expected. We sailed twice a week and raced once a week.

I learn the most when we practiced Tuesday and Thursday mornings: tactics, mark rounding, boat speed, sailing to windward, flying the spinnaker, sails, rigging, stats, history and math.

Then we raced on Sunday afternoons. There were usually three boats. We had wind almost every race and it was usually sunny. I was allowed to skipper some of the races. My upwind sailing skills improved greatly as well as my spinnaker skills.

The people I raced with and against were very nice and accepting. I was treated as an equal not a child. They were all willing to teach me and help me. I liked the way that everybody helped everybody whether it was rigging, launching, de-rigging or dealing with marks.

My experience with Fleet 225 meant a lot to me. I always looked forward to the days we went sailing because I knew I would have fun and learn a lot. I had fun every Lightning sailing day.

I think that my Lightning experience will help me for many years to come. It will help me because it has opened doors to new opportunities with sailing and racing.

LIGHTNING-a boat to grow with

Tom King - age 15

Six years ago, I was nine and I had no idea how to sail. That's when my dad bought his first boat, a J/24. The first time we went out, it was really windy. My mom was freaked out, but my brother and I were having an awesome time. Over the course of the next few years, we enhanced our skills in sail school and from trial and error. I started to race 420s and enjoyed it a lot.

Two years ago, I started sailing with Lightning Fleet 225. The head instructor had a Lightning and I started there. We raced in a few club races on Sundays and I really enjoyed how the Lightning handled in all wind and how it was more or less easy to learn the controls of all positions. There I learned how to fly a spinnaker and competitively skipper.

This past year I crewed with a few people in Fleet 225 and went to a couple Lightning Regattas and

had a great time. In the future, now that I am almost sixteen, I plan on buying a Lightning and joining Fleet 225. This will help to improve my competitiveness, and since Lightnings are the best boat I have sailed thus far, I am going in the direction of sailing a Lightning for a long time into the future.



A Full Circle of Family, Friends and Fun:

Among other things, my Dad always said, "What comes around goes around."

This summer I had the pleasure of living that statement.

Back in 1980, 24 years ago, I watched Ian Jones, Kevin Robinson and Jody Lutz win the Lightning Youth Worlds at the Buffalo Canoe Club. It was there I decided I also wanted to win that title. The next few years both Ian Jones and Larry MacDonald pitched in many hours of their time to help me become a better Lightning sailor. They made the sport of sailboat racing fun, probably one of the most important ingredients for success!

I went on to win the Youth Worlds in 1984 with a team of Joe Starck and Joe Donovan. This helped open the door to literally a world of opportunities and adventures in the sailing community. Over the last 20 years I spent endless hours taking on different one design classes, different venues and numerous challenges, but this summer proved to be very special, bringing me back to where I started: the lightning class at the BCC.

However, I would be remiss if I didn't credit my original Lightning and sailing roots. My Mom, Jean, was the proud owner of Lightning 276 and my Dad, Jack, was the loud owner of lightning 749. I fondly remember Mom taking all three Swanson kids sunfish sailing up the Niagara River for ice cream or a picnic. We were young enough that all three of us fit in the bottom of the cockpit. Mom has watched an unprecedented number of sailboat races in all kinds of conditions and countries: the elements are just a challenge, not a deterrent for her. I am always comforted knowing Mom is out there cheering for us!

My Father, a man who always wore a tie when racing on Sundays, was a bit more formal with his instruction. He waited until Mom taught us how to sail, then he stepped in with the racing perspective. He was a great sport to bring us along as crew or crew for us when the occasion was right. I still clearly remember the first Lightning race I skippered. I must have been about 10 or 11 and I hit the ground tackle of the first mark as we rounded it in last place. Dad explained what we had to do to exonerate ourselves, to which, I commented, "But Dad no one will ever know we hit it." Well, his lecture came through very clearly; integrity, sportsmanship and fair sailing, are and will always be, the foundation of this great sport. From there we moved on to using forks and knives in many great tactical discussions at the dinner table.

I also had the great fortune of sailing with my sister Jill and

my brother John. They were very gracious to tolerate my nonsense and also put me in my place when I was out of line. We had loads of laughs and many fond memories racing together. I can honestly say, without my families support (Mom – the worlds best support team, Dad – giving appropriate direction and making it possible, Jill – unparalleled moral support and smiles when needed the most, John – holding the fort down at work, so I have the ability to continue racing) pursuing my passion would not have been possible. I am very grateful to my family, as well as all my friends who took an interest in my sailing throughout the years!

After many years of traveling the world to compete at a top level, I decided it was time to come home and give back to the class that has been so gracious to me. So this summer, for the first time in my Lightning career I sailed the Women's North Americans. I can't claim the idea as my own, Larry MacDonald sailing with his kids was the inspiration. So, following Larry's lead I looked around for 2 enthusiastic junior sailors to be my team.

I didn't have to look very far to find Joe and David Starck's niece, Maddie Waldron (13) and Ian Jones daughter Lauren (11). And keeping it all in the Lightning family for the NA's, I was extremely lucky to be asked to skipper for Maddie's Uncle Tom Starck and Ernie Dieball's older brother Skip. Some may view this as an extremely small entangled world. I on the other hand, think of it as a privilege; one I would not want to trade for anything!

I tip my hat to Maddie and Lauren for an extremely memorable Women's regatta!

From the top of the mast
to the stern of the boat
Jody was always keepin' us afloat!

When there was wind in her hair
or even light air
Jody would always be there.

So thanks Jody
for all that you've done
it was really lots of fun!

What could be more rewarding than to receive that poem as a thank you from your team after winning the Women's NA's? Sailing with a team of juniors was one of the more exciting adventures I have been on in recent years. Maddie and Lauren proved to be an outstanding team.



but more importantly, they brought enthusiasm, excitement and a refreshing outlook to the boat every day.

Going from 1st to 6th was exciting, sailing in the rain was fun and hiking hard was a challenge to see who could get more of their ponytail wet. But what was most impressive was how they functioned as a team, each looking out for the other, so nothing was left undone. As a great team always does, they made the skipper look good!

After finishing up the Women's NA's, I thought Tommy and Skip had big shoes to fill. It would be tough to top my experience from the Women's regatta. However, with the breeze kicking up above the forecast the first qualifying day, chances were good our team had the possibility to shine. Skip and Tommy really did shine! They were so good they even made me shine!

Of course I am bias, but I truly think "Chipper" and "Tugger" are a force to be reckoned with! Fortunately, I can brag about them without worrying too much about them being drafted by someone else. You see, I am one of the few lucky ones small enough to sail as part of their team. It was a true privilege joining them!

I can't think of anything they can't tackle as a team. Whether it is on or off the water, they get it done leaving only smiles and laughs in their wake. Throw them 0 - 35 knots, changing a tire on a freeway in the dead of night, drinking a few cold ale's, gybing in 25 knot and big waves with little warning. Tim Horton's at 7 AM. fixing / tuning/ rigging the boat . . . you name it, they successfully accomplish it, always as a team!

So, reflecting back on the NA's, I think not of the races and results, but mostly of the reward and gratitude from the experience of coming full circle to the place (BCC) and class (Lightning) where the journey began. Of all the places I have raced and events I have participated, sailing with and against my family and friends is truly the top honor!

The 2004 NA's proved to be an eye opening experience for me, one I will not soon forget. The experience left me wondering, who else would be lucky enough to embrace the Lightning Class in their circle and benefit from the door it opens to the world?



It Takes A Fleet To Raise a Sailor

By: Ash Scache, 11178, Fleet 16

My paternal grandfather and I have always been close. We share a name, a hobby, and a friendship. He has been a sailor since the early 70s and instilled on me from a young age a working knowledge of how to sail a boat. This being said, he was never a racer. He crewed on a Lightning for two years until his knees forced him to stop.

He and I sailed his O'Day Mariner together every summer, and spent countless hours on Lake Wallenpaupack enjoying the wind, the weather and each other. When I was nine, he saw a need to get me a boat that I could sail on my own. He found Sunfish for a reasonable price, and, not knowing anything about what makes a good racing boat, bought it. I sailed it for a few years, off and on, not really being comfortable with handling the boat alone. This changed when I started crewing on Heinz Kornmann's lightning in 1997. With Heinz and I on the boat was veteran Cathy Schneider, who took me under her wing, and expanded on the knowledge I had and taught me how to not only be a able sailor, but to be a fast sailor, as well. She and I would go out on the lake in our Sunfish, pick a given point on the lake, and race to it. She always beat me. But I learned how to sail well, and the next year, in our newly reactivated (and now deactivated) Sunfish fleet, I won the club championship. The next week after I was awarded the trophy, Cathy and Sandi Scull, a fellow sailor in the Lightning fleet, took me to see an old friend of theirs, Joe Shatt.

I knew what lines the visit would follow, so I was not surprised when I saw, in the back corner of his yard, an old Lightning. He showed it to me, illustrated all the work that I would need to do on it, and told me his price. I, of course, being only 14 at the time, had to go through my parents, and after much pleading with them (who are both non-sailors), they agreed to be a silent purchase partner in the boat. I would have to pay for the boats rigging and for the materials to repair the rotten wood-cored fiberglass ribs which spanned the boat. Remember my grandfather from above? With both of us sick as dogs, the last week of June was spent inside the stripped cockpit of a lightning, doing fiberglass work. I did so, and the next summer, two weeks after my grandmother died, I set sail aboard Haulin Ash. I owned my own Lightning before I could drive a car.

The next year was unremarkable. I came, I sailed, I finished last. End of story. However, the one thing that annoyed the heck out of my fellow fleet members was a complex lifting system that Joe Shatt had designed to take the strain off the chainplates. Well, I had used it, but for the end of the season, Cathy bought me a real lifting bridle. It was trouble from the beginning of the next season. First it pulled out the rear attachment point, and I spent two weeks doing my oft-practiced skill of fiberglass repair. It worked- Once. The boat made it into the water....but not out on the hoist. With the boat

up on the dolly ready to be lifted onto the trailer, the starboard chainplate pulled out. That was the end of 11363, but I didn't know it yet.

The next spring, I had everything set up to do the repairs to that boat when a ad in Flashes caught my eye. Tank Allen Lightning- free to good owner, Unrigged. Trailer- \$300 Location: CT. I saw this and I thought 'what the heck, I'll give him a call'. Two weeks later, I had purchased the trailer and 'liberated' the boat from the backyard of Edson White. I rigged it that summer, and attempted, albeit SLOWLY, to sail this boat, which had been defiled with a coat of VC-Tar. I made it through the year, with my saving grace being the fact that I knew that I had rigged this boat exactly the way I wanted it. That winter, in addition to applying to and being accepted at DeSales University, I hatched a plan to sand off all of the VC-Tar, fix a small crack in the keelson, and give the boat a new color- blue. I figured I'd lose as much weight as I'd put on, so it wouldn't be a big deal. And it wasn't. After spending my post-senior prom weekend lying underneath of the boat with a \$15 orbital sander, my fleet members helped me flip the boat, and I applied two coats of EZ-Poxy. The next we flipped the boat back, and stepped the mast. I did a lot more rigging, but the boat was ready to go. And it has never been faster.

This last summer, I had the privilege of having many people crew on my boat. Most skippers would think that a bad thing, but I disagree. At 18 years old, sailing in a fleet full of 40, 50, and 60 somethings, it is wonderful to be able to share what you love with your friends, and in the case of this summer, my girlfriend, as well. You know what else? Maybe its just my own improvement over all these years, but I didn't do all that bad. I still finished last for the year, but I missed a lot, with other commitments. But I beat some people, and even did better than finishing second to last, and, for the first time ever, skippered a Lightning with a spinnaker flying.

In closing, I want to thanks, from the bottom of my heart the following people, who all deserve MEDALS for having put up with me and stewarded me through the years. Cathy Schneider, who really has been my 'boat mom', has been nothing but a great force in my life. She gave me a place to keep the boat, an occasional place to stay, and, from time to time, good words and good crewing. Thanks Cathy. (Aunt) Sandi Scull has been my technical expertise, and also a wonderful help not only through sailing, but in life, as well. Thanks to Heinz, for giving me my start in the Lightning. Thanks to Brian Williams, George Madel, John Rowley, John Weiss, Stan Moldawsky, Deni Morgan, Bob Schmidt, Ken Didion, and anyone who has tried, no matter how small, to make me a better sailor and person. And thanks to my parents and grandparents for putting up with this 'Dumb ASH idea'.



FAIR PLAY - LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Dave ROSEKRANS, President of US SAILING, speaks on the promotion of proper ethical behaviour amongst the future of our sport, our junior sailors.

I wanted to take this opportunity to mention a great tool that any organization can create to promote proper ethical behaviour amongst the future of our sport, our junior sailors. US Sailing, the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound, and Larchmont Yacht Club have developed a poster on ethics guidelines. The poster can be displayed at any sailing event, whether it's a sailing class or a race. The text was developed by the junior sailors themselves and it is included below (please feel free to copy). I highly encourage other youth sailing programs to take on a similar project of developing sportsmanship/ethics guidelines:

Respected Sailors Always:

1. Know and abide by the Racing Rules. They promptly:
 - Take a penalty or retire when they know they broke a rule, or
 - File a protest when appropriate.

2. Obey event regulations, on and off the water, including housing rules.

3. Are organized, prepared and responsible for their own equipment.

4. Show respect to fellow sailors and those helping to run regattas and programs.

Respected Sailors Never:

1. Swear at, intimidate or harass anyone, including teammates, on or off the water.

2. Steal or borrow, without permission, anything that does not belong to them.

3. Break laws related to alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs."

Paul ELVSTROM (Four-time Olympic gold medalist), commented: "You haven't won the race if, in winning the race, you have lost the respect of your competitors."

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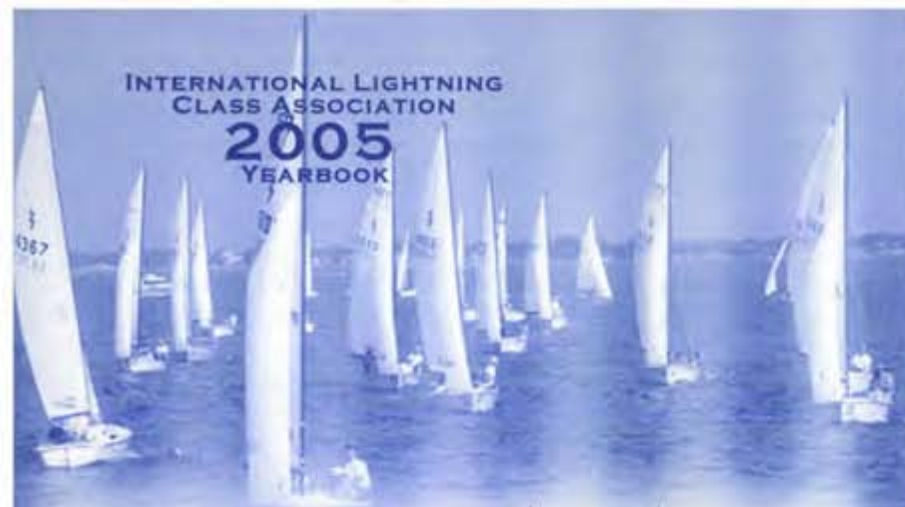
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Day #1 – Wednesday, September 22, 2004: – After a disappointing lack of wind, which prevented a practice race on Tuesday, the weather opened up to a brilliantly blue clear sky, with winds from the NNW from 5 - 8 mph. The Race Committee of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, a two-time winner of the St Petersburg Trophy for excellence in race management, ran three races today. They set a windward leg of about a mile for the twice around Windward/Leeward course. For the first leg of the first race the ebbing tide favored the left side, but this was reversed to change this situation for the rest of the day. The third race was shortened due to a dying wind.

The 2003 winner, Zach Fanberg (New Orleans, LA), with crew Dave Blouin, Kippy Chamberlain, makes an opening bid in pursuit of Buddy Melges record, who had three consecutive wins from 1959 to 1961. Bill Fastiggi (Winooski, VT), with crew Suzy Colburn and Don Brush, and Jim Allen (Walled Lake, MI), with crew Tom Allen and Jody Swanson, are close on his heels.

Day #2 – Thursday, September 23, 2004: – The second day of racing for the US Men's Sailing Championship was cloudless, and crystal clear. The air, from 8-14 knots from the NNW, built moderately, and then subsided again to its early strength. It was moderately shifty, requiring some movements of the marks. The light chop characteristic of these waters was present.

The fleet was consistent and well matched. They were aggressive at the start, and the flooding tide, which came in during the second and third races of the day, generated a number of general recalls.

However, no penalties resulted.

There were not many position changes this day. The leaders generally picked up a boat or two if they started late. The whole fleet finished five 1.1 mile legs within two or three minutes of each other. Zach Fanberg (New Orleans, LA), with crew Dave Blouin and Kippy Chamberlain, remains in first. Jim Allen (Walled Lake, MI), with crew Tom Allen and Jody Swanson, moved into second and Bill Fastiggi (Winooski, VT), with crew Suzy Colburn and Don Brush, dropped to third.



Day #3 – Friday, September 24, 2004: – The beautiful weather that has blessed the 2004 US Men's Sailing Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Cup continued for the two races sailed today. The air varied from 8 to a high of 10. There was a slow shift from a northerly towards ESE, with little backs to



make playing the shifts profitable. One example; one competitor was trapped behind the committee boat at the start of the second race, and ended up in third place at the finish. The fleet is evenly matched. On the first downwind leg of the first race, six or seven boats were within one boat length at the gate.

Zack Fanberg (New Orleans, LA) continues in first

place overall, and with a nine point lead over the second place David Peck (Old Lyme, CT), appears to be uncatchable. Places shifted markedly today, with Peck moving from fourth into second, Bill Fastiggi (Winooski, VT) dropping to fifth from third, and Jim Allen (Walled Lake, MI) down to third from second.



The final race, to be sailed tomorrow, promises more of the same weather to round out a beautifully showcased event.

Day #4 -- Saturday, September 25, 2004: -- Saturday was the last day of the US Men's Sailing Championship. The whole week the weather was beautifully suited for this event, except, of course, for the lack of air on Tuesday for the practice race. Eight races had been run in an evenly matched fleet from Wednesday through Friday. On Saturday a final race would complete the round robin, and the Championship would be decided.

This last morning brought no air; a weak NW system opposed a seabreeze from the ESE, with one race to go. This promised to be an exciting race, even though Zack Fanberg, of Bay Waveland YC, with a nine-point lead, was almost certain to remain in first place. There were five points separating second place David Peck, of Niantic Bay YC, and Bill Fastiggi, of Mallets Bay BC, in fifth place. Jim Allen, of Buffalo Canoe Club, was one down from Peck, Mitch Hnatt, of Metedeconk River YC was two points down from Allen, two points ahead of fifth place Fastiggi. With this potential for change, all were determined to get a race started before the two PM deadline. And so it happened; the breeze filled in, and the series was finished well before the



deadline. Zack Fanberg finished in first place, giving him overall first and a fourteen point lead for the Championship. Jim Allen overtook David Peck for second place overall, and Bill Fastiggi edged out Mitch Hnatt for fourth.

Zack Fanberg's crew are both skippers, and distinguished ones at that, Dave is the Sloop National Champion, and Kippy has been All American crew



twice, while Zack was Honorable Mention All American. When asked how three such individuals worked in harmony, they replied that they have been in competition with each other, and sailing together, all their lives. All sailed together at the same college, and they credit the intensive exposure to sailing in college competition to their edge.

Their primary class at home is the Flying Scot, and all three had high praise for the Lightning sailors for their openness at the Rolex Clinic in showing those from other classes many little tricks and tips to get the Lightning going. They stated that they found very little difference between the boats in this event. Dave thanked their hosts, and all echoed his remark



that he has never been better taken care of.

Officials and competitors had nothing but praise for the entire event. Coming in for special mention was the fine work of the Little Egg Harbor Race Committee. The courses were all well set, the lines square, and the races were all fair, even the shortened race on Wednesday. There were no RC errors, and not one bad race. The Race Committee was on top of every wind shift, there was no excitement or shouting, orders were given calmly and were carried out precisely and quickly. Several competitors commented on the precision and professionalism of the nine-boat changes that were carried out between each race.

Social events were well attended and most appreciated. There was an ice-breaker Tuesday evening at Little Egg Harbor YC, a sit-down dinner at Surf City YC on Wednesday, a buffet dinner at Barnegat Light YC on Friday, and a sit-down dinner and awards ceremony at Spray Beach YC on Saturday. Every evening except the last the Yellow Jersey was presented to the boat, which had the day's best score (shades of the Tour de France!)

On a sad note, Jack Elfman, a distinguished Light-





MALLORY CUP 2004



ning sailor from Surf City Yacht Club and Past Commodore of the host Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association, passed away suddenly the Saturday evening immediately prior to the event. It had been his dream to have the LBIYRA host the US Men's Sailing Championship in Lightnings, and he was working very hard to bring it about up to the moment of his demise.

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On Friday morning the Chief Judge, Burton Howell, of Savannah, GA, had to be taken to the hospital. He is now on the mend. Senior Judge Robert Bodman took over as Chief.

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ARGENTINA

District Vice President.....Hector Longarela

Fleets:

206 Club Nautico Olivos; 446 Club Universitario de Buenos Aires

BRAZIL

Vice President.....John Bennett
District Commodore.....Torsten Bojlesen
District Secretary.....Hans J Ludwig
National Champion.....Mario Buckup

Fleets:

147 Sao Paulo; 351 Flotilha de Lightnings de Niteroi;
401 Guanabara; 462 Guarapiranga Lake



"Today is February 25th, and the first teams will arrive from Greece in another 12 hours. 43 people are arriving for the Junior Worlds. 15 teams and lots of coaches & guests.

Results will be posted daily on our internet site, so by the time you read this on March 18th, we shall already have a winner.

Lars Graef as Secretary of Sports for the State of São Paulo is our main sponsor.

6 Yacht Clubs that have Lightnings have helped to prepare what we hope will be a great push towards the future of our class in Brazil. We can already see the new

Lightning sailors coming up from the juniors, winning many state regattas. We believe that these young ones and the "woodies" regattas are the way to get more people on the water.

Our challenge now is to work as hard as we can with publicity over the event to assist in our push to have the Lightning Class participate in the Panam games. Then on to the Olympic Class, which is really what determines both."

These words were sent to ILCA a week before the Junior Worlds in Brazil. Today we have fine memories of that event, and are

using all the experience we obtained to promote the South American Championships in Brazil.

The 2004 LYWC started on February 29th with a regatta held among many of the best Brazilian sailors and guests from around the world. Mario Buckup once again dominated this race in which I had the pleasure of sailing with Alejandro Cloos from Ecuador, who took control of the boat and helped us to an honorable 3rd place, after nearly capsizing Claudio Bieckark's famous Flash Rider (phew!)

After the opening ceremony (see photos) and the practice race, John Atkins and I went on board the support boat and followed all the races, and watched the superb sailing Tommy Sumner and team (first overall) and Marcelo Belotti (2nd only one point behind) and team performed in all of the boats they used. This was especially pleasing because we saw that no matter in which of the boats (rotated) their teams used, they were finishing up front. We would see many boats starting off well, only to chose the wrong side of the wind shift and fall behind. Guarapiranga Lake is known for its wind shifts. At the end of the week these were the final results (see attached file)

The key points we must work on to have more young sailors in the Lightning Class is to have our Class compete internationally with sponsors, and if possible be elected to an Olympic and Panamerican Class boat.

The 2nd is a difficult task and we may have to wait until these games are held in the USA to have enough clout to push the decision thru, but the first is one that we do have the capability of realizing.

Sponsors are out there. It just takes a bit of our time, planning and use of all those personal contacts we carry. Our 2004 South American Championship is an example.

Check out the banner :

Fund raising for juniors to compete around the world is my recommendation of what we must do. We can start by holding International team championships, International Club Championships and force at least one team to be made up of juniors.

The World Championships should have junior teams around, sponsored and learning. Chile would be a great place to take some junior teams. Add an additional quota to each country for a Junior team.

2004 continued for Brazil with the qualifying races for the South American Championship. 17 boats competed and several familiar names qualified.

Mario Buckup once again came out on top, with George Rider right on his heels, and Tommy Sumner in third, winning a race, proves that they will fight with all the seniors as well. We even had the return of Claudio Bleck-ark, after a successful Olympic gold medal obtained by his coaching of Robert Scheidt.

2005 will see us implementing a Ranking system to define the team for the Chile World Championships. I hope to see you all there. Brazil is planning a truck load of teams .

John Bennett





CALIFORNIA

District Commodore.....Jeff Coppens
District Secretary.....Elissa Hall
District Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Fleets:

194 Mission Bay; 372 San Francisco Bay



CENTRAL ATLANTIC

Vice Commodore.....Jim Carson
Secretary.....Stephanie Ruiters
Treasurer.....Keith Taboada
District Champion.....Allan Terhune
Runner-Up Mitch Hnatt

Fleets:

26 Little Egg Harbor; 34 Metedeconk River;
99 Great Egg Harbor; 104 Lavallette Yacht Club;
173 Brant Beach Yacht Club; 196 Surf City; 228 Riverton;
335 Barnagat Light Yacht Club; 430 Ocean City Yacht Club;
491 Lake Nockamixon

It was a successful season for the Central Atlantic District again this year!

Participation in the Southern Circuit was up this year for our district with five boats qualifying. Allan Terhune finished fourth, Bill Mergenthaler eleventh, Jim Carson thirteenth, George Francis twenty-first, and George Glenn (aka That Famous Mr. Pinky Gang) in twenty-fourth.

Lavallette Yacht Club was gracious enough to host not only the States, but the Districts as well. The States were cold and windy, with great rides and a lot of tired bodies at the end of the day. Mitch Hnatt won, followed by George Francis and Matt Reiser tying and finishing

respectively.

Our District Championship was well attended with twenty-one boats in total. Mitch Hnatt and Allan Terhune tied for the Championship, Allan won the tiebreaker with four firsts and Jody Lutz finished third.

The Atlantic Coast Championship was held by Toms River Yacht Club in overcast, windy conditions, with a total of 52 boats arriving from the area and out of town. Allan Terhune with wife, Katie, and crew member, Jody Kohut, sailed to win with a strong lead. Brian Taboada followed in second place, with new district member, Will Demand, following in third.

The North American Masters resulted in two boats from the District, Jack Elfman and Jim Carson. Jack finished tenth and Jim eighteenth. Matty Schon attended the Junior North Americans, resulting in an eighth place finish. The Women's Championship saw Corney O'Connor make a strong showing finishing in fifth.

The North American Championship saw heavy breeze and enormous waves (along with a now seemingly legendary birthday party for John Faus). Weather resulted in tough racing conditions and in some unfortunate cases, a significant amount of damage. Allan Terhune finished eighth in the Blue Fleet, followed by Jody Lutz in fourteenth, Peter Denton, Bill Bogardus, and John Faus finished within the top ten of the Green Fleet, eighth, ninth, and tenth respectively. Steve Warren finished eighteenth and Jack Elfman twenty-fourth. Jim Carson finished as Runner-Up in Yellow Fleet, followed by Dick Moyer in fourth, George Francis in seventh, and George Glenn in nineteenth.

The U.S. Men's Championship, The Mallory Cup, was hosted by Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association in Lightnings. A total of nine races were completed, resulting in Zack Fanberg from New Orleans winning. Competitors from the District made a good showing with Mitch Hnatt finishing in fifth, followed by Tim Robinson in sixth and Steve Warren in ninth. Local yacht clubs held a beautifully run regatta, encouraging competitive racing and camaraderie.

On a sad note, the Central Atlantic District was devastated by the passing of two of the Class's most generous contributors, Mary Huntsman and Jack Elfman both passed away this year, leaving us with voids that cannot be filled. Both were steadfast supporters of the Class and were dear friends to many. I strongly encourage District members to remember them and live by their example by continuing to contribute your time and energy to helping grow the Class. They will both be missed.

Let's endeavor to make 2005 another successful and exciting year!



CENTRAL CANADA

District Commodore.....Ross Bailey
 District Secretary.....Tina Kankaanpaa-Walsh
 District Champion.....Richard Walsh

Fleets:

277 Clearwater Bay; 279 Temple Reef Sailing Club

Dryden had 11 Lightnings on the line, and boy, what a regatta. On top of the live band, fabulous steaks, great race committee, and wonderful hosts, the racing was awesome. There were never more than a couple of minutes between the finishes of the first and last places. Most finishes had groups of 2 or 3 boats overlapped as they crossed the line and this was just the end of close quarters all around the course. The Race Committee Chairman, Chris Wells has a J 41 and was green with envy. Chris is now hunting for a Lightning. Through it all, Richard Walsh was able to edge out in front and then hold on. Richard won 6 of the 7 races with only Ross Bailey able to sneak past him once. Maybe the best part of the regatta was to have Mike Couture from Winnipeg at the regatta, and then for him to finish 2nd. This was after very little sailing for several years, so we are all a little worried that Mike might decide to attend on a more regular basis. Congrats Mike.

Lightnings have participated in mixed regattas right across our District this year. Pelican Lake, Falcon Lake, Lake Wabagoon, Clearwater Bay on Lake-of-the-Woods, Gimli on Lake Winnipeg, Loon Lake, Sandstone Lake, and Lake Superior all have hosted regattas, with Lightnings sailing in each. They have been received very well in every location with many marveling at how well the Lightnings sail, and how modern they look. Usually Lightnings have sailed most everywhere at some point in the past, so it is quite pleasant to show off a modern Lightning to those sailing in these regattas. Most of the participants in these mixed fleets are quite young and there is great hope that the Lightning will be the boat of choice as they outgrow these youth oriented boats.

Another exciting development is a new fleet of 5 Lightnings in Calgary, Alberta. Now this is a long way away, even for Canadians, but we are going to see if we can meet up somehow in the summer, 2005. But that will be the least of the fun we are all looking forward to next year. Dinghy sailing is growing in our area and we look forward to new faces in Lightnings and more great sailing.

CENTRAL NEW YORK

District Commodore.....Clay Murphy
 District Secretary.....Jillian Erika Stokes
 District Measurer.....Ed Seyerlein
 Assistant Measurer.....John Atkins
 District Champion.....John Boxberger
 District Runner-Up.....Bob Wardwell

Fleets:

1 Skaneateles Country Club; 4 Lake Della; 10 Onondaga Lake;
 77 Newport Yacht Club; 108 Great Sodus Bay;
 164 Willow Bank Yacht Club; 225 Henderson Harbor;
 252 Keuka Lake; 338 Galway Lake; 484 Ithaca

Richard Walsh has shown us all how to sail this summer, with his great crew (and wife) Tina, and several excellent sailors who have joined as his third crew. Not only are they quick off the line, they have excellent boat speed, and once ahead, it is the very devil catching them. That, however, is not to say that we are not close. In fact, we have had some great racing with everyone mixing it up wonderfully and very close finishes by the whole fleet.

Our District Championships are decided over two regattas. The first this year was at Loon Lake, about 25 miles east of Thunder Bay, and the second on Lake Wabagoon, at Dryden, Ontario, half way between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg. This is to encourage Lightning sailors from the Winnipeg, Manitoba area to make the trip and finally, after several years of no shows, we were very happy to see Mike Couture and Charlie Burns in a Lightning at Dryden.

Loon Lake is always an extremely exciting regatta with shifts galore and any variety of wind strengths. In this case, although Richard sailed very well, Steve Wells from Dryden sailed even smarter and won the first half of the Districts. Steve has been close several times and it was great to see his huge grin as he received the hardware. Steve's secret is never to wear a shirt at any point during the regatta. We used to think that it was just in case he tipped, he'd have dry clothes on shore, but now we know that he's just so excited that it's the only way he can keep cool. Well, obviously it works.

The Central New York District was very active this sailing season. In addition to our 3 two day regattas, the district held 7 one day regattas. The competition remained fierce throughout the summer.

Sodus - One Day - Sailing in the district began with a one day regatta in Sodus. 9 boats arrived to find fog and rain. 5 races were held in light wind. After the races, after everyone dried off, a great hamburger and hotdog barbecue was held. Bob Wardwell won the regatta.

Champagne Bash - One Day - Keuka - 18 boats sailed the Champagne Bash. Keuka provided good wind and fair weather (the storm stayed away). Jed Dodge won the regatta.

Cazenovia - Two-Day - High winds greeted 18 sailors for the annual 2-day regatta. After lunch on the first day, the races were abandoned. 2 skippers, practicing for the NA's, grabbed their crew and braved the high winds. The sailors woke to lighter air on Sunday (still gusting to 15 knots) and were able to complete 3 races. Jed Dodge edged out Dick Hallagan to win the regatta.

Henderson Harbor - One Day - On a bright sunny day in July 10 boats competed in Henderson Harbor. Several crew members were lost overboard (they were all rescued). One young lady went overboard half way down the downwind leg and was dragged the rest of the leg before she could be pulled back in! Jed Dodge won the regatta.

Centrals at Skaneateles - Two Day - Light air and more light air greeted the 13 boats. At one point, a canoe paddling by was going faster than the boats. During one of the races, Landy managed to sneak over to wind and took off (he was still going slowly but far faster than the rest of the drifting fleet - the looks on several of the other skippers were priceless). The wind started to fill in and if the course had been a bit longer, Clay might have managed to catch up, but Landy held on to win the race. During the evening, after a great dinner, the sailors gathered around a camp fire to hang out. Dick Hallagan won the regatta.

CNY Districts - Newport Yacht Club - Two Day - Sailing on Lake Ontario in light and shifty winds proved challenging for the 19 boats that competed this year. Due to a storm warning, Sunday sailing was held in the bay. That call proved correct when right before the last race of the day, the storm arrived. John Boxberger won the regatta.

Onondaga - One Day - The storm that followed the races overshadowed the sailing fun. On a boiling hot day with slight wind, 9 sailors braved the conditions to race. The last race was abandoned so that the sailors could make it to the safety of the clubhouse before the storm reached. Everyone made it safely however, several boats were

blown from their trailers and Landy's boat was blown off its trailer thrown about 20 feet and dumped into the harbor - where it flipped, snapped its mast and drove the remainder of the mast into the mud. Rescue occurred about 30 minutes later once the storm had passed. Dick Hallagan won the regatta.

Skaneateles - One Day - 12 sailors braved a drifter. After the races ended, Mickey's homebrew was a welcome sight. Once again, Dick Hallagan won the regatta.

Cazenovia - One Day - In addition to the annual great chili cookoff, 18 boats raced in light and shifty conditions. A highlight of the day for me was my skipper, Landy, in a borrowed boat (due to the damage from Onondaga), port tacking the entire fleet and winning the 3rd race. Billy Healy won the regatta in another borrowed boat.

Ithaca Frostbite - What a great way to end our sailing season. High winds (which left no person or part of the boat dry) greeted 12 boats. Due to the high winds, several boats retired after the 1st race. Those that finished the races were relieved to get back to the dock and hoist out the boat. Bob Wardwell won the regatta.

Many thanks to all of the skippers and crews who attended the regattas and made the CNY District both a competitive and friendly district. Complete results from all the Regattas along with other District news and next year's schedule, when available, can be found at www.cnylightnings.org.

Jillian Erika Stokes
CNY District Secretary

CHILE

Vice President.....Tito Gonzalez
District Commodore.....Fernando Gallyas

Fleets:
318 Algarrobo Yacht Club; 342 Higueraillas; 490 Aculeo Lake

COLOMBIA

Vice President.....Mauricio Valenzuela
District Commodore.....Camilo Salcedo

Fleets:
73 Club Nautico Del Muna; 501 Club Nautico el Portillo



CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

District Commodore.....Neil Hayes
District Secretary.....Michael Gooch-Breault

Fleets:

6 Housatonic Boat Club; 85 Niantic Bay Yacht Club;
126 Cedar Point Yacht Club; 129 Madison Beach Club;
134 Noroton

DIXIE

District Commodore.....Jamie Brickell
District Secretary/Treasurer..Frank Gallagher
District Champion.....Greg Fisher
District Runner-Up.....Jamie Brickell

Fleets:

50 Washington DC; 192 Lower Susquehanna; 253 Susquehanna
Yacht Club; 314 Sassafas River; 325 Rehoboth Bay Sailing
Association; 329 Severn River; 496 Swift Creek; 508 Solomons;
509 Southern Chesapeake (nee Fishing Creek)



superb regatta and party to welcome the districts back after a long absence.... Thanks again...!

Commodore Jamie Brickell notes with great pride that the Dixie District had 10 participants in this year Southern Circuit plus the fact that we filled our quota for the NA's.

The 2004 Dixie District traveling trophy, the "Purnell Cup" was won by Jason Werner of the LOWER SUSQUEHANNA RIVER fleet. The runner-up was Nabeel Alsalam of the Washington, DC Fleet, and 3rd was Star Mikell of the UPPER SUSQUEHANNA RIVER fleet. Mathew Jay, also of the LOWER SUSQUEHANNA RIVER fleet, gets special mention for spending several hours in cold water after the SSA Frigid Digit regatta, rescuing the abandoned boat of a fellow competitor. Jason, Star, and Matt were the only district competitors to sail in 5 of the 6 "Purnell Cup" events. Looks like the SUSQUEHANNA RIVER guys truly are the traveling champions.

And now to the Highlights of 2004 in the Dixie District.....

Fleet 50 started buying a bunch of new boats in 2004....wanna know where your tax dollars are going.....!!!!

Fleet 192 hosted the Dixie District Championships with a modern record of 29 Lightnings attending...

Fleet 253 had 19 boats out for the Sweet Corn and started a Junior Sailing Day with 23 participants...now, that what we all need to do....congratulations....!!

Fleet 314 continues to be "Lost in Transition"

Fleet 329...Jamie Brickell is retired and traveling but takes time out from his busy schedule to show up at most regattas around the district. The fleet is most proud of the fact that they sent seven boats to the NA's in Buffalo this year.....that about says it all for the level of competition in Annapolis...

Fleet 325 ...our prayers are with Dave Racine after the loss of Kitty this year.

Fleet 496 continues to be in a coma...if anyone drives thru Richmond, make a lot of noise and wake them up.

Fleet 508people are getting married, buying new boats, and eating greasy Bowers tacos.....hey, I just report the news....

Fleet 509 only has a few boats, but hosted a very successful Hampton Lightning Fling Regatta on November 6-7.....temp in the 70's.....HMMMMMM. make a mental note for next year....

For more stories, go to the individual Fleet reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Neidermeyer



We lost three of our favorite Dixie District "old timers" to illness in 2004, but all three of them were still young. Mike Arnold and Frank Gentile were both former Fleet Champions from Washington D.C.'s Fleet 50 and long time fleet members. Mike was Fleet Captain and PRSA Commodore for several years. Kitty Racine lived to scream "RECALL" at us, I think, and ran more races than we can count for Fleet 329 at Rehoboth, DE. We will miss them all...but remember them well!

Greg Fisher took us to school at the Districts this year, with only Jamie Brickell and Steve Constants playing in the same ballpark. Fleet 192 of Havre de Grace, MD., ran a

ECUADOR

Vice President.....Carlos Lecaro
 District Commodore.....Juan Rafael Santos D
 District Secretary.....Juan Santos Garcés
 District Champion.....

Fleets:
 405 Salinas Yacht Club; 447 San Pablo

FINLAND

Vice President.....Antero Punttila
 District Commodore.....Sakari Pesola
 District Secretary/Treasurer.....Riitta Kangas
 District Champion.....
 Runner-Up.....

Fleets:
 166 Helsinki; 328 Jyväskylä; 456 Tuusulanjärvi;
 468 Valkeakoski

FLORIDA

District Commodore.....Bill Meyer
 District Secretary.....David White
 Vice Commodore Youth Development Mark.....Bryant
 District Measurer.....Steve Hayden
 District Champion.....Jeff Linton
 District Runner-Up.....Mark Bryant
 District Masters Champion.....Charlie Clifton

Fleets:
 226 Biscayne Bay; 476 Cedar; 461 North Florida; 502 Suncoast

What a year this has been for the Florida District, between fabulous sailing and dodging hurricanes we were not sure whether to stay in the Sunshine State or flee north. Let me think about it??? No, I think we are staying, anyway where would you go for winter sailing if not to beautiful sunny Florida.

The first regatta of the year is actually in December between Christmas and New Years. The Orange Bowl Regatta, sailed on Biscayne Bay in Miami, provides a great excuse to come south for fun and sun and get away from the cold, cold north during the holidays. If you have not had a chance to attend this regatta, you should make plans to join us next year. This year twenty boats made the starting line from as far away as Colorado. Greg Fisher took the honors while our own district's David Helmick nailed down second place beating out Paul Wurtzback and Jack Elfman who finished third and fourth respectively.

The Southern Circuit follows in March, beginning with the Deep South Regatta in Savannah. The Florida District was represented by Jeff Linton and Steve Hayden and their teams this year grabbing a fifth and seventh respectively. Then it's on to Miami for the Miami Lightning Midwinter Regatta where Florida was represented by Steve Hayden who placed third, Jeff Linton (8th), Mark Bryant (9th), Frank Atkinson, David Helmick, Bill Mauk, Stephen Horwitz, and David Kurtz. The Southern Circuit wraps up in St. Petersburg where Florida was represented by Colin Park (8th), Team Linton (13th), Steve Horwitz (16th), Bill Mauk, J. Hughes and Cameron Carlin. Jeff Linton and team placed eighth in the overall Circuit.

The Districts were held in Tampa at Davis Island Yacht Club in May. Trailing in third place after the first day, Jeff Linton and team staged a "come from behind clinic" on Sunday to take the honors over Mark Bryant and Bill Mauk in the final seventh race. Mark and Bill finished second and third respectively. I don't think Mark will let Jeff out of his sight again. A good time was had by all.

This year the Florida District sent a small but mighty contingency to the N.A.'s. Jeff Linton and crew Amy Smith Linton and Mark Taylor along with Bill Mauk and his crew J.P. del Solar and Phillip Norris sailed in the Championship fleet. Both teams qualified for the World Championships to be sailed in Vina del Mar, Chile in 2005. A special congratulations go out to David Helmick and crew Davy Helmick and Ashley Silberman who won the Presidents Cup.

The Sears Cup provided Florida with some very exciting news this year. Skipper Fred Strammer and crew Dalton Tebo and Charlotte Sims from Venice, Florida won the national event sailed in Lightnings. The Florida juniors had some high-octane support with Mark Bryant, Bill Mauk and Jeff Linton working with the juniors in their respective areas of Venice/Ft. Myers, Miami and Tampa. Fred and crew said that superior boat handling skills gave them the edge over the other competitors and a few weekends spent on the water at Davis Island Y.C. helped them tremendously. A hearty congratulations go out to these fine young sailors for their Sears Cup win. We hope to see a lot more of them on the water in Lightnings this coming year.

The Florida District hosts the Florida Triple Crown sailed during October and November each year. It is a three race series that begins with the Chris Young Memorial Regatta in Miami hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Center. This year Jeff Linton and team took the silver with Frank Atkinson and Bill Mauk close behind in second and third. As always, in Miami, the sailing is great and the after race party even better. Next, it's on to the Edison Sailing Center in Ft. Myers where Mark Bryant and his junior sailors put on a fabulous regatta. The after race dinner of steak and shrimp and the party at the Tiki Bar were a perfect end to a perfect day of racing. Again, Jeff Linton and team took the honors with Steve Davis, who flew in from Centennial CO, following in second. The final leg of the Triple Crown is held in Tampa at Davis Island Y.C. during the annual Thanksgiving Regatta. Once again, Jeff Linton and team won the regatta with Eamonn DeLisser edging out Pete Marriott for second. The final tally for the Florida Triple Crown placed Jeff Linton and team in first with Bill Mauk, Bill Johns, Stephen Horwitz and Bill Meyer finishing second through fifth.

So, make plans to join us next year, when the sailing season is winding down up north it's just getting started down here in warm sunny Florida.



GREECE

Vice President.....George Andreadis
 District Commodore.....Costas Limberakis
 District Secretary.....Andrew Sinopoulos
 District Champion.....
 Runner-Up.....

Fleets:

251 Yacht Club of Athens; 286 Parthenon

INDIANA

District Commodore.....Ken McGinity
 District Champion.....Craig Cobbum #14940
 District Runner-Up.....Debbie Probst #14678

Fleets:

154 Wawasee Yacht Club; 270 Silver Fox Squadron/Indianapolis Sailing Club

The 2004 sailing season hereabouts was unusually cool. For the first time ever, there were no days over 90 degrees. This led to more comfortable racing all summer. As in the past, we have three major regattas, the Indy Open on the first weekend in May, The Districts in June and the Hoosier in September.

At the Indy Open, 12 boats raced. Craig Cobbum Fleet 154 won with Brad Wagnon also from Fleet 154 as runner-up. We also had 12 boats compete in the Districts held in Indianapolis. Craig won again and became District Champion, with Debbie Probst Fleet 154 as runner-up.

This was a very special 50th anniversary Hoosier Regatta on October 2nd & 3rd this year. 20 boats participated in a five race series with the win going to the defending champion Sean Fidler. Regatta Chairman Jeff Schmahl enlisted his entire three generational sailing family along with a very large Wawasee Yacht Club committee to host the visiting crews, providing accommodations and serving two lunches and Saturday evening dinner & entertainment. Jeff personally plunged into the Lake to assist all the boats off & on to the lift. Quite a party with silver going to the top five.

As I review this enjoyable season, the performance of our District Champion and his crew stands out. Craig Cobbum with his crew Ron Lester & Rick Lemberg won the Indy Open, the Districts, the Fleet 154 Championship and placed 5th in the NA Presidents Cup and 5th at the Hoosier Regatta. So I asked Craig about his consistently top results. He singled out three factors:

1. Consistent crew - having at least one crew who always sails with him (Ron). If you sail with different crew frequently, the skipper gives too much attention to what's going on in the boat instead of outside on the course.

2. Mentoring - Craig crewed for John Nixon, one of the Fleet 154 founders from age 16 until John died two years ago. He is sailing what was John's boat now. Having an experienced racing sailor like Nixon take a personal interest in him, sharing his experience gave Craig a running start.

3. Family support - Craig is young & single yet couldn't devote so much time and expense to traveling and racing without the family behind him. How much more true is this for our married sailors.

We, in the Indiana District, congratulate Craig, Ron and Rick for a great season and we wish them more success and fun in the years ahead!

Ken McGinity
 District Commodore

ITALY

Vice-president.....Francesco De Regis
 District Commodore.....Carlo Jommi

Fleets:

312 Lega Navale Italiano Anzio; 449 Marsala; 453 Flotta Del Trasimeno; 466 Flotta Del Conero

LAKE ERIE

Commodore.....Billy Neal
 Secretary.....Larissa Cox
 Treasurer.....Anne Allen
 District Champion.....David Starck
 Runner-Up.....Larry MacDonald Jr

Fleets:

12 Buffalo Canoe Club; 19 Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club;
 47 Silver Lake Yacht Club; 115 Cuba Lake Yacht Club; 118 Flying Beaver; 146 Toronto Bay; 180 Conneault Lake Yacht Club

Buffalo mourns the loss of her most favored son, the super-freak of punk-funk, who died this past August with traces of no fewer than nine different narcotics in his system. We'll miss you, Rick! News of Super-freak's untimely demise came midway through an otherwise splendid North American Championship week at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

She finally won it! After winning just about every other championship in the class, Jody Swanson finally captured the North Americans at her home club. Congratulations, champ! The Canoe Club, led by Regatta Chairman David Starck, hosted another successful NA's this summer, thanks to an enormous crew of volunteers.

Racing activity at the fleet level consisted primarily of regattas at Silver Lake, Cuba Lake, and the BCC. The District Championship this year was hosted by the Silver Lake Yacht Club. "Uncle" Bob Starck, ably assisted by Calvin Herbert Schmiede administered 5 challenging but fair races. We really don't remember much about this regatta, but we must have had drifting conditions because we know we didn't dump. Dave Nasca put together put together a heck of a Tacos-N-Tequila party after Saturday's races and Billy Neal made some nice trophies for the winners on Sunday. David Starck, with cousin Brian Starck and Ian Jones, edged out Larry MacDonald for the championship. Gayle Eagan, crewing in her first regatta in decades, qualified her team for the North American's and is rumored to be sponsoring her skipper's upcoming trip to South America - way to go, Gayle!

At Cuba Lake, we actually sailed several races in a breezy west wind on Saturday. Dave Nasca sailed like a super-freak, carrying a small lead over Larissa Cox into Sunday. Brian Starck brought in rock star crew, Warren Emblidge, for Sunday's light air races and managed to move up from 6th to 7th place. Congratulations, Dave!

After spending much of the season as Tom Allen Sr.'s fifth wheel, Mark Grinder returned to the tiller of his own slippery ship at SLYC's Harvest Regatta. He made quite a spectacle on the racecourse, but apparently offended no one other than his own crew. CNY's Sertl family won the series, with the Swanson, Starck, Allen & Humphrey boats following. Emblidge won the "Fierce Competitor" award, while Grinder grabbed the "Country Squire" award. Brian Starck was the proud recipient of the "ship shape" award.

Thanks to everyone in the district for helping to make this a fantastic year.

LONG ISLAND

District Commodore.....George Koch
District Vice Commodore.....Malcolm Hendry
District Treasurer.....John Holzapfel
District Secretary.....Teresa Hendry
District Champion.....Amanda Clark
Runner-Up.....Malcolm Hendry

Fleets:

58 Hewlett Bay; 178 Great South Bay; 431 Southampton Yacht Club; 506 Orient Yacht Club

Our district has seen a small increase in boat population. Both Orient and Southampton had a new boat owner join the fleets. WELCOME!!

Sailing in the Long Island District is a great experience. You as a sailor almost always get to sail in a southerly breeze which is about 12 to 18 knots. The breeze comes in about 1:30 to 2:00 pm in the afternoon is usually steady which puts a premium on boat speed. Anyone who has not experienced this should come down to one of our fleets - you are always welcome. Just ask John Bauman - he has experienced our hospitality first hand, and is a welcome addition to our fleets if we can get him back from the Nyack fleet.

Our Districts were held at Orient this year. This was due to the hard work and efforts of our dist commodore, George Koch. George has been the driving force in the Orient fleet for many years, and has helped others feel the passion for sailing Lightnings. I think people without this passion are sailing PHRF somewhere. Thank you George. During the district championships the winds were light and out of the north west on Saturday. Saturday after sailing we had a big bar-b-que. Sunday morning we had a fog delay. It then started to clear so we headed out started the race, then the fog came back thicker than in the morning. All but John Holzapfel wound up way off course. You could not see further than 3 boat lengths. Amanda Clark took first place. Malcolm Hendry in second place and George Koch took third. Congratulations.

We voted the same slate of officers. It was voted that next year's districts be held at Orient in 2005 and possibly the districts to be in Amityville in 2006. Try to motivate the Great South Bay fleet to grow.

METROPOLITAN

District Commodore.....Dan Parietti
District Treasurer/Secretary....Crissy VanSiclen
District Champion.....Jack Huntsman
District Runner-Up.....Gary Hurban

Fleets:

11 North Shrewsbury River; 16 Paupack; 25 Lake Mohawk Yacht Club; 70 Red Bank of the Shrewsbury; 75 Nyack

As always, the first event of the year in our District is always the Long John Regatta, held on the last weekend in April at the Monmouth Boat Club, in Red Bank, NJ. There were around 40 boats registered and it was a wild, VERY windy affair.

MIDWEST

The Met District Championship Regatta was held on the weekend of June 25-26 and was hosted by Nyack Boat Club. Three races were completed on Saturday and two on Sunday. Last year's champion, Jack Huntsman (Fleet 70), successfully defended the title. Gary Hurban (Fleet 75) was runner-up, and Jon Schwartz (Fleet 70) finished in third place.

At the District meeting, the following officers were elected for the period June 2004-June 2005: Dan Pariletti (Fleet 75), Commodore; and Crissy VanSiclen (Fleet 70), Secretary/Treasurer. The 2005 District Regatta will be held at the Lake Wallenpaupack on the third or fourth weekend in June.

The District was represented by eight boats at the North American Championship at Buffalo Canoe Club (BCC) in August: two from Fleet 70 and five from Fleet 75, including the fleet's rookie Ryan Spole. One boat sailed in the Championship Fleet: Jack Huntsman from Fleet 70.

In addition, the District was represented by three boats at the NA Masters Championship also held at BCC during the preceding week: two from Fleet 75 and one from Fleet 70. The top boat from the District was Joan Hurban (Fleet 75).

Lake Wallenpaupack held their annual Pennsylvania Governor's Cup regatta over 18-19 in September. It was again well attended, and won by Dick Hallagan.

Fleet 75 at Nyack had an active season under Fleet Captain Bob Sengstacken. It hosted its two annual regattas - the Magnus Pedersen May 29-30 and the LAST BLAST! October 9 (25 boats!)

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| District Commodore..... | Steve Adamski |
| District Secretary..... | Steve Cushman |
| District Champion..... | |
| Runner-Up..... | |

Fleets:

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

Another year has passed and the boats are stored away, sails neatly rolled, and it's time to reflect on the past season and dream of the next. Last year at this time, I was reflecting on a year without much sailing. Instead, I was remembering all the past days spent on the water, creating memories and friendships that carry us from one season to the next. This year, I am happy to report that I was able to participate and enjoy a wonderful 2004 season in the Midwest District.

Being away for a season and coming back was better than I expected. I enjoyed meeting new faces and attending regattas, some that I have been absent from too long. Inviting back friends who I sailed with in the past and catching up on the water of old times, you experience how great Lightning sailing is. The 2004 District regatta was hosted on my home waters of Green Bay, complete with a range of wind conditions. Of course, there were two great parties, one even with sushi; it doesn't really get much better.

It was a superb year, each fleet hosting a great regatta. I will let you read about those in the fleet reports. Now, it's time to dream of next year. With the 2005 North Americans in Sheboygan and the WJM in Milwaukee, the rest of the class can experience Midwest hospitality and our great sailing conditions first hand.

It's been awhile since I raced in the NA's, but my sails have been ordered, crew lined up and now I can daydream of Sheboygan. For those of you who are on the fence or haven't been to a NA's before, make the trip to Wisconsin! You'll be glad you did. So, find an excuse to get off work, pack the family, and find a crew and we will see you in Wisconsin. Until then, happy sailing.

MICHIGAN

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| District Commodore..... | Ryan Flack |
| District Secretary..... | John Heagy |
| District Champion..... | |
| Runner-Up..... | |

Fleets:

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

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

District Commodore.....Marc Schillebeeckx
 District Secretary.....
 District Champion.....
 Runner-Up.....

Fleets:

**74 Decatur; 262 Harbor Island Yacht Club;
 266 Carlyle Sailing Association; 274 Delta Sailing
 Association; 486 Valley Sailing**

I'm pleased to report that 3 boats attended the Junior District Championship at Carlyle Lake (June 5 & 6, 2005). 6 races were sailed in very fluky conditions. Although Ian Schillebeeckx and crew, Berth Ward and Lucas Hofmeister won with 7 points ... they got lucky sometimes as Maxime Schillebeeckx would say ending in 2nd place. Nicolas Beckham and crew Eddie Burke and Brian Burke/Sam Bibb tied in 2nd place, but lost the tie breaker. It is very noteworthy to mention that over the past 2004 sailing season Nicolas Beckham and his NA crew, Edd Burke and Ian Moriarty greatly improved in boat handling and speed. Relentless has Nicolas practiced with his crew to get his boat and crew up to speed. I'm certain that this will pay off over the next sailing season; more specifically I'm looking forward in going with them again to the next junior NA's. It has to be said that racing was extremely tight such that when going into the last race all three boats still had a chance to win! To me it was great to see that all boats had their share of wins and tuff moments. All in all the kids felt it was great and their hopes are high that next year the juniors from Decatur (Nick and Collin Florian) will participate also.

After the Junior Districts we organized the next regatta ... 17 boats attended the 2004 Mississippi Valley Districts at Carlyle Lake (June 12 & 13, 2004). The fleet boasted 4 former champions trying to unseat the defending champion William Hofmeister "Captain Hoff" from Nashville. Former champ Greg Florian from Decatur returned to racing form with his 15 and 14 year old sons, Nick and Colin crewing for him. Tobi Moriarty (who was born into the Lightning fleet a mere 29 years ago) was finally able to say to someone what has been said to her for years, "I remember when you were born".

Noteworthy was that we had 5 juniors crewing, these were Nicolas Beckham (Nick the Great), Ian Moriarty (Schmeearcat), Eddie Burke (crazy Eddie), his brother Bryan Burke and Ian Schillebeeckx (El Belga) ... the junior party was not complete as Lucas Hofmeister and Beth Ward from Nashville were missing ... guys you were missed dearly ... A great day, indeed and ... I was organizing the regatta ... what a thrill!

Strong thunderstorms with dozens of lightning strikes moved through St. Louis headed eastward to Carlyle early on Saturday morning. It did not look like a good day to be on the water. Thanks to a new lightning detector, Ted Beier, our famous PRO, could tell when it would be safe to venture out. For those of you who attended and remembered the all so famous 1999 NAs, Ted was our RC Chairman and expertly used his skill in managing the schedule and variable conditions to get in a full series as he always would do!

The day before the regatta Matt Burridge's crew fell apart. After an embarrassing call ... Roselyne Schillebeeckx came to his rescue and stepped in as middle crew. Roselyne has a lot of experience in social work and therefore is specialized in staying super calm in trying conditions. Also on board with Matt was the well known "Jen Aljets". As Matt would kindly say: "Without them I truly would be lost!"

At the start of the first race Matt Burridge was "again" lost, (that guy is lost all the time) he'd gotten sidetracked and sailed too far upwind with Rick Bernstein-Fisher working on speed and chit chatting before the start. After a big panic attack and some counseling from Roselyne, Matt pulled in below the line and asked me, "how much time?". After some exact communication, Matt immediately put the pedal down and managed to position themselves in a poor first row position so that Hof could mow him down (like a patch of weeds) from above... well done Hoff and then...General Recall flag and audibles. Damm...Matt was saved from his own stupidity. Second try, Matt was off cleanly and trailed Tobi Moriarty through a WL when the race was abandoned on the second beat! The lightning detector had registered lightning strikes within 5 miles of us. The wind died, we all went in for lunch...make note there was no panic on Matt's boat.

The real race #1 started after lunch and we raced a tight race with us taking the gun, Tobi 2nd, Marc Schillebeeckx was 3rd, Rick Bernstein-Fisher was 4th, and with the pride of Harbour Island Yacht Club (Bluenose organizer) Capt. Hof 5th.

In race #2 Matt had to claw back to catch Chan Owen upwind with a WL to go before the finish when the wind absolutely died on the run. After tossing a leaf in the water at the shrouds (guess what ... Matt forgot to clean out his bailer bilge ... how is this even possible) he counted exactly 25 seconds for it to clear the transom (has he really time to do all this?). This was very bad for anyone near the front, Tobi Moriarty had worked her way up to 4th only to be "shafted" by the shore shaft of wind that Rick "Fisher" and Bill Killebrew owned. Terry Burke, who had been hung out to dry along with Matt, was able to fold in just ahead of the peloton and hold on. The finish order was Bernstein-Fisher, Bill Killebrew, Matt Burridge, Terry Burke and myself (Belgacom). Tobi Moriarty was feeling punished at this point having had a sure 1st abandoned due to lightning and then trading a 4th for a 9th in the great "shafting spief". Tobi was sailing much faster than Matt although her points did not indicate this. Her crew and dear husband Dan Moriarty is also known for delivering the best races when the chips are down so Matt was again anxious for what the morning would bring.

Matt was relieved to head in (although feeling burnt around the edges by the shafting) with a one point gap over Rick "Fisher". It is amazing what lies and myths can be generated about blazing boat speed when, in fact, position in the pressure and a lighter payload are solely responsible. The mental picture of the Matt's "glued leaf" in the water stayed with him for hours and ... he did not sleep that night!

Raging party - we wanted to do something special and pulled a dinner party together for the fleet. Also a beer fueled round of 20 Questions featuring a cross examination of PRO Ted Beier, who is usually very stoic ensued. It shall be noted that Matt's little boy had his 6th b'day

party and as such he had a great excuse not to stay. Rumor has it that Matt sprinted home (no speeding ticket) to see the film "Why is dad sailing so much" ... he of course had to play with his boys' toys so he missed the great festivities. Special thanks go to James Chapin, a new lightning member, who feverishly helped me in keeping the oven temperature at an exact 375.25 degree required to tender the 60 chicken breasts. After some ice cream the juniors went go- carting ... the rumor has it that Smearcat (Ian Moriarty) showed a stellar go-carting performance. All skippers went early to bed in an effort to try to be faster than Matt.

Back to sailing Sunday morning was bright with 10-12 knots from 180°. This built to 12-14 and shifted to 210° for race #3. With this breeze and NO chop at all the eager fleet jumped the gun like a pack of over-cafeinated type "A's. General Recall. On the "Do over," the I flag was up but some boats were still OCS. Burke and Bernstein had to go round the ends and had a hard time recovering. Burridge had a poor start but bailed out right to get some oxygen. Cully Ward had a 100 yard lead from a lefty half way up the beat which he took to the windward mark. However, we had reaches not a WL so Matt got to his delight a little breathing room from the charging peloton. Ward, Burridge and Hofmeister saw the wind was still moving right, the first reach was broad and the next one was going to be very tight. Cully Ward has a deserved reputation as a light air ace. He is also very crafty off the wind in light gibing conditions, but tight reaching in marginal planning conditions might not be what he'd wish for. Hoff and Burridge slowly closed the gap to only a five boat lengths at the mark. The next beat showed the mark had been moved to 220° to take the perpetual right shift into account. This beat required real hiking at times for all of us and yet Matt somehow found again a way to get by Cully and keep hard charging Hof behind him. In the final 400 yards Hof gained altitude on Cully and put the hammer down to pass and be 2nd. Tobi Moriarty, Team Belgacom (Schillebeeckx), James Chapin and Dan Young were all pretty tightly packed and finished in that order.

Going into race #4 (the last one) Matt was still very calm (thanks Roselyne) and had a 9 point cushion over Hof with Tobi and Team Belgacom (Marc) tied one point back. The I flag was out ... Matt picked the boat end in the second row and motioned James Chapin forward so he could take the forming hole. James Chapin looked puzzled but took the gift and ran with it timing his start perfectly. The wind was still going right, to infinity, and beyond! Perfect for Matt but unfortunately Tobi was OCS and rounded the pin to restart. Matt was mid fleet or so right behind Rick (who became Fisher again) and gybed to port immediately for the run. This worked great as that side had more pressure and the perpetual shift favor. Rick "Fisher" got to the leeward gate first. Matt got there at a closely packed 2nd. Hoff picked the other gate. James Chapin was with Matt right off of their quarter. Somehow Matt got the a bullet again with Hof 2nd, Terry Burke 3rd, James Chapin 4th, Marc S. 5th.

Roselyne told me, later after the regatta, that she could feel Matt's great sense of relief and appreciation ... her job of social worker on board had ended ... now Matt could panic as he had to sprint home to see his kid again, ... 6 years and 1 day.

Overall: 1. Matt Burridge 6 pts, 2. William Hoffmeister 16pts, 3. Marc Schillebeeckx 20pts, 4. Terry Burke 22pts with Rick "the lost Fisher brother" Bernstein winning the tie breaker with Tobi Moriarty 5th with 24 pts. James Chapin, Carlyle's most improved skipper, in just his second Lightning regatta, had steady improvement with scores of 10-6-5-4 for a seventh. Carlyle sailors were lucky enough to claim 6 of the top 7 spots but we know this can't last and next time will be very different at Memphis.

We had a great time and look forward to next year's event in Memphis on beautiful Lake Arkabutla in Hernando Mississippi, home of the Memphis Fleet 274.

For those who have not noticed this article was a co-production of Burridge-Schillebeeckx.

| Sail # | Skipper Crew, Crew | | Place | Score |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|-------|-------|
| 14834 | Matt Burridge, Roselyne Schillebeeckx, Jen Aljets | 1 3 1 1 | 1 | 6.00 |
| 14706 | Bill Hofmeister, Chip Clifton, Ted Chapin | 5 7 2 2 | 2 | 16.00 |
| 14901 | Marc Schillebeeckx, Ian Schillebeeckx, Titou Schillebeeckx | 3 5 7 5 | 3 | 20.00 |
| 14766 | Terry Burke, Edd Burke, Ralph Godkin | 6 4 9 3 | 4 | 22.00 |
| 14798 | Rick Bernstein, Kay Ward, Stacey Zerban | 4 1 13 6 | 5 | 24.00 |
| 14636 | Tobi Moriarty, Dan Moriarty, Ian Moriarty | 2 9 4 9 | 6 | 24.00 |
| 14920 | James Chapin, Greg Polanik, Nickolas Beckmann | 10 6 5 4 | 7 | 25.00 |
| 14680 | Bill Killebrew, Paul Killebrew, Carla Sommers | 8 2 10 11 | 8 | 31.00 |
| 14116 | Cully Ward, Barbara Ward, Beth Ward | 9 12 3 8 | 9 | 32.00 |
| 14645 | Bob Colton, Bruce Campbell, Mark Stanley | 7 8 8 15 | 10 | 38.00 |
| 14969 | Chandler Owen, Mark Paoli, Harvie Goddin | 11 10 11 10 | 11 | 42.00 |
| 15010 | Dave Young, Bruce Richards, Dennis Colby | 15 16 6 7 | 12 | 44.00 |
| 13308 | Greg Florian, Nick Florian, Colin Florian | 13 14 12 13 | 13 | 52.00 |
| 14260 | John Folwell, Rick Allard, Corina Lukovici | 12 13 14 16 | 14 | 55.00 |
| 15169 | Batton Kenyon, Billy Baxter, Mike Arndt | 16 11 16 14 | 15 | 57.00 |
| 14012 | Bob Ohlson, Doug Walker, Ryan Stoa | 14 17 17 12 | 16 | 60.00 |
| 14666 | Crit Currie, Jr., Tim Ryan, Josephine Crenshaw | 17 15 15 DNS | 17 | 66.00 |
| Marc Schillebeeckx -- 14901 | | | | |



NEW ENGLAND

District Commodore.....Patrick Gallagher

Fleets:

121 Merrimac River; 145 Spofford Lake; 151 Annisquam Yacht Club;
189 Marblehead; 227 Bomoseen Yacht Club; 273 Massabesic
Yacht Club; 280 Chequesset; 301 Champlain; 332 Squam Lake;
471 Casco Bay; 493 Bow Lake

A few of our members got off to an early start this year with Ken Deyett, Bob Bush, Doc Gorman and John Hughes all sailing part of the Southern Circuit. Patrick Zachary and Bill Fastiggi made it down to the Long John in Red Bank, with Bill, Suzy and Heather finishing a strong fifth after going for a swim in Race two. Bretton Gardner and Ray Harrington made it down to the Early Bird at Cedar Point.

We had a busy June as there was a regatta scheduled every weekend. This year, 24 boats kicked off the season at Malletts Bay's Spring Regatta, which is the season opener on the NE schedule. After sailing 8 races, Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Noah Pasackow finished first, followed by three Canadian teams; Al Boucher, Jamie Allen, and Mike Holly. Heather Ambrose had a strong second day to round out the top five.

The Bomoseen fleet brought back the Maple Leaf Classic after missing a year, and Bill, Suzy and Noah squeaked past Heather Ambrose, Chip Kaupp and Suzanne Hebel for the win. Bretton Gardner, Patrick Zachary and Bob Shapiro rounded out the top five. The big topic at the Saturday night party was trying to come up with a name for Bob Shapiro's new boat.

The following weekend, Newburyport hosted the Brian Hughes Regatta which was won by Ben Wallace. Doc Gorman, Patrick Gallagher, Chad Miller and Mark Dieselman rounded out the top five.

Spofford hosted the Dave Fitch Memorial regatta the last weekend of June and Bob Shapiro with crew Jeff Baker and Ash Scache won the event with Ben Wallace close behind. John Hughes, Dick Fastiggi, and Pat MacQueen rounded out the top five.

The Canadian Open was sailed in Montreal and three of our district members Bretton Gardner, Doc Gorman and Peter Hazelett were able to make the trip north, and only a bad last race dropped Bretton out of the money.

The New England District Womens, Juniors and Masters Championships were sailed on Friday before the Districts in Malletts Bay. Dave Gorman, Tim McCormack and Judy Murphy won the Masters ahead of Dick Fastiggi, Ed Ziemer, Alex Gemmel, John Hughes and Walt Colantuono. Suzy Coburn, Heather Ambrose and Marian Spurrier won the Womens with Kika Bronger and Janice Lange in second and third. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan won the juniors with Nick Aswad, Peter Hazelett and Hannah Darrin close behind.

Malletts Bay also hosted the Districts and 27 boats attended. Saturday started off with a shifty race in the

inner bay, followed by a squall in the second race, and a light air third race that got abandoned. Sunday's first race was perfect outer bay sailing, and the final race saw a dying breeze that ended in a drifter. Bill, Noah and Suzy were crowned NE District Champs with Erik Johnson, Karl Johnson and Emily East as Runner-up. Ray Harrington, Toni Harrington, and Jeff Schwartz in third, Stu Nickerson, Nick Mercier and Hannah Nickerson came out of retirement to finish fourth, and Bretton Gardner, Nick Farina and Scott Thibault rounded out the top five.

A few District members travelled down to Toms River for the beginning of the "windy season" for the Atlantic Coast Championships. Chad Miller, Dave Gorman, Erik Johnson, Don Brush, Heather Ambrose, Bill Fastiggi and Bretton Gardner all made the trek. No one ended up in money, but most of our district members finished near the top in at least one race. It was a good tune up for the North Americans.

Our district had three junior teams participate in the Junior Nas in Buffalo. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan finished a very impressive 6th overall. Peter Hazelett, Derek Deming and Brad Harris finished 9th, and Nick Aswad, Conner Aswad and Max Far finished 11th. We're very proud of our New England junior sailors!

Chad Miller, Pete Hazelett, Doc Gorman, Bob Bush, Don Brush, Stu Nickerson and Bill Fastiggi all attended the North Americans at the Buffalo Canoe Club with Stu and Bill sailing in the Blue fleet. Bill, Suzy and Nick Farina finished fourth in the Blue fleet in a very tough regatta.

Squam lake saw an 18 boat turnout and was won by co-skippers Dwight Gertz and Harry Mattison. Spofford sailors Bob Bush and Ben Wallace where second and third followed by Heather Ambrose and Brian Gibbs.

Massabesic's annual regatta saw local ace Joe Ray take the top honors followed by Bob Shapiro, Ben Wallace, Walt Colantuono and Pat MacQueen. It was good to see 11 Lightnings racing on Lake Massabesic.

The Bow Lake one-day was well attended again this year with 14 boats. Ken Deyett, Ali Deyett and Dan Berry hung on for the win ahead of Bob Shapiro, Margo Krukonis and Greg Shapiro. Bob Bush and local aces Mike Aversa and Ned Hinds rounded out the top 5.

The seasons final NE regatta is Malletts Bay's Leaf Peeper. Very high winds saw many capsize, but 18 boats sailed 6 races. Don Brush, Erica Beck, and Paul Gutwin nosed out Erik, Karl and Marilyn Johnson for the win. Bill Fastiggi, Heather Ambrose and Jamie Allan rounded out the top 5.

The District Circuit championship is awarded to the skipper who finishes at the top of the standings after all district regattas are tallied up and Heather Ambrose won convincingly ahead of Bill Fastiggi, Ben Wallace and Bob Shapiro.

All of us in the district would like to thank Patrick Gallagher for his outstanding leadership for the past four years; first as District Secretary and then as District Commodore for 2003 and 2004.

We're looking forward to a great year in 2005! If you are in New England, come sail with us!

New England 2005

Food Drink People Sailing
Scenery **Fun!!!**

June 4-5 Spring Regatta, Mallets Bay Boat Club
Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT.

June 25-26 Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta, Spofford Yacht Club
Lake Spofford, Keene, NH.

July 8 Women's, Junior's and Master's District Championships
Massabesic Yacht Club, Lake Massabesic, Manchester, NH.

July 9-10 New England District Championships
Massabesic Yacht Club, Lake Massabesic, Manchester, NH.

August 20-21 Brian Hughes Memorial Regatta, American Yacht Club
Merrimac River, Newburyport, MA.

August 27-28 Summer Regatta, Squam Lakes Association
Big Squam Lake, Holderness, NH.

September 10-11 Fall Regatta, Massabesic Yacht Club
Lake Massabesic, Manchester, NH.

September 24 (Saturday Only) Ed Hinds Memorial Regatta
Bow Lake Camp Owner's Association, Bow Lake, Strafford, NH.

October 8-9 Leaf Peeper Regatta, Mallets Bay Boat Club
Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT.



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OHIO

District Commodore.....Mike Brock
District Secretary/Treasurer.....Eric Brandt
District Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Fleets:

**23 Indian Lake Yacht Club; 27 Leatherlips Yacht Club;
33 Turkeyfoot Lake; 43 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club;
71 Rocky River; 150 Mansfield Sailing Club;
212 Atwood Yacht Club; 303 Cowan Lake Sailing
Association; 400 St. Mary's**



Southern Circuit

Rob Ruhlman placed 10th overall with strong finishes in Savannah (15th) Miami (13th) and St. Pete (13th). At St. Pete George Fisher placed 6th in the Masters and 29th in the Championship. Jim Taylor placed 26th.

Districts

The 2004 Ohio Districts were held at Cowan Lake with a strong 22 boat fleet. Five races were sailed in shifty conditions. For the second year in a row George Fisher won the regatta by winning the last race and edging out Rob Ruhlman who led the regatta going into Sunday's racing. Rob placed second followed by Jim Taylor. Special thanks go to Mike and Ann Brock (regatta chair) who put the event together. Mike's employer, Procter & Gamble, donated more than \$100 of consumer products for each participating boat. Eric Brandt was voted sportsman of the year. Jamey Carey (Cowan) won the highest place finish for first district sailed. Special acknowledgement goes to Dennis Rhoades (Cowan) who re-wood worked the trophy.

2005 Districts will be hosted by either Mansfield or Pymatuning.

NA's

We sent several boats to Buffalo this year (Juniors-1, Masters-2, Championship-8). Megan Ruhlman kicked things off for the Ruhlman family by placing 3rd in one of the largest Junior fleets in recent years. In the Masters George Fisher placed 4th and Dick Pugh 20th. For the

Championship, top honors go to Rob Ruhlman (20th) and Ryan Ruhlman (30th) in the blue fleet. Ohio dominated the top of the green fleet with Dave Werley (2nd), Jim Taylor (3rd), John Werley (6th) and Dave Vieregg (7th). Mike Brock (24th) and Eric Brandt (30th) competed in the yellow fleet.

Governor's Cup

The Cup is awarded annually to the skipper with the highest four finishes in the districts' sanctioned regattas including the district venue. For the second year in a row Jim Taylor (Cowan) won the Cup in convincing fashion by winning Leatherlips, Mansfield and Cowan regattas.

District Website

We now have our own district website (www.ussailing.net/ILCAOHIO/) and is a great piece of work led by Jim Taylor our webmaster. We are looking for local fleet articles and pictures. If you have not seen it please check it out.

Other News

* Membership - District membership is up slightly with ~70 paid skippers. Pymatuning and Cowan are the two most active fleets.

* Becky Young got Indian Lake's Stumpbuster regatta back on the district schedule. A strong 13 boat fleet showed up in July for racing.

* Ohio Circuit Regulars - Special acknowledgement to these folks who helped keep attendance up on the OH circuit this past year: Tom Varley, Karla Varley, Jim Stone, Eric Brandt, Steve Weeber, Jim Taylor, Mike Brock and Kurt Andrews.

* Winter Meeting - We will have our winter meeting in Columbus in February. Details to follow.

2005 District Leadership

Mike Brock will serve a second term as Commodore and Eric Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

District Commodore/Secretary.....John DeBenedetti
District Champion.....Jerry Neuberger
Runner-Up.....Darrell Peck

Fleets:

**64 Maple Bay; 90 Kitsilano Yacht Club; 132 Lake
Washington; 229 Chinook; 283 Columbia; 368 Okanagan;
507 The Prairie**

The Pacific Northwest District had a light traveling year. First, the California Circuit was not held, but the rest of the District activities went on as planned.

Our Districts were held in Vancouver BC in July. A very interesting series results in Jerry Neuberger besting Darrell Peck in the last race for the Championship. Roger Artigues was sailing John DeBenedetti's boat and won the Sandbagger award for the highest placing first-timer at the Districts.

In September the PCCs were held in Eugene. We welcomed Dan Gravatt from San Diego for this event. The weekend saw light winds and Doug & Gail Hickman came out winners.



PERU

Vice President.....Francisco Ayulo
District Commodore.....Augusto Navarro

Fleets:

265 Yacht Club La Punta; 424 Club Universitario de Ragatas,
La Pinta

SAINT LAWRENCE VALLEY

District Commodore.....Peter Hall

Fleets:

215 Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club; 499 Pointe Claire Yacht Club

SOUTHEASTERN

District Commodore.....Pete Marriott
District Sec/Treas/Webmaster.....Ron Wright
ILCA Class President.....Carter Utzig
District Champion.....Ryan Ruhlman
District Runner-Up.....Jim Harris
Traveling Series Champion.....Pete Marriott
Traveling Series Runner-Up.....Bob Harkrider
Traveling Series Third Place.....John Pelosi
Most Improved Skipper.....Ron Wright
Most Consistent Team Team Catawba (365)
Most Miles Traveled Award.....Pam Barron
Youngest Crew Award.....Will Tyner

Fleets:

127 Savannah; 257 Clark's Hill; 348 Lake Lanier;
365 Catawba Yacht Club; 415 Lake Norman; 429 Greater
Charleston; 463 Lake Waccamaw; 481 Wake; 500 Tennessee
Valley; 511 Cape Fear

Pete Marriott and Rob Ruhlman split honors this year in the Southeastern District. Pete won the Traveling Series while Rob won the District Championship.

Pete Marriott opened the 2004 season with a pair of wins. He first took the Cottonwood Regatta at Catawba

Yacht Club, Charlotte, NC in April and followed that up by winning the fourth annual Voodoo Regatta on his home course, Lake Norman.

In June, we turned to our district championships at Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, NC. Greg Fisher joined us for a great on-the-water clinic Friday afternoon. With breezes over 12 knots, he gave us a fantastic heavy air clinic, complete with video and evening critique.

Ryan Ruhlman, from Pymatuning Yacht Club, who qualified to race in our districts by virtue of his new residence at the College of Charleston, dominated the district championships, winning three of six races. Jim Harris placed second.

Terry Tyner became the third skipper of the season to win a regatta as he took the Low-Country Regatta in Beaufort. John Pelosi repeated his 2003 victory at Oriental, NC by winning the 2004 event. Pete Marriott took his third regatta, winning in Charleston in late July.

When September arrived, we went back to the lakes. Lenny Krawcheck came out for the first time of the season and immediately won the Augusta Regatta.

At September's end, Steve Johnson won the Lake Waccamaw regatta. By October, ten boats were still in contention to qualify for the district traveling championship. Lenny Krawcheck won the Atlanta Cup. Pete Marriott was second and took a commanding lead in the points race.

That left our largest regatta - The Borderline. The Wake Fleet hosts a great regatta and the Borderline annually attracts national caliber sailors. SELD was very proud to have our own Pete Marriott win the Borderline.

2004 was a solid season in the Southeastern District. Participation was up and we welcomed several new faces to our circuit. We duplicated our 2003 number of ten qualifiers for the traveling series awards. We will add a new regatta in April, 2005 at Lake Murray, SC. Our 2005 District Championships will be held at Lake Norman in May. SELD will be the 2005 home of the Atlantic Coast Championships, scheduled for July 30-31 at Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, NC.

Pierce Borden and Rob Ruhlman earned blue fleet honors at the North Americans. Commodore Pete Marriott sailed his first NA. Ron Wright sailed his first national regatta at Savannah. We experimented, very successfully, with VHF radios at three of our traveling regattas and expect to continue their use in 2005.

If you need a home for great Lightning sailing, check us out at www.sailsoutheast.org.





SOUTHERN

District Commodore.....Eugene H. Walet III
 District Secretary.....John B. Waskom
 District Champion.....Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.
 District Runner-Up.....Dr. Larry Frost III

Fleets:

**62 Southern Yacht Club; 135 Mobile Bay; 175 Shreveport;
 179 Pass Christian; 388 Jackson Yacht Club**

The Southern District had a very active season for 2004. The reinstatement of Pass Christian Fleet 179 in November of 03 has rejuvenated the District. We have several people who have expressed an interest in joining the Lightning Class, and I think our District will continue to grow.

Our District was represented in the 2003 Nokia Sugar Bowl Regatta hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club. There were 7 Lightnings on the starting line. It was windy and chilly both days, but we did get 5 races in. Results were Eric Aschaffenburg Fleet 179 1st, Scott Anderson of Rush Creek Fleet 435 was 2nd and Robert Bernhardt Fleet 135 and Eugene H. Walet III Fleet 179 tied for 3rd.

Jackson Yacht Club hosted the Hospitality Regatta on March 27 & 28. There were 6 Lightnings on the starting line. Dr. Larry Frost III Fleet 62 finished 1st with 10 points, Jeff Bodkin of Fleet 35 in Dallas was 2nd and Bill Baxter of Memphis Fleet 174 was 3rd.

Five Lightnings sailed in the Southern Yacht Club Juby Wynn Regatta Memorial Day Weekend. 5 races were sailed in southerly breezes 18-25 kts. Robert Bernhardt, Jr. of Mobile Bay Fleet 135 was 1st, Larry Frost III of Southern Yacht Club Fleet 62 was 2nd and Eric Aschaffenburg of Pass Christian Fleet 179 was 3rd.

The Southern District Lightning Championship was sailed at Buccaneer Yacht Club on Mobile Bay June 5 & 6. This was a 5 race series. On Saturday the 1st race was sailed with southwest winds 6-8 kts, fluctuating and dying. The 2nd and 3rd races were sail what it should have been. There were 5 Lightnings on the starting line on Saturday. 3 races were sailed in 15-20 kts. and rain. Sunday races were cancelled due to high winds. Larry Frost III won with series with 3 points. 2nd was Bill Baxter with 8 points and 3rd was Herbert Cochrane with 10 points.

Robert Bernhardt, Jr. of Fleet 135 represented the Southern District in the Blue Nose Regatta sailed on Old Hickory Lake outside of Nashville the weekend of November 6 & 7. There were 38 Lightnings competing in a 6 race series. Robert finished 12th overall.

The Southern District is looking forward to continuing growth in all of the fleets. We hope to be represented at the Southern Circuit in 05.

SWISS

District Commodore.....Jacques Perret
 District Treasurer.....Margrit Graf
 District Measurer.....Urs Wyler
 District Champion.....Urs Wyler
 District Runner-Up.....Jacques Perret

Fleets:

**169 Lac de Neuchâtel;
 250 Sempacher-Hallwiler-/ Vierwaldstätter-Greifensee;
 358 Murtensee**



National activity:

We try to organize our Spring regatta on the lake Greifensee but without success and we came back definitively to Sempach.

Because of this change it was no more possible to bring more than 5 boats on the starting line. We will do better next year.

We have had a good sailing and were very happy of Gilbert's coming back.

Two crews have participated in Neuchâtel at the "Semaine du Joran"-Regatta to train crews for the Europeans. Unfortunately the wind conditions were abysmal and we just sailed one race.

Due to the success of the European's we have had a record participation at our second edition of the "Memorial Claude Lambelet" on 23th and 24h October in Neuchâtel:

9 Lightning on the starting line!

With two boats coming from Luzern and a new member, future owner of Ruedi Herzog's boat Joy:

* Alain Perret on Joy III 12571

In spite of wind flatness (again) we could sail to races and spent very good times together.

International activity:

Swiss District turn for the European Championship.



It was a very good organized championship with good wind conditions. The congenial atmosphere was heightened by the vitality of the 6 youth crews.

Felicitations to our 2004 European Champion :

Urs Wyler, Walter Dürr, Gilbert Dürr.

I wish to all Swiss Lightning sailors, active and less active, a very good season 2005.

Jacques Perret

TEXAS

District Commodore.....Jeff Bodkin

Fleets:

35 Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club; 435 Rush Creek Yacht Club

This year, the Sailing Club of Grandson has organized the Europeans for the third time.

For this event the Swiss district mobilized all his resources and brought 7 Swiss crews to participate with the challenge to give 4 charter boats more for the juniors Greek crews.

Thanks to the Lightning's owners who spontaneously provided their boats.

Good participation of all Europeans districts except Italy who sent only one crew (3 crews were registered!).

This result is encouraging for the next Championship in Italy.

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| CHATAUQUA | 90 | MAPLE BAY | 69 | WAKE | 121 |
| CHEQUESSET | 104 | MARBLE HEAD | 87 | WAWASEE YACHT CLUB | 80 |
| CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB | 54 | MARSALA | 119 | WESTERN LAKE ERIE | 63 |
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| DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB | 60 | PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB | 84 | | |
| DOUGLAS LAKE | 113 | POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB | 128 | | |
| FON DU LAC | 118 | PONTIAC YACHT CLUB | 67 | | |
| GALWAY LAKE | 110 | POTOMAC RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION | 63 | | |
| GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB | 107 | PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB | 61 | | |
| GREAT EGG | 73 | RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY | 70 | | |
| GREAT SODUS BAY | 74 | REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION | 107 | | |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | 83 | RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET | 94 | | |
| GREATER CHARLESTON | 116 | ROCKY MOUNTAIN | 123 | | |
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| GUANABARA | 115 | RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB | 118 | | |
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| GULL LAKE | 78 | SALINAS YACHT CLUB | 116 | | |
| HAMPTON | 131 | SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA | 112 | | |
| HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB | 98 | SAN PABLO | 119 | | |
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| HENDERSON HARBOR | 93 | SAO PAULO | 79 | | |
| HIGGINS LAKE | 74 | SASSAFRAS RIVER | 106 | | |
| HOUSATONIC YACHT CLUB | 55 | SAVANNAH | 77 | | |
| INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB | 57 | SEVERN RIVER | 107 | | |
| ITHACA | 122 | SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB | 85 | | |
| JACKSON YACHT CLUB | 115 | SHREVEPORT | 83 | | |
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Fleets listed are those who were active, i.e. paid their dues, in 2004. For Fleets who did not send reports or rosters we have included a listing of active members only. Officers shall make sure that their fleet listings are accurate and all their members current so they will show in the next yearbooks.



Fleet 1, Skaneateles Country Club Sailing on Skaneateles Lake, Skaneateles, New York Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 39 | ACME | DAVID PENFIELD |
| 378 | | MIKE YATES |
| 2743 | | BILL BARTLETT |
| 2743 | | ALAN BARTLETT |
| 6614 | | GORDON POTTER |
| 8899 | THE FIGHTING LADY | DANIEL W. FERGUSON |
| 9136 | | EDDIE WALTON |
| 9573 | | KIRK HETHERLY |
| 9711 | | ANDREW HAGEN |
| 10188 | | JEFF YOULE |
| 10355 | WILD GOOSE | KIRK REYNOLDS |
| 10679 | | BRET KELLY |
| 10705 | ALLEGRO | JOHN A. BARNES |
| 12031 | ROAMIN' WITH BROHMAN II | WILLIAM COLLINS |
| 12031 | | DICK LYNCH |
| 12174 | THUNDER ANN | WILLIAM C. BOURKE |
| 12210 | ENSAYO | DAVID M. HAYES |
| 13330 | CLUB BOAT | SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB |
| 13375 | | SAMUEL T. DEAN |
| 13677 | WAG | HENDRIX TEN EYCK, JR. |
| 13749 | SERENITY | MARK H. KILIAN |
| 13900 | EGO TRIPPED | CHRISTOPHER C. KUHN |
| 13900 | | GARY KUHN |
| 14631 | BIG GREEN APPLE KNOCKERS LYN | PETER SWARTZ |
| 14719 | | MARK FLECKENSTEIN |
| 15088 | | BENT L. THOMSEN |

Fleet Captain.....John "Mick" Barnes
Fleet Secretary.....David Penfield

This year was not a good year for Fleet 1. The wind gods were not good. The season was hampered by little or no wind on race days and if there was no wind then there was rain and no one wanted to go racing. Our participation at the district regattas was non-existent. We had a hard time getting off dead center. The junior sailors were doing the inter-club route and doing well but seemed to be burned out for the regatta circuit.

On a bright note we hosted our One Day Regatta. Twelve boats came to challenge the wind gods. We were able to get in four races despite the lack of wind and a threatened audit of the results by Dick Tuttle. Dick Hallagan won the regatta despite Tuttle's threats. We did have to award Dick Tuttle a second place for his efforts. The efforts of the other racers should also be noted. There were three sets of ties. In all my years as RC and competitor, I do not recall as many ties. We award the Hull Number Handicap for this regatta and much to my pleasure Craig Thayer took the honors sailing # 738.

Hopefully next year will be better!

Fleet 5, Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Illinois Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 9232 | WIND ON HIGH LIFE | JEFF FJELDHEIM |
| 10443 | | TOM HENNESSY |
| 13779 | | DAVID SCHMAHL |
| 14015 | HOT FLASH | BRAD STEINER |
| 14045 | BLITZ | DOUG STEFFENSON |
| 14065 | PLAN B | JIM ROLLBERG |
| 14137 | LOVE & ROCKETS | JIM FAIRMAN |
| 14433 | TINFISH | ANTHONY SEITZ |
| 14466 | PHOTON | ROBERT H. HARTSHORN |
| 14613 | RACER X | ROBERT K. SMITHER |
| 14740 | POODLES BY VERA | DOUG NICKEL |
| 14844 | | JEANNE EHRENBURG |
| 14938 | RAYO | BILL FAUDE |
| 14975 | TOTAL RECALL | DENNIS A. BURKE |
| 15167 | DRAGON | DAVID W. STIX |
| | PIGS ON ICE | PAUL WURTZBACH |
| | | WILLIAM GIBSON |
| | | STEVE JENKINS |

Fleet Captain.....David Stix
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Fairman
Fleet Treasurer.....Steve Jenkins
Fleet Champion.....Jim Fairman
Runner-Up.....William Gibson
2nd Runner-Up.....Dennis Burke

Fleet 5 put increased emphasis this year on trying to sail three races on Sundays and successfully increased the number of races in our Fleet Championship series to an all-time high of 26. We had close standings in the series right down to the very last race of the season.

Fleet newcomer Jim Rollberg deserves special mention as noticeably hot in his first full season with our fleet in a boat that is new to him. Jeff Fjeldheim debuted his beautifully renovated woodie sailing remarkably fast upwind with a wooden mast, then went back to the woodshop for more tuning. 2004 was a terrific season with lots of memories to recall fondly and others like broken noses and masts to lament over a beer or two. Our plan for more participation next year: burning all spare vacation days early in the year on ski vacations and outsourcing parenting responsibilities to handle the influx of anklebiters that have happened to us.

Fleet 5 and CCYC hosted the US Sailing Sears Cup (US Junior Triplehanded Championship) Area K Regional Championship in July. The fleet provided boats for five teams, rotating boats after each race. The winning team skippered by CCYC member Andy Camarda advanced to the National Championships and finished 6th out of ten boats.

Also breaking recent records was participation in the Red Flannels Regatta. Twenty-five boats sailed in the third consecutive year of near ideal wind conditions. Our 2003



winner, Jim Allen avoided the 'flaps down' plunge in the namesake underwear by pursuing an awesome 2nd place finish in the US Sailing Men's Championship - Mallory Cup the same weekend. With so much talent at the Red Flannels every year, the winner has to be near perfect to beat the field. In an emotional triumph over numerous past runner-up finishes, Matt Burridge with Dan & Tobl Mariarty schooled the fleet on perfect racing, going 1-2-1-1-1. Bill Faude was 2nd and Paul Wurtzbach was 3rd. For the second year, Roots Stems & Branches, now our official regatta band, led our Saturday celebration with their fantastic Reggae beat. We look for RSB to give Matt some dancing music to warm up to after he takes the plunge next year!

The Fleet 5 web site continues to be a great marketing / recruiting tool. We get more crew interest that we can use. Get your fleet & district web sites cranked up!

Come join us in Chicago for terrific competition! Bowlers and sailors welcome all year round!

Fleet 5 web site: www.corinthian.org/lightning

Fleet 6: Housatonic Yacht Club Sailing on Long Island Sound, Stratford, Connecticut Connecticut/Rhode Island District

| BOATS | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| 10801 14947 | WOODY | R. NEIL HAYES BRIAN HAYES |

Fleet 10: Onondaga Lake Sailing on Onondaga Lake, Liverpool (Syracuse), New York Central New York District

| BOATS | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|------------|---|
| 736 8656 8677 9392 9711 10370 11425 13011 13154 13684 | HUNTRESS | W. CRAIG THAYER W. CRAIG THAYER BRIAN COLVIN W. CRAIG THAYER ANDREW HAGEN W. CRAIG THAYER W. CRAIG THAYER JOE RAITE ONONDAGA YACHT CLUB |
| | THE CHEESE | ALICE MELVIN CRANDALL MELVIN PETER OSBORNE LEONARD PHILLIPS |
| 14411 14737 | YANK-C-II | |

Fleet Captain.....Joe Raite
Fleet Secretary.....Craig Thayer

Fall is turning to winter, and Onondaga Yacht Club has been packed up for the year. The crimson leaves that the trees have shed paint the shores of our lake in deceptively placid manner. Our season has been all but calm. The OYC Lightning Fleet has conquered championship fleets and braved the most ferocious rogue squalls.

Onondaga Yacht Club hosted its second annual Woody regatta. So far the turn out for this regatta has been steadily increasing, with nine boats this year. Craig Thayer and I manned his 700 series on Day 1, ripping a new chute in the stiff breeze. The competition ranged from first timers to active sailors, from North Carolina to Maryland to Massachusetts. Quite ironically, Craig and I recruited my cousin as a third crew for Day 2 to help keep the boat extra flat in the trifling breeze. We expect the fleet size to grow in 2005 so come and enjoy the beautiful boats in next year's regatta.



Unfortunately only one of the OYC's fleet Lightnings traveled this summer. All other boats are in the midst of restoration or have been retired as racers. However, Craig Thayer and I were active crew in the CNY district, traveling to most of the regattas. Craig along with Newport Yacht Club's Dan Pope and Malcolm Hendry of Southampton ventured the 2004 Lightning Masters in Buffalo. After working out some tuning kinks the team fared well under the pressures of a grueling fleet. Borrowing Len Phillips' boat my junior team tried our luck at the 2004 Lightning Juniors. My skipper, John Newell from Rochester Yacht Club, and forward crew, Eliza Pope-Collins from Sodus Bay Yacht Club, proved to be the winning formula after inching our way to a victory.

Those who showed at the 2004 OYC One Day got a little more than what they expected. Winds were moderate throughout the morning with monstrous shifts. Pete Osborne from the OYC sailed his Lightning with Commodore Jerry Clark and I sailed with Newport Yacht Club's Dan Pope and his niece Eliza Pope Collins. After a few hours of shifty wind storm clouds began to rumble in the northwest. A squall flooded over the lake just after the race was abandoned and the last of the sailors reached the dock. The 70 mile per hour gusts devastated the yard, blowing Dick Tuttle's Lightning off his trailer and an OYC member's 505 of its trailer, and throwing Landy Atkinson's Lightning off its trailer into the marina. After the storm passed, Landy's boat was retrieved lacking a mast and suffering hull damage. To say the least, it was an interesting season.



Fleet 11: North Shrewsbury Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River, New Jersey Metropolitan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| 13673 14786 | LE SPEU | DOMINIC DIPIERO JON SCHWARTZ ROB RUFFUS |

Fleet 12: Buffalo Canoe Club Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie, Point Abino, Ontario, Canada Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|---|---|
| Life 0 3951 6983 9131 11117 11126 12445 12770 | USAIR SEE ADLER ELECTRIC DREAMS FOR SAIL | ANNE S. ALLEN JEFF ROBBINS PATRICK WHISTLER LAIRD ROBERTSON WILLIAM E. NEAL CHARLIE NOWAK BERGAN ACKERMAN WILLIAM WEIKERT, JR. RONALD ALLAN HUGHES CLARENCE O. JONES, JR. JAMES EAGAN |
| 13244 13652 13881 14112 | EYE-OPENER | JOHN L. COSMANN JOHN A. FRANK, III DREW BERGAN ROBERT DOBMEIER RACHAEL MOLONEY DAVID E. FRETZ |
| 14195 14261 14286 14291 14371 14410 14416 14502 14519 14572 | BERRY II DONUTS, DONUTS, DONUTS VAMPIRE II Confusion3 CATSPAWS WEST WIND | EDWIN ROSEBERRY, JR. WARREN EMBLIDGE, III JUDITH WALKER ROBERT B. STARCK DR. RICHARD J. BUCKLEY, JR. PETER C. GODFREY THOMAS M. WARD ERICH STEADMAN TIMOTHY JEHLE KEVIN J. ROBINSON RICHARD A. AUBRECHT MICHAEL VOLLMER LARRY MACDONALD, JR. DAVID STARCK GREG FLYNN JODY SWANSON TOM ALLEN, JR. TOM ALLEN, SR |
| 14744 14772 15064 15119 15121 15125 15168 15196 | DAZE | |

Captain.....Warren Emblidge
Treasurer.....Tom Allen, Jr.
Secretary.....Brian Starck
Historian.....Jack O'Donnell

The season started with a bang, as several teams headed to the southern circuit. Warren Emblidge, our intrepid fleet captain, had his boat crushed by a hit and run driver not more than a half mile into his trip south, but thanks in no small part to Brian Starck's recent completion of a defensive driving course, the damage was held to something less than the boat's value (lesson learned: Don't drive on St. Patty's day in Buffalo!). Larry MacDonald finished the circuit second overall, while Dave Starck finished third. Warren, Brian and Jack O'Donnell commandeered a new boat and car, and made the trip anyways! In May, the flock made its way west to Pymatuning, but all we remember is that Dave Starck sang with the Trailer Trash band. (We doubt he's been invited on their European "double-wide" tour)

With the NA's coming to town, there were lots of opportunities to hone our racing skills at the Club. In June, we held the Niagara Frontier Invitational. Several visiting teams joined the 19 boat fray, which was won by David Starck. In July, we sailed our Club Championship, which attracted lots of folks looking to practice for the upcoming NA's. Mark Sertl of CNY District won the day. We also saw phenomenal club racing, with up to 17 boats on the line for our Tuesday night series! Dave Starck and Larry MacDonald won most of the races, with Warren Emblidge and "Fast Eddie" Roseberry hot on their heels. Special thanks to our race committee (Jean Swanson, Anne Allen, and Susie Fretz) for getting in 4-5 races each night! We'd also like to welcome Erich Steadman and Peter Godfrey who both purchased boats this year to become the newest members of our growing fleet.

Our big event was the 2004 North Americans, which was a colossal undertaking chaired by Dave Starck and supported by a cast of thousands (thank you all!). More than 150 boats arrived for the two-week soiree, which saw wild conditions ranging from drifting to 25+ knots with 8' plus waves. Jody Swanson was the story of the day, winning both the Women's regatta and the North American Championship. Her crew in the Women's regatta was Maddy Waldron and Lauren Jones, while her NA's crew was Tom Starck and Skip Dieball. Congratulations!! Fellow member Tom Allen Jr. with crew Bill Pictor and John Humphrey finished third in the championship flight, and David Starck won the qualifying series. Tom Allen Sr., Jim Allen, Dick Aubrecht, Drew Bergan, Warren Emblidge, Tim Jehle, Larry MacDonald, and David Sprague also competed in the event.

Many fleet members also participated in the Women's, Junior's and Master's regattas. Drew Bergan, Will Carey, Jeff Robbins, and Patrick Whistler competed in the Juniors, while Sarah Montgomery, Jenny Millar, Debbie Probst, and Jody Swanson competed in the Women's regatta. Many of our regulars also participated in the Master's regatta, including Tom Ward. All-in-all, fantastic participation by all!

Having completed the pre-game show, it was time to move on the finale: the Corinthian's Old Salts' Regatta. Our "seasoned veterans" toughed out drifting conditions and foggy strategies to earn bragging rights as the saltiest dog on the sea. This year's winner was "Uncle" Bob Starck, breaking Dick Aubrecht's two-year stranglehold on the title.

We finished up the season with a one-day fall regatta, where warm weather, calm seas and a fair wind ruled the day - just like the NA's! Clearly, we've had a fun time this year - thanks to all those who made this such a special season - see you in 2005!



Fleet 23: Indian Lake Yacht Club
Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio
Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|-------------------|
| Life | | W.J. LIMBAUGH |
| 10585 | | ROBINSON JOSLIN |
| 11055 | ANNE JO | JOHN GREEN |
| 12049 | DYED BLUE | ROBERT CURRY |
| 12287 | MELLOW | FRANKLIN L. TERRY |
| 13189 | JODI | RICHARD COLLIER |
| 13502 | | JIM SEWELL |
| 13741 | WIND THIEF | ROBERT CLOVER |
| 13747 | NO FEAR | JUDYCREAMER |

Fleet Secretary.....Robert Clover

Fleet 23 enjoyed reasonably good sailing weather for the summer. As many as five boats were at the starting line on occasion. Winds weren't always in our favorite range (just right for holding a beverage in one hand while managing a line in the other) but usually at least enough too avoid using auxiliary power and below wet suit velocity.

We did have one junior who managed to get some skippering in and we were proud of that. Maybe next year we can work in some more junior Lightning sailors.

Some of our members are already watching long term forecasts for the winter to contemplate ice boating. Ice boaters should check with ILYC to find out if ice sailing conditions are right and join us during the winter. May you all enjoy fair winds and following seas!

Fleet 25 Lake Mohawk Yacht Club
Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey
Metropolitan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 11565 | ARIBA-ARIBA-ANDELE | JOHN MARX |
| 11738 | TABASCO | JOHN RICE |
| 13160 | SUB-LIME | HENRY JELINEK |
| 13373 | THE GREAT ESCAPE | WILLIAM M. BEVERIDGE |
| 13381 | SPAGHETTI | MARK MARUSSICH |
| 13820 | TATTOO | CHARLES CHUTE |
| 14198 | SUSHI | DONALD T. OKNER |
| 14327 | WILD GOOSE | ANGELA HOPKINS |
| 14607 | HAWKEYE | RICHARD T. MINER |
| 15090 | M | PERRY L. ANDERSON |

Fleet Captain.....Chuc Chute
 Fleet Secretary.....Donald T. Okner
 Fleet Champion.....Richard T. Miner



With Lightning sailor Hank Jelinek serving as Commodore of the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club for his second year in a row the fun for 2004 began on May 1st with the club's first social activity of the year, the Prep Signal. The event took place at the Lake Mohawk Country Club and included a "pot luck" dinner. This family party set the mood for racing that started on Sunday, May 16th with the first gun at 1:00 P.M.

The first of our three, handicapped regattas, the Gabor Cup was held on May 30th. Bill Batchelor served as race official and we had a terrific turnout. Perry Anderson took third place in the regatta, assisted by his crew Margaret Anderson and Gary Oeters.

By June, racing was well underway. On June 27th we had a terrific turnout in some good air out of the north. Although Chuck Chute washed his boat during the first race, he came back for more and grabbed a second in the next race. Rich Miner managed to take two firsts. Hank Jelinek took a second in the first race but broke a vang and was out for the second.

The Independence Day Family Picnic on July 3rd was an outstanding success with 70 people of all ages enjoying the food and spectacular fireworks over the lake. The theme for the event, an annual favorite, was red, white and blue with burgers, hot dogs, soda and beer on the menu. Hooray USA! Thanks go to our social committee headed by Cathy Chute and Bambi Newton as well as Beth Jelinek for her tables and all who helped.

On the following day, John Miller served as race official for the Marine Base Regatta. There were two races sailed in shifty, seven to ten knot wind, predominantly out of the south east. Eleven boats participated including five Lightnings. There were a few mishaps, including one turtle, but nothing that our skippers and their crews haven't

experienced before. The combined handicapped results produced a three way tie for first place and another three way tie for fourth place so the results were calculated based upon corrected times. Third Place in the regatta and first place in the Lightning fleet went to Rich Miner and his crew.

The Spring series ended in July with defending champion Rich Miner going undefeated for twelve races. The results of the Spring series are as follows:

First Place: Richard Miner, Skipper: Gail Miner & Edgar Braendle, Crew
 Second Place: Perry Anderson, Skipper: Margaret Anderson & Gary Oeters, Crew
 Third Place: Hank Jelinek, Skipper: Adam Enea, Crew
 Fourth Place: Don Okner, Skipper: Stephen Koch, Crew
 Fifth Place: Chuck Chute, Skipper: Dave Newton, Crew

The first, annual Jack Robertson Cruising Day took place on the following weekend on Saturday, August 7th. We had boats from all fleets on the lake as well as some great food courtesy of our social committee. Of course, the star of the show was Jack Robertson. The Okner and Miner Lightnings were out along with Howard Gooblar's Snipe, Nick Hamon's Merlin and son Michael's Pico as well as Matt Carlson's Ghost and, of course a Sunfish or two.

The event marked the return of one of our all time favorite menus, brats and beer. Cathy Chute did an outstanding job preparing everything and Chuck Chute, once again, skillfully manned the grill. The German beer added the final touch! Bill and Kayoko Batchelor also stopped by with their adorable little daughter Maika, now over five months old. Those who were there agreed that this event is here to stay! Thank you Jack for your inspiration.

On the following day, with Jeff Urbanski at the helm of the committee boat, assisted by son Gregory, we had two races in light to medium air out of the west. Five Lightnings raced and while defending Lightning Fleet Champion Rich Miner captured another bullet in the first race he was taken by Perry Anderson in the second race. Don Okner had his son Martin Okner along with Holly Aron on board as crew.

Our last handicapped regatta for the year, the Commodore's Cup Regatta, took place on September 5th. We had a great turn out that included five Lightnings on the starting line for two races in a 5 to 8 knot breeze out of the east-not a favorite direction for many of our sailors. Thanks to the efforts of our Race Officials, Bill Warren and Jack Robertson, a good course was laid out and the competition was stiff. Second Place went to Don Okner and crew Stephen Koch.

On September 12th we were treated to our favored wind out of the south west. While the breeze was a very light for the first race, it filled to about 8 to 10 knots for the second. We were able to sail a triangle course with marks

to starboard and had some good spinnaker reaches. Chuck Chute began sailing his newly acquired boat, Tattoo, during September and he sold Tomato Sloop shortly thereafter. We will all miss seeing Tomato Sloop on our lake but we certainly wish Chuck well with his new boat.

On September 19th the effects of a hurricane were causing heavy gusts out of the northeast, so racing was canceled. However, things settled down later in the afternoon and the Chute and Marussich Lightnings were spotted tied up to the dock at the boardwalk. Could this have been a beer run to Krogh's?

On the following week, racing resumed and we had a good turnout in the Lightning fleet. October 3rd turned out to be a bit of a disappointment because what little wind there was at the start dissipated and racing had to be canceled due to lack of air. However, on October 10th, with John Miller and Chuck Chute serving as race officials, we were treated to a strong and steady wind out of the North that provided some of the best sailing of the year.

Racing officially came to a close on October 17th and Rich Miner was once again in first place for the Fall series. The results for the Fall series are as follows:

First Place: Richard Miner, Skipper: Gail Miner & Edgar Braendle, Crew
 Second Place: Don Okner, Skipper: Stephen Koch, Crew
 Third Place: Perry Anderson, Skipper: Margaret Anderson & Gary Oeters, Crew
 Fourth Place: Hank Jelinek, Skipper: Adam Enea, Crew
 Fifth Place: Chuck Chute, Skipper: Dave Newton, Crew

Based on the combined results of his first place finish in the Spring Series and his first place finish in the Fall Series, Rich Miner and his crew once again snagged the Lightning Fleet Championship for 2004. Congratulations go to Rich, Gail and Edgar.

Another social event, punctuated with a little business, was the "Finish Line" party and annual meeting on October 16th. At that time, our officers for 2005 were elected. Our Commodore for 2005 will be defending Lightning Fleet Champion Rich Miner and the Vice Commodore will be his crew, Gail Miner with Hank Jelinek serving as Rear Commodore, Stephen Koch as Secretary and Perry Anderson as Treasurer. The Lightning Fleet Captain will be Chuck Chute, Mike Kelly will serve as Snipe Fleet Captain and the Laser Fleet will be headed by John Miller.

Our annual Awards Brunch took place on Sunday, November 21, 2004 in the Papoose Room of the Lake Mohawk Country Club. This was our last, regularly scheduled social event for 2004. Those all important trophies were presented at the brunch. Recipients of special



awards included Chuck Chute for Most Improved skipper. This year was only the second year that Chuck has been sailing and he is quickly mastering the sport. Perry Anderson and his crew received some "gag" trophies for a mishap during one of the races. However, none of us seriously believe that Perry, a true blue Wolverine, will use any of the Ohio State gear that was presented to him.

Former Lightning Fleet Champion Bob Graham and his wife and crew Patty paid a visit on October 10th. They were up from hurricane ravaged Punta Gorda, Florida where they moved last year. They were sun tanned and in good spirits despite living without power for 18 days, but their house did have some damage. Fortunately the Grahams (and their two dogs) were unharmed.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming 2005 sailing season that will begin in May. We welcome you to visit our web site at: www.lakemohawksailing.org for up to date information. You can Email us at: info@lakemohawksailing.org. Smooth sailing and God bless America!

Fleet 26 Little Egg Harbor
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay, Beach Haven, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|--|
| 10768 | PROCRUSTINATION | DR. JODY ROBINSON |
| 11124 | SPIRIT | JR. SAILING PROGRAM LITTLE EGG HARBOR YC |
| 11666 | CIRRUS | JOHN TEIGLAND, JR. |
| 14634 | PHANTOM | CAROLINE V.L.S. HOEDEMAEKER |
| 15079 | ARIES | FRANZ K. SCHNEIDER, JR. |

Fleet Captain.....Dr. Jody Robinson
Fleet Secretary.....Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
Fleet Champion.....Rafe Pilling

Our club season ran from June 19th through September 4th. With few exceptions, races for E-Scow's, Marshall Cat's & Lightning's were run on Saturday afternoons with special cup races held on July 4th & Labor Day weekends.

Rafe Pilling, with Tyler Klaus and Doug Ancey as crew represented Little Egg Harbor and the North Jersey Yacht Racing Association in the Area C Sears Cup eliminations, sailed in Lightning's. With his sister Colie and Tyler Klaus crewing, he also won our fleet championship. Cassy Botti with Franz & Sheila Schneider as crew was second.

The local season opened in June with a Regatta at the Brant Beach Yacht Club. Surf City Yacht Club held an Interclub series in mid July. The Long Beach Island Race Week Lightning event was held on August 4th.

It didn't rain during our Down Bay Regatta but we suffered from the calm before the advancing hurricane. There was not enough wind to sail two races on Saturday and on Sunday there was barely enough wind to get to the race course. Bill Mergenthaler from Surf City took home first place silver, Peter Menninger was second and John Haiges from Riverton Yacht Club was third.

In August Barnegat Light Yacht Club held another interclub event and the local season ended with two more Regattas at Surf City.

During the week of September 20th, The Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association was the host organization for the Mallory Cup Finals. It was sailed in Lightnings on our race course using our Race Committee.

A family oriented club, the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club has a strong dedication to sportsmanship and 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.



Fleet 27: Leatherlips

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Powell, Ohio
Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 7502 | | JOHN B. HANEY |
| 8559 | | PETER BURGE |
| 9496 | | RALPH ZIMMER |
| 11899 | | DAVID RACINE |
| 11982 | GONE WITH THE WIND | GEORGE K. HODGE |
| 12046 | | KIRK SMITH |
| 12580 | B.O.B. (Babes on Board) | CHRISTINA HEDRICK |
| 12787 | | RICHARD SCHLIM |
| 12797 | | DON FRISWOLD |
| 13063 | SPEEDY | JAMIE DIAMOND |
| 14110 | | SUSAN ROSS |
| 14743 | 3 SHEETS TO THE WIND | CHARLES D. SHEETS |
| 14897 | | KURT ANDREWS |
| 15191 | | ERIC BRANDT |

Fleet 27 is just hanging on. There are really only two or three boats that do anything anymore.

Fleet 31: Devils Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Devils Lake, Manitow Beach, Michigan
Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | | SCOTT SMITH |
| 13959 | THUNDER BOAT | JACK BEAL |
| 14301 | HAY BALES | JEFFREY W. CLEMES |
| 14510 | TCS | MERRILL BALES |
| 14618 | OVER EASY | HANK HODGSON |
| 14649 | MODEL CITIZEN | RICHARD FOSTER |
| 14810 | ADRENALIN | BRUCE GOLDSMITH |
| 14830 | | JEFFREY C. MALUDY, M.D. |
| 14884 | | DAVID LAIDLAW |
| | | DAN NORTON |

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Clemes

2004 was a full season for Fleet 31, Devils Lake, Manitow Beach, Michigan. We may have even gained some new sailors based on the year end regatta. Next year will tell the tale (no pun intended).

Our Sunday series winner was Dr. Dave Laidlaw, who also won the 4th of July series. Merrill Bales won our Stay at Home series and also the Captains Trophy. The Round the Lake Race was won by the only person who understood the special rules - Bill Rogge (not quite true). Dan Norton and Bill Rogge won 2nd and 3rd in our Stay at Home series. Hank Hodgson, not to be outdone, won the Commodore's Trophy and Labor Day series.

Attendance at our annual regatta was disappointing again. We have rearranged a little so that we include a band and the Shipwreck Party. That means that the Saturday evening buffet goes from 6pm until all the food is cooked. It took hours last year with almost any entree that one could imagine available. We will try harder in 2005. Second weekend after Labor Day.

Fleet 33: Turkeyfoot Lake

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake, Akron, Ohio
Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|-----------------|
| 10425 | JAMAC II | ROBERT JAMES |
| 11123 | RED III | MCCLEASTER |
| 13594 | WINDEBEAST | CLEM B. SHRIVER |
| 13989 | NITTANY | GREGORY GRAY |
| 14075 | LIGHTNING | JEROME SEPPelt |
| | | DALE JACKSON |

Fleet 34: Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Sailing on the Metedeconk River, Brick New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Life Line | | PAUL F. GELENITIS |
| | | DJOERD HOEKSTRA |
| | | STEPHANIE RUITER |
| | | MICHAEL HNATT |
| 6557 | ZIG ZAG | CAROL H. KERN |
| 7082 | CERTIORARI | ROBERT E. COWAN |
| 9852 | CLUB TUB | METEDECONK RIVER YACHT CLUB |
| 10952 | | ROBERT G. SAVARESE |
| 11122 | | DAVID MAGLIARO |
| 11894 | LOVE IT | DAVID S. RUITER |
| 12209 | | DONALD SCHON |
| 13084 | | ERIC LEHNES |
| 14008 | INCREDIBLE HULK | GREG KINZEL |
| 14450 | | GEORGE B. FRANCIS |
| 14450 | | RICHARD D. THOMAS |
| 14589 | LESS THAN ZERO | BRIAN TABOADA |
| 14597 | ROADMASTER | KEITH TABOADA |
| 14642 | CRUSADER | FRANK CONWAY |
| 14692 | AREA 51 | DONALD BRENNAN |
| 14692 | AREA 51 | ANDREW BRENNAN |
| 14889 | STRIPES | WILLIAM C. BOGARDUS JR. |
| 14924 | | MATTHEW SMITH |
| 14960 | | MITCHELL HNATT |
| 15057 | | JODY LUTZ |
| 15122 | LOGICAL | JAMES G. CARSON |

Fleet Captain.....Mitch Hnatt
Fleet Secretary.....Stephanie Ruitter

A busy season for Metedeconk sailors began on the Southern Circuit as Jim Carson and George Francis sailed the complete circuit with Bill Bogardus joining them in St. Petersburg. The Long John in Red Bank, NJ traditionally commences the local regatta season; five MRYC boats attended, with the best finishes being Mitch Hnatt (2nd) and Keith Taboada (8th). Lavallette held two major regattas on consecutive weekends in June: the New Jersey States saw a Metedeconk 1-2 punch with Mitch Hnatt winning and George Francis 2nd. The Central Atlantic Districts saw Allan Terhune of Toms River successfully defend his 2003 title but not before Mitch Hnatt made him sweat by winning the last race and finishing a point out of 1st. Jody Lutz finished 3rd and Bill Bogardus 7th. Metedeconk made a strong showing at both events, with 9 different sailors competing, typically in both. Others who made the Lavallette regattas beyond those listed above included Jim Carson, Greg Kinzel, Stephanie Ruitter, Don



Schon and Paul Gelenitis. The other major local regatta was the Atlantic Coast Championship held at Toms River in July that hosted 52 boats in windy conditions. Brian Taboada led after 4 races, only to lose the title after failing to overcome a broken vang in the final race. Brian was 2nd, Mitch Hnatt 6th; in total 8 Metedeconk sailors competed.

Buffalo is always a popular venue for Metedeconk sailors and the North Americans in August saw a host of competitors attending. Matt Schon finished 9th in the Juniors, Courtney O'Connor 5th in the Women's and Jim Carson 18th in the Masters. The Buffalo qualifiers saw winds all over the spectrum, either 20-25 knots or 1 to 3 knots. Jody Lutz was the only Metedeconk sailor to make the Championship flight, and went on to finish 15th. After just missing qualifying Blue, Bill Bogardus finished 9th in the Presidents Cup. Jim Carson took runner up in the Governors Cup with George Francis finishing 7th.

Once again, Mitch Hnatt dominated fleet sailing, winning all three club series (spring, summer and fall). Mitch followed up by reclaiming his title as Club Champion (sail off among other fleet winners). Mitch also won the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Championship that he also won in 2003. In addition, Mitch was the BBYRA and ultimately the Area C Mollory representative and finished a credible 5th in the finals. 2004 was a great season for Mitch. Fleet sailing showed an improvement in participation as the fleet went to a weighted schedule with more races per day with less race days. It provides the fleet a better opportunity for broader participation on days we do sail. Lightning sailors outside Metedeconk are welcomed in the spring and fall; it's a good way to enjoy a maximum of good sailing in a minimum of time. See you in 2005!

Fleet 35: Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club Sailing on White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas Texas District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|---------------------|
| 10014 | | SPENCER McGOWAN |
| 10020 | | ROB EDWARDS |
| 10275 | XANADO | JAMES CRITTENDON |
| 10811 | | R. JOHNDAVIS |
| 10854 | | ARDIS GOOD |
| 11118 | ROADRUNNER | MATTHEW ARNO |
| 12545 | | RALPH BILNOSKI |
| 13806 | | SAILING CLUB S.M.U. |
| 14344 | | CLARKENUEMAN |
| 14817 | | CLANCY McKENNA |
| 15117 | SHAMROCK 2 | SCOTT ANDERSON |
| | | JEFF BODKIN |

Fleet 36: Pymatuning Yacht Club Sailing on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pennsylvania Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8635 | | JUSTIN PROCTOR |
| 9375 | KYUSHU GYPSY | G. SCOTLAND WERLEY |
| 11240 | | GORDON MILLER |
| 12972 | BRUISE CRUISE | BRUCE SUNDMAN |
| 13240 | RECESS | JANIS GAMER |
| 13255 | COVERT MANEUVER | JAMES V. MARTUCCIO, SR. |
| 13255 | COVERT MANEUVER | JAMES V. MARTUCCIO, JR. |
| 13465 | HOT CANARY IX | JUNE MALTBI |
| 13608 | RELAX | BRIDGET FRYMIER |
| 13608 | RELAX | MATT FRYMIER |
| 13905 | SYZYGY | JONATHAN DEAN |
| 14143 | RIGMAROLE | EDGAR RUMBLE |
| 14208 | | BRIDGET BOYLE |
| 14242 | BLUE MOON | M. ANDREW SEES |
| 14285 | ENTICER | FRANK THOMPSON |
| 14340 | | DENNIS McLAUGHLIN |
| 14343 | SOB | WILLIAM H. WEIHE, JR. |
| 14412 | SECOND CHILDHOOD | W. TERRY PATRICK |
| 14420 | GREASED LIGHTNING | DEAN N. CALEY |
| 14483 | SPICE | MARTIN POWELL |
| 14513 | HANG TUFF | LUD LEKSON |
| 14523 | MOO | LEONARD CICCONE |
| 14546 | HAKUNA MATATA | VICTOR MARAS |
| 14546 | HAKUNA MATATA | MARILYN MARAS |
| 14573 | | JOHN WOODALL |
| 14579 | ARETE | NEDRA LEWIS |
| 14579 | ARETE | G. SCOTLAND WERLEY |
| 14657 | | JUSTIN PROCTOR |
| 14731 | TOG BOG E | RALPH MEACHAM |
| 14885 | BLUE LINE | DOUGLAS BLACKBURN |
| 14907 | | KATE MEACHAM |
| 14914 | COOL | DONALD P. COURTSAL |
| 14956 | ENCORE PIZZAZ | HERBERT JESTEL |
| 14957 | SMILEY | RYAN RUHLMAN |
| 15000 | BREAKING WIND | JOHN P. BORLAND |
| 15015 | SLUTELY CANTANKEROUS | JOHN WERLEY |
| 15015 | | BERTIE M. WERLEY |
| 15015 | | TIMOTHY WERLEY |
| 15022 | | GARRY CONDON |
| 15075 | | ROBERT RUHLMAN |
| 15075 | | ABIGAIL RUHLMAN |
| 15075 | | MAEGAN RUHLMAN |
| 15112 | NO TIME TO KILL | DAVID E. WERLEY |
| 15221 | | DAVID N. VIEREGG |

Pymatuning Junior Yacht Club Officers:
Commodore.....Simon Brubaker
Vice-Commodore.....Dan Butters
Secretary-Treasurer.....Kristin Tuta
Race Chairman.....Andrew White
Fleet Captain Sarah.....Woodall
Fleet Secretary.....Kandi Caley
Fleet Champion.....John Werley

Fleet 36 started the year with a kick-off party graciously hosted by Rob & Abby Ruhlman in February. That's the middle of winter in Ohio and Pennsylvania, so we all went back into hibernation for six more weeks.

The Sailing season began in May with the 20th Anniversary Spring Classic. Thanks to all our guest sailors for celebrating this milestone with us. We invite everyone to come next year for cool breezes, warm friendship and hot competition.

The Ohio District Championship, hosted by the Cowan

Lake Sailing Association, featured great sailing, great steaks, and cold beer. Seven boats represented Fleet 36 at Districts including four of our junior sailors, J.D. Dunne, Samantha Maras, Maegan Ruhlman and Tim Werley. Four of our fleet qualified for the North American Championship and set off for Buffalo NY. Among them were J.D. Dunne, Maegan Ruhlman, and Tim Werley. We were proud to lend the Trailer Trash Band to the Buffalo Canoe Club for their national debut.

PYC has an excellent junior program, and we're very proud of our junior sailors. Each weekend throughout the summer, they learn safety, care of the boats and sails, knots, basic sailing, spinnaker handling, rules, racing and strategy. A very dedicated Junior Committee, led by Scot Werley, organizes the junior program including weekend camps, an Optimist Championship, and the PYC Sailing



Team that travels to ILYA junior regattas for competition in a variety of classes. It truly takes a yacht club to raise a young sailor. We have many to thank for an enriching junior program that emphasizes good sportsmanship, confidence building and fun for our kids.

The Juniors Yacht Club is very active group. In particular, J.D. Dunne, Samantha Maras, Maegan Ruhlman, Alex Werley, Kate Werley, Matt Werley and Tim Werley participated in our fleet's club races and regattas. All are accomplished skippers and crew in their own age groups. Matt Werley won the Verna Yates Memorial Optimist Championship at PYC.

This year, everything just started to click for J.D. Dunne making it his favorite sailing season to date. He sailed the majority of his Lightning races as front crew with Dave Vieregg and Justin Proctor at the Ohio District Championship and, in his words, the brutal conditions of the Lightning North American Championship. Not only was J.D. an asset to the team, but he also made those old guys feel young, eating nothing but onion rings and milkshakes for lunch! J.D. has natural instincts and good concentration. They all kept their heads out of the boat and strategized as a team, but most of all, they had fun on and off the water. Dave Vieregg says, "Taking a junior sailing and racing is a good experience for both skipper and crew!" At Bay Week, J.D. and PYC junior Tristan Jackson made the Gold Fleet in an FJ. It was great fun for them



even though things started to fall apart, literally, after the second day. They spent most of the summer in a 420 on the junior circuit, including our own Junior Regatta where they took 2nd place. J.D. also won the juniors' club races for his age group, 14-18 years.

This year was certainly Maegan Ruhlman's biggest yet. Maegan and her team of Martha Fisher and Jimmy Rowe were the only non-Brazilian team to win a race at the Lightning Youth World Championship in Brazil. They went on to finish ninth, the second of three U.S. entries. While the racing was great, it was the camaraderie and the forging of lifelong friendships that really made the week for Maegan. At PYC's Independence Day Regatta, Maegan and her team of Courtney O'Conner and Seth Young won the first race, beating both her father, Rob, and her brother, Ryan. She then went on to beat Rob two out of three and finish 2nd overall behind Ryan. After driving a heavy air weekend regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club, Maegan, Martha Fisher and PYC's own Ian Gilliland sailed to a very solid third place finish in the Lightning Junior North Americans. Maegan's days as a junior are now behind her, but she's just warming up! She's on the sailing team at the College of Charleston, and you can expect to see her in the Women's NA Championship next year as well as driving in the North American Championship. She's giving back to PYC as well. She really enjoys sharing her knowledge and, more importantly, her love for the game with our juniors serving as a counselor and coach at our sailing camps.

Tim Werley has been team-sailing club races this year with his father, John. He's sailed many very competitive races as a seasoned skipper in his own right. One such race challenged many of the veterans with Tim as one of only three boats enduring the heavy wind. At Bay Week, Tim placed 8th in the Commodore's Fleet in a Laser, and he actively campaigned in the ILYA Travelers Series. He also came in fifth in the juniors' club races in his age group, 14-18 years.

Pymatuning Yacht Club chose two Lightning sailors to recognize with special honors this year. Jonette Werley was awarded the prestigious Verna Yates Crewmanship Trophy, nominated by her brother and fellow crewmate, Greg Maras. Herb Jestel was given the PYC Corinthian Award to recognize his outstanding contributions to all the sailing activities of the club. Both awards are well deserved by these two glittering examples of sportsmanship and Corinthianism.

The Fleet 36 Championship goes to John Werley this year. Dave Werley finished second in the Championship series, followed by the team of Justin Proctor and Dave Vieregg, with Don Courtsal fourth, and Garry Condon in fifth. Congratulations to all for a great 2004!



Fleet 42: Western Lake Erie

Sailing at North Cape Yacht Club on Lake Erie, Monroe, Michigan
Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|-------------------|
| 10638 | Wimpy Flash | SKIP DIEBALL |
| 10638 | WIMPY-12 | DENNIS DIEBALL |
| 10798 | | RICK ROTHENBUHLER |
| 14148 | THE HAPPY BOAT | STEPHEN H. THOMAS |
| 14249 | | GEORGE SEPEL |
| | | CRAIG GABEL |
| 14519 | INSTANT KARMA | JOSH KERST |
| 14543 | | JOHN HEAGY |
| 14649 | | DEREK GAUGER |
| 14779 | FLASH OVER II | JIM DAVIS |

Fleet Captain.....Jim Davis

Fleet 42's activity was down the past season with only several boats participating and or traveling. Our spring regatta was attended by nine boats, although our weather was better then usual and six races were sailed. The regatta was won by co-skippers Skip Dieball and Craig Gabel, second was Jim Allen and third was John Werley. A good time was had by all in spite of the small turnout. Fleet 42 and North Cape Yacht Club hope to host the Michigan Districts in early July of 05.

Fleet 43: Buckeye Lake

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Columbus, Ohio
Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| 13250 | LAUGH A MINUTE | DR. KARL KUMLER |
| 15181 | | GEORGE FISHER |

Fleet 47: Silver Lake Yacht Club

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York
Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|------------------------|
| 7949 | JUST SAY NO | C. SCOTT DeGOLYER, III |
| 8004 | CIRRUS II | ROGER SLADE |
| 9119 | PASSING WIND | MARK O. HUMPHREY |
| | | PETER G. HUMPHREY |
| 9620 | | JOYCE NASH |
| | | RONALD A. NASH |
| 9739 | MAGGIE RAY | MICHAEL T. HUMPHREY |
| 11501 | | GERALD WALTER |
| 12788 | SEA SERPENT | WILLIAM G. VAN ARSDALE |
| | | DOUGLAS F. BLISS |
| 13458 | YELLOW FELLOW | KENNETH HENNIG |
| 13714 | POITIN | PAUL MALONE |
| 13948 | IDIOT | MARK H. DADD |
| 14311 | CHASE | DAVID NASCA |
| 14580 | | LARISSA COX |
| 14672 | SPEEDY DEVIL | MARK W. GRINDER |
| 14828 | | IRA JOHNSON |
| 15148 | | JOHN HUMPHREY |

Fleet 50: Potomac River Sailing Association

Sailing on the Potomac River near Washington DC
Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 32 | | BARBARA K. THOMPSON |
| 3343 | LITTLE BIT | ALLAN ROGERS |
| 7603 | PANDORA II | ROBERT ASTROVE |
| 10215 | BLACK ADDER | TED OKADA |
| 10226 | STRING CHEESE | JAMES W. GREENWELL |
| 10527 | CONFUSION | ROB TOMPKINS |
| 10745 | E.G.VITESSE | WALTER DAVID THOMPSON |
| 11288 | BON JOY | DAVID E. MENOTTI |
| 11369 | MANY EXCUSES | JUSTIN MORRIS |
| 11767 | THUNDER | HARRY H. KEITH, III |
| 11792 | ROGUE | PAUL A. MAHER |
| 11908 | ENVY | ERIC SWANSON |
| 11979 | LORD JIM | GLORIA GILBERT BLACK |
| 12416 | | SAM ZADEH |
| 12417 | REDLINE | DOUG TAPHOUSE |
| 12473 | CHIKITA | JAY GRAY |
| 13306 | WASABI | FRANK GALLAGHER |
| 13440 | FASTN'LOOSE | DENSE MALUEG |
| 13717 | WITCHER | ROBERT WILLBUR |
| 14019 | | DAVE MILLARD |
| 14037 | BONY BUNS | JOE WARREN |
| 14096 | GRAY GHOST | DREW HUDSON |
| 14100 | MOONSHADOW | RED FEHRLE |
| 14100 | MOONSHADOW | AMY DEVINE |
| 14222 | BATHUB GIN | STEVE GREGG |
| 14375 | OUT OF THE BLUE | PETER McDONNELL |
| 14395 | STRING THEORY | JEFFREY STORCK |
| 14485 | DEUX POISSONS ET UN CHAT | RON BUCHANAN |
| 14521 | PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON | JOSEPH G. ANDERSON |
| 14553 | | RICHARD WELCH |
| 14566 | RESISTANCE IS FUTILE | FRANK GALLAGHER |
| 14592 | BEEDOBEAT | JOHN R. BUTLER |
| 14592 | BEEDOBEAT | ROGER WRIGHT |
| 14627 | NO MORE EXCUSES | NELSON PEMBERTON |
| 14627 | NO MORE EXCUSES | JAMES DILLARD |
| 15142 | SHADOWFAX | NABEEL ALSALAM |
| 15195 | | PATRICK MCGEE |
| 15202 | | TODD JOHNSON |
| 15124 | | WILLIAM R. FOSTER |
| 15228 | BLUE TWO | DAVID & BARBARA THOMPSON |

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Storck
Fleet Secretary.....& Webmaster David Thompson
Fleet Treasurer.....Frank Gallagher
Fleet Lieutenant for Racing.....Rob Tompkins
Fleet Lieutenant for Development.....Nabeel Alsalam
Fleet Lieutenant for Scoring.....Russ Roberts
Potomac Cup Race Organizer.....Rick Welch

Modernizing the Fleet

2004 saw Fleet 50 undertake a modernization program, with several skippers moving up to new boats. First, late in 2003, Nabeel Alsalam purchased 15142 from her first owner, moving up from #14096, Gray Ghost. Not to be undone, Pat McGee followed suit by purchasing a brand new NBW Lightning, #15195, moving up from #14187, Wolf. Our third 15000-series Lightning joined the fleet in February, when Todd Johnson decided to go for dual fleet membership, coming over from Fleet 329 in Annapolis, and bringing #15202 with him. Then, David and Barbara Thompson determined that they were spending more time fixing 10745, EGV, than sailing her, so they ordered a new NBW Lightning, #15228, which was delivered in September. So now, Fleet 50 boasts of four of the 15000 series boats.



But that was not all! Drew Hudson and spouse Sousean Arafah bought Grey Ghost from Nabeel, moving up from #12417, Redline. Rick Welch bought #14553 from Jennifer Parrow, moving up from #13460, Sonho Meu; and Laurie Duncan bought 14187 from Pat McGee, renaming the boat IVaya Chical, and moving up from #13306, Wasabi. Then Sonho Meu found a new home in North Carolina; Redline went to new Fleet 50 skipper Doug Taphouse, and, completing the circle, Frank Gallagher purchased Wasabi. We have not had this much change in twenty five years. You definitely need a scorecard to keep up with this action!

In the meantime, Nabeel struggled to name his new translucent-white-hulled boat, trying Casper before eventually christening her Shadowfax, after the legendary fast white Middle-earth horse from the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Shadowfax's great speed allowed her owner to make many just-in-time appearances. This seems to have paid off for Nabeel (see Fleet 50 Championship series results, below). David and Barbara settled on Blue Two, their second blue boat; but Rick Welch and Pat McGee are still working on names for their new treasures.

Events and Results

Fleet 50 sails with the Potomac River Sailing Association, from its harbor at the Washington Sailing Marina, on the Potomac River just south of Ronald Reagan National Airport. Our season runs from the first weekend in April through the first weekend in November, where we sail on Sundays except during the hot summer months, when we have only Wednesday-evening informal competition. This provides opportunities for our skippers to hit the out-of-town regattas during summer weekends, and to enjoy leisurely cruising when they are not out of town.

We had excellent participation in our local events, and very good results from Fleet 50 skippers who went to out-of-town venues.

Local Events

For our first event of the year we hosted the 2004 Dixie District Lightning Labs on a sunny, cool light-air weekend down at Leesylvania State Park. Greg Fisher an extraordinarily good instructor, mentor, and coach showed how to - and helped us to - tune our rigging and set our sails, before taking us out on the water on Saturday for starting drills. 16 boats were there, representing Fleet 50 and several others, including Fleet 52 (Lake Fenton); Fleet 75 (Nyack); Fleet 253 (Susquehanna); Fleet 329 (Annapolis); Fleet 484 (Ithaca); and Fleet 508 (Solomons).

Two weeks later we hosted the 2004 Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup regatta, under the supervision of event organizer Rick Welch, where 33 Lightnings and 6 Hampsons watched in disbelief as once again Dick Hallagan (Fleet 77) led us around the course to take an unprecedented fourth-regatta-in-a-row first place, and his fifth within the past 7 years. Pierce Barden (Fleet 51) took

second place, and our own Frank Gallagher took third.

We participated with enthusiasm at the 2004 PRSA Spring Regatta on Memorial Day weekend, where 13 Lightnings mixed it up with 28 other boats, including Albacores, Buccaneers, Interlakes, Hampsons, Lasers, and Penguins. Frank Gallagher took first place on a tiebreaker in the Lightning division; Nabeel Alsalam was second, and Todd Johnson third.

We participated with even more enthusiasm at the 2004 President's/Leukemia Cup, sailing in nice weather with 16 Lightnings in a fleet of 102 total boats on two courses. Nabeel took first place in both events, with Frank Gallagher second and Rick Welch third in the Leukemia Cup.

In the meantime, we had an opportunity to complete 44 races in the PRSA spring and fall series, over sixteen Sundays this season. Steve Gregg, a recently arrived collegiate sailor, surprised us with a first place finish in the spring series, followed by Nabeel, Rick Welch, Drew Hudson, and Paul Maher. The top 5 fall series finishers also were close to each other in finishing, with Frank Gallagher in first place, followed by Rick Welch, Steve Gregg, Nabeel, and Pat McGee. For the entire season (61 races), with credit for participation in local regattas as well as the PRSA races, Nabeel took first place, followed by Frank Gallagher, Rick Welch, Steve Gregg, and Pat McGee. During our season we had 25 fleet skippers participating in at least one race during the year.

Out-of-town Events

During the summer our fleet was well represented in the Dixie District championships at Havre de Grace, where Nabeel Alsalam, Todd Johnson, Frank Gallagher, and Pat McGee qualified to attend the 2004 North American championships; and Steve Gregg, Bob Astrove, and Joe Anderson also competed aggressively. Bob's #7603 was likely the oldest boat to have competed in the Dixie District Championships in 30 years.

Nabeel also went to the Atlantic Coast Championships in Toms River, NJ, where he placed 25th out of a fleet of 52 starters, in heavy air conditions.

Bob Astrove drove #7603 to the Woody Regatta at the Onondaga Yacht Club in Syracuse where he took first place with his dependable crew of Billy Astrove and Matt Klice. David Thompson and Joe Kimak also participated, serving as crew on other wooden Lightnings.

In the meantime, three Fleet 50 skippers took Special Olympian Sailing to the Maryland Special Olympics Championships, July 31 - August 1. Frank Gallagher, Aaron Boesnecker, and Joe Warren took their boats and some Special Olympians to the 2004 Maryland State Special Olympics Sailing Championships on the St. Mary's River on the Eastern shore. They had a good time and the three special Olympians sailing with them enjoyed six races in winds that ranged from 3 to 18 knots.



Then Nabeel went to the North American championships in August, with regular crew Russ Roberts and new recruit Lisbet Kugler, and placed a respectable 21st in the Green Fleet, while Pat McGee, with crew Ian MacLeod and Jose Monteiro, placed a respectable 17th in the Yellow fleet, in very challenging wind and wave conditions. Todd Johnson also competed in the Green Fleet, placing 29th.

In October, Nabeel, Pat McGee, Joe Anderson, and Steve Gregg sailed in the SSA Frigid Digit in Annapolis, another weekend regatta in heavy wind conditions. Then, on October 23rd and 24th Bob Astrove motored down to Kerr Lake for the Borderline Regatta, where he took first place in the Hull Number Handicap Series.

Finally, on the first weekend of November, Nabeel and crew went to the Hampton Fall Flng, where they took second place.

We look forward to next season's events, when we will once again host the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup at Leesylvania, as well as the 2005 Dixie District Championships.

Gains and Losses

We said a sad farewell to some long-time friends of Fleet 50. On June 22 Fleet 50 Lifetime Member Mike Arnold passed away after a long illness. Kitty Racine of the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, a long-time friend of the Lightning class and many Fleet 50 members, passed away on July 25. Then on September 6, lifetime Fleet 50 member Frank Gentile passed away, after a long illness. We will miss them all.

New to the fleet this year are skippers Jim Greenwell (1026), Doug Taphouse (12417); Sam Zadeh (12416); Todd Johnson (15202); and Ron Buchanan (14485). Todd and Ron will maintain dual-fleet membership, Todd in Fleet 329 (Annapolis), and Ron in Fleet 509 (Hampton). New crewmembers include Andy Baker; Sheila Conlin, Wayne

Creed; Lisbet Kugler; Rebecca Newhall, Michelle Savage; Scott Shaw; Bradley Taylor, and Genie Williford.

2005 should be an exciting year for Fleet 50, following a very exciting and satisfying 2004.

Fleet 51 Crescent Sail Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Life 835 13488 | ESTRELLITA BLACK PEARL | H.J. CAWTHRA MARK E. NAGEL BRIAN WALTER BOB PFEFFER |
| 14434 14652 | TRAF ZOO STATION | JOE ROMER PAUL J. NAGEL ELENA FUTRIS NAGEL |
| 14774 14856 14982 | TICKET ASSISTED SUICIDE | TOM VICKERS MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS ROBERT G. BROWER MIKE BAMFORD |

Fleet Captain.....Tom Vickers

The 2004 Sailing Season began with a bang at Crescent Sail Yacht Club on Sunday, May 22nd with the beginning of our Sunday "A" series. The series continued up to August 15th with two races being held each day. To most sailors' delight, conditions were favorable including light to moderate winds and sunny skies for laid-back Sunday style racing. At the end of the series, Tom Vickers finished 1st, Bob Brower finished 2nd, Paul Nagel finished 3rd and newcomers to the fleet, Brian Walter and Bob Pfeffer finished fourth. Walter and Pfeffer joined the fleet at the beginning of the season, after purchasing hull #13488 from fleet member Rick Kretschmar and displayed their prowess throughout the season with the aptly named Black Pearl dubbed by young Noah Walter after the popular Pirate flick, "The Pirates of the Caribbean".

The Wednesday series began with an overall increase in attendance and livelihood as it began on June 9th with most of the boats competing, including Joe and Rick Romer, Paul Nagel, Bob Brower, Tom Vickers and Mike Williams. At the end of the first race, all competitors finished with equal points, as races were called due to lack of wind. The Wednesday night series concluded on a dark and stormy night. The Wednesday series was the most popular with the largest amount of fleet involvement, having up to seventy percent of the boats on the line at one time. This series also offered the most varied conditions to sailors from light to moderate to heavier air with larger waves, providing a little bit of everything for everyone. Last year's Fleet Champion Mike Williams and Tom Vickers had the largest amount of overall race participation, each completing a total of nine races out



of a possible eleven. At the end of an ongoing battle from week to week, Vickers slipped out with a victory over Williams, finishing first with Williams in a close second. With the help of their star skipper, Bob Pfeffer's son Scott, a member of Crescent's prestigious Junior Sailing Program, Brian Walter and Bob Pfeffer finished third overall in the series. Bob Brower followed in fourth and Paul Nagel and Joe Romer tied for fifth place.

The Sunday "B" series began for the Lightning fleet on August 15th and continued up to the Ice Breaker Regatta that was held on October 2nd and 3rd and was added as part of the regular scores. The participation in this portion of the season varied from 30 to 60 percent of the fleet racing. The series wrapped up with Bob Brower sweeping the entire Ice Breaker with all first place finishes and Paul Nagel was second in boat 14652. Conditions for the regatta provided a challenge for sailors with strong shifting breezes out of the west with wind speeds up to 20 mph and a taste of flat water. At the end of the Sunday "B" series, Bob Brower won, Paul Nagel came in second and Tom Vickers came in third.

As the entire series came to an end, Tom Vickers was the overall winner in what proved to be a squeaker, even without his star daughter as a crew, Lindsey, who left him near the end of the Wednesday series to move on to sailing in college up at Michigan State. Bob Brower came in second with Paul Nagel finishing the series in third.

The highlight of the 2004 Season was fleet member Scott Pfeffer's trip to the Sears Cup finals at Mallets Bay Boat Club. Here is Scott's first hand report of the long journey.

This summer the sailing team of Danny Rehe, Alex Simon and skipper, Scott Pfeffer, from the Crescent Sail Yacht Club Junior Sailing team sailed a Lightning in the Sears Junior Triple-Handed Championship finals sponsored by US Sailing in Colchester, Vermont. To land a spot in the finals this team represented CSYC in the quarterfinals and moved on to also win the semifinals for Area E.

This team started their journey early in the summer when they began practicing on the aged but sailable ship. The Semifinals were to be sailed on Cowan Lake in Ohio. To get some knowledge of the lake, the team had help from Champ Glover, a thistle sailor who grew up on the lake. He told them of the wind patterns and need for constant awareness of where they were and how the wind was shifting. This knowledge was particularly important, as the wind was light and variable and sometimes nonexistent. Being big lake sailors, the conditions were a challenge. With Champ Glover's advice in hand the team earned a 1st place by one point after a dominating first day, but a more subdued second day. This made them the Area E champions and earned them a spot in the finals.

To prepare for the finals, the team worked a couple of times a week in the Lightning and received help from a number of senior member Lightning sailors. The most helpful was Tom Vickers. He took the team members out individually in his well tuned Lightning during Wednesday and Sunday races to teach them the specifics of the Lightning rig, and to let them in on tips and secrets for sailing this triple handed boat. How to work the chine and the division of jobs among the members were, just two of the lessons the team learned. This on the water tutoring during club races resulted in some lively competition with

the CSYC senior Lightning sailors. Though all of these lessons didn't prepare the team for their first capsize on Lake St. Clair that ended with a turtled boat and a spinnaker speared by the mast.

The team traveled to Mallets Bay Boat club, a beautiful sailing venue, for the first day of the regatta to begin on August 16, 2004. The finals started with a clinic taught by Betsy Alison, who has sailed Lightnings all of her life. She began with Lightning basics, as many of the teams had never sailed this type of triple handed boat before followed by some hands on sailing experience in the afternoon. Over the three days of racing, Betsy provided boat repair support on and off the water, sailing tutoring after the racing and just general moral support for the teams when they would capsize or become frustrated. The team soon learned that Betsy was a wealth of knowledge and the opportunity to sail at this level with Betsy coaching was priceless.

The finals were a very exciting experience for the team who felt the pressure from other teams across the country that sail many more than the 3 months available in Michigan. Ten teams in all represented the nation including Hawaii. The wind on the first day was variable and helped the teams adjust to the boats and to the rotating procedure. The second day showed more promised with manageable healthy wind for our team. Several of the boats capsized delaying the racing so teams could right them and check for damage. The third day was the most exciting, most of the teams had familiarized themselves with the boats and were ready for the wind blowing at 20 knots or so with fairly powerful gusts. As always there was a lot of excitement especially when one of the teams caught a huge puff downwind and literally shot across the bay faster than anyone had ever seen a Lightning sail. Race committee commented later that all they heard was screaming when the boat past by them.

Over the three days of sailing eight of the ten teams were in very close competition with lots of overlap at every mark rounding. The area E team finished 8th at the end of the regatta, with the team from Florida taking 1st place. Overall the team had a great time and gained a lot of valuable experience. They came back to CSYC ready to sail again with all that they had learned. They appreciated the opportunity and the experience and want to thank everyone from CSYC, Cowan Lake and Mallets Bay Boat Club who helped them.

Fleet 53 Lake Fenton Sailing Club Sailing on Lake Fenton, Fenton, Michigan Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 6499 | MY SALLY | JENNIFER ARMBRUSTER |
| 7048 | | RONALD J. SOYKA |
| 7439 | | CASEY KING |
| 8590 | | DAVID DeVOE |
| 10007 | TI HARA | PAUL KACHUDAS |
| 11854 | | WILLIAM BARLEY |
| 13808 | | BOB RUFLI |
| 14490 | | JAMES REACH |
| 14741 | WAVERRUNNER | SURESH C. GUPTA |
| 14899 | | MIKE BOGUES |
| 14899 | | KEVIN NICKELS |
| 15032 | | PHIL ROWAN |
| 15041 | RESISTANCE IS FUTILE | GEORGE H. NICKELS |
| 15115 | | DAVID NICKELS |
| | | CARL POHLY |



Fleet 54 Pontiac Yacht Club Sailing on Cass Lake, Keego Harbor, Michigan Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 7576 | | MAICK GOODWIN |
| 7929 | | HANK CALLAHAN |
| 8479 | | BRUCE T. LESSIEN |
| 9148 | GRIFIN | MICHAEL PROCASKEY |
| 9393 | | EDWARD A. DIAKOW |
| 9584 | | GREG HARRIS |
| 9900 | PLUG NICKEL | JOEL THURTELL |
| 10803 | | NAZIR KASI |
| 11844 | | DIRK LIEVENS |
| 11844 | | MARK HOLMES |
| 11848 | | DWIGHT SMITH |
| 11966 | | BRIANCLANCY |
| 12708 | APRES SKI | RONALD G. PALMER |
| 12727 | | ALAN SUYDAM |
| 12959 | WEE HEATHER | MAX CLUXBY |
| 12961 | | BETH GROESBECK |
| 12977 | PIER PRESSURE | JAMES FURLONG |
| 13121 | | LEN DILLON |
| 13283 | EIB I | WILLIAM ROBERTS |
| 13378 | | J. MICHAEL MITCHELL |
| 13450 | | BROOKE BRIGGS |
| 13451 | | DOROTHY THOMPSON |
| 13488 | HIGH 90'S | WENDY THOMPSON |
| 13488 | HIGH 90'S | GARY RENHEIMER |
| 13606 | | JOHN CROWTHER |
| 13789 | | JIM BOWERS |
| 13809 | | TOM HERNICK |
| 13885 | MINNIE MAE II | NORMAN BURNS |
| 13995 | PHANTASY | PAUL T. VON OYEEN |
| 14031 | BLEW BAJOI | DENNIS HAFLEY |
| 14033 | | MARK WHATLEY |
| 14049 | | DIANA FERNANDO |
| 14049 | | ERIC FERNANDO |
| 14060 | GYPSY II | JOHN BUTTNE |
| 14097 | NO CLUE | EDWARD G. WOODS |
| 14100 | | GREGORY TARRANT |
| 14117 | | MARK KRAMER |
| 14117 | | GERALD ENGELMAN |
| 14126 | | WILLIAM SANDERS |
| 14177 | | GLEN GRAY |
| 14215 | MAJOR OBSESSION | PHILIP TOMLINSON |
| 14220 | CHOO-CHOO | THOMAS C. POST |
| 14280 | DITTO HEAD | ANDRE R. DUBEL |
| 14382 | RED LIGHTNING | BRUCE HENDERSON |
| 14333 | LANE LADY | DENNIS MCCARTHY |
| 14390 | | KEVIN LEWAND |
| 14439 | | MICHAEL ROUALET |
| 14457 | LIGHTNING BUG | JOSEPH L. LaPALME |
| 14484 | | TODD YOUNG |
| 14477 | SHEMADOAH | STEPHEN E. HANDELMAN |
| 14511 | RANTUM SCOOT | MICHAEL HECKER |
| 14513 | | KENNETH HOPKINS |
| 14563 | THUNDER | BOB PADILLA |
| 14567 | | MARK ALLEN |
| 14590 | | CHRIS LONGE |
| 14601 | GATOR | WALLACE P. SMITH |
| 14604 | ROSINANTE | SALO J. KORN |
| 14628 | OVER-ENGINEERED | ANDREW MONIQUE |
| 14690 | DR. "J" | JAMES MCCOY |
| 14724 | | JOHN GREENSTREET |
| 14767 | RENAISSANCE | RICHARD F. BEAUBIEN |
| 14789 | EXCELSIOR | JAMES R. BOWERS |
| 14807 | | JIM ALLEN |
| 14819 | TOD HOTI | ERIC S. HELLER |
| 14842 | FLASH | CHARLES C. HESS |
| 14854 | SIZZLIN' | RICHARD BUKOWSKY |
| 14909 | PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE | CLARENCE JOHNSON |
| 14919 | GOTCHA | EDWARD DZIUBA |
| 14930 | | DONALDSON BRENDA |
| 14970 | | STEPHEN R. BRASKI |
| 15010 | | JON BENNETT |
| 15021 | | MICHAEL ECKSTEIN |
| 15047 | JJ | MARK WHATLEY |
| 15048 | MAD COW DISEASE | JOHN GARRISON |
| 15051 | FULL TILT BOOGIE | WILLIAM ZIEGLER |
| 15069 | | WARD DETWILER |
| 15120 | | ROBERT H. MATHERS |
| 15142 | | JOEL HUMPHREY |
| 15153 | | MATT MORIN |
| 15160 | WIND WAND | THOMAS ERVIN |
| 15169 | | SEAN FIDLER |
| 15185 | BRUCE ALMIGHTY | BRUCE J. FINSILVER |
| 15189 | | RYAN FLACK |
| 15200 | OVERDRIVE | THOMAS KLABAN |
| 15208 | | JIM ALLEN |

Fleet Secretary.....Eric Heller



Hess Boys and
Jeff LaPalme
at Junior NA's

The World's largest Lightning fleet, Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC), saw 53 fleet races completed of the 62 scheduled during the 2004 season. When the Special Holiday Regatta, Club Championship, Commodore's Challenge, June Bug Invitational, and White Cap Regatta are included, PYC provided 90 races for club members to participate in from May to October.

A total of 18 PYC skippers won one or more series races. Tom Klaban emphasized the more part by winning a whopping 22 races (two more than last year), and thus enabling him to retain his Wednesday and Sunday overall series titles. Tom also won the Club Championship, Memorial Day, and 4th of July Regatta mini-regattas. His son, Eric, continued the Klaban's dominance by winning the Commodore's Challenge crew skippering event.

Joel Humphrey was the runner-up for the Wednesday Overall, while John Garrison was the runner-up for the Sunday Overall and the Club Championships. The top 5 for each series was as follows: Spring Wednesday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Mark Allen / 3 - Charlie Hess / 4 - Joel Humphrey / 5 - Bob Mathers. Spring Sunday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Ed Dziuba / 3 - Bob Mathers / 4 - Norm Burns / 5 - Tom Crosby. Summer Wednesday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Ryan Flack / 3 - Joel Humphrey / 4 - Joe LaPalme / 5 - Tom Crosby. Summer Sunday Series: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Mike Hecker / 3 - Richard Beaubien / 4 - Norm Burns / 5 - Tom Crosby. Fall Wednesday Series: 1 - Mark Allen / 2 - Charlie Hess / 3 - Joel Humphrey / 4 - Ed Dziuba / 5 - Tom Klaban. Fall Sunday Series: 1 - Mike Hecker / 2 - Ed Dziuba / 3 - Matt Strubel / 4 - Tom Klaban / 5 - Richard Beaubien. Memorial Day Regatta: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Richard Beaubien / 3 - Andy Monique. 4th of July Regatta: 1 - Tom Klaban / 2 - Norm Burns / 3 - Richard Beaubien. Labor Day Regatta: 1 - Matt Strubel (new member) / 2 - Richard Beaubien / 3 - Tom Klaban. Commodore's Challenge: 1 - Eric Klaban / 2 - Matt Strubel / 3 - Caleb Mathers.

Richard Beaubien sailed over 40 races during the year. An additional group of 8 skippers sailed over 30, including

Norm Burns, Tom Crosby, Ed Dziuba, Joe LaPalme, Mike Hecker, Tom Klaban, Bob Mathers and Andy Monique. Two of the club's members, Bob Mathers and Hank Callahan, had to treat themselves to new masts early in the season after turtling in breezy conditions on Cass Lake.



Andrew Hess, Alex Hess, & Jeff LaPalme in action at Junior NA's

PYC hosted two Lightning regattas in 2004. The June Bug Invitational was held at the request of the District, and the 11 boats that attended were treated to brisk winds. The top 5 included: 1 - Sean Fidler / 2 - Jim Allen / 3 - Tom Klaban / 4 - John Garrison & Mark Whatley / 5 - Joel Humphrey. 31 boats participated in the 46th annual White Cap Regatta in September. Thanks to all the fleets that attended. Also thanks to Hank Borchardt for hosting the regatta and to John Garrison and co. for running races. The top 10 included: 1 - Jim Allen / 2 - Michael Norris / 3 - Tom Klaban / 4 - Eric Brandt / 5 - Mark Whatley / 6 - Charlie Hess / 7 - Debbie Probst / 8 - Bruce Finsilver (1st regatta trophy for Bruce) / 9 - Steve Weeber / 10 - Joel Humphrey.

PYC'ers were quite active on the racing circuit. 2004 Orange Bowl Regatta (Miami) - Mark Allen - 21st. 2004 Midwinters: Savannah - Ryan Flack - 29th, Miami - Sean Fidler - 4th / Joel Humphrey - 42nd; St. Pete - Sean Fidler - 5th / Mike Eckstein - 61st. Jim Allen came in 5th at the Buffalo Canoe Club's NFIR Regatta. At Michigan Districts - Sean Fidler edged out Jim Allen in a tie-breaker to win this year's event. Tom Klaban was 5th / Ryan Flack - 6th / Charlie Hess - 8th / Clarence Johnson - 12th; Tawas Bay Regatta - Jim Allen - 1st (4 bullets) / Sean Fidler - 3rd / Ryan Flack - 5th; Lightning NA's - Masters: Bob Mathers - 17th / Bruce Finsilver - 23rd; Championship Division: Sean Fidler - 10th (including bullets in the last 2 races) / Jim Allen - 12th (including a bullet in Race 3) / Ryan Flack - 39th; President's Cup Division: Charlie Hess - 17th (including a 3rd in the last race) / Clarence Johnson - 31st; Higgins Lake Invitational: Tom Klaban - 2nd / Clarence Johnson - 5th

The Junior Program at PYC continues to grow. PYC hosted two external regattas including the Sears Cup regional qualifier and one internal regatta. In addition to the juniors that were making a great impression on the Optimist Circuit, Charlie Hess' goal to have a team compete in the Lightning Juniors NA's was also accomplished. The young team of Alex Hess, Andrew Hess, and Jeff LaPalme traveled to Buffalo and finished 15th. The Adult Instructional Program under Hank Borchardt leadership also continued to flourish with 12-13 Lightnings out each Tuesday night. Thanks to all the members who donated their time and boats for the program.



Must be a Midwest thing... shoe flipping at July 4th picnic



Future Lightning sailors invade PYC

Other PYC events of note included a spring Open House, a Back of the Fleet Help day, and a visit from Skip Dieball of North Sails to provide some pre-race tuning advice and post-race critiquing.

Some member notables included the following: Wendy Thomson was interviewed in the June issue of Sailing World for an article on the Portsmouth Rating System being used for the PYC Monday Night, Small Boat Racing program. Ryan Flack was in the September issue of Sailing World under, "Weekend Warriors" for winning Buccaneer NA's. Sean Fidler came in an impressive 12th in the top gold fleet at J22 Worlds, and Jim Allen came in 2nd at the Mallory Cup (raced in Lightnings this year).

As you can see, lots going on at Pontiac Yacht Club. Come see for yourself what the World's largest Lightning fleet is all about by joining us for our 47th annual Whitecap Regatta on September 10th and 11th. You can also see us on the web at www.pyc54.org. See you in 2005!

Fleet 62 Southern Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, Louisiana Southern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|---------------------|---|
| 11057 12235 12340 15126 15211 | LAY LADY LAY FF2 | STEPHEN HOOKER CHRIS WYNNE ROD BRANCH LARRY FROST, JR. LARRY FROST, III |

Fleet 64 Maple Bay Sailing on Maple Bay, British Columbia Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| 6627 9782 11283 | | DAVID PAUL ERICKSON DARRELL WEIN SCOTT SMITH |

Fleet 69 Milwaukee Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Midwest District



| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|--|--|
| 0 11442 13794 14118 14162 14388 14408 14508 14740 | SANS SOUCI IV RAMPAGE LITTLE GREY CELLS MORE WIND! HIKE! HURRICANE MOM BOHSKI POODLES BY VERA | JOHN H. ESSER DEAN S. CADDY DENNIS W. BERSCH, JR. MARK POLZIN THOMAS M. SLATER TIM HAYES TOM MORLEY STEVE CUSHMAN MARTHA PFARR CUSHMAN WILLIAM G. FAUDE |

Fleet Captain.....Martha Cushman
Fleet Secretary.....Mark Polzin
Fleet Champion.....Steve Cushman
Runner-Up.....Mac Slater
P&T Winner.....David Stix

10 Wednesday nights of racing, 30 starts and a reinvigorated P&T Regatta with 13 boats! It's been a great year for Fleet 69 and we are ready to bring world-class Lightning sailing back to Milwaukee with the 2005 Women's, Juniors', Masters' at MYC. The club has changed dramatically since MYC hosted the NA's in 1993. A totally renovated main clubhouse, an expanded bathhouse with pool and hot tub, and updated RC and crash boats means we're ready for competitive racing and a fun week August 2-5, 2005.

Unfortunately one boat will be missing from the starting



Jared Drake hanging out waiting for wind at the P&T

line 14400. Doc sold his boat this past season. Just about everyone sailing Lightnings at MYC or really anywhere around the Midwest District started off sailing with Doc Esser before deciding to get a boat of their own. Thanks, Doc, for all your tireless effort to promote Lightning sailing and Fleet 69! And let me put it in writing. 14508 is ready and waiting should you decide to make an on the water appearance at the 2005 WJM.



MYC bathhouse and pool



The renovated MYC clubhouse.



The P&T winners!



REPORTS

Fleet 70 Red Bank of the Shrewsbury

Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River, Red Bank, New Jersey
Metropolitan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2674 | | JOHN F. HOLIAN |
| 3686 | THE JOLLY ROGERS | MARY SUE ROGERS |
| 9407 | FATHOM | CHUCK HUNNEWELL |
| 9984 | C. NIMBUS | CARY SCOTT JACKMAN, JR. |
| 10626 | BLESK | WILLIAM JAEGER |
| 10696 | WHITE CLOUD | JAMES H. EATON, IV |
| 10696 | WHITE CLOUD | GLMAN F. EATON |
| 10787 | CLUB BOAT | MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB |
| 11753 | | FAT PAYTON |
| 12660 | | CARL D. BROADBENT, JR. |
| 12613 | EL PADRE | EDWARD J. CUSHING III |
| 12714 | | ERIC COINOSKI |
| 13386 | SILVER SPOON | PATRICK E. CORR |
| 13386 | SILVER SPOON | PATRICK E. CORR |
| 13673 | | FRANK KINGDON |
| 13743 | | KEITH HAWKINS |
| 14043 | FLEETING GLANCE | EDWARD LANDIS |
| 14061 | | PAUL LUGI |
| 14175 | | TED DUFFY |
| 14276 | | DALE BARNEY |
| 14539 | BLUE HAVEN | ALFRED C. MORTON |
| 14727 | SMALL AXE | DAVID WATTS |
| 14727 | | PAUL KRZESKY |
| 14882 | SAILBAD THE SINNER | RALPH F. WILSON |
| 14922 | BAD BOYS | JACK HUNTSMAN |
| 14922 | | HENRY O'HEARN, III |
| 14922 | | JOHN HUNTSMAN JR |
| 15203 | MAGNUM FORCE | PAUL A. (SANDY) HUNTSMAN, JR. |

Fleet 73 Club Nautico Del Muna

Sailing on Lake Tomine, Bogota, Colombia
Colombia District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 7293 | XUE | ARY FERNANDEZ |
| 7451 | | JUAN PONCE |
| 8133 | | JUAN MARTINEZ |
| 8911 | | BEATRIZ LISOCKI |
| 11750 | | ANDRES HERNANDEZ |
| 12829 | THE FLYING MUSTARD | RUDI SALMANG |
| 13389 | | ALEJANDRO JACOB |
| 13410 | | OSCAR RODRIGUEZ |
| 13431 | SOLITARIO | JOSE ISAZA |
| 13432 | | DOMINIQUE RODRIGUEZ |
| 13604 | NINO'S | ANDRES LISOCKI |
| 13607 | | VICENTE HERNANDEZ |
| 13971 | | HANS STREUBEL |
| 13990 | | RAFAEL ESGUERRA |
| 14058 | | ARMADA NACIONAL |
| 14065 | | JOHAN ROESSEL |
| 14181 | | RAFAEL CONCHA |
| 14219 | | GERMAN MEJIA |
| 14341 | | MANUEL ISAZA |
| 14322 | | ALEXANDRE JACOB |
| 14322 | | JAIME RESTREPO |
| 14536 | JUBILEE | PHILIPPE JACOB |
| | | LOREANA JACOB |
| 14700 | | JORGE UZCATEGUI |
| | | SANTIAGO UZCATEGUI T. |
| 14704 | | JUAN CARLOS UZCATEGUI |
| 14801 | | MAURICIO VALENZUELA |
| 14804 | | FELIPE CASTILLO G. |
| 14805 | | JAIME CASTILLO |

Fleet 74 Decatur

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois
Mississippi Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2915 | | DON CORNELL |
| 6446 | | HARRY "HAMMER" JACKSON |
| 7701 | | DAVID GRIFFITH |
| 8811 | | JON KLINGENBERG |
| 10100 | | DARREL F. PARISH |
| 10932 | | ED BACHRACH |
| 11044 | | MARK PAOLI |
| 11218 | | RICHARD CHAMBLIN |
| 12032 | | KELLY McGINNIS |
| 12032 | | RICHARD EDWARDS |
| 12120 | | ROBERT DETTLING |
| 12464 | | ANDY HARBECK |
| 12540 | | MATT BERG |
| 12974 | TANSTAAFL | WILLIAM T. EICHENAUER |
| | | WILLIAM STRINGER |
| 13059 | LAST CHANCE | SUE BADOBEK |
| 13726 | | GARY PECK |
| 14012 | BOBS LAST BOAT III | ROBERT W. OHLSEN |

Fleet 75 Nyack Boat Club

Sailing on the Hudson River, Nyack, New York
Metropolitan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | | GARY SCHNEIDMAN |
| 3108 | | MICHAEL SPRINGSTEEN |
| 5172 | | MARTIN ALTS |
| 7248 | | JERRY KULAGOWSKI |
| 8182 | | GARY AHERN |
| 8583 | ARROW | JAMES J. WOLFE |
| 8885 | | GEORGE CONK |
| 10220 | | ARTHUR STAHL |
| 10224 | MY 3 ESSES | JAMES P. WOLFE |
| 10368 | | GEORGE PENNY |
| 10380 | NORTH RIVER | ELLIOTT H. CARMAN |
| 10784 | FLASHPOINT | DAVID SURMAN |
| 11416 | | JED KWARTLER |
| 11544 | | OKKE POSTMA |
| 11583 | GREASE | WILLIAM DONELAN |
| 11688 | | DAVE REEVES |
| 12642 | | RANDALL MIRQUE |
| 12822 | | ALAN GORDON |
| 13625 | CORVETTE | HOWARD B. RINEHART |
| 14073 | HIS | GARY S. HURBAN |
| 14073 | | STEWART FOSSCO |
| 14140 | FAT CHANCE | WILLIAM G. COOK |
| 14140 | | RIO GORDON |
| 14277 | FLYING PATIO FURNITURE | ERIC BECK |
| 14277 | FLYING PATIO FURNITURE | MATT BECK |
| 14363 | THUMBS UP | LAWRENCE DECKER |
| 14363 | THUMBS UP | MARK KEANE |
| 14382 | LITTLE CRUNCH | MICHAEL SHASHO |
| 14427 | TRANSFUSION | RICHARD P. WEITZMAN |
| 14482 | OTTER CONFUSION | RONALD G. McCORMACK |
| 14484 | KETCHUM | NATHAN H. LITTLE |
| 14484 | SPECIAL EFFECTS | JILLIAN DECKER |
| 14492 | ZEPHER II | ERIC KENT |
| 14514 | DEE-A-GOGO | RYAN C. SPROLE |
| 14514 | | SUSANN SPROLE |
| 14565 | WHITE LIGHTNING | GEORGE McDONNELL |
| 14565 | WHITE LIGHTNING | ARTHUR SPIELVOGEL |
| 14714 | RUFFIAN | KATHRYN CONNELL |
| 14714 | RUFFIAN | PAUL CONNELL |
| 14781 | THISTLE | JUDY HANLON |
| 14888 | LUCKY DOG | R. ROBERT SENGSTACKEN |
| 14888 | | DANIEL ZITIN |
| 14888 | | MINO TSUTSUI |
| 15059 | HEART BREAKER | STEPHANIE MAYO |
| 15093 | HERS | JOAN A. HURBAN |
| 15178 | | DANIEL PARIETTI |

Captain.....Bob Sengstacken
Treasurer.....Stephanie Mayo
Corresponding Secretary.....Susi Sprole
Recording Secretary.....Dan Parietti
Biermeister.....Howie Rinehart
Fleet Champion.....Gary Hurban
Runner-Up.....Bob Sengstacken



From the first Sunday of May through the last Sunday of October, travelers crossing the Tappan Zee Bridge are almost guaranteed a beautiful picture of sailboats adorning the Hudson. The Nyack Boat Club's Lightning Fleet makes an already spectacular picture, perfect. The beautiful rolling hills and close proximity to the Sound are exactly what makes our boat club such an ideal place to sail. Not solely for aesthetic reasons, but for the challenging wind sometimes created by the Palisades, as well as the tidal current that should always be a tactical consideration.

Along with our usual two to three Sunday races, our club was proud to host a few additional regattas in 2004. The Lightning Fleet added a Hawaiian flare to the Magnus Pederson, and also kept busy by the USSAILING Mallory Cup regional elimination series, the District Championships, the Guy Moulton, as well as the LAST BLAST.

Nyack Skippers Larry Decker and Dan Parietti traveled to Havre de Grace, VA for the Doc Gilbert Memorial Regatta, May 1st and 2nd. They said the weather was challenging on Saturday and forbidding on Sunday. They claimed to have learned from the experience, as we saw true later in the season.

Judy Hanlon, Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, and new Nyack Skipper Ryan Sprole attended the Early Bird in Westport, CT May 22nd and 23rd. Navigation on the first day played a big part in the race with thick fog. Gorgeous weather rolled in Sunday, but unfortunately didn't bring much wind with it.

The Magnus Pederson certainly brought plenty of wind to the lovely shores of Nyack on the first day, and very little fickle wind on the second. Eric Beck's name has been added to the Magnus Pederson trophy for sailing "Flying Patio Furniture" to victory. Prizes were also awarded to Judy Hanlon and crew, as well as Fleet Captain Bob Sengstacken and crew for 2nd and 3rd.

The US SAILING Mallory Cup eliminations sent Bob Sengstacken to the Madison Beach Club in CT to represent our district with skippers Judy Hanlon and Ryan Sprole as crew. Nyack was proud to have such a fine crew represent us. While they took second place, Bob says this is one of those occasions where there is one winner, and second is "first loser."

Nyack also held the District Championships on June 26th and 27th. Thankfully this year, with the number of boats allowed to participate and some who qualified being unable to make it, everyone who cared to go the North Americans in Buffalo, was able to.

A few Nyack skippers ventured to NJ for the Atlantic Coasts; that proved to be a true challenge. Some damage occurred but everyone made it home safe and sound.

Skippers Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Dan Parietti, and Judy Hanlon ventured to the Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada a week before the NA's for the Masters. Those that stayed greeted fellow Nyackers with big smiles for the next week.

The Lightning North American Championships proved to be the "Big Show" it has always been chalked up to be. Skippers Bob Sengstacken, Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Judy Hanlon, and Ryan Sprole were put to the test. Waves varied from zero to eight feet, and wind varied from zero to twenty-five knots through the week. The expression "feast or famine" was particularly suitable for this regatta. Kind words of encouragement from home kept our skippers motivated.

September 18th and 19th, Bob Sengstacken and his trusty crew of Daniel Zitin and Mino Tsutsui took the Lucky DOG to Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos for the PA Governor's Cup regatta. They took a liking to the puffy, shifty wind that came on the tail end of a few hurricanes, and brought home 3rd.

October 2nd and 3rd Lightning teams of Judy Hanlon, Joan and Gary Hurban, and Bob Sengstacken met up with Dave Foster at Cedar Point for the combined Lightning/Thistle Fall Classic. Four races were held in good wind Saturday, and 2 were squeezed in before the wind died Sunday. The Lucky DOG team tied for second place.

Gary and Joan Hurban survived the Manahawkin Bay Cup regatta in Surf City. Only one race was to be had before getting blown out of the water for the weekend.

Nyack's LAST BLAST was that indeed. We had 6 races on a nice breezy day with winds from 320 degrees, mostly 10-15 kts. We had a slight flip-flop of results this year, compared to last, as Allen Terhune took first, and Dick Hallagan was 2nd. Third was grabbed by Dick Moyer, and our own Judy Hanlon picked up fourth place.

The Frigid Digit in Annapolis, sent Nyack Lightning Fleet Captain, Bob Sengstacken, and skipper, Gary Hurban, home with their trusty crews and some frozen, wet digits. Skipper Joan Hurban and crew managed to keep their Lightning upright, despite the odds. It was a cold, wet, extra windy regatta, keeping in theme with many other regattas this year. The Frigid Digit provided challenges our Nyack Skippers are always ready for.

Finally, a special congratulations to Gary Hurban on being awarded a lifetime membership to NBC. Gary's friendliness, helpfulness and seamanship are truly inspiring to all.



Fleet 77 Newport Yacht Club

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario, Rochester, New York
Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 470 | WILLOW | MARC H. SCHIEBER |
| 2033 | RSHBARN | SUSAN DAVIS |
| 11051 | FEATHER | JOHN BOETTCHER |
| 11074 | COOKIE BOAT | HOWARD P. STICKNEY |
| 11350 | | WINTON BROWN |
| 11618 | | ANTON MACHLEDER |
| 12215 | | WILMER R. WRIGHT |
| 12400 | WINDSWEEP | ANDY SMITH |
| 12423 | HAWKEYE | WILLIAM W. FARMER, JR. |
| 13080 | BROWN SUGAR | JAMES I. MCINTOSH |
| 13081 | IRISH | RICHARD DOHERTY |
| 13925 | | DON CURRAN |
| 14298 | LUCKY TOO | MARK C. SERTL |
| 14298 | | CORY SERTL |
| 14353 | | DANIEL POPE |
| 14367 | MAMBO WA | PHILIP LANGE |
| 14397 | PLAN B | JOHN H. ATKINS |
| 14397 | PLAN B | CHAD H. ATKINS |
| 14522 | HOLY COW | ROBERT CRUM |
| 14605 | WHITE CAP II | ROBERT L. JAMISON |
| 14855 | | RICHARD W. HALLAGAN |
| 14855 | | PETER HALLAGAN |
| 14949 | COMFORTABLY NUMB | LELAND G. ATKINSON III |
| 15165 | OBSESSION | ALAN R. McREYNOLDS |
| 15165 | GANDALF THE WHITE | LOGAN McREYNOLDS |

Fleet Captain.....Al McReynolds



Overall, 2004 was a very good year for Newport Yacht Club. The club has grown in size and there is a more renewed interest in racing. While we have added a couple of new Lightnings in the past year most of our growth has come in the cruising fleet. A few years ago the club decided that to survive we had to shed ourselves of the pure one-design restriction and allow other sailboats to join our club. We now have several different types of boats in the 16 to 25 foot range. In 2003, we started racing on Lake Ontario on Thursday nights in addition to our traditional Sunday racing on Irondequoit Bay. In doing that we also started handicap racing using the Portsmouth Yardstick. Any one-design fleet that has five or more boats gets an individual start. The Lightning fleet typically has 8-10 and as many as 12 boats on the starting line. Thursday Night Sailing (TNS) is now our most well attended fleet series.



Pictures by Sally Atkins



We had 15 different Lightnings race during the season, which is very good. We had 5 sailors with more than 25 races with John Boettcher ringing up the most at 32 (this include TNS PRO duties). This is up from last year when Logan McReynolds had the most at 20. I think that TNS has proved very successful for the Lightning fleet and the whole club as well. We are looking to extend the TNS season for next year, adding more races in spring and fall that will be held on the Bay. Members of the cruising fleet have expressed an interest in extending handicap racing into Sundays. As far as I am concerned more racing of any kind at our club is a good thing. It has certainly strengthened the Lightning fleet in the long run. The enthusiasm and volunteerism shown by the cruising folks has helped energize an aging and somewhat tired active core of Lightning sailors. Hoorah!!

Fleet 77 has 5 series of races for the season. Spring and Summer are held on Sundays on Irondequoit Bay. The summer series is now held on Thursday nights. On Thursday nights we try to hold two races for the one-designs, with the first race being scored as both one-design and handicap. For the Lightnings, 2 races count for the summer series and only the first for TNS. The handicap racers only get one race due to the amount of time some of the boats take to finish. The Championship series is the Spring, Summer, and Fall points combined. For the Spring series we had Bob Jamison in third, Dick Doherty in second, and the McReynolds family (co-skippers Alan and Logan) in first. For the summer series and TNS the results are: 3rd - McReynolds Family, 2nd - Dan Pope, and 1st - Dick Hallagan. The fall found John Atkins in third, Dan Pope in second, and John and Norma Boettcher in first. For the championship we had John Boettcher in fifth place, Dick Hallagan in fourth place, Dick Doherty (sailing in his 6th decade at Newport) in third place, Dan Pope in second place, and the McReynolds family in first place. Landy Atkinson won the tip-over with a spectacular display on a Thursday night. Bob King who joined our club this year was scored as Rookie of the Year. Congratulations everyone.





Fleet 85 Niantic Bay Yacht Club
Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound,
Niantic, Connecticut
Connecticut/Rhode Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|------------------------|
| 0 | ICEMAN | BILL HEALY |
| 7170 | BABY "MAKES" III | MARTIN J. O'MEARA, JR. |
| 7636 | | DAVID G. DICKERSON |
| 7871 | | KEN BIEGA |
| 9361 | | BOB BAUER |
| 10066 | GOLDFLAKE | CHARLES REGULA |
| | | TIM DOWD |
| 10801 | WOODY | PAMELA BURNS |
| 11784 | UGLY FUZZY | DAVID M. PETERSON |
| 12069 | | BARRY BUEHLER |
| 12282 | | WILLIAM A. SEBESTYEN |
| 12786 | | MICHAEL NAGEL |
| 13940 | | PAUL O'NEILL |
| 14055 | | JAMES GARDNER |
| 14289 | CIAO | GARY DAVIS |
| 14417 | IMP BABY | TOM EMCH |
| 14419 | HAZARDOUS DUTY | DONALD R. BARRETT |
| 14619 | RIVER BLUES | FRANZ R. EDSON |
| | | LARRY COLANTUONO |
| | | THERESA COLANTUONO |
| 14640 | | BILL SHORE |
| 14665 | APRIL THUNDER | GREGORY HALL |
| 15130 | VANNISH | CHRISTOPHER J. VANN |
| 15190 | | MICHAEL GOOCH-BREAULT |
| 15215 | | DAVID PECK |

Fleet 90 Kitsilano Yacht Club
Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, British Columbia
Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|---------------------|
| 0 | | GEORGE McLAUGHLIN |
| 6090 | M.G. ROBERTS | COLIN HALLIWELL |
| 7071 | | FRANK SCHMIDIGER |
| 8465 | IPSUS | WILLIAM H.D. RIMMER |
| 9268 | | MICHAEL FRANCE |
| 11645 | SHANIC | DOUGLAS ASH |
| 13289 | LIISA | CAMPBELL PEARCE |
| 13289 | | JOHN TELGMANN |
| 13685 | | MENNO BOS |
| 14841 | ROCKET | MATTHEW HENLEY |

Fleet 99 Great Egg
Sailing on the Tom's River, Tom's River, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 13159 | | WILLIAM DEMAND |
| 14495 | SWEETNESS | WILLIAM P. CLAUSEN, III |
| 14706 | | WILLIAM DEMAND |
| 14924 | | ALLAN TERHUNE, JR. |
| 15052 | FOUR LADIES | ROBERT WARNER |
| 15204 | | BILL MERGENTHALER |

Fleet Captain.....Bill Clausen
Fleet Secretary.....Allen Terhune



2004 was a very active year for Fleet 99! We were fortunate enough to host the Atlantic Coasts and to have many new members join our fleet. We are very excited about the addition of Bob Warner #15058 and Willie Demand #14706. They are both great sailors and will be great assets to our fleet and the ILCA. Will is already making waves with a 3rd place finish at the ACC's and a 6th at the Frigid Digit.

The highlight of the year was the Atlantic Coasts out of Toms River Yacht Club. The regatta was sponsored by Fleet 99 and was chaired by Allan Terhune, Jr. He had a great supporting cast and the regatta went off with out a hitch. It was a heavy air series, and fun was had by everyone. Fleet 99 had two finishers in the top 3! The finals results were Allan Terhune, Jr 1st, Brian Taboada 2nd, Will Demand 3rd, Larry Colantuono 4th, and Bill Fastiggi 5th.



Allan Terhune was out most active member this year sailing at the Southern Circuit, NA's, CAD's, BBYRA series, ACC's and Frigid Digit to name a few, with a respectable 8th place finish at the NA's.

We are also very proud that Fleet Captain for Fleet 99, Bill Clausen is the new ILCA Chief Measurer. CONGRATULATIONS Bill! Good Luck.

We are looking forward to another great year for Fleet 99 for 2005. If you are in NJ or thinking of moving to the area, we would love to have you join our fleet.

These are photos of the Atlantic Coast Championship at Tom's River the white chute is Allen winning and is the Fleet Champion.





Fleet 102 Santa Monica Bay

Sailing at King Harbor Yacht Club, Manhattan Beach, California
California District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2429 | ELIZABETH | RICK LONGORIA |
| 3229 | | PETER McCUTCHEN |
| 11566 | | JEAN HORTON |
| 11965 | | JOHN CARTER |
| 13117 | | BERT WINNER |
| 13467 | FERREL BOGEN | MIKE BOSWELL |
| 14206 | | BRUCE YAEGER |

Fleet 104 LaVallette Yacht Club

Sailing on Barnagat Bay, Barnagat Bay, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|------------------------|
| 10771 | LIGHTNING ROD | JOHN E. COMER |
| 11119 | | PETE WILLIAMS |
| 12055 | | CHARLES HEUSCHKE |
| 12965 | | FRANK DIMEO |
| 13053 | | HOWARD A. WEINER |
| 13897 | NO EXCUSES | RONALD K. KISS |
| 13953 | | ANTHONY M. VENTIMIGLIA |
| 13965 | PEGGY | CHRISTIAN J. LARSEN |
| 14539 | GUNSMOKE TOO! | JOHN C. MORTON |
| 15197 | | MATT REISER |

Fleet 108 Great Sodus Bay

Sailing on Sodus Bay at Sodus Point, New York
Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2105 | SHE DEVIL | JANE SOLAN |
| 3372 | | JIM ARNOLD |
| 11972 | | ROBERT DODGE |
| 12764 | | MICHAEL HEALY |
| 14210 | LING | JERRY DODGE |
| 14898 | INDIFFERENCE | NANCY GHERTNER |
| 14923 | | ELIZABETH DODGE |
| 15164 | | JED DODGE |

Fleet 110 Higgins Lake

Sailing on Higgins Lake, Michigan
Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|----------------------|
| 9102 | BOHICA | PETER B. MORLEY, JR. |
| 10291 | | CHARLES G. ALDAY |
| 11520 | | FREDRICK J. SCHUSTER |
| 12784 | | LEON TERRIAN |
| 13826 | | PETER B. MORLEY, JR. |
| 13999 | DECK-A-DENT | SCOTT D. CARMAN |
| 13999 | | STEVEN E. RANDALL |
| 14021 | | JOHN N. DENT |
| 14054 | | FRED KRAUSS |

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....John Dent

The Higgins Lake Lightning sailors remain a small but dedicated group. While our fleet racing has become primarily "come one, come all" events, we continue to host our annual Invitational Regatta. Unfortunately I wasn't able to participate this year, but I understand a great time was had by all.

Many thanks to PRO Stan Dent and all the other Higgins Lake Boat Club members who helped to make this event a success. Also, thanks to John McCree for the article sent to the Flashes. I hear that he, Tom Klaban, and Matt Prining had quite a duel this year in heavy air. For those who haven't attended in a while, we now allow overnight camping on Treasure Island and host our annual "Parrot Flip" on Saturday night. It's an awesome party that really shouldn't be missed. Our location and facilities make this an ideal sailing venue. It's a shame more sailors don't travel "up north" to enjoy it.

Fleet 112 Green Bay Sailing Association

Sailing on Green Bay, Wisconsin
Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 13589 | CLASS ACT THINK TWICE | JOHN HAUGH |
| 13617 | | BRIAN PHELAN |
| 13872 | | DOUGLAS OLSON |
| 13901 | | STEVENS |
| 14038 | BIRKEN BOT KG SKIPPER | TIMOTHY MONDAY |
| 14104 | | MICHAEL B. KULKOSKI |
| 14130 | | MICHAEL J. MERKATORIS |
| 14193 | PUZZLE | GARY LEUER |
| 14193 | | BONCHER |
| 14250 | | JAMES L. HOPKINS |
| 14400 | READY TO PLAY ROCK N' ROLL | BRIAN GRAHOVAC |
| 14476 | | CARL MANNS |
| 14582 | | BILL DEAN |
| 14778 | | MIKE TENNITY |
| 15001 | | ANDRE GAGNON, JR. |
| 15081 | | JIM GAGNON, JR. |
| 15137 | | STEVE ADAMSKI |

Fleet President.....Brian Grahovac
Fleet Treasurer.....Christina Leiterman
Fleet Secretary.....Kendal Kissel
Fleet Champion.....Brian Phelan
Runner-Up.....Doug Olson

This season is dedicated to long time skipper Bruce Heida. Bruce, we hope you enjoy Minnesota and retirement. We will miss you.

2004 was a season to remember for Fleet #112. It started early in February, when most folks are knocking ice off their DN's and Renegades. The membership was looking forward to warmer weather and liquid H2O to sail on. We gathered in the club house, enjoyed our favorite beverages and got down to the business of planning the 2004 season. It was clear from the start, we wanted to sail. We



wanted to sail a lot. For the first time ever, the fleet decided to schedule races on Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We figured our weekend celebrations would be done by Monday evening and squeezing in a few more races seemed like the right thing to do. We planned to start the season early in May and end the season as late in September as we could get away with. The lack of daylight was the only thing keeping us from scheduling races into October. But racing wasn't enough to make sure the summer was great. We like to party. We like to eat. We like to drink. After a few moments of thought, the fleet quickly agreed to double the number of social dinners planned for the season. With the race schedule lengthened and parties planned, all we needed to do was thaw our boats.

The fleet continued to grow and evolve in 2004. Jim Gagnon bought 14084 and gave it to his sons to sail this year. The "Gagnon Boys" had a terrific rookie season. It is easy to see they will be a threat for years to come. Brian Grahovac brought on a new crewmember this year. Young Tori Strutz demonstrated skills beyond her years and has become sought after by other skippers. Mike Tennity and John Haugh are putting together tough teams and fast boats. For the first time in memory, the fleet championship came down to the last race in a 26 race season. Congratulations go to Brian Phelan, Mari Martin and Rick Evans who won out in the end. Doug Olson took second place but he did not make it easy for them. Doug raced all but one race and sailed fast all year. While racing fast Doug found time to become the Windjammer Sailing Club Commodore. This is just another example of Fleet #112 members volunteering their time and skills to promote sailing in the lower Bay. We will be missing Bruce Heida next year. He has decided to move to Minnesota and retire. With his loss, we welcome back Nick Wood.

FLEET 112 not a photo but a spreadsheet of results.

Fleet 115 Cuba Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|------------------|
| 10008 | BLACK MAGIC | MARK MUELLER |
| 11766 | RED BARON | LAWRENCE OLDER |
| 12073 | | NICHOLAS WEIS |
| 12228 | HOY-HOY | JIM GRIFFIN |
| 12983 | | SAMLEVINE |
| 13609 | | JAMES A. MAGUIRE |
| 13764 | MAD DOGS | MIKE LAMB |
| 13890 | OLE BLUE | GREG BUCKLEY |
| 13911 | | MICHAEL D. KANE |
| 13911 | | VALERIE KANE |
| 14725 | WINWARDS | SKIP WILDAY |
| 14726 | | NICK ABRAHAM |

Fleet 118 The Flying Beavers Sailing on Hamilton Bay at Hamilton, Ontario Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|----------------------|
| Life | | LARRY MacDONALD, SR. |
| 11289 | | DIMITRI ILIADIS |
| 11631 | FLAT-OUT | OWENCROW |
| 12080 | | THOMAS ZUMPE |
| 12443 | | J. PAUL EICHENBERG |
| 13671 | | STAN CHAMBERS |
| 14194 | NIAID | MARTY ESSIG |
| 14599 | BUNCH OF WEENIES | DAVID WOOD |
| 14599 | | GRAHAM JONES |

Fleet 121 Merrimac River Sailing at The American Yacht Club at Newburyport, Massachusetts New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|
| 7557 | | SCOTT MCBURNEY |
| 10479 | PHOENIX | DILLON MAJOROS |
| 10804 | DO DAH | BILL STASIUK |
| 10857 | KABOOM | ALFRED J. MARTIN |
| 11136 | | LON SHERMAN |
| 11150 | | DILLON MAJOROS |
| 11640 | HEALING OVER | MARK R. WINDT |
| 13206 | | DAVID CLARK |
| 13249 | | ANTON BECKER |
| 13517 | SWAN | WINTHROP SNOW |
| 13576 | | NADINE LAVENDER |
| 13642 | CHALOOPY | KENNETH A. WOODS |
| 14189 | | WILLIAM GYNAN |
| 14275 | | MARK DIESELMAN |
| 14310 | WINDS WILL | JOHN R. HUGHES |
| 14345 | CABO WABO | ERIC CUTTING |
| 14384 | SHARK BYTE | BRIAN GIBBS |
| 14478 | UTOPIA | PATRICK GALLAGHER |
| 14481 | JAMAICAN BOBSLED | JENNIFER STONE |
| 14547 | | R. SCOTT MCBURNEY |
| 15182 | MUSTANG SALLY | PATRICK McCORMACK |
| | | ANN SNOW |
| | | SEAN FAGAN |

Fleet Captain.....Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Secretary.....Ann Snow
Fleet Champion.....Patrick Gallagher
Runner-Up.....John Hughes

So what happened this season? Hmm... let us reflect. It seemed to get off to a slow start, as is often the case with sailing in New England in May. Cold, wet, and a complete lack of energy to get the boat out of the mud. So, as a change, we scheduled the Brian Hughes Regatta, which for the first time was to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in mid June. Well, maybe mid-June was not such a hot idea. We only managed to muster 10 boats for the regatta, which was well below what we expected. Amazingly enough however, the Lightnings have to be one of the most generous fleets going as we still managed to raise about \$1,000 for the



Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!!! Regatta chairman John Hughes was already planning the 2005 regatta as soon as the last boat was hooked up to the hoist on Sunday afternoon, so rest assured the same mistakes will not occur. Congratulations to Ben, Karen, and Tris for sailing such an excellent regatta and getting their names on the rudder.

The regatta party once again was a showcase for excellent food, and a terrific bar. Thanks to Karen and Mark Dieselman, who once again took care of all of the food, and seeing as Karen was unable to attend the actual party, everyone stepped up to execute her well laid out plan. Sean and Ann mastered the grill, and the steaks were terrific, all while John tended the bar as he does so well. I almost forgot our race committee, whom we drafted, Brad Johnson. He did a terrific job even though his is a big boat racer. You can keep the black flag in your pocket Brad. Eric, Jim, Sue, Al, Angela, Joe, and I am positive I'm missing someone, all manned the crash boats, which for the first time actually had to respond to a capsized boat!

Fleet racing this year was light, as obligations seemed to have gotten in the way, and toss in some bad weather and that is what we experienced. The Chet Young Memorial regatta was another close race, but in the end John Hughes pulled out to win the cup. Sean and Ann finally got the new boat moving and pulled out a second in the spring series and just missed third overall for the season. Mark Dieselman pulled out a pair of thirds in the series races, which believe it or not, resulted in a third overall. Congratulations to Mark, Matty, and Bruce! John Hughes meanwhile was sailing up a storm in the fall, edging me out by 2 points in the Summer Series and finishing second overall. Meanwhile, with my regular crew out of action for various reasons, including tending to the latest member of the Fleet, Caitlin Rose Gallagher (Congratulations David and Joy!) I was forced to scour the sailing school students and stumbled upon two very good junior racers, Irene and Will. Along with Amy, we managed to pull out a first overall. Thanks guys!

Have a good winter and we will see everyone in the spring!

Fleet 126 Cedar Point Yacht Club Sailing on Long Island Sound at Westport, Connecticut Connecticut/Rhode Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 11385 | OL' BLUE | RICHARD THACKABERRY |
| 11486 | GENERIC BOAT | GREG TITSWORTH |
| 11752 | UPSTART | STEVE PURCELL |
| 13889 | WIND BREAKER | DAVID MARSELL |
| 14176 | KISMET | CHRISTOPHER MILLER |
| 14238 | LLOYD ON ACID | STEVEN WEXLER |
| 14479 | FLEXIBLE FLYER | ROBERT H. MARTIN, JR. |
| 14630 | | THOMAS GLYNN |
| 14807 | SECOND CHANCE | ROD RATCLIFFE |
| 14807 | | SCOTT POTTER |
| 14821 | CHARLIE HORSE | CHARLES PROCTOR |
| 15051 | WAKA TAUA | DAVID HOWE |
| 15111 | G.T.O. | GIANNI CUCCIO |
| 15116 | | DOUG LATOUR |
| 15134 | SPATULA | BRAD THOMPSON |
| 15171 | HIGH CHEESE | JOSHUA GOLDMAN |

Fleet Captain.....David Howe
Fleet Secretary.....Dave Marsell
Fleet Treasurer.....Dick Thackaberry

2004 Season Series (10 Qualifiers)

First.....Gianni Cuccio
Second.....Josh Goldman
Third.....Martin/Wexler
Fourth.....David Howe



After hosting the North American Championship last year, this season had a much more relaxed feeling to it. Still, ten boats out of the twelve that made it to the line for at least one regular season race qualified (sailed at least 60 percent of the season series), which was outstanding. We also managed to host three regattas this year.

The annual Early Bird Regatta, sailed on May 22nd thru 23rd, attracted 19 boats. The wind was light and the temperature was warm for a change on Saturday. Unfortunately, because of that warm weather, a thick fog postponed racing for the morning. As the sun tried to poke its head out, the gun on shore was fired, and we headed out for the line. Off in the distance, it was still foggy, but clear enough to see the marks. That would all change about two thirds of the way up the first beat. Boats started to just disappear into the fog. Soon, it engulfed us. A couple of people bailed, and headed back to the committee boat, but most everyone followed the leader, our own Gianni Cuccio, and managed to finish. The wind was still light on Sunday, but there was just enough to get in one race before the fans turned off. Gianni managed to squeak out a fourth, which was good enough to win the regatta. Brad Thompson was second, and Mike Breault was third.

The Mallory Cup qualifiers were being held in Lightnings this year, and our fleet hosted the Hipkins regatta in June, part of the Area 8 qualifiers. Seven boats got out early on the water before regular Saturday racing began. Conditions were choppy, with the wind blowing from the East, and in the low double digits. Jim Crane, who sails out of Noroton, but is a regular around here, came in and swept all five races with bullets to move onto the next round. As an aside, that round was combined with the CT/RI Districts, which Gianni's brother-in-law, Dave Peck won. It was great to be a part of the Mallory Cup.



A few seasons ago, the Thistles, as part of their Fall Series, combined the Fontelleu Invitational with our Fall Classic. The party just got bigger and better. Seventeen Lightnings came out and played. The conditions were winds under ten, and very fluky on both days. In fact, on Sunday, in one race, the upwind became the downwind. Gotta love it when that happens. At least it was still warm out. Gianni Cuccio sailed a very consistent series and beat out Will Demand and Bob Sengstacken for the overall win.

A couple of other things to note this year. The fleet was well traveled. A few people made it to parts of the Southern Circuit. Others went to the Long John in Red Bank, the Districts in Madison, the AC's at Tom's River, the Frigid Digt in Annapolis, and the Last Blast in Nyack. Also, towards the end of the season, the next generation of skippers, most notably Charlie Proctor and Laura Cuccio, started to show their stuff, and it was most impressive. We also got a couple of future skippers with babies being born! Congratulations to the Goldman's and baby Jack earlier this year, and the Wexler's and baby Talia after the season was finished.

Fleet 126 sails every Saturday between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with a three day regatta on the holiday weekends. Our club also throws in a few "Super Saturdays", with a lot of short races for just the Lightnings. These are great for practicing starts and crowded mark roundings. If you are visiting from another club, or would like to try a Lightning, there is a club boat available, a fast one at that too. Hope to see you!

Dave Marsell

Fleet 127 Savannah Sailing on the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers at Savannah, Georgia Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-----------------------|------------|---|
| Life Life 14634 | FULL MONTY | JOHN M. MCINTOSH, SR. J. WALLACE AGGETT JOHN PORTER |

Fleet 129 Madison Beach Club Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Connecticut Connecticut/Rhode Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|--|---|
| 10704 11773 11933 13871 14342 14441 14509 14765 | MOO ROSIE STATIC S.S. OSHPOODLE CHALLENGE EARLY TIMES WAYPOINT | THEODORE HOWARD STEVEN M. ADKINS J. MICHAELSULZBACH LEIGHTON LEE TIMOTHY MILLHISER KATHERINE LEE JAMES R. DEEHOUSE JOSEPH M. KOBYLAK |

Most of the summer was sailed with wind and tides, except for two windless Sundays, to make for an interesting summer season.

The Madison Beach Club hosted the CT/RI Districts on July 17-18 and drew a strong fleet of 26 boats including 4 boats from our own club. We had both wind and weather for the weekend with 2 races on Saturday and 4 races on Sunday. In the end Dave Peck of Niantic Bay won the championship with a strong finish in Sunday's 4 races.

This year's season series was won by Katherine Lee and crew George Young, a previous winner, and Steve Cornell. Talented young sailor, Kelley Millane, in Jim Deephouse's boat, won second place, followed by Tim Millhiser in third place.

John Salzbach, a favorite, won the Baylis Trophy.

The Pope Memorial Race, where the skippers change boats, was won by Tim Millhiser in Jeff Swiggett's boat.

Rebecca Thomason, another talented sailor, in Mike Salzbach's boat, won the Fisher Race.

We had 5-6 boats sail with consistency this year, including Jeff Swiggett in his own boat. Next year may even be better with all 8 boats on the line.

Fleet 132 Lake Washington Sailing on Shilshole Bay, Seattle, Washington Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|--|---|
| 2274 8122 10364 10741 11636 11873 13242 13268 13704 14246 | SEAL ARE WE HAVING FUN YET? OFF CALL III WHEATIES LUNATIC FRINGE | MIKE YADRIK RONALD P. MORSE HANS VAN BREDERODE MIKE O'BYRNE ALAN F. HUNT DAVID ESTROFF ERIC LINDAHL PAUL M. CURTIS KENNETH DUNKELBERG TOM ANDERSON |

Fleet 134 Noroton Sailing on Central Long Island Sound Connecticut/Rhode Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 11097 14900 | CYGNUS | GAVIN JIM WATSON CRANE |

Fleet 135 Mobile Bay Sailing on Mobile Bay at Mobile, Alabama Southern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 8365 | ROBERT JEFFCOTT | DENIS HERMECZ |
| 8704 | | JOHN KERN |
| 10980 | SUNDAY'S CHILD | THOMAS PERRINE |
| 11085 | | TONY CHAVERS |
| 13060 | BIGEMINY III | DR. E. RUSSELL MARCH, JR. |
| | | BARNEY MARCH, III |
| 13158 | | JOE WACKER |
| 13200 | DULCINEA | NICK BLAKENY |
| | | WILLIAM CULBERSON |
| 14136 | BOHDACIOUS | L.M. (MITCH) BOHNENKAMP |
| 15201 | ENIGMA | ROBERT E. BERNHARDT, JR. |

Fleet Captain.....Robert Bernhardt

Mobile Fleet 135 held the Southern Districts. Conditions were excellent, turnout fair, and the fellowship was great. Participation was once again limited by the few boats we have. We are looking for new boat owners. Members of our fleet participated in the following regatta's: Juby Wynne, New Orleans, GYA held at Pass Christian, Bluenose in Nashville, & the Sugar Bowl. Hurricane Ivan destroyed many a sailing plan. Looking forward to next year.

Fleet 137 Gull Lake Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12395 | BETWEEN THE SHEETS | CHARLES SPILMAN |
| 13731 | | FRED W. HARRISON |
| 14241 | | JAMES BOWEN JR. |
| 14241 | | MICHAEL HUTCHINSON |
| 14474 | BIG WHITE | DAVID J. DECKER |
| 14712 | BE CALM | THOMAS HUDSON |

Fleet 145 Spofford Lake Sailing on Spofford Lake, Spofford, New Hampshire New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 10254 | | ALEX GEMMELL |
| 10410 | | TERRY PINDELL |
| 11210 | SMURFIN ALONG | FREDERICK TURNER, JR. |
| 13792 | | JOE ROSEN |
| 13835 | THREE CHEERS | DOROTHY FITCH |
| 14072 | SUNSHINE | PAUL HENKEL |
| 14360 | | PATRICK MacQUEEN |
| 14621 | | BEN WALLACE |
| 14654 | AMBUSH | ROBERT C. BUSH |
| | | A. STERLING BUSH |

Spofford Yacht Club is a strong fifty family member club with a waiting list. Located on the northern edge of Spofford Lake in southwestern New Hampshire. Close to

Route # 91 and Route # 9 it is easily accessible for those traveling to regattas here. The club lends itself to a summer camp atmosphere with group picnic lunches and potluck suppers with cocktail socialization.

The Spofford Lake Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta was a huge success. The weather cooperated and EIGHT races were sailed. The visiting sailors made many comments about how they always like to come to Spofford. Everyone was delighted to welcome and be welcomed by Dot Fitch and son Tom Fitch. Some remembrances of sailing with Dave and Dot Fitch, both as cheerful and sportsman-like competitors and having Dot on the boat as crew. Tom Fitch regaled us with a recollection of Dave's commitment that civil speech was an absolute requirement - even to the point of quitting a race when he felt that standard wasn't metand he was leading the race!

Congratulations to the Spofford member Ben Wallace and crew Karen and brother Tris, for a second place finish, very close to the first place boat skippered by Bob Shapiro from Bow Lake. Paul Henkel did a great job of pulling the whole thing together, and as is usually the case, there were many non-Lightning club members who helped with the food, race committee, etc. It was a great event that was thoroughly enjoyed by our guest racers!

A seven race One Day regatta at the end of the season saw the beginning of the fall colors and warm temperatures. The wind was whipping as play time began with screaming reaches and planing. Lots of hoots and howls of joy from the crews and skippers alike. Exhaustion set in after the seventh race from all the sailing activity.

Bob and Sterling Bush did make their annual trip to the North Americans after qualifying at the New England Districts. Being new to the club themselves, getting experienced crew in the area was not difficult. Alex Gemmell, skipper of 10254, was the crew that made it possible to get qualified. His knowledge of the boat and strategy of sailing assisted Bob in doing well.

Ben and Karen Wallace are developing additional crew by the end of the year. Karen is expecting her second child in mid-December. We wish them a happy and health baby.

Richard French and Christy Bonneau have been crewing frequently with the home fleet developing their sailing skills. Both have become SYC members this year.

A lot of the club members hone their sailing skills in little boats. The Sunfish fleet have ten to twelve boats on the line on Wednesday nights and Saturdays. Lightning sailors have led the pack every race. Joe Rosen, Alex Gemmell, Paul Henkel, Don Watson, etc., have shown that fleet what sailing is all about. We are hoping for some convertees to steer a Lightning.

Fleet 146 Toronto Bay Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Life 10702 14174 14347 | IN LIEU | J.R.G. BLEASBY WALTER BLACKWELL DAVID SPRAGUE DANIEL SPRAGUE |

Fleet Captain.....David Sprague

A slow year for the fleet this year. All of the active sailors went down to Fleet 12 (BCC) to race this year and had a great time.

There were a few local events but most of the weekday sailing was done on big boats with weekends in the Lightnings on the road.

If anyone is visiting Toronto give Dave Sprague a call and we will see if we can get you out on to see the Toronto skyline from the water.

Fleet 147 São Paulo Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at São Paul, Brasil Brazil District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|--|---|
| 3090 6591 6591 11041 11708 11708 11709 11710 11710 11710 12254 12407 12472 12524 12526 12686 13406 14203 14335 14378 14498 14498 14498 14596 14596 14596 14602 14845 | IRIS FLAMINGO CIRANDA CIRANDA CANARINHO IREMA IREMA SCAMBAU PERKEO XIRIANA FOXIRE GOYABADA E.T.C. KOMEKETO I MEIA NOITE B PHOENIX PHOENIX PHOENIX DINERS CLUB DINERS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FLASH RIDER | JOAO DE DEUS ASSIS FILHO ROMEO RAGUSIN CHRISTIAN SUSEMIHL ANTONIO F. VILLANUEVA PEDRO ALBERTO SERPE NETO ROBERTO MARINELLI WILLI CARLOS TIETZE CARLOS BIEKARCK PETER ZACHER JAN PETER ZACHER A. CARLOS RICHARD E. PRADO FRANCISCO DEL RE NETTO HUGO RICHTER ROBERTO DIETRICH FRED PAIM VIEIRA CID VIEIRA FRANCO de GODOY LEANDRO HOSBACK SEREJO DIETMAR HEYDENREICH CARLOS EDUARDO SODRE MARIO BUCKUP JUAN JOSE RAMOS De La FUENTE EDUARDO DE SOUZA RAMOS ENRICO FRANCAVILLA FREDERICO PEREGO COSTA FERNANDO RICARDO HACKEROTT RICARDO PEREGO COSTA CLAUDIO BIEKARCK CLAUDIO KUNZE |

Fleet Captain.....Peter Zacher
Brazilian Championship 2004.....Mario Buckup
Runner Up 2004.....Enrico Francavilla

We had a severe storm at our Club and lost 6 of our 12 Lightnings. The others broke masts and/or suffered damage. This happened just after our Brazilian Championship in April. The Fleet is trying to rebuild. We need 8 masts and many more pieces. Look the photos.



Fleet 150 Mansfield Sailing Club Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington, Ohio Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|--|--|
| Life 2132 3407 6944 10047 10444 11681 11912 11912 11912 12346 13907 13929 13935 14067 14424 14643 14952 14952 | T-BIRD MERRIMAX DAS BOOT WIKI-WIKI IV WIKI WIKI IV WHITE HEAT SHIFTY CHARACTERS EXTREME | MRS. THOMAS J. McDERMOTT MIKE STATON JOE KLERI CHANDLER STEVENS CHARLES SHAW CHRISTOPHER SCHNEIDER GERRY & KARL LORENZ NATE IRELAND WILLIAM WOODROW DAVID IRELAND JOHN SIMPSON MARK SHAW QUAZI AHMED KARLA VARLEY BOB SHUTT JAMES L. STONE RICK FOX THOMAS H. VARLEY, JR. JON VARLEY |

Fleet 151 Annisquam Yacht Club Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Massachusetts New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12071 14688 | MAGGIE MOUETTE | BRAD S. READ GEORGES PETER |

Fleet 154 Wawasee Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana Indiana District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|---|--|
| 11181 13721 13875 13910 13975 14024 14125 14173 14475 14600 14647 14678 14835 14870 14940 15213 | JOE BPSPLK BRANDYWINE II GOLDEN HARVEST DIVINE WIND MILLERS MERRY MANOR THOR PLAY WHY KNOT WOLF COOKIES EL ZORRO CON BRIO LAST LEG PS2 FAILURE TO THRIVE | DALE E. FULKERSON WILLIAM STUCKY DOUGLAS A. SCHMAHL BILLY J. ALLEN VIRGIL L. SNYDER RONALD LESTER STEPHEN C. MILLER JIM SABENS DAVID WISLER EDWARD BRADLEY WAGNON KEITH SWIHART DEBBIE PROBST ALAN FOX HERBERT SNYDER CRAIG COBBUM JEFFREY A. SCHMAHL |

Fleet Captain.....Jeff Schmahl
Fleet Champion.....Craig Cobbum
Runner-Up.....Bill Allen



Champion Sean Fidler and crew with other 2004 Hoosier Regatta top finishers

Chartered in 1947 and racing every summer since, Fleet 154 enjoyed another successful season of racing on beautiful Lake Wawasee, in northern Indiana.

Several fleet members continue to travel to off-lake regattas; Craig Cobbum and crew kicked off the 2004 season with a trip to St. Pete in March. In May, three Wawasee teams headed to Indianapolis to race in Fleet 270's annual spring regatta where Jeff Schmahl proudly unveiled his brand new Nickels boat, delivered the previous day. Debbie Probst wrapped up the preseason with a fine performance at Pymatuning.

As usual, the WYC racing season began Memorial Day weekend and continued through Labor Day. Two races

were scheduled each Sunday with the exception of the three holiday weekends when two-day series are held. A grand total of thirty eight races were scheduled and twenty five were completed. Craig Cobbum had another outstanding year winning two holiday series and taking the season championship by a comfortable margin. Defending season champ Bill Allen turned in another solid season, winning the Labor Day series and finishing second for the season, barely edging rival Jeff Schmahl whose team included his nine-year-old son, Michael, plus the veteran Stu Webster.

Five Wawasee teams traveled to Indy for the District Championships in June, each one seeking to qualify for one of the three (later four) district spots for the North American's in Buffalo. Ultimately, all five teams wound up at the BCC. Bill Allen raced in the Masters regatta, and Debbie Probst was narrowly edged out by Jody Swanson to finish second in the Women's event. Brad Wagon, Cobbum, Schmahl, and Probst raced in the Championship event where Debbie cemented her position as our fleet "rock star" finishing a fantastic fifteenth in the blue fleet -- the best ever by a Wawasee skipper. One month later Debbie and 2004 Lightning NA Champ Jody Swanson were teammates aboard the winning US Women's Match Racing Championship entry.

Wrapping up the year, Wawasee boats again traveled to fall regattas including Chicago's Red Flannels, Pontiac, and Nashville. Fleet 154's finale was our own 50th Anniversary Hoosier Regatta held the first weekend in October. Twenty-one boats participated in this historic event made special by the outstanding hospitality and spirit of the members of the Wawasee Yacht Club. Longtime friend-of-our-fleet Sean Fidler claimed another Hoosier Regatta victory, capping a weekend of phenomenal autumn sailing and true Lightning class camaraderie.

Fleet 154 was excited to welcome back our old friend Keith Swihart after a nearly twenty year hiatus. Back with a fast boat, all the latest gear, and two super-enthusiastic grandchildren for crew, Team Swihart is expected to be a real contender in 2005. We also recognize and appreciate every team who competed on a regular basis throughout the 2004 season including skippers Virgil Snyder and Alan Fox who raced in virtually every race.

Finally, we invite everyone to join us for the Indiana District regattas in 2005, starting with the Indy Open on April 30 and May 1 in Indianapolis, and the 2005 Hoosier Regatta, scheduled for October 1 & 2. For more information about fleet 154 and the Wawasee Yacht Club, visit www.wawaseeyc.com.



Perfect conditions on beautiful Lake Wawasee



Three generations of Swiharts at the 2004 Hoosier Regatta

Fleet 164 Willow Bank Yacht Club Sailing on Cazenovia Lake, Cazenovia, New York Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 11010 | | RAY CUDNEY |
| 11010 | | JOE HOMOLA |
| 11853 | ANDIAMO | JEFFREY A. BASSIN, DMD |
| 12004 | GENTRY | CHARLES I. WOODS |
| 12004 | | SAM WOODS |
| 12929 | | MARK S. JENNER |
| 13052 | FULL DECK | STEVE BURRELL |
| 13083 | | STEVE RICHARDS |
| 13172 | WILD GOOSE | JONATHAN FELLOWS |
| 13369 | CEANN SAILE | GEOFFREY ROTH |
| 13933 | TRIVIAL PURSUIT | RICHARD H. RYCZEK |
| 14212 | STEAM DRIVEN | JEFF SHAW |
| 14212 | | ALIXANDRA S. SHAW |
| 14369 | HASTALAVISTA | FEDERICO MEIRA |
| 14465 | MOTION | RICHARD P. TUTTLE |
| 14527 | | PETER KING |
| 14849 | | CLAY MURPHY |
| 14849 | REDDY TOO | PAMELA MURPHY |

Fleet Captain.....Pete King
Fleet Secretary.....Sam Woods
Fleet Treasurer.....Dick Ryczek
Fleet Champion.....Clay Murphy
Runner-Up.....Federico Meira

We had great fleet racing season from Memorial Day through Labor Day with two races each Sunday afternoon. Our fleet Champion was Clay Murphy, runner-up Federico Meira followed by Dick Tuttle in third.

It is important to note that Federico achieved runner-up status despite "jumping" out of his boat for a mid race swim at least once (maybe twice) during the season. He also turtled twice in order to do some deeper water swimming to dislodge his mast in the soils of the lake bottom. "I've only done that three times in my 25+ year racing career...twice this year" he was heard saying.

The rule changes made two years ago held Dick Tuttle to third place. However, points were close between the top three finishers.

Congratulations Clay, Federico and Dick!!!

We welcomed back last year Jeff and Alix Shaw and family in Steam Driven #14212. They have moved back to the area after several years in Florida.

We hosted our regular June regatta, the Caz Flash Bash, over Father's Day weekend. 18 boats participated and we had plenty of our usual unpredictable Cazenovia Lake shifty wind. Saturday morning started with back-to-back races and winds 15 to 20. Dick Hallagan managed two bullets in the tough conditions. During lunch break the wind built to over 20 with gust into the low 30s. The racing for Saturday was abandoned, but two intrepid skippers and crew (Jed Dodge and Mark Fleckenstein) headed out for a leisurely afternoon sail. Both made it

back alive with smiles on their faces and maybe some streaks on their backsides.

Sunday brought a little less wind, but with gusts over 15 not uncommon. Jed Dodge managed to edge out Dick Hallagan followed by Clay Murphy. Great racing by all including the boats in the middle and the back of the pack!!

The Caz 1 Day Regatta in September was sailed in light and shifty (read typical) conditions on Cazenovia Lake. The first 4 races were sailed with the wind out of the South, a few big shifts and both sides being favored at certain times. Lunch was the standard great home-cooked Chili Feast. After lunch the wind had shifted to the west making approaching the weather mark a real challenge. When all was done, young Billy Healy showed us how it was done using a boat kindly loaned by Bob Wardwell. He was followed by Clay Murphy and Jack Jones.

Thanks to Dave Bull for so capably running the both of the Regattas.

See cnylightns.org for more great photos of both regattas. Thanks to Alix Shaw and Pam Murphy.



Clay, A.J. & John heading up wind in Race 1 Caz One Day



The fleet at Caz Flash Bash 2004



Fleet 166 Helsinki

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Finland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| 9441 | KEISAHEILA | RAIMO AROMAA |
| 13435 | | PERTTI RASILAINEN |
| 14018 | | JUKKA SALMI |
| 14534 | | KARI KANERVA |
| 14534 | MASI V | KIMMO AROMAA |
| 14534 | MASI V | TERHO AROMAA |
| 14539 | RED SNAPPER | KARI KOSKINEN |
| 14761 | | LAURI HEMMING |
| 15002 | | MATTI HUUSKA |

Fleet Captain.....Jari Aromaa



District Champions Kimmo, Tea and Mika Aromaa.

During the sailing season 2003 the Helsinki Fleet 166 continued to work in close co-operation with the Tuusulanjärvi fleet 456. Kimmo Aromaa with Masi V and Lauri Hemming with Red Snapper were our most active sailors. The season began in Miami when Lauri and Kimmo with Antti Varheenmaa sailed the Midwinter regatta. The sailing was fun, but results were not so fine.

At home the season began with the On the Rocks regatta. Warm weather and tricky winds. Masi V won five races out of six, a good start for the season. The next ranking regatta was sailed in Turku. This time the wind varied in strength. Both in the heavy winds and light winds Masi showed good boatspeed. Second regatta victory for the season.

In the middle of the summer Finnish sailors packed their gear and drove to Switzerland to sail the European Championships. Total 18 boats sailed in the 51st Europeans, of which five were from Finland. In the light winds the many-time champion Urs Wyler was not to be beaten. The second place was taken by Masi V. Before the last race Wyler had already secured his victory. Kimmo's tactic was so to keep his nearest threat, the Greek Orologos, behind. In the last race Kimmo was better. The middle crew of Masi V, Tea Aromaa, got a nice present for her 15th birthday, that is second place in the Europeans.

The next regatta was District Championships in Oulu. This year we had only 14 boats, the schedule was three days and nine races with upwind-downwind courses. On the first day Masi V was fast scoring 1-1-1, followed by Niko Lappalainen from Tuusula and Markku Paloma from Oulu. On the second day Masi V was not so overwhelming. Kimmo sailed 2-3-6 while Samppa Salminen sailed good and moved to second place. The last day became a thriller. After the first six races Kimmo had 14 points and Samppa 21 points. Samppa sailed good races and Kimmo's lead was shrinking. In the last race Samppa won, but Kimmo managed to rise to fifth place. This gave Masi V their second District championship.

The next race in Tampere was sailed again with strong winds on Saturday and light winds on Sunday. Kimmo was still hungry for victories and won. In Lohja the winds were rather heavy, and a new winner was found, Matti Leppänen from Tuusula. Kimmo was second. The last ranking regatta was sailed in Jyväskylä. The winner was Samppa Salminen, Kimmo took a break. The season finished traditionally with the Syysregatta in Tuusula in the end of September. Masi V was fastest again, even with a capsize and DNF.

This season was great success for Kimmo Aromaa and his crew Mika and Tea. Kimmo won the District Championship and the District Ranking series, second in the Europeans. They sailed seven regattas winning five of them. We have now a Lightning family of four generations. The late Voitto Aromaa started to build boat with his sons in the 1950's. His sons Raimo, Terho, Jorma and Markku, daughter Pirkko with spouses (and a lot of other relatives) sailed in 1950's to 1980's. Third generation, sons of Raimo and Terho, started in 1970's. The fourth generation, Mika's daughter Tea, won her first championship 47 years after her grandparents won their first championship.



Fleet 167 Lake Davenport Sailing on the Mississippi River, Davenport IA Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 6033 | KASARA | WESLEY L. JOHNSON |
| 7391 | | MICHAEL G. DAWSON |
| 8520 | | CHRIS ENSEY |
| 11456 | | BRANDON HOLTON |
| 12843 | OFF LIKE A PROM DRESS | MIKE BLASER |
| 12843 | | PERRY HANSEN |
| 13202 | | BILL PAULSEN |
| 13286 | | REED H. DOUGHTY |
| 13611 | WEBEJAMMIN WARP DRIVE | WILLIAM GANOE |
| 14831 | | CHUCK WHITE |
| 14857 | IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE | MICHAEL STEFFENSON |
| 14859 | | WILLIAM LOVEWELL |

Fleet Secretary.....Jean Steffenson

Fleet 167 had a very inactive year with no formal races scheduled this past summer or fall. Members day-sail during the season but find it difficult enough to get boats together for organized racing.

Fleet 169 Lac de Neuchatel Sailing on Lac de Neuchatel, Neuchatel, Switzerland Switzerland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|-------------------|
| 11859 | PINOCCHIO | HANS MÜHLBACH |
| 12572 | | ANNE-LISE PAUL |
| 12860 | | CLAUDE LAMBELET |
| 12860 | | JEAN-MICHEL LUTHI |
| 12860 | GAROUPE | BERNARD COMTESSE |
| 13840 | | GILBERT DESPLAND |
| 14910 | | KARL RAMSAUER |
| | CHILOE | |
| | LA BANDERITA | |

*See Switzerland District report

Fleet 173 Brant Beach Yacht Club Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 9628 | DISCOVERY | PAUL L. ALBERTI |
| 11575 | | JAMES W. TITUS |
| 13809 | | JEFFREY L. CARSON |
| 13809 | OLD AGE AND TREACHERY | PETER D. PIERCE |
| 14059 | | DAVID W. LONG |
| 14325 | SKAL | CARL REITINGER |
| 14325 | | GLENN REITINGER |
| 14325 | | J. EDWARD SERRILL |
| 14660 | VERBAL ABUSE | BOB SEYBOLD |
| 14660 | | |
| | 911 | |

Fleet Captain.....Glenn Reitingner
Fleet Champion.....Team Reitingner

Lightning fleet 173 had another successful year of sailing on Little Egg Harbor Bay. Fleet members participated in several events along the Jersey coast. Eric Reitingner sailed his family's boat at the ACCs Regatta held at TRYC in August finishing in the middle of the fleet and also crewed for Jim Carson during the Southern Circuit. Glenn, Beth, and Eric traveled to BLYC for the LBIYRA championships where they finished 2nd. Fleet members were also key in the successful running of the Laser District 10 Championships with 34 boats as well as the C420 Atlantic Coasts with 90 boats. The Club Championship was won by the Reitingers (Beth, Carl, and Glenn) with the Serrills (Barb and Ed) second and Carsons third. With Josh taking classes in Russian all summer, Eric Reitingner sailed with Jeff several times. Fleet 173 is looking forward to next year. Josh will be back to skipper the Carson boat and Eric will be spending time in Serrill's boat. Note the 2005 CADs will be held at BBYC June 25-26. Dave Coward has promised a high tide weekend.

Fleet 175 Shreveport Sailing on Cross Lake at Shreveport, Louisiana Southern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 9281 | WHITE LIGHTNIN' | JIM WASNER |
| 9281 | | TED HOPKINS |
| 10987 | | GAY GRIFFITH MEANS |
| 13220 | JUSTN TIME | |

Fleet 178 Great South Bay Sailing on Great South Bay at Amityville, New York Long Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| 5132 | SURPRISE | MICHELLE YACOB |
| 8780 | | GARY SORTINO |
| 9670 | | ANGELO DI MARTINO |
| 9697 | DOLPHIN III | C. THOMAS POWELL |
| 10243 | | WILLIAM L. ORCHARD |
| 10260 | WINDBLOWN | ELIZABETH BREWER |
| 10260 | | WILLIAM P. WEISS |
| 10690 | BULLSHIT | JOSEPH J. TURECAMO |
| 11774 | | ALAN PEARLMAN |
| 11852 | MARDI GRAS | OTTO KRIZEK |
| 13544 | ALEVAJ | THOMAS E. McDONALD |

Fleet Captain.....Bill Weiss

We had a down year, owing to health issues and other commitments. The mast on the fleet boat was rebuilt, but the aft lift point still has to be redone before it goes back in the water. The none of us made the districts, as it conflicted with the local invitational regatta. We're looking forward to a stronger season next year.

Fleet 179 Pass Christian Yacht Club Sailing on the Gulf Coast at Pass Christian, Mississippi Southern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9696 | SMOOTH | BUDDYCLARKE ANDREW "BO" CLARKE |
| 10812 | SPIRIT | EUGENE H. WALET, III |
| 11311 | OGO POGO | WHITNER CHURCH |
| 12335 | | WALTER BECKER |
| 12335 | | TED PRECHTER |
| 13170 | NIKE V | JEFFREY REISCH |
| 13931 | | ERIC ASCHAFFENBURG |
| 14129 | REBEL YELL | GUY BRIERRE |
| 10812 | SPIRIT | EUGENE H. WALET, III |

Fleet Captain.....Buddy Clarke
Fleet Secretary.....Patsy S. Walet

In October two years ago Eugene H. Walet III skippered Lightning 10812 in the Hospitality Regatta in Jackson, MS and bought the boat from Dr. Larry Frost III of Fleet 62 after the regatta. With Gene's purchase of a Lightning came renewed interest in the class. Bo and Buddy Clarke bought Buck Ballatin's famous SB 9696, an Allen mid 1960's boat which they have completely restored and is now known as SMOOTH. At that time Fleet 179 was reinstated for the first time in 35 years. Then the fleet kept growing with the addition of Whitner Church 11311, Eric Aschaffenburg 13931, Guy Briere 14129, Jeff Reisch 13170, Walter Becker and Ted Prechter 13335. Gene Walet bought 14620 from Ron Wright in October and is wanting to keep 10812 in Fleet 179.

We held denaming ceremonies for all of the Lightnings which were brought to Pass Christian Yacht Club to form Fleet 179. At that ceremony we asked Mighty Neptune and Mighty Aeolus that they strike and remove from their records the names of the Lightnings being presented to them. It was quite a sight to see these colorful hulls side by side in the hoist area. There were 2 whites, 1 black, 1 green, 1 red and 1 aqua. Of course there is a certain amount of libation which goes along with the ceremony. It was a fun event.

Our fleet was represented in the Southern District Lightning Championship sailed on Mobile Bay June 5 & 6. Buccaneer Yacht Club hosted this 5 race series. Eric Aschaffenburg came in 3rd.

Pass Christian Yacht Club hosted the Legg Mason Funds Summer in the Pass Regatta the weekend of July 24 & 25. 8 boats competed in a 4 race series with light southerly winds prevailing. 1st place went to Eric Aschaffenburg, 2nd Robert Bernhardt, Jr. and 3rd Eugene H. Walet III.

The following weekend July 31 & August 1 Pass Christian Yacht Club hosted the annual Birthday Regatta sponsored by Legg Mason Funds and the Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship. We had a record fleet of 12 for a 4 race series with light winds out of the southeast at 4-8 kts. all weekend. Team Briere (Guy & Pam, Catherine 7 and Claire 5) were the winners of the Commodore Eugene Taylor trophy as G.Y.A. Lightning Champions. Guy says he has a 4 person crew with only 4 hands doing the work. They are quite a family. Robert Bernhardt was awarded the John G. Curren Trophy as the high point skipper combining the District Championship



Team Briere (Guy, Pam, Catherine & Claire)
who won the GYA Championship

and G.Y.A. Lightning Championship.

We are looking forward to a busy schedule for 2005 starting with the Nokia Sugar Bowl Regatta December 18 & 19 for a 5 race series. Other regattas scheduled for Pass Christian Yacht Club are:
Southern District Championship June 3, 4 & 5
Summer in the Pass Regatta July 23 & 24
Birthday Regatta July 30 & 31
G. Y. A. Race Week September 17 & 18

Fleet 180 Conneaut Lake Yacht Club Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Conneaut, Pennsylvania Lake Erie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|----------------------|
| 10273 | | MARK OKEL |
| 10941 | | CORY H. ALTABET |
| 11063 | | JONATHAN S. DeARMENT |
| 13504 | | LAWRENCE LEVINE |
| 13899 | | ROBERT C. ASMUS |
| 14422 | | GEOFFREY M. TAYLOR |
| 14444 | | KENNETH POTE |
| 14711 | | JOHN ANDREWS |
| 14750 | | EDWARD J. BENEVENT |
| 14763 | | CHAD WALDSCHMIDT |
| 14763 | | JODY BUNTING |
| 15184 | | MICHAEL MERCATORIS |
| | BUD LIGHTNING | |

Fleet Captain.....John Andrews
Secretary Treasurer.....Mary Andrews
Fleet Champion.....Ed Benevent
Runner-Up.....Chad Waldschmidt

2004 was a year of milestones for the Conneaut Lake Yacht Club. The 56th year of the club started out with the Spring Banquet at the historic Hotel Conneaut. Several races were scheduled, however the forces of nature did not cooperate. There was either no wind or severe storms.



The first major event was the 'round the lake race. In a nice 10 - 12 knot breeze John Andrews prevailed followed by Ed Benevent and Chad Waldschmidt. It was at this point in the middle of summer that the July picnic was held. The milestone recognized there was the 90th birthday of Dr. Duane Good. He is one of the major pillars of the club, having introduced many of the current and past members to the joys of sailing in a Lightning.

In spite of the rainy weekends and flooding we were able to race 16 races for the summer series. After all was said and done, Ed Benevent with Randy Hollister and Greg Benevent were the Fleet Champions. They had found enough boat speed to stay ahead of Chad Waldschmidt, second. John Andrews, third and Mike Mercatoris. There was a lot of good competition on the days we were able to race. The rain and subsequent flooding of the lake was a bit of a damper, but next summer will be better.

At the Labor Day picnic the club thanked John Andrews for taking on the duties of Fleet Captain and Commodore. The slate of officers for next year is looking forward to following in John's footsteps. Commodore Kathy Rentz, Vice-Commodore Jean Pote, Lightning Fleet Captain Chad Waldschmidt and Sunfish Fleet Captain Mike Mercatoris are already working on the plans. Please visit our website, www.ctlcsailing.com.



Fleet 187 Sheboygan Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 7879 | PUFF | ROBERT T. MELZER |
| 10034 | | REV TOM SCHROEDER |
| 10363 | | NEIL JENSEN |
| 11188 | ABOUT TIME | KC SCHMIDT |
| 11589 | D-TOXXX | BRAD GRUNEBERG |
| 11622 | | TIMOTHY J. LORENZ |
| 12389 | | SHEBOYGAN YOUTH |
| 12193 | | DR. JOHN KASTENDIEK |
| 13224 | SECOND CHANCE | LINDSAY VOGEL |
| 13818 | WARRIOR | JOEL M LeMAHIEU |
| 13824 | | MARK WIERZBACH |
| 13930 | BLACK MAGIC WOMAN | ERIC R. LARSON |
| 13994 | SILENT MOVIE | MICHOU J. REICHELSDORFER |
| 14007 | I SAW ELVIS | HANS C. GRAF |
| 14142 | | JASON BEMIS |
| 14142 | | KARLA ZAHN |
| 14234 | | TOM WRIGHT |
| 14380 | CHRISTIANA | TRYG JACOBSON |
| 14653 | | STU BROTZ |
| 14921 | | JAY HOGFELDT |
| 14958 | | BRUCE VAN DOMMELEN |
| 14994 | | DENISE STRAND-CORNELL |
| 15158 | | DANIEL REICHELSDORFER |
| 15189 | LANANAI | BEN SPILLER |
| 15234 | PIERODACTYL | PAUL REAK |
| | | TODD WAKE |

Fleet Captain.....Hans Graf
Fleet Secretary.....Urge Overkill
Fleet Champion.....Todd Wake
Runner-Up.....Ric Larson

4 years ago we were lucky to get 5 people racing on a Tuesday Night. Now, you've got to be plenty good to place in the top 5 in a fleet where 12 boats routinely put to sea on a Tuesday Night. Our fleet has blossomed. There's no big thing that we've done right, just a whole bunch of little things. We began with good race management. Chris Graf, Fred Tyska, and Gail Tyska were on the water with an on time start to a fair race every Tuesday Night. We continued with a few fleet functions to give sailors the chance to get together for a few laughs, to share some stories. At our spring meeting we put together a panel of some of our more experienced sailors, and asked them to share some of their approaches to pre-race, starts, upwind, downwind to try and take some of the mystery away from how to make a boat go fast. Finally, having the North Americans return to Sheboygan has generated real excitement within the community, and Lightning Sailing has become something people want to get involved in. We've relied on great, reliable people to build this program. Dave Branson has served as PRO for our last 3 Brotz regattas, and has helped build SYC's reputation as one of the best race management clubs in the region. Numerous volunteers have shown up with willing hands and a great attitude when it's time for a



2004 Brotz Regatta Winners.
From Left, Hans Graf, Kim and Peley Orlebeke, Elmo, Christine and Todd Wake, Mark Wessel, Dino, Willie G, Tryg Jacobson, Christiana Jacobson, Jason Bemis, Ric Larson, credit Lois Cady for our groovy picture.

project. There's no secret to building a great fleet. It's just got to be something you really want to do.

In case you'd lost track of them, or meet them at a regatta, here's what Fleet 187's intrepid sailors did with their square boats last summer.

Report on Fleet 187 Members.

Robert Melzer, PUFF, 7879: Bob sailed his beautifully restored spruce plank boat more than ever before this summer. Although Bob does not compete, it's always a thrill to see PUFF's natural wood topsides sailing in the waters off Sheboygan.

Brad Grunneberg, D-TOXX, 11589, Crew Scott Jelinek and Dan Kerpe: Brad did a fabulous job of re-rigging his newly acquired Allen Boat. Although he didn't travel with his Lightning, D-TOXX missed very few Tuesday Night Starts and showed steady improvement all summer long.

Lindsay Vogel, SECOND CHANCE, 13224, Crew Edward Wagner and Jason Diener: Lindsay traveled more, sailed faster, and has been a vital asset to this fleet. Now that winter's here we won't see much of Lindsay as he and the family spend every available weekend skiing in Marinette, MI. See you in the spring Lindsay.

Eric Larson, Black Magic Woman, 13930, Crew Eric Larson Jr. and Lori Jost: He missed fleet champion by a tell tail this year, but I'm sure he'll be quicker than ever next year with his only slightly used Tom Allen Lightning.

Matt Wierzbach, 13842: In the year since he bought the boat, Matt's put together a good crew and some fine races. Still the youngest owner in the fleet, Matt will certainly improve next year, and plans on sailing both the Junior and the open North Americans next year.

Dan and Michou Reichelsdorfer, SILENT MOVIE, 13994, and New Movie, 14994: The New Movies was back this year, Michou, Molly, and Dan sailed most Tuesdays, and will sail even more next year.

Hans Graf, I SAW ELVIS, 14007: The first race Hans sailed I SAW ELVIS landed him on the front page of the local paper, rounding the harbor mouth in first. It was a grand highlight to the rest of the season that found ELVIS struggling to make the top 5.

Todd Wake, Pterodactyl, 15234, Crew Kristine Wake and Tony Orlebeke: Todd had a heck of a season. Midwest Districts, 1st place, Fleet 187 Champion, a North Americans campaign that convinced him he needed a new boat, Bluenose regatta with his new boat, 1st Place. Nuff said!!!

Tryg Jacobson, CHRISTIANA, 14380, Crew Christiana Jacobson and Jason Bemis: Tryg and Lightnings go back a long way. It was great to see Team Jacobson out with daughter Christiana both during most Tuesday Nighters and the 43rd Brotz Regatta.

Jay Hogfeld and Bruce Van Dommelen, THE FLYING DUTCHMEN, 14921: A new boat, new sails, third place in the Last Chance Series, and a new name.

Ben Spiller, 15158, Crew Jon Ribich and Jake Den Boer: Ben sailed campaigned his new Nickels all summer long including both a Junior's and North Americans campaign. Ben is a freshman at Boston University this summer sailing on the Charles River, and alas has sold his Lightning. Fortunately, the boat didn't go far, and I'm sure will be back for all the Lightning High Holidays.

Paul Reak, 15189, Crew Jason Allard: Paul made strides this year. The North Americans, the Hoosier Regatta, the Wandering Moose, the Bluenose, Tuesday Nights.

Tom Wright and Mary Sneider 14234, Crew Dallas and Bronson: Tom just moved to Sheboygan, and the first thing he did was join the Yacht Club. The second thing he did was to start sailing Lightnings. By the end of the season he owned Todd Wake's Nickel's hull #14234. Welcome to Tom, his wife Mary, and their son Dallas.



Fleet 189 Marblehead

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts
New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9241 12706 | DORJE FOG HORN LEG HORN | JEFF GRAHAM RICK HUMPHREY, JR. |

Fleet 192 Lower Susquehanna/ Northern Chesapeake

Sailing on the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace, Maryland
Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|---|--|
| 0 9544 10302 11278 12613 13047 13184 14165 14366 15024 15131 | SOGGY BREAKDOWN BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL MBNACE TO UPRIGHTNESS SHAMOO I DUNNO T2 KILLER BISCUITS NO NAME JUST CALL ME NAMES | MYRL STONE GARRETT PENSELL MARK HERGAN MARK SANFORD MIKE MCCUSKER MATTHEW JAY VINCENT TOWNROW ROBERT MCANALLY PATRICK PHELAN JASON WERNER CARL MUSKA |

Fleet Captain.....Jason Werner
Fleet Secretary.....Patrick Phelan
Fleet Treasurer.....Karen L'Empereur
Fleet Champ.....

The 3rd year of the resurrected fleet 192 was a busy one for members. Although the total number of boats was static this year, the season was notable for greater numbers of boats on the starting line for both the Thursday night Yacht Club races and the less formal Tuesday night Lightning outings. A greater number of regattas were attended both within and outside of the District with new owner Matt Jay and his lively crew seemingly attempting to set a record for consecutive weekends at a regatta!

Mike McCusker and Faith were a consistent presence on the course on Tuesdays and Thursdays and were always at or near the front. Both Vince Townrow, Carl Muska and their crews were challenging the lead when schedules allowed. Jason Werner was the boat to beat for most of the season until work relocated him to Oklahoma. With some boat dropping exercises out of the way, new boat owner Patrick Phelan and wife Karen tried to fill Jason's void. Also in the mix was our local Captain Mark Sanford who honed his skills sailing Lightnings on Lake Carlyle in earlier years. Mark seemed confused as to what event he was in, often heard to mutter "a swim breaking out" followed by a splash! Bob McAnally gets the award for greatest attendance and enthusiasm with a willingness to give up the tiller to his crew, any crew! Matt Jay is co-owner of the attendance award. He would

often show up sunburned after sailing his Lightning on the bay all day.

The Pink Flamingo waited on the boat of Garrett Pensell all summer hoping to sail but alas the Stork outmaneuvered him when it landed yet another Pensell in the world. One would be remiss by attempting to recall all the hard working crew (Jen, Rich, Andrew, Mark, Kristen, Adam, Heather, Jose, Garrett, John, Mike, Nanette, Myrl) so forgiveness is asked for any not mentioned. Special thanks go out to the Marleys, Heffners, mom Werner, Myrl and Bonnie Morris for help with regatta management both on and off shore. Thanks also go to new boat owner Mark Hegan who took some excellent pictures at our regatta.

The first regatta of the year was the Southern Circuit which Werner attended with his faithful crew Patrick Phelan and Brian Debrincat. Having bailed him out of Savannah, they proceeded through the remainder of the circuit managing to occasionally best boats from the Dixie district all the while using - gasp - Quantum sails. Highlights included renewing old acquaintances, developing a new flame, and "getting Dali" after visiting the Salvador Dali gallery in St. Pete (a must for those attending the Circuit).

Mark Sanford with Andrew Winger/Phelan sailed the



Doc Gilbert Regatta to start off the Dixie schedule. They proved planing is a worthwhile Lightning activity even when the race is called. They discovered fast does not include rerouting a line through to the next unbroken cleat every few minutes! Without great finishes they had to rely on the fun which typifies this regatta at Leesylvania Park with host fleet 50.

Our fleet hosted the Dixie Districts for the first time and managed to offer long courses and to the delight of our District Commodore didn't have to tangle with bridges! The event was typified by great winds, great participation (29 boats-up from recent Districts), great competition and good grub on shore with folks cooking their own steak. With one exception, the fleet managed to make it



around the course successfully with a few locals challenging the front runners who as it turned out were usually from Annapolis. One of our unnamed guests (cp), managed to provide on the water entertainment by doing the sailing version of a Chinese fire drill! She found it helps to be in 1st place for maximum crowd viewing (see flashes for article).

The fleet anxiously looked forward to the 2nd annual Susquehanna River Cup, which is a team race against our sailing brethren from Fleet 253. The racing was close, tough and occasionally contentious with the last race needed to decide the outcome. The more southerly fleet 192 prevailed to retain bragging rights until we meet next summer.

The annual Fleet 253's Sweet Corn regatta was its normal bag of tricks. With high winds on Saturday, and none on Sunday! Saturday was ideal Lightning weather, with winds in the 15-18 range, with some higher gusts and all on dead flat water with a good opposite current. Several local boats made the trip up, with McCusker, Werner, Sanford, and Jay all making appearances. The winds made it a shorter regatta, but it was fun for everyone.

In August we hosted our 3rd annual Duck Challenge regatta, named for the beautiful wood decoys which are a local specialty and the centerpiece trophies. The wind gods continue to bless us for this event and we had 2 days of great sailing with the results favoring the locals who earned the first 4 places!

The team of Matt Jay/Adam Adoleza and Kristen Lopez represented the fleet at Fleet 50 President/Leukemia cup in early Sept. only to discover the quirks of local race management and the "thrilla of the Hydrilla" on the Potomac. Good improvement in race outcome was seen at this venue.

In an attempt to capitalize on their successes, several members traveled to Solomons Invitational and promptly took 3rd (Phelan)/4th (Werner) in a close battle at this beautiful location. Team Jay had some promising moments showing that the rigorous regatta schedule is paying dividends. Rich Morris demonstrated his overcoming shyness techniques at the Tiki Bar for us on Saturday, while Adam theorized that slowing your competition in the parking lot of the hotel would pay off on the course. Thanks go to our friends there who provided a great environment for fun and showed us the way to go in a dying breeze and current.

The Borderline regatta (among other regattas unmentioned) was attended by the road warriors (Jay/Lopez/Adoleza). When not wrangling with launches and local customs they discovered their boat loves water. Among other lessons this year, they have discovered the many uses of tape - never leave home without it. They also found their Lightning can pitchpole and they witnessed the drowning of a Lightning (flotation is a good thing).

As we wind down the year with Hamptons "Last Fling" Regatta in our sights we look forward to increasing the number of boats in the fleet for the coming year. We expect to increase the level of skill and participation among crew, who are truly one of the best resources as

friends and future boat owners for our fleet and this great class.

Fleet 194 Mission Bay Yacht Club

Sailing on Mission Bay & Pacific Ocean at San Diego, California
California District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8778 | EXCALIBUR DIRECT ACCESS | DAN GRAVATT |
| 8966 | | RICHARD HOFFMAN |
| 11603 | | JOEL F. VANN |
| 13742 | FLIPPER | RICHARD HOCKADAY |
| 13819 | | ERIC SWAYZE |
| 13842 | | MERLIN GREEN |
| 13860 | PUDDLEGLUM | DAN GRAVATT |
| 14095 | | KIRK & EDNA JOHNSON |
| 14202 | | GREG LEMBO |
| 14263 | MOJO | PETER BELLIN |
| 14308 | | JEFF COPPENS |
| 14473 | | SCOTT FINKBONER |
| 14486 | JJEB | JOLENE NORTHROP |
| | | JOHN NORTHROP |
| 14572 | | TIMOTHY JEHL |
| 14846 | WHITE LIGHTNING | MICHAEL & RICHARD BREWER |
| 14904 | HANA HOU | SCOTT FINKBONER |

Fleet Co-Captains, Pete Bellin and Katie Ham
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer,.....Edna Johnson
Fleet Champion,.....Mike Brewer
District Champion,.....Scott Finkboner

Beginning on January 11th with the Winter Series and ending on December 12th with the Hot Rum Series, our fleet enjoyed a year of sailing in the best weather in the country. Sailing in both the relatively sheltered waters of Mission Bay, and in the ocean just out the channel, the fleet was active all year. There were 21 club regattas and 18 summer TNTs (Thursday Night Things which start at 6:00 p.m.). The Lightning fleet had to serve as race committee for three of the TNTs, but participated in the other 15. Dan Gravatt sailed in almost all of them, thus getting his name on the "Most Dedicated Lightning Sailor" trophy.

Our districts were sailed out of Mission Bay Yacht club in the ocean in June. The first day it was sunny and just breezy enough to keep the crew busy; the second day, however, the wind picked up enough to favor the heavier crews. Scott Finkboner and Pete Bellin tied for first with Scott winning the tie-breaker, Mike Brewer was third. Pete drove all the way to Buffalo Canoe Club to represent the west coast at a very windy North Americans. He brought back a new boat for Jeff Coppens and a new mast for Kirk Johnson. What a great fleet captain!

Our fleet champion this year was Mike Brewer; this was determined by a series of club races and regattas. He and his crew Dick Brewer and Katie Ham represented the Lightning fleet in the Mission Bay Yacht Club Champion-



ship regatta which was sailed in Solings. Besides having his name engraved on a very old perpetual trophy, the winner gets his own parking space with his name posted on it. While they didn't win the coveted parking spot, they did have the opportunity to compare the Soling and the Lightning. At the end of the year, they're still sailing the Lightning.

For the first time in 34 years, we had to cancel the California Lightning Circuit for lack of boats. At the present time the fleet is considering alternatives for next year. We welcome comments and suggestions. Yes, it's a long way to come, but it's really worth the trip!

Our Bowen Memorial Regatta was sailed in the ocean in August over two days in perfect weather. After 5 very long and hotly contested races, Mike Brewer won. Kirk Johnson was second and Jeff Coppens was third. New fleet member Dan Gravatt was the only skipper to travel to the northwest for the PCCs and to Los Angeles for the King Harbor charity race in September. Brewer and Finkboner also went up to San Francisco Bay for the Totally Dinghy Regatta which Finkboner won.

We welcomed two new skippers this year - Greg Lembo and Dan Gravatt, and, in the spring, a new crew - Jalee Ann Northrop. Proud parents are John and Jolene Northrop. She's already been out on their Lightning several times. Now that's starting young.

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|---------------------|
| 12454 | STREAK IN | CHARLES N. HOWE |
| 14066 | PUNCH TOO | GEORGE SCHMIDT |
| 14300 | SCRAP METAL II | RICHARD M. WARREN |
| 14300 | SCRAP METAL II | RANDY SWARTLEY |
| 14595 | LIBERTY | ROBERT RIZZITELLO |
| 14635 | | DARRYL WASKOW |
| 15116 | | BILL MERGENTHALER |
| 15139 | FAST HORSES | JACK ELFMAN |
| 15175 | | CINDY LISTER-ELFMAN |
| | | TIMOTHY G. ROBINSON |
| | | FRANK TEMME |
| | | ANDREW TEMME |
| 15218 | | STEVE WARREN |

Fleet Captain.....Bob Rizzitello
Fleet Champion.....Rich Warren

The past year had significant highs and lows for our fleet.

We started our year with Bill Mergenthaler joining our fleet and Steve Warren accepting delivery on a new boat. Our first day on the water was May 30, with medium wind that built to heavy. Most of our fleet was on the water and we had three junior sailors with us: Alyssa Rizzitello, Mike Warren, and Harry Waskow. Our fleet racing series started on June 26 and the year of racing included the usual amount of overturned boats and men overboard. Mike Warren, an occasional junior skipper, had his first Lightning victory during the year. Rich Warren won the Fleet Championship and Bill Mergenthaler won the Commodore Series.



JACK ELFMAN

Darryl Waskow was our Club's Race Committee Chair and he worked hard for all of our S.C.Y.C. fleets this year in recruiting and training race committee volunteers. Many thanks go to the individuals who participated in the Lightning race committee. They did a great job running the races smoothly and we greatly appreciate their efforts. Thank you also goes to Fleet No. 335 from Barnegat Light Yacht Club who joined us multiple times and added to our racing experiences.

Our Fleet was very active in the away regatta and championship events. During the winter, Jack Elfman tied for first in the Masters Division of the Lightning Winter Championship & Master's Regatta. Bill Mergenthaler finished eleventh in the Southern Circuit. In regional events, Jack Elfman placed fifth in the N.J. State Championship and sixth in the CAD Championships. Bill Mergenthaler finished ninth at the Atlantic Coast Championship, which was a very windy event. Both Steve Warren and Jack Elfman went on the road to the North American Championship.



Planing in the Pacific with a rare storm-driven south wind

Fleet 196 Surf City Yacht Club
Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey
Central Atlantic District

In regattas closer to home, Bill Mergenthaler finished first in the LBIYRA Championship. Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club's Down Bay Regatta was held on the only hurricane-threatening weekend that had no wind in memory. In two days of racing, we were able to get one race finished and Bill Mergenthaler took first place.

Our Manahawkin Bay Cup Regatta was one we will never forget. The day started out with light winds at the beginning of the first race. The combination of Hurricane Ivan moving past the coast and a cold front coming in from the West caused the winds to kick up well over 25 MPH during the first race. We were able to finish the first race on one of the fastest down winds most of us have seen. With teamwork, we were able to get all the sailors and boats out of the water safely during a period when wind gusts were reported at 45 MPH. Tim Robinson won the regatta. This was the first time Tim has won The Manahawkin Bay Cup that is held in memory of his later grandfather, Frank W. Temme, Sr.



JACK ELMAN

Unfortunately, later in the evening our fleet captain, Jack Elman, passed away. Jack was a great leader and mentor for our fleet, other Lightning sailors, and sailing in general. Jack put in effort every day to develop new talent; whether it was a youth sailor, a new member in the fleet, or pushing our experienced members just a little more. Some of Jack's formal support of sailing included serving as a Co-founder and Past Commodore of the LBI Yacht Racing Association, Past Commodore of North Jersey Yacht Racing Association, Past VP of International Lightning Class Association, Past Race Committee and Waterfront Chairman of the Surf City Yacht Club, US Sailing Area C Mallory Cup Chairman, and US Sailing Senior Race Management Officer. Jack has a large legacy of sailors whom he supported and developed.

We were fortunate as a fleet to be able to send two boats to the 2004 Mallory Cup, which was sailed in Lightnings, and an event that Jack had a large part in organizing. Tim Robinson and Rich Warren both skipped boats and finished sixth and ninth, respectively. All reports indicated it was a great event and very well organized. This was just one of the many contributions that Jack will be remembered for by the Lightning class.

Fleet 198 Chataqua

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| 13922 14948 14948 | BACARAT | JAMES D. NEVILLE CAROLINEVILLE BOB SCANLON |

Fleet 204 Macatawa Bay

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Macatawa Bay, Macatawa, Michigan
Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|--|---|
| 2494 11078 12604 12830 13597 13805 13805 13958 14447 14531 15193 | DAHL-FIN II RIGHT DESIGN WALT OH MY! DJEMBE FLASH RIDER | ROBERT E. DAHL BOB GARLINGHOUSE SCOTT VISSER ERIC ASH JAMES L. BATTIS MARK ANDREW JOHN DANIEL BRIAN HUCKABEE TROY SCHARLOW JAY WALLACE MICHAEL ANTHONY NORRIS |

Fleet 206 Club Nautico Olivos

Sailing on Lake Olivos at Buenos Aires, Argentina
Argentina District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|---|---|
| 8411 8411 11043 11043 13360 13682 13682 13682 | REPUNTE V MANCARRON GUALUCHO PINGO | LUIS MIGUEL BORDINO JAVIER PASCUCHI OSVALDO BORDINO PABLO GUSTAVO BORDINO FRANCISCO CHAINE ALBERTO ZANETTI MABEL VILA VALERIA VILA |

Fleet 212 Atwood Yacht Club

Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio
Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|---|---|
| 4444 8637 8637 10430 11308 11788 12845 12894 14445 | SOPHIE SKIMMER YELLOW JACKET VAMPIRA THE GRAY FOX | VAL ZALASKALNS STEVEN SASSA RICHARD HACKETT MICHAELPARTRIDGE STEPHEN JOLLY DR. STEPHEN W. SABO CARL W. HUMMER, JR. LARRY ROBINSON DAVID M. GALL |

Fleet 215 Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club

Sailing on Lake Saint Louis at Montreal, Quebec
St. Lawrence Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|---|---|
| 12568 13667 13822 13855 14114 14354 14398 14591 14768 14768 15082 | NICKELS & DIMES KRISTA TOO | FRANCOIS CHARBONNEAU JEAN-FRANCOIS CLOUTIER RUSSEL C. SCRIM LOUIS BROUSSEAU ALAIN RANGER JACQUES TROTTIER MARK OSTERMAN ALAIN BOUCHER PETER HALL JEAN-FRANCOIS SIMARD MICHAEL HOLLY |

Fleet Captain.....Valérie Tardif-Holly
Fleet Champion.....Peter Hall

The highlight of the year: our own Chantal Léger qualified Canada and herself for the Olympic games in Athens. She represented our country very well! We are so very proud of her. She received special recognition from the RSLYC for her fantastic performance.

The second highlight of the summer is our new super keen new fleet members Louis Brousseau and Alain Ranger. They have both participated fully in the racing and have had an exponential learning curve. They both sailed with their sons and it is great to lower the age limit and have some great new racers! The more the merrier!

Again this year we had a great social scene. After our Wednesday evening racing, many of us enjoyed recapping the highlights over a few drinks and food. We also had 2 BBQs. One to kick off the season and wish good luck to Chantal, hosted by the Holly's and another one to close off the season and to welcome back Chantal and Jay who were away all summer. The second BBQ was hosted by the Hall's.

We also hosted the Canadian Championships on July 3rd and 4th. The winds were light to medium. The Race committee headed by Patrick Casey did a terrific job in difficult conditions. They were able to run four races. We had travellers coming from Thunder Bay, Toronto, New York and Vermont. It was a very fun regatta. We had a great water polo match in the pool after racing on Saturday, a great BBQ at the club and most of us went to the Jazz festival.

Let's not forget the racing. The fleet was very competitive and the racing was very close. Here are the top 3 positions:

1st: Michael Holly, Valérie Tardif-Holly, Patrick Littée
2nd: Peter Hall, Christine Wheatley, Frédérique Gagnon
3rd: Jamie Allan, Andrew Allan, Pieter DeVries
Thanks to the club and to all who helped make this regatta a success.

Some of us travelled to our neighbors in Burlington, Vermont for the spring regatta and the Leaf Peeper. Michael Holly wins the prize again for the most travelling this year.

Now our only regret is that Big Al Boucher has left us to go to Bali until April 2005. On a good note, Jay Deakin got engaged to his sweetheart Cindy. They will tie the knot on February 5th, 2005.

Our Fleet Champion this year is Peter Hall with Christine Wheatley and Frédérique Gagnon. They won the racing this summer!

A great summer it was for all in Montreal and abroad!!!!



Photo of the participants



Patrick Littée, Michael Holly,
Valérie Tardif-Holly



Peter Hall (not on picture),
Christine Wheatley,
Frédérique Gagnon



Andrew Allan, Jamie Allan, Pieter DeVries

Fleet 216 Saginaw Bay Lightning Fleet Sailing on Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron at Bay City Yacht Club Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7153 | MEGS | GEORGE F. ASCHERL, JR. |
| 9705 | GOT A MATCH? | MATTHEW PRINCING |
| 12588 | | SAGINAW BAY COMMUNITY SAILING |
| 13859 | | TOM HERNICK |
| 14022 | TEKO | JOHN E. JOHNSON |
| 14048 | | BLAIR MOUTHRUP |
| 14076 | DR. STRANGEGLOVE | MICHAEL SULFARO |
| 14077 | FULL FRONTAL LABOTIMER | TIM BOTIMER |
| 14087 | SCORE ONE! | JOHN WAECHTER |
| 14103 | ZIPPER | CLARK HOWELL, JR. |
| 14323 | SLEEPER | JOHN MCCREE |
| 14503 | HOT DOG MAN | GEORGE M. PEET |
| 14577 | FASTIDIOTS | CHRIS JACOBSON |
| 14603 | HART BEAT II | TERRY HART |
| 14616 | | MIKE SCOTT |
| 14703 | MOTION SENSITIVE | GUS DEY |
| 14775 | SHUSS BOOMER | JAMES SCHOFIELD |
| 14933 | CAROUSEL XXXIV | JOSEPH C. DISSETTE |
| 14937 | SCARS & SCRAPES | MATTHEW D. PRINCING |
| 15225 | FASTIDIOTS 2004 | CHRIS JACOBSON |
| 15233 | CAROUSEL 35 | JOSEPH C. DISSETTE |

Fleet Captain.....Terry Hart
Fleet Treasurer.....Chris Jacobson
Fleet SWB.....Matt Princing
Fleet Champion.....Scars & Scrapes
Fleet Runner-Up.....Fast Idiots

The summer of 2004 could be summed up as the year the wind blew. We have not seen much wind over 12 knots on Wednesdays for the past several years with more drifters than one cares to remember. This year was different, it blew and blew hard for a good percentage of our race nights. Fleet 216 only sailed 28 races this year over 12 nights, typically this total is in the upper 30's with 16-18 nights of sailing. 6 race nights were canceled due to weather, or if you are superstitious it was because fleet captain Terry Hart was able to sail for a change (Terry works third shift, not by choice).

Other interesting happenings this year was the "shuffle". We had crews and boats and skippers "shuffling" from boat to boat this year to maximize the number of boats on the line and to boost our newer members of the fleet confidence. Three new members of our fleet this year Tom Hernick, Mike Scott and the return of former fleet member George Ascherl were welcome additions getting both good experience sailing their own boat or crewing with others. Fleet 216 had 5 different boats win races this year up from last year. We also had our first female skipper in recent memory win a race this year, Jennifer Princing, sailing Scars & Scrapes in preparation for the Women's NA's. After 28 races here is how the fleet racing shook out:

1. Scars & Scrapes Matt Princing, Chris & Jen Princing, Adam Tompa
2. Fast Idiots Chris Jacobson, Steve, Tom
3. Shussboomer Jim Schofield, Kim, Bob
4. Carousel 34 Joe Dissette, Glenn, Mike
5. Sleeper John McCree, Dave, Rachael

Most Improved: Hart Beat Jeff Titsworth, John, Ann
Ruben Clams Award: Hart Beat Jeff Titsworth *first time



Scars & Scrapes - 14937 Scars & Scrapes Matt Princing
fleet champion, 14775 Shussboomer Jim Schofield.

winner but not the first (Someone from this boat has won) Crew Award: Hart Beat Jeff, John, Ann
Duck Tape Award: Fast Idiots Chris Jacobson, Steve, Tom
Aquatic Excellence: Mike Sulfaro for a spectacular reverse somersault at the Tawas Regatta

I think the crew of Hart Beat are making a statement for next year, we will tune in to see which statement they make.

Fleet 216 again sponsored Districts this year. 19 boats turned up for the competition with Sean Fidler and crew capturing the District Crown.

As a Fleet we were also instrumental in running the Tawas Regatta this year. A poor turn out leaves the future of this event in the air, it is hard to believe 2 years ago 42 boats showed up. The weather and racing were typical Tawas. GREAT! Jim Allen and Crew sailed away with the regatta. If you missed this event you missed the best sailing in Michigan, our support next year will either save or sink this great event.

Fleet 216 was well represented at regatta's this year sending boats to Wawasee, Districts, Tawas, Higgins Lake, Pontiac early, Pontiac Whitecap and Women's NA's. Our boats sailed well on the road winning Higgins Lake Regatta (Scars & Scrapes). Trophies at Higgins (Sleeper & Fast Idiots), trophies at Tawas (Scars & Scrapes & Sleeper), trophies at Districts (Sleeper & Scars & Scrapes), winning the first race of the Women's NA's (Scars & Scrapes), and entertaining the other 19 boats at Wawasee '03 by winning the first race and giving swim lessons for the next three (Scars & Scrapes).

We have enjoyed our new members and look forward to more additions in 2005. Rumor has it that Blair Mouthrop is considering becoming active again in fleet racing, this comes from a reliable source seen holding up the beer cooler at the Tawas regatta. We still don't know if Mike Sulfaro's boat floats, but I heard he might be in the market for a newer one.

Speaking of newer boats, Chris Jacobson and Joe Dissette have commissioned new boats from Nickels Boat Works. Both will be ready for spring sailing and CJ's will commence being the winter drinking chair as soon as the second week of November. Nothing like sipping a cold one while "mind" sailing your new boat in the toasty



comfort of the "Man Zone".

It is that familiar time of year when "Men's Town" beckons offering a new season of tales of the sea and countless cocktails sacrificed in search of...well when I find out what we are searching for I let you all know. Pretty deep, I know, work with me on this one.

TTFN!

-Matt Prining 14937



Tight Mark Rounding - 14323 Sleeper John McCree, 14903 Passive Aggressive Clarence Johnson, 14703 Motion Sensitive Gus Dey, 14087 Score One John Waechter. Tawas Bay Regatta.

Fleet 225 Henderson Harbor

Sailing on Henderson Harbor of Lake Ontario, Henderson Harbor, New York
Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 9944 | ZELDA | CARL MARTIN |
| 10709 | MAY DAY MAY DAY | HARRY T. McMILLAN |
| 10712 | BILLY BOAT | LEONARD A. MONTAGUE |
| 12809 | WILD RUTHY | HUBERT BECKER |
| 13232 | | STEVE AHLGRIM |
| 13353 | | GERALD A. BEZNER D.V.M. |
| 13679 | MARYKATE | JAMES FINN |
| 13894 | WHITE LIGHTNIN | BRADFORD A. WHITE |
| 14192 | RUNAWAY | JOHN H. TREADWELL, II |
| 14254 | FOOTLOOSE II | RICHARD C. GRISSINGER |
| 14321 | YOU BET I'M CHICKEN | JACK JONES |
| 14321 | | GRAHAM LEONARD |
| 14655 | | JEAN H. HALLAGAN |
| 14808 | | JOHN BOXBERGER |

* See report on Junior Programs.

Fleet 226 Biscayne Bay

Sailing on Biscayne Bay, Coconut Grove, Florida
Florida District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Life | GLOCKENSPIEL | STUART ANDERSON |
| 2342 | KITTY BOO | MONK TERRY |
| 8330 | FRENCH QUARTER | MIKE WEBER |
| 9144 | | PETER NICHOLSON |
| 9240 | | C. GIESSENCHLAG |
| 9421 | | HUMBERTO CONTRERAS |
| 10423 | SECOND J | MICHAEL ZIDZIJUNAS |
| 10700 | SAM I AM | SAM SEPTEMBRE |
| 10815 | SUPPERY WHEN WET | HEATHER MCGONAGLE |
| 11171 | FOLIE A TROS | DEAN R. GOSSELIN |
| 11171 | FOLIE A TROS | PAUL MESSINA |
| 11171 | FOLIE A TROS | PAUL MASSINA |
| 11584 | | ALBERTO PADILLA |
| 11702 | GLOCKENSPIEL | LARRY J. AMES |
| 12050 | CAJON DE GNEBRA CHICO | FEDERICO GALLIA |
| 12064 | | STEVEN GETZOFF |
| 12640 | MUSIC | JOHN SCHIEFER |
| 12640 | | CARLA ZIMMER |
| 12971 | | BILL HUDSON |
| 13010 | MORE HEAT | ANDY WAKS |
| 13351 | ZING | BOB DUGGER |
| 13466 | JALAPENO | BEN SADLER |
| 13545 | SCREAMIN' BLEW | RON CRUSOE |
| 13592 | LIZZY BOARDSTIFF | DONALD Z. BAILEY |
| 13592 | LIZZY | DAVID HOLLAND |
| 13748 | | TED KAPUSTKA |
| 13861 | HI-VOLTAGE | RANDY CLEE |
| 13983 | RUMRUNNER | ONOFRE TORRES |
| 14066 | GLADIATOR | DMITRIY YAKOVENKO |
| 14084 | TURBO DOG | JOHN ROUSE |
| 14178 | SOUTH | WANDA COOPER |
| 14178 | SOUTH | WINFIELD L. COOPER |
| 14178 | | CHARLES E. "BUD" PRICE |
| 14309 | BULLET | DAVID KURTZ |
| 14374 | FREE BEER YESTERDAY | JON W. EWING |
| 14374 | FREE BEER YESTERDAY | CAROL STOUT EWING |
| 14588 | TUJANA TAXI | CHARLES VIRGIN |
| 14684 | SCARE TACTICS | BILL JOHNS |
| 14698 | LIKE A MONKEY | JIM BIGHAM |
| 14708 | BOOBY TRAP | FAY REGAN |
| 14809 | MAIN SQUEEZE | EAMONN deLISSER |
| 14809 | | STUART deLISSER |
| 14866 | MACH II | BILL MAUK |
| 14930 | WIDESPREAD PANIC | STEPHEN HORWITZ |
| 15017 | | JOHN GOCHBERG |
| 15143 | WHO DO YOU LOVE | NATHANIEL DAVID HELMICK |
| 15151 | ANT FARM | FRANK ATKINSON JR. |

Fleet Captain.....Dmitriy Yankoverko
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Hannau

Lightning sailing in Miami, Florida, is World Class sailing!

Where else can you enjoy warm temperatures year round and wonderful breezes? A year after hosting the 2003 World Championships, things throttled back a bit, for most. With the North Americans in Buffalo, it was time to hit the road for Bill Mauk and Dave Helmick. Congrats to Dave for winning the Presidents Cup and to Bill for his Blue Fleet qualifying.

This year, the BBYRA, our bay affiliation of 5 Yacht Clubs, took a break from summer sailing. WHAT!! NO SAILING !! Yes, no sailing in the summer. It is something new that is being tried. Sailing happens all year here, and a new schedule was tried to keep from sailing in the heat of summer. A lot of people travel to the cooler climes and this seemed to work out well. This allows sailors to try out

the other territories during the summer months, June – August. The other side of this equation is that some months when racing is on, it can be busy as the full schedule is condensed a bit in 9 months.

With the new schedule set, it can be very busy in December through March. The Orange Bowl regatta starts the rush between Christmas and New Year's. By now most of everyone sailing knows the Orange Bowl. There is a rush of Junior and Senior Sailors the likes of which no one has ever seen. When boats are launched on the first day of practice, the Bay Water rises 2"! A walk around just the junior sailing venues, is a who's who of Lightning history. History indeed repeats itself and previous Junior Champions are now the parents and the cycle repeats itself. You can spend many minutes stopping and speaking with Lightning sailors who are now 'Opti Parents'.

This year's regatta was a windy one. Some swimming and some carnage were the norm as 20 Lightnings gathered at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, for a windy 6 race series. Bill Mauk from fleet 226, won the event with Bill Fastiggi and Suzy Coburn in the front seats. Look for this combo to do some of the BIG ones this year! It is wonderful to see the people that travel so long to be here for this event every year. It is a regatta that you do not want to miss and if you bring down your boat, we can find a place for it till the Circuit.

Following the Orange Bowl, add in Key West race Week, several one design mid-winter championships, an SORC, and the BBYRA schedule and you might want to rent for the season in the Grove.

Our Fall sailing highlight is the Florida Triple Crown. It is a three regatta circuit sailing in Miami, Tampa, and Fort Meyers. The series starts in October in Miami with the Chris Young, and ends Thanksgiving weekend at Davis Island, in Tampa. Bill Mauk, Steve Horwitz, Bill Johns, made all the venues with Bill Mauk finishing second to Tampa's Jeff Linton (who?). It is a great series and gives everyone an opportunity to socialize with friends we do not get to see and sail with often enough!

The fleet racing during the year saw a few members missing from all of the races. The hard core, never say die, I am racing with a fever crowd were still on the line. This year Dave Kurtz in Bullet made every one! Steve Horwitz missed just one and Bill Johns was right there too. The numbers game was won by Bill Johns. Nice job Bill! Steve came up second and Dave Kurtz third. Bill Johns also made all of the venues on the Triple Crown. With all that time in the boat, he is going to be fast in 2005!

Please, Please, Please, try to come to Miami and sail in 2005. It is truly one of the best places in the whole world to sail and spend some time. If you have any difficulties, just get on the web site for Fleet 226 or call someone and a fleet member will help you out. You really have to come to Miami for some World Class Sailing this year!

Fleet 227 Bomoseen Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Bomoseen, Vermont New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 15056 | | RAYMOND P. HARRINGTON |
| 15056 | | RAYMOND P. HARRINGTON, JR. |

Fleet Commodore.....Raymond Harrington Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....Toni Harrington

The Maple Leaf Classic returned to Lake Bomoseen this year with 9 boats competing, at least 5 of which came down from Burlington VT not only to compete, but also to help with the logistics of running the regatta. Thank you all Fleet 301 members for supporting us and helping with the regatta.

Mark Gardner graciously volunteered to come to Bomoseen to run the races, along with the help of wife Lynn. Mark was able to get 8 races in over 2 days in some challenging conditions. Thank you Mark and Lynn.

On the race course Bill Fastiggi dominated the races winning all but 2 of the 8 races to take home the "gold" (1 gallon of Vermont Maple Syrup). Second place went to Heather Ambrose, third place to Bretton Gardner. A notable mention goes to Ray and Toni Harrington, for persuading their now 15 year old daughter, Sydney, to crew for them in this year's regatta (soccer, horseback riding, etc usually take precedence over sailing with mom and dad).

The party Saturday night was also a success with everyone enjoying a barbeque on the lawn.

Perhaps the Maple Leaf will return again next year, until then, see you on the race course.

Fleet 228 Riverton Yacht Club Fleet Sailing on the Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 7660 | AIR BALL | GARY BIRNHAK |
| 11519 | SMIDGE | MAURY BENBOW |
| 12140 | | RON BAERWITZ |
| 12480 | | READ HOWARTH |
| 13740 | | MICHAEL McCOURT |
| 14214 | CHEES WHIZ | BRUCE NICHOLSON |
| 14659 | | BRUCE FALLS |
| 14699 | TOODLE-OO | ALLAN M. CREW |
| 14699 | | HENRY M. WEINFELD |
| 14739 | | PAUL M. VAN CLEVE |
| 14771 | | JOHN G. HAIGES |
| 14890 | ULTIMATE PRESSURE II | PETER R. DENTON |
| 14942 | PRIMAL SCREAM | RICHARD MOYER |
| 15055 | | HUGH J. HUTCHISON |
| 15154 | | MARK C. SCHNEIDER |

Fleet Captain.....Mark Schneider
Fleet Champion.....Denton/Townsend

It has been another good year on the Delaware River. After dodging the thunderstorms we still managed to sail more than 20 races on Wednesday evenings after a hard day's work. What a release. Two races and a keg of beer waiting. It can't get much better.

This year brought forth another Fleet Champion, one



who has always been trouble, the team of Peter Denton and John Townsend. Beating past Champions - John Haiges, Hugh Hutchison, Allan Crew, and Mark Schneider. They started the season of a little earlier than most of us by sailing the Mid-Winters, hitting all the major regattas and held off the best of us. Congratulations.

That is what makes our fleet so much fun, you never know who will be the champion until the very end. We have a great mix of people who enjoy racing Lightnings and who make you work to win. Great depth.

This year was a good year for we welcomed a new boat, Read Howarth. Come join us.

Fleet 229 Chinook

Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir at Eugene, Oregon
Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 6061 | CALEDONIA | WALLY JONES |
| 6725 | RIP VAN WINKLE | KENNETH R. EMMES |
| 7525 | | CHUCK GOITTFRIED |
| 9495 | WANDERING ABOUT | CAROL MULLENS SLEGERS |
| 9819 | ASTRAY | DAVID MCCOY |
| 13707 | | BILL AUTY |
| 13811 | ROYAL ROVER | VERNON E. PANDIAN |
| 13942 | GREEN EGGS AND HAM | A. MORRIECRAIG |
| 13956 | THUMP | JOHN J. MAHONEY |
| 14993 | PATRICIA ANN | HANS RUSSELL |

Fleet 250 Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee

Sailing on Luzern and Greifen at Zrich, Switzerland
Switzerland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 3790 | FRAM | LUKAS GERIG |
| 8189 | BENJAMIN | HANSJORG HUTTER |
| 8190 | FORTUNA | ANTON FUCHS |
| 9034 | FAIR LADY | PETER TASCHLER |
| 9130 | | MARCO RUEGG |
| 9361 | | HANSPETER BRANDLE |
| 10463 | YOU NEVER KNOW | HUBERT K. STOCKER |
| 10467 | CSARDAS | HEINRICH LEIMGRUBLER |
| 10904 | MARTIN | MARTIN JAGER |
| 10999 | BARATO | BRUNO KUNZLE |
| 11104 | SPEEDY | MARTIN BIRCHLER |
| 12306 | WHITE STAR | JAKOB BUCKENSDORFER |
| 12571 | JOY II | RUDOLF HERZOG |
| 12953 | IRENE 2 | SILVIO MERZ |
| 13070 | | P. WETTERWALD |
| 13072 | | SEGELKUB MEGGEN SEGELKUB MEGGEN |
| 13091 | | SAILING CLUB OF GREIFENSEE |
| 13099 | DOMI-NIKE | CHRISTOPH LUTHY |
| 13161 | TARTARUGA | CLAUDE GRAWEHR |
| 13705 | CEZANNE | FRANCOIS WITH |

* See report for Switzerland District.

Fleet 251 Yacht Club of Athens

Sailing on the Mediterranean at Athens Greece
Greek District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| 10966 | CLOCKWORK | CHRISTOS BONAS |
| 13402 | ORANGE | PERIKLES CHARBILAS |
| 13402 | | COSTAS E. KAFETZIDAKIS |
| 13402 | | SOTIRIS STIOUBOS |
| 13474 | | SP. MILEOU |
| 13968 | | NICKOLAS DIMOU |
| 13968 | RENATA | DIMITRIS STATHOPOULOS |
| 13968 | | ARISTIDES MICHAEL |
| 14197 | | SOTIRIS DIMOPOULOS |
| 14197 | MARANNA | GEORGE LEONIDAS |
| 14361 | | D. TAGAROPOULOS |
| 14361 | | ANGELOS VASSILAS |
| 14685 | | SOTIRIS TSORANOGLIOU |
| 14686 | | M. MILEOS |



Fleet 252 Keuka Lake

Sailing on Keuka Lake at Hammondsport, New York
Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0 | THE OTHER WOMAN | PAUL SCHNIPESKY |
| 10490 | TEAM WAWBEEK | BARRY BROGAN |
| 12702 | GRUMP | DONALD A. TYLOR |
| 12885 | | BOB COSTIGAN |
| 13514 | | RON ANDERSON |
| 13816 | | KEUKA YACHT CLUB |
| 14368 | MICHAEL N. | MICHAEL N. KALINICH |
| 14426 | GRUMPY OLD MEN | CLYDE L. RATHMANN |
| 15205 | | ROBERT C. WARDWELL |

Fleet 253 Susquehanna Yacht Club

Sailing on the Susquehanna River at Long Level, Pennsylvania
Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | JONELLA | CAROL PARK |
| 9897 | | STEPHEN D. TILEY |
| 9904 | | CRAIG & BECKY CASSEL |
| 11329 | | JOE & TINA LAUVER |
| 11582 | | WALT POYCK |
| 12081 | SWILL DOG | BRIAN SCHOOLING |
| 13218 | SNEAK ATTACK | KENNETH C. KUZDRO |
| 13813 | DOUBLE WHAMMY | FREDERICK S. BUSH |
| 14074 | | RICHARD M. DOHERTY |
| 14156 | STARTRHOWER | CHARLES F. NOBLE |
| 14204 | MA JOUE | NEIL CLARK |
| 14365 | STRIKES TWICE | THOMAS E. DEXTER |
| 14365 | STRIKES TWICE | ANITA BLACKBAY |
| 14525 | SPIRITFIRE | JOHN BATES |
| 14777 | | JOSEPH DEERIN |
| 14902 | MISS CONDUCT | BILL REMORENKO |
| 14927 | SHARK BITE | MICHAEL WERTZ |
| 15118 | YELLOW BOAT | STARLING H. MIKELL, III |
| 15132 | TEMERITY | PETER PUNDT |
| 15159 | | FRANK HANSON |
| 15210 | | KEVIN MACNEIL |

Fleet Captain.....Pete Pundt
Fleet Secretary.....Michael Wertz
Fleet Champion.....Starling Mikell

The Susquehanna Yacht Club and Fleet 253 continued its successful growth as it sailed forward into the 2004 sailing season. Many thanks to the members, crew and their families for a fantastic season and their support.

One of the highlights of the summer was hosting the club's first Junior Sailing Day on June 19th. Organized by Carol Park and other Fleet members, there were 23 participants, ranging in ages from 9 to 18. Carol was assisted by 15 instructors, all Lightning sailors. The children were divided into groups and rotated through four segments of learning: a chalk talk on the basics, a land-based simulator, knot tying and rigging a boat, and a capsize drill and safety. All of this activity was followed by a 2 hour sail in pleasant winds of 6 knots.

Our Junior Sailing Day goals were to promote teamwork,

self-confidence and to master some basic sailing skills. The post-lesson smiles confirmed that we accomplished these goals. All of this excitement was followed by a barbecue and an award certificate ceremony. Everyone is looking forward to next year's sailing day with great anticipation.



Photos from
our Junior
Sailing Day



We have a new winner of the Frey Cup Trophy this year, Star Mikell and his crew, Gene Shue and Gary Hofferl. Star finished first in both the Summer and Fall series to complete the sweep. Last year's champion, Carol Park, finished second. John Bates moved up from a sixth place finish last year to finish third this year.

The summer series started well with an average of 10-11 boats competing in each race. The weather was favorable for sailing, with only two evenings cancelled because of a lack of wind. Additionally, and new this year, we held an intra-club Regatta on Memorial Day to help kick off the season. The races were won by Kevin MacNeil and his crew, and were followed by a pot-luck dinner with families and friends.





The fall series was a repeat of last year's challenges: from light winds to excessive winds, flooding and torrential currents complete with another hurricane, Ivan! Fortunately, because of the quick action of the Lightning members, all of the fleet boats were moved to higher ground and no one suffered any losses as the remnants of the hurricane passed through our boat yard. After the storm and flooding subsided, the fleet spent the next two Wednesday evening races leaning on their boats watching the shrubbery and debris fly by the docks with the Susquehanna River current.

Fleet 253 hosted two Regattas this year: our annual Sweet Corn Regatta with 19 participants, and the annual King of the River team racing challenge against the Havre de Grace, Maryland team. The River challenge was a close event this year, tied 7-7 until the final heat, which the mighty ducks of Havre de Grace won. Next year the event travels back to the Upper Chesapeake. Watch out guys, the third time's a charm - for us!

Our club continues to send representatives to the eastern regattas: Dixie District Championships (5), Duck Regatta (3), Pennsylvania Governor's Cup (2), Solomons Island Regatta (3), Potomac Cup (1), Southern Circuit (2) and the Annapolis Frigid Digit (2). This participation away from home certainly enhances the quality and level of competition within our own fleet. And it's always nice to see old friends and make new ones.

Two new skippers joined the Fleet this year: Frank Hanson and Joe Lauver. Welcome to the club. Our Fleet now numbers nineteen boats. Other members continue to upgrade to newer boats and the competition and camaraderie continues.

Until next year, see you down at the river.

Frey Trophy Standings

1. Star Mikell
2. Carol Park
3. John Bates
4. Rick Doherty
5. Steve Tiley
6. Pete Pundt

Fleet 254 Burt Lake Sailing on Burt Lake in Cheboygan County, Michigan Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 11551 12980 14505 14770 | SPIRIT | BILL KELLER JAMES W. FRASIER STUART F. CHENEY CLARK E. SWAYZE |

Fleet 257 Clarks Hill Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake at Augusta, Georgia Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--|--|---|
| 9468 10810 13190 14127 14532 | HOT FLASH RODE HARD INTROPID NO EXCUSES BOONDOONDOOS | NANCY KLEMMANN SPROUL SHARON HARKRIDER GILBERT L. KLEMMANN, M.D. RICHARD MAYNE ROBERT E. HARKRIDER, JR. |

Fleet Captain.....Robert E. Harkrider Jr.
Fleet Secretary.....Richard F. Mayne

The Clark's Hill Fleet had minimum of Fleet activity this year only hosting the ASC Annual Lightning Invitational on September 11, 12. This is a Southeastern District circuit regatta but, drew only ten steady crews. It was a beautiful fall day with light wind. All who attended had a great time Friday night at the traditional Harkrider cook out at the club house. The weekend was a good one with 6 races over two days in 8-10 mph winds) with plenty of close sailing!

Lenny Krawcheck of Charleston took first, followed by Peter Marriott of the Lake Norman Fleet, ASC fleet member Bob Harkrider, was third, Richard Waldkirch fourth, and John Pelosi of NC, fifth. First time Lightning sailor Jim Holder was in the hunt.

Bob Harkrider, our annual delegation to the NA's, went to the Buffalo Canoe Club for this year's North Americans. Carter Utzig and his daughter Megan crewed for Bob. Between a capsize, another DNF due to lack of wind, and a torn spinnaker, the final results were not something to be proud of. Not to fret, there is always next year.

Our fleet will continue to look for prospective sailors that want to own and sail a class boat. We can't seem to find that right combination of making the choice between sailing locally or traveling on the district circuit. When you are out of town racing Lightnings no one knows what a great boat it is. Staying at home trying to build a fleet doesn't help the traveling series. Decisions, decisions, what is the right answer? Maybe one day we will figure it out.

Fleet 262 Harbor Island Yacht Club Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tennessee Mississippi Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 9211 | | CHANDLER OWEN |
| 9948 | | CHANDLER OWEN |
| 10621 | | CHANDLER OWEN |
| 11333 | THE CIRCLE OF LIFE | GARY MARKHAM |
| 11480 | | BILL KILLEBREW |
| 11600 | | CHANDLER OWEN |
| 11737 | DOC GILBERT EXPRESS | CHANDLER OWEN |
| 12511 | THE 7TH HABIT | TODD ANDERSON |
| 13370 | | LEIF ASGERSON |
| 14116 | KAT'S KRADLE | CULLY WARD |
| 14226 | MOON CHILDREN | SCOTT HOWARD |
| 14533 | REPRISE | ROBERT G. & JAN MATTIX |
| 14571 | WILDEBEEST IV | ROBERT G. & CHRIS HEMPEL |
| 14645 | AIRBORNE | DR. ROBERT COTTON |
| 14680 | TAYLOR | BILL KILLEBREW |
| 14969 | | CHANDLER OWEN |
| 15010 | | DAVID YOUNG |
| 15011 | | JOHN W. HESS |
| 15078 | PANDAMONIUM | BRUCE RICHARDS |
| 15100 | CHANCE | BRADFORD CURRIE |
| 15206 | | WILLIAM & MANDY HOFMEISTER |
| 15216 | KAT'S KRADLE | CULLY WARD |

Fleet Captain.....David Young
Fleet Treasurer.....Rob Hempel

Lightning Fleet 262 recently concluded a very successful sailing season. Great participation and results in local, district and national events brought a lot of new energy to the fleet.

The local racing scene has two club regattas to bookend the sailing season. William Hofmeister won the spring Tennesseean regatta with Bill Killebrew taking the fall McDougall. A season long Sunday racing series was also scheduled and Dave Young had the low score over the course of the year. At the North American Championships, William Hofmeister rode a second place finish at the Districts to a strong Blue Fleet finish at the NAs. Cully Ward & family continued to sail very well with a fourth place finish in the Green Fleet (President's Cup). Congrats to Hof and Cully on these results with an assist from their new boats!

Harbor Island hosts the fall tradition known as the Bluenose Regatta the first full weekend of November. A very deep fleet of 38 boats showed up for this year's event and was treated to a spectacular weekend of warm weather, lots of sun and enough breeze to finish six great races! The co-skippers of Tom Allen Jr. and Todd Wake prevailed in the event with three bullets paving the way. Ward, Young and Killebrew took places 9-11 as the top local finishers. Come out to Nashville in 2005 for top-notch competition and a great time!

Fleet 262 web site: <http://hiyc.org/lightning.html>

Fleet 266 Carlyle Sailing Association Sailing on Carlyle Lake at Carlyle, Illinois Mississippi Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| 2143 | | RICHARD BERG |
| 2555 | | RAYMOND MYERS |
| 3378 | OLIVIA | DON RICHARDS |
| 5345 | | JOHN R. BARRETT |
| 8144 | CHAOS | JERRY VALLI |
| 8500 | WOODY | CHRIS MARSHALL |
| 9242 | | DAN JAY |
| 10105 | | JOHN NORRIS |
| 10711 | | RANDY HARR |
| 11502 | SHA ZAM | DON HENRY |
| 11580 | | FRANK HUBBY |
| 12029 | FRANCES | STEVEN G. BAILEY |
| 13273 | GUMBY | ROB ZERBAN |
| 13308 | D.F. | GREG FLORIAN |
| 13892 | MISTY LEE | LINUS J. PORTMAN |
| 14009 | BLUETORNADO | PAUL M. ALLEN |
| 14089 | WARLOCK | ARTHUR MERDINIAN |
| 14260 | | JOHN D. FOLWELL |
| 14324 | CLAIRBOUYANT | BENJAMIN D. WILLIAMS |
| 14636 | | DANIEL MORIARTY |
| 14766 | TOP FLASH | TOBI MORIARTY |
| 14798 | | TERRY BURKE |
| 14834 | YETI | RICK BERNSTEIN |
| 14901 | PAMPERITO | MATT G.S. BURRIDGE |
| 14920 | | MARC SCHILLEBEECKX |
| | | JAMES CHAPIN |

Fleet Captain.....Marc Schillebeeckx
Fleet Champion.....Dan Moriarty
Runner-Up.....John Folwell

The 2004 sailing season started off with our annual Lightning fleet party. This year Carolyn and Terry Burke were very kind to host the party. Terry took care of all types of desired fluids, whereas Carolyn made sure the ham was cooked to perfection. Party was attended by about 30 Lightning sailors and this would be my second year (out of three) as fleet captain James get ready for your 3 year term.

Talking about new member ... for several years the family Schillebeeckx was the newest Lightning member of fleet 266 ... all this is now history. Fleet 266 is very proud to announce that we got a new, very active, member James Chapin. The rumor has it that he found a brand new lightning (14920) somewhere in a Wisconsin garage.

For those who do not know James' background ... I know he grew up sailing Prams, Sunfish, Lasers, Y Flyers, Thistles and mainly Highlanders at Lake Norman Yacht Club in North Carolina. He crawled off the back of a Highlander into the water when he was 6 months old; brought back on board by a rope that his dad had just tied around my waist (as told over the years by his mom)! Skipped the Area D Sears finals in 1977 and sailed in the Youth Championships in Milwaukee the same year. He lived in Chicago from 1985 to 1998 sailing T-10's, winning the club Championship 9 years in a row and the NA's twice with Rick Strilky on us. Sailed 5 Mackinac races in T-10's and finally purchased a Lightning. Like James would say: "He is now associated with the best group of people that anyone can imagine!"



When I talked with James about any experience in the Lightning class, he was lightning quick to tell me that when he was about 8, he had already participated at a regatta. During this regatta his dad caught their boom end at the backstay of another Lightning ... resulting in de-masting their Lightning! Wow....

One of our biggest goals for 2004 was the promotion of Junior Lightning sailing. Three families decided to promote intensively this program; these were the Burke's, Moriarty's and the Schillebeeckx's. Promotion of Junior sailing is "not a simple task" as one has to make time for them (these damn juniors as someone amongst us would say when something did go wrong with Juniors). We knew we had juniors who almost were born in Lightning boats and we all had to capitalize on this! Terry Burke started to race fleet races with both of his sons, Bryan and Eddie Burke, Ian Moriarty crewed and skippered during fleet races with Dan and Tobi Moriarty, Nicolas Beckham started crewing/skippering with James Chapin, whereas myself ... I was officially promoted to a middle crew position by my son Ian Schillebeeckx.

Two official teams were formed ... these were team N.K.D.A (No Known Drug Allergies) with skipper Nicolas Beckham, middle crew Eddie Burke and front crew Ian Moriarty and team Belgacom with skipper Ian Schillebeeckx, middle crew Beth Ward and front crew Lucas Hofmeister. Beth and Lucas are members of H.J.Y.C (as you can see we are also trying to promote inter-fleet relationships). During the past year our junior teams raced Lightnings whenever they could ... and they all sailed the junior district championship organized by fleet 266 - refer to the District report.

With this being said I'm very happy to report that the sailing season started off with quite some good winds and fleet participation. We had a total of 52 scheduled club races for 2004 of which only 35 were sailed (lack of wind). Results of different series were as follows:

Spring series: 16 races scheduled 10 races raced 9 boats participated 6 qualified. Result: 1st Dan Moriarty, 2nd Ian Schillebeeckx.

Summer series: 19 races scheduled 11 races raced 7 boats participated 3 qualified. Result: 1st Terry Burke, 2nd John Folwell.

Fall series: 17 races scheduled 14 races raced 8 boats participated 4 qualified. Result: 1st Dan Moriarty, 2nd John Folwell.

Championship series: 48 races scheduled 34 races raced 9 boats participated and 4 qualified. Result: 1st Dan Moriarty, 2nd John Folwell.

I need to indicate that this is the second year in row that Dan and John tied on points and John lost on the tie breaker in the Championship series. John told me that next year this has to change!

Our first official regatta of the year is the well known Mid-Continent regatta. The "Force" that gives us sustenance is the water park condition at Lake Carlyle, that warm steady 20 knot southwest breeze that only raises half a foot chop and makes the sailing playground of our fleet. This year the weather gods decided to show us all that the "Force" has another side - "The dark side". This dark side is characterized by an overcast northern 20 knot unstable breeze with rain and 50 degree and below temperatures.

Interestingly enough this breeze also brings curious wave conditions that resemble Lake Erie off Rocky River, Ohio in a kind of sort of a washing machine like steep, irregular chop that is impossible to anticipate and almost to sail.

Our lake is 10,15 miles long to the northeast but waves from this direction are largely unknown to us. If you are expecting the smooth swimming pool conditions with a strong NE breeze, you are in for a surprise and dead wrong!

14 boats contested this event ... coming from Decatur IL, Green Bay WI and Nashville TN, joining the local suspects as they raced for the "Inaugural Augie Paoli Travelling Trophy" in this scheduled 6 race event.

While everybody had their hands full in trying to stay up in these trying 20 knot conditions, newcomer to the class, James Chapin, was racing in his boat for the "first time". He only had his brother on board and was flying the chute in this race. Later at the rum party he said: "We went fastest just before the capsize and by the way where do you buy new mast partner blocks?" James ... welcome to Lightning class and fleet 266 ... what an introduction!

The evening's entertainment was a hot, hearty, lasagna meal and surprise 50th birthday Mount Gay Rum bash for Terry Burke. Terry was truly surprised and many limes lost their lives in the ensuing slaughter!

The standings were interesting with Burridge owning a 3-1-1-1 record, Young from Nashville with a very solid 2-3-2-4, Moriarty with a jib wire damaged 1-9-3-2, Green Bay's Jim Gagnon with a solid 6-5-4-5 and Team Belgacom (Ian Schillebeeckx) with an improving 7-6-6-3. The forecast for the next day was for a frontal passage and less wind. However, the dawn brought fog, calm and many cold, wet clothes and the racing was called off.

Noteworthy is the fact that two Junior Teams participated at the Junior NA's which organized by the Buffalo Canoe Club, NY - refer to article Junior NA's by Ian Schillebeeckx. In recognition of their performance and during the CSA banquet a special award was given out to each of these juniors. The Juniors would tell everybody they will be back at the 2005 Junior NA's hey I'm all in favor of it ... let's do it guys!

One may not forget that later in the season Matt Burridge finally picked up his sailing gloves up again and won for the first time in his life the famous Red Flannel regatta with crew Dan and Tobi Moriarty.

In closing this article I have to mention that we had again a great year and we very much appreciate our out of town guests from Green Bay (Mid Continent regatta) bringing the warm weather with them (they didn't complain one bit)! But for next year I promise to deliver warmer weather.

One last sentence: "The rumor has it that Matt Burridge will sail all fleet races in 2005!"

Marc Schillebeeckx
Crew 14901



Fleet 270 Silver Fox Squadron Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana Indiana District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| 1342 8679 | WEIRDLY MANOR | MICHAEL NAUGHTON ANDREW C. HARMON STEVEN D. HAYES |
| 12296 | SOCHAIANT | PETER J. MCGINITY MOIRA MCGINITY |
| 12392 | YIKES! | DANIEL RAMSEY |
| 12896 | | NORMAN L. CUBELLIS |
| 12963 | NAVIGO | MARK A. CUDWORTH ANDREW C. HARMON ANDREW COOK |
| 13279 | | MICHAEL R. FRANCESCHINI |
| 13657 | | JOHN B. LEATH |
| 13954 | L'ECLAIR ROUGE | JOSEPH A. LASSAUX |
| 14359 | SUNDANCE II | PAUL VOS |
| 14537 | WINSOME | DR. WALTER B. TINSLEY, JR. KENNETH D. WOODS CARLTON SIMMONS E. ANNE FOSTER MICHELE LASSAUX KEN MCGINITY JOAN NAFFZIGER SIGRÜN ROBERTS BILL ROBINSON STEVE TINSLEY ANN VAUGHN FRANK WILDER |
| 14610 | | |
| 15097 | | |

Fleet Captain.....Mike Franceschini
Fleet Secretary.....Joan Naffziger
Fleet Champion.....Pete McGinity

Our fleet enjoyed another active year of sailing. There are currently 24 members with thirteen boats. Eleven boats raced over the length of the season which started mid April and ended on Halloween Day.

Spring was our busiest time, hosting regattas in May and June. We kicked off the racing season with the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta on May 1st and 2nd. Twelve boats participated including 5 out of town boats from Chicago and Lake Wawasee, IN. The weather was less than perfect but we were able to get in five races. Craig Cobbum of Wawasee won, with Brad Wagnon, also from Wawasee, second. On June 19th and 20th we hosted the Indiana Districts. Another twelve boats participated, with 7 boats from our fleet. The wind again was less than cooperative, but we did get a total of 6 races in over the two days. This turned out to be Craig Cobbum's year as he again took home the trophy for first place. Debbie Probst, another sailor from Wawasee, was runner up.

With the regattas behind us, we focused on the fleet racing series. We use a high point system that rewards

those who beat more boats in each race. This rewards the truly best skippers. We require participation in 50% of the races of the season, yet the worst finishes beyond this are thrown out. This rewards those who participate the most, since they can throw out more bad finishes. At the same time, those who join the fleet well after the season starts can qualify and be competitive in the season competition.

The competition was extremely tough this year and lead to a new champion for the first time in many years. Pete McGinity, who has been setting his sights on Joe Lassaux, fleet champion since 1990, finally was able to overcome him. Early in the season Pete took a sizable lead of close to 50 points but Joe made a great comeback to only 3 points down for the final weekend of racing our Club Long John regatta.

Joe needed a full series of races but the weather chose not to help him. Saturday was the most beautiful fall day one could imagine with the exception of sustained winds close to 30 mph and gusts nearing 50. No boats went out that day. Sunday proved to be a good sailing day but Club Regatta rules dictate no starts after 12:00 noon for morning racing and we only got two races in. Pete's first and second maintained him over Joe's third and first. Pete finished the season in First, Joe in second and Mike Franceschini, third.

As in years past we had boats traveling to other regattas. Mike Franceschini and Pete McGinity both traveled to Lake Wawasee for the Hoosier Regatta and to Chicago for the Red Flannels. Mike and Pete also represented the Lightning Fleet in the Club Championships. sailed under the Portsmouth Handicap. Mike finished second on a day with winds in the upper 20's, and requiring warm layers and raingear. He and crew Mike Connelly were the only boat not to capsize during the series.



Our fleet participated in Club events, hosting the Independence Day Club regatta and several of our own fleet parties. We celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Walt and Jean Tinsley at a fleet cookout following a Sunday afternoon's racing. (Photo enclosed.) Next year we will be celebrating the 50th sailing anniversary of Walt and Co-Boat Owner Paul Vos along with the 50th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Sailing Club. Mike Franceschini will be presiding over the events as Club Commodore. As usual, our Indiana Open will be the first weekend in May. We invite all Lightning sailors to join us on Geist Lake next year for the Open.

Joan Naffziger
Fleet Secretary

Fleet 273 Massabesic Yacht Club Sailing on Massabesic Lake, Auburn, New Hampshire New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|------------------------|
| 9390 | MONGOOSE II | GORDON GEICK |
| 11401 | SUNDAY PUNCH | MICHAEL ADAMS |
| 11740 | RIVER BLUES | WALTER COLANTUONO |
| 11327 | | WALTER BUCHWALD |
| 11885 | ANNIE OAKLEY | MARCEL MERCIER |
| 12455 | BANANA SPUT | JOHN K. WEBB |
| 13798 | | JOHN MESSLER |
| 13828 | QUICK SILVER | MAURICE L'HEUREUX, JR. |
| 14180 | | TOBY FRANK |
| 14273 | | NORMAN G. DEYETT |
| 14396 | | KENNETH DEYETT |
| 14442 | AMARCORD | WILLIAM BERRY |
| 14895 | BLOODY | JOE RAY |

In 2004, Fleet 273 was alive and well, but due to poor weather conditions and damaged boats Sunday racing seldom brought more than 4 or 5 boats to the starting line for what most often would be three hotly contested races. New fleet members Toby Frank and John Messler enjoyed the Sunday competition, very often enlisting some of the old timers as crew.

Joe Ray, after finishing seventh in the NE Districts, returned to Massabesic to win the Fall Regatta beating 13 other boats by a wide margin.

While most of the hot Lightning sailors now race white hull boats, there is still plenty of color on the lake with the aqua Mike Adams boat, the green Norm Deyett and Gordon Geick boats, the silver Mo L'Heureux boat, the yellow Webb and Mercier boats, and Walt Colantuono's blue boat. Ken Deyett with his white boat and two young daughters crewing usually managed to lead the fleet most Sundays. Skip Buchwald almost got lured away to a big ocean vessel, but thankfully will continue to sail his Lightning at the lake with his daughter. We are encouraging participation by young sailors in our families, including our grandchildren.

As we pack up our Lightnings for the winter I envy the folks down south where this competition continues for 12 months rather than only 6. We have to do it the "hard" way in the winter, and the ice boat is ready.

Fleet 274 Delta Sailing Association Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir at Hernando, Mississippi (near Memphis, Tennessee) Mississippi Valley District



| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 9791 | GARFIELD | KEN DAVIS |
| 9876 | | JEFF HELM |
| 11386 | | RALPH L. LEON |
| 11496 | | TIM RYAN |
| 11999 | VOODOO CHILD | WILLIAM N. BAXTER, II |
| 12082 | METROGNOME | RICHARD R. RANTA |
| 12397 | | H.C. DUNATHAN |
| 12715 | MOONSHINE | JOHN HOWE |
| 13040 | | KEN WEILAND |
| 13258 | WET PAINT | HERBERT COCHRANE |
| 13258 | WET PAINT | POSEY HEDGES |
| 13483 | | WILLIAM D. THURMOND |
| 13483 | | JERE FONES |
| 13700 | COYOTE | MICHAEL D. PORTER |
| 13966 | DUTCH TOUCH | FRANK BERMEL |
| 14000 | HOGWARTS | RICHARD POWELL |
| 14047 | | MCNELL AYERS |
| 14171 | JILL E. | JOSEPH A. KELLY |
| 14230 | | MIKE ARNDT |
| 14270 | SHO BOAT | ROY W. ROBBINS |
| 14338 | LEAP FROG | LYNN A. JONES |
| 14357 | | W.N. BAXTER |
| 14375 | | JAMES E. McDONNELL |
| 14666 | | CRIT CURRIE, JR. |
| 14913 | | EUGENE BULLARD |
| 15128 | | MAX SHELTON |
| 15169 | DIRTY BLONDE | CARL "BATTON" KENNON, JR. |

Fleet Captain.....Tim Ryan

Our fleet this year has maintained our number of members. Nickels 14230 has a new owner Mike Arndt.

The annual Hernando DeSoto Regatta is held in May. This year participation was less than usual. We only had one out of town guest, John Waskom-14736, from the Jackson Yacht Club. It was a six race series and Bill Baxter took first place honors, Crit Currie Jr. finished second and Batton Kennon placed third. Next year we host the Mississippi Valley Districts which we hope will bring more sailors to the Hernando DeSoto Regatta as a warm up for the districts.

This year the districts were held at Carlyle Sailing Association on the grey waters of Lake Carlyle and despite some thunderstorms four races were run. Special thanks to Marc and Roselyne Schillebeeckx for a great job of running the districts. Congratulations to our district champion Matt Burridge.

As is our practice we get on the road to help other fleet's build participation in the Lightning class. Jackson Yacht Club is a first class facility. The JYC Spring Fling Regatta attracts Memphis sailors for the good competition and fellowship with our friends there. The JYC Hospitality Regatta true to its name makes sure guests are welcome. Batton Kennon and Revonda Ryan joined with me to travel to Pass Christian Yacht Club's 155th Birthday Regatta, second oldest yacht club in the country. Once again it seems like where ever you go to sail with a lightning you are welcome with open arms. PCYC is an outstanding venue for our class and hope the fleet there grows. No season would be complete without the pilgrimage to Harbor Island Yacht Club for the Bluenose Regatta.



Bill Hofmeister did an outstanding job as race committee. The weather was perfect and the wind was good best anybody can remember in years. We will be back. Unfortunately the districts in Dallas at the Corinthian Sailing Club were the same weekend as ours. Hopefully we can get back to big D next year.

In August on the weekend that falls closest to the day Elvis died, 8/17/1977, it is time for the DEAD ELVIS REGATTA. This year was my turn to organize our faux homage to the King. So venturing to Graceland to obtain some memorabilia for trophies during dead Elvis week I arrived and the Elvis impersonator contest was under way. Black hair, sunglasses and snarling lips were every where. Be afraid, very afraid! I managed to escape with out getting the obligatory Elvis tattoo. I ran a three race series and also invited our other two fleets, Hable Fleet#134 and Thistle Fleet#72. Good fun and the wind cooperated although a 180 degree shift did require a down wind finish for the first race. Bill Baxter Jr. was first, Batton was second and Crit Jr. was third. This race is not a serious class event but the trophies are serious Elvis relics, refrigerator magnets. If ya'll are in the neighborhood next year come join us.

In September the Cotton Pickin' Regatta drew twelve boats with our good friends from Nashville showing up to take home the lion's share of the trophies. We thank them all for coming and making our event a success. Cully Ward was unstoppable with five bullets to sail away with first place. Pat and David Dickson once again graciously opened their home to us for barbeque, beer, basset hounds and humming birds.

Come join our fleet in 2005 for sailing and racing on the windiest lake in North Mississippi, the most beautiful inland sailing venue in the Lightning class.

May the Kudzu be with you.

Tim Ryan

DSA Sergeant-at-Arms, Fleet Captain & Member of the North Mississippi All Star Sailing Team's White Belly Posse



Two photos of the 2004 Hernando Desoto Regatta

Fleet 277 Clearwater Bay

Sailing on Lake of the Woods, Clearwater Bay, Ontario
Central Canada District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8528 | | GARY MacNEIL |
| 10917 | ROOTIN' TOOTIN' | BRENT BOTTOMLEY |
| 11711 | U-BET | GUS CAMPBELL |
| 13048 | | BILL GALLINGER |
| 14451 | BLUENOSE IV | MALCOLM CROOKS |
| 14516 | FLYING TOASTER | STEVE WELLS |
| 14612 | | CHARLIE BURNS |
| 14878 | | MIKE COUTURE |

Fleet 279 Temple Reef Sailing Club

Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Thunder Bay, Ontario
Central Canada District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| 6324 | DAD'S BOAT | DON ELLARD |
| 7270 | | JAMES W. COLQUHOUN |
| 9235 | | WALTER GRISCHUK |
| 9871 | SPECULATOR | JIM MIKULINSKI |
| 10321 | | DON WILLSON |
| 10322 | OLUSH | JERRY CARPENTER |
| 11009 | ZAMBOANA TOO | CHRIS BAILEY |
| 11387 | | MARK SANDBERG |
| 11678 | | CHARLES SPENCE |
| 12597 | | VIC MILLER |
| 12755 | HONK ON BOBO | RICHARD WALSH |
| 12826 | PUFF DADDY | RUSSELL GORDON |
| 12863 | | TIM MAENPAA |
| 13115 | NATURAL GAS | BOB MAKI |
| 13180 | FRENZY FREE | KURT BROLL |
| 13267 | BLUE MAX | WILLIAM EVANS |
| 13515 | WILD BLUE | W. PORTERBAILEY |
| 13585 | UBU II | GEOFFREY D. HALL |
| 13587 | VIRAGO | BRIAN COX |
| 13590 | MOULIN ROUGE | DAVID TAMBYLN |
| 13591 | THE BONBO | BOB WALSH |
| 14013 | TBA | JIM CAMERON |
| 14612 | PLAY PEN | ROSS BAILEY |

Fleet Captain.....Ross Bailey
Fleet Secretary.....Brian Cox
Fleet Treasurer.....Chris Bailey
Fleet Champion.....Richard Walsh



The icebreaker arrived in Thunder Bay during the latter part of March cutting zigzagging lines in the Bay. More definite corridors letting early freighters in to shipping docks and grain elevators started the ice moving, until a solid west wind helped large flows of ice out to the lake proper and stretches of open water began to appear. By mid-April most of the ice was out of the harbour itself and the lake was clear except for stretches of shore and protected bays. At that point Lightnings began to spring up on the Temple Reef pier, a few more days had melted the ice at the hoist and we could go sailing. One had to keep an eye open for lagging chunks of ice, but it was good to be on the water once more.

The first Thursday of May started our summer long Evening Series and this year we went immediately to our "Forked Lightning" race format. This is a great method to mix up the fleet, add exciting boat for boat encounters, and in general, help the learners get close enough to the experts to see how they go so fast, so mysteriously.

The first weekend event was the Kam River Slush Cup, named after the Kaministiquia River, which flows into Thunder Bay harbour. The last few years we have been refining a poker derby for the Slush Cup and this year placed the cards on inflatable bouys instead of docks or other hard objects. It was a good thing, as the wind absolutely howled. The junior crew of Alex Cox, Stephanie Broll and Julia Bailey, out for the first time of the year and maybe the third time ever, broke their vang and had no downwind control. Anxious parents looked on from other boats, and Ross Bailey, now with jib down, escorted them back to shore. The kids made it fine and thought it was great fun. Bob Maki with Glen Strey and Bob Walsh was the only boat to collect all of their cards and were pretty darned excited too! They had never ever gone so fast in any boat as on the run back from the Kam River, and that was only with the jib! Every one else including a few keelboats had called it quits because of the wind. Congratulations Bob.

Loon Lake is about 3 miles long and 1-1/2 miles wide with cottages dotting the shoreline and large forested hills surrounding the lake. It is about 10 miles inland from the bottom of Thunder Bay of Lake Superior, so on warm days, a great thermal flows in during the afternoon. Mix this up with whatever the wind is doing that day and you can go from first to last in a tack, especially considering how well everyone in the fleet is now sailing. Brian Cox in his nice new boat looked very fast throughout the regatta, but Steve Wells from Dryden had an ace in the hole with his excellent crew and won the regatta. Steve has been nibbling at first for a few years and was very pleased to finally win at Loon where the sailing is wonderful, the party at the Walsh's fabulous cottage is great, and the Maki's deck feels just like home.

The 20 mile race from the city of Thunder Bay to Amethyst Harbour along the shores of Thunder Bay itself, has been as short as a 2 hour sleigh ride and as long as, well, as long as this year. The course weaves inside several islands so the crews can enjoy the passing scenery, but it would have been nice to put it in fast forward at least once or twice this year. The start was at 11 am and Richard Walsh caught a heaven-sent, freshening wind to

finish at 6:23 pm winning the Temple Reef Trophy. Everyone else rode in on the same wind or else we'd still be out there. Ross and Nancy Bailey hosted a much needed bar-b-que to fuel everyone up, then Sunday at noon, we started in South Bay, Amethyst Harbour for the 13 mile race around Caribou Island and the Crystal Trophy. Ross Bailey with crew Nancy and Peter Ayer held Richard and his team of experts off until the finish line was in sight. Then Richard stood on the gas, road over Ross and took the hardware, including the Van Bailey Memorial Trophy for the weekend.

The whole fleet traveled to Dryden for the 2nd half of the Districts and we sure enjoyed ourselves. Steve and Tracy Wells with all of their helpers know how to put on a great event and it was fun. Richard Walsh pulled out all the stops to win 6 of the 7 races, the regatta and the Districts. Richard is real incentive for the rest of us to sail a little smarter and a little faster. Maybe next year, but in the meantime it's great to have such a fast boat to sail against.

We are all quite sad that Lou Walsh passed away this year. Lou with his wife Audrey have been a strength in the



The Bailey regatta caravan all set to go: Lightning, Byte and Optimist.

area Lightning fleet since the early '50's and we will all miss Lou's keen wit, great good humour, and huge sailing ability. Lou always seemed to have the most relaxed Lightning on the lake, but usually it was also the fastest. It must have been that wonderful pipe smoke telling them which puffs to take and which to leave for those behind. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Audrey.

We are glad to announce some new Lightnings in the fleet this year. Jerry Carpenter has brought a boat in from Lake-of-the-Woods and is now fixing it up. Marcus Walser a new Lightning sailor has bought Brian Cox's boat and is quite happy with Lightning sailing. Brian has bought Richard Walsh's Lightning, and Richard has bought Larry McDonald's latest boat. Lots of activity and great expectations are in hand for 2005.



Fleet 280 Chequesset Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor at Wellfleet, Massachusetts New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 6899 | PIREFLY | JUDITH DALMAS |
| 10765 | YASU | ANNE TREDICK |
| 10795 | C CLEFF | ROBERT DICKENS SMITH |
| 11096 | NIKE II | STAFFORD FRAZIER |
| 11249 | MUMA WORKS | CHRISTINE JONES SORESEN |
| 11379 | | W. STUART NICKERSON |
| 11751 | SCRIPLES | ALBERT PRESTON MOORE |
| 12275 | | JAMIE CURRIER |
| 13239 | | FREDERICK GENTNER |
| 13647 | | STEVEN M. HONIG |
| 14310 | CUTTING WIND | ROBERT CUTTING |

Fleet 283 Columbia Sailing on the Columbia River near Portland, Oregon Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | | MARK FISCHER |
| Life | HAIR OF THE DOG | JOHN DeBENEDETTI |
| 2426 | | LARRY HODGES |
| 5457 | | TINA McLAUCHLAN |
| 7111 | LILIA MAY | GERALD M. CHAMPNEY |
| 8163 | JETTY BEAN TOO | ROBERT A. FARRAND JR. |
| 8497 | AN SON | JOHN A. SANFORD |
| 9690 | CATHOUSE | JOHN R. DAY |
| 10541 | | PAUL WEBSTER |
| 10643 | SPECULATION | WILLIAM TIMOTHY ELAM |
| 10693 | WIATR STATEK | MICHAEL A. JEMEL |
| 10731 | FORWARD | GARY KOKSTIS |
| 11141 | CHIKUITA | BEN GILLESPIE |
| 11433 | | ARTHUR LA FRANCE |
| 11879 | | KEVIN STRAVERS |
| 12056 | | ROBERT K. WALLIN |
| 12219 | | CATHY MILES |
| 12426 | FLOPPY | EDWARD BOURGUIGNON |
| 12879 | VANISHING POINT | GORDON K. ZENK |
| 13046 | JALAPENO | JAMES McALLISTER |
| 13476 | MINNOW | DAVID SMITH |
| 13788 | WHELP A | GERALD L. NEUBURGER |
| 13896 | | ROGER ARTIGUES |
| 13949 | FRENZY | RANDY ANDERSON |
| 13961 | SLY | TERRY BUSBY |
| 14040 | ROARING FORTIES | ROGER HICKS |
| 14079 | VANISHING POINT | DAVID HICKMAN |
| 14079 | HIPPO THUNDER | DOUGLAS S. HICKMAN |
| 14288 | HUMAHUMANUKUNUKUAPUA | PHILIP F. PARSHLEY |
| 14288 | Humuhumunukunukuapuaa | PHILIP F. PARSHLEY |
| 14453 | BLUE BAYOU | DARRELL PECK |

Fleet Captain.....John DeBenedetti
Fleet Champion.....Darrell Peck
Runner-Up.....Jerry Neuberger

Fleet 283 had another good year of sailing at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club.

The highlight of the year was probably our hosting of Northwest Regional Championships to the Mallory Cup in June. There were 6 teams participating in a total of 10 races over 2 days.

Darrell Peck of VLSC won the event and then went on to the National event in New Jersey in September. Darrell enjoyed his time there.

Our District Championship was won by Jerry Neuberger of VLSC held at Kitsilano Yacht Club. Our PCC Champion is Doug Hickman of VLSC, held at Eugene.

Our Fleet Champ is Darrell Peck and our runner up is Jerry Neuberger.

Fleet 286 Parthenon Sailing on Phaleron Bay at Pireaus, Greece Greek District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | | GEORGE PROCOPIOU |
| 7549 | | ANDREW SINOPOULOS |
| 10037 | | COSTAS LAMBERAKIS |
| 11634 | | PAUL P.G. SCHILIZI |
| 13802 | KRANTONELIS | ALEXANDRA KARZI |
| 13891 | | MARKOS RAPIS |
| 13981 | | GEORGIOS VARDAXOGLU |
| 14334 | | CONSTANTINE LYMBERAKIS |
| 14377 | VLGALIS | OROLOGAS GERASIMOS |
| 14544 | | MIHALIS KOULIANOS |
| 14687 | | DIONISIS S. DIMOU |
| 14836 | SPRAY VI | NICKOLAOS KRALLIS |
| 14837 | | DIMITRIOS KOSMADOPOULOS |
| 15077 | TZINI II | ALEXANDROS DIMOU |
| 15144 | CRINIS IX | GEORGE ANDREADIS |

Fleet 301 Champlain Sailing on Mallets Bay of Lake Champlain at Colchester, Vermont New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 6865 | | RON BOUCHARD |
| 7228 | | ROBERT PRECODA |
| 7570 | | STEPHEN MOSMAN |
| 7829 | WIND HARP | PETER TOURIN |
| 8033 | THEIS INTERRUPTUS | DAVID LANSKY |
| 8269 | | JIM DUCLOS |
| 10440 | TOP | ALLEN H. BAKER |
| 10743 | | MICHELE FERLAND |
| 10846 | TWO BOYS | EDWARD GUILD |
| 11158 | | THOMAS MOODY |
| 11331 | | MARK GARDNER |
| 11511 | | ROBERT HEST |
| 11623 | KINDRED SPIRIT | THOMAS J. PAPP |
| 13156 | BLUE STORM | DAVID N. LITTLE |
| 13856 | | SEAN CARROLL |
| 13902 | REBEL | ARNOLD TRAN |
| 14050 | HUHI | BRETTON GARDNER |
| | | MARK GARDNER |
| 14056 | | ERIK JOHNSON |
| | | MARILYNNE JOHNSON |
| 14119 | | CHAD MILLER |
| 14120 | HUBRIS | ALEC BRECHER |
| 14131 | | JAMES UNSWORTH |
| 14146 | GET FAT | JON ASWAD |
| | | NICHOLAS ASWAD |
| 14297 | ZOOM | EDWARD J. ZEMER |
| 14438 | ESPRESSO | JEAN TWOMBLY |
| | | PETER TOURIN |
| 14446 | APPLE | KURT KLING |
| 14480 | CIAO | RICHARD N. FASTIGGI |
| 14520 | HARE BRAINED IDEA | TODD COX |
| 14584 | RAINBOW CHIP | PETER HAZELETT |
| 14640 | WILD GOOSE | DONALD C. BRUSH, JR. |
| 14644 | CREATURE OF HABIT | MICHAEL L. HUFFMAN |
| 14658 | | BILL FASTIGGI |
| 14876 | SOUTHERN CROSS | JANICE LANGE |
| 14905 | BLIND FAITH | DAVID P. GORMAN |
| 14972 | WHATNOW | PATRICK ZACHARY |
| 15058 | | PAUL GUTWIN |
| 15060 | PURE INSANITY | HEATHER ROWE AMBROSE |
| | | TIM AMBROSE |



Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Fleet 301 had a busy June as there was a regatta scheduled every weekend. This year, 24 boats kicked off the season at Malletts Bay's Spring Regatta, which is the season opener on the NE schedule. After sailing 8 races, Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn and Noah Pasackow finished first, followed by three Canadian teams: Al Boucher, Jamie Allen, and Mike Holly. Heather Ambrose had a strong second day to round out the top five.

The New England District Womens, Juniors and Masters Championships were sailed on Friday before the Districts in Malletts Bay. Dave Gorman, Tim McCormack and Judy Murphy won the Masters ahead of Dick Fastiggi, Ed Ziemer, Alex Gemmel, John Hughes and Walt Colantuono. Suzy Coburn, Heather Ambrose and Marian Spurrier won the Womens with Kika Bronger and Janice Lange in second and third. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan won the juniors with Nick Aswad, Peter Hazelett and Hannah Darin close behind.

Malletts Bay also hosted the Districts and 27 boats attended. Bill, Noah and Suzy were crowned NE District Champs with Erik Johnson, Karl Johnson and Emily East as Runner-up. Ray Harrington, Toni Harrington, and Jeff Schwartz in third. Stu Nickerson, Nick Mercier and Hannah Nickerson came out of retirement to finish fourth, and Bretton Gardner, Nick Farina and Scott Thibault rounded out the top five.

The Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC) hosted the 2004 Sears Cup in mid August. Ten teams from across the country made the journey to Vermont to sail Lightnings. The Sears Cup is an elimination series with 100's of crews throughout the US competing to represent their local sailing organization. Dave Hazelett had his hands full during the organization and running of the regatta. Mark Gardner, Bill Fastiggi, Charlie Dickerson, Heather Ambrose and a host of others helped make sure that this was a regatta to always remember. There were a number of people that were instrumental in persuade fleet members into allowing their boats to be used for the regatta. As a tune up to the regatta, Betsy Allison and Bill Fastiggi went over the "Lightning Basics" with the kids on shore. The competitors showed a great deal of respect for the borrowed boats under some difficult conditions. There were a few capsizes but all in all there was no permanent damage to the boats. LeaAnn Smith was the housing coordinator and revealed one of the better aspects of volunteering your house to the juniors. Not only did she discover two rap groups that are now her favorite, blackalicious and Sweat Shop Union but in addition, the juniors from British Columbia left her three pounds of smoked Salmon.

A few District members travelled down to Toms River for the beginning of the "windy season" for the Atlantic Coast Championships. Chad Miller, Dave Gorman, Erik Johnson, Don Brush, Heather Ambrose, Bill Fastiggi and Bretton Gardner all made the trek. No one ended up in money, but most of our district members finished near the top in at least one race.

Our district had three junior teams participate in the Junior Nas in Buffalo. Chad Miller, Tanya Miller and Dan Kagan finished a very impressive 6th overall, Peter Hazelett, Derek Deming and Brad Harris finished 9th, and Nick Aswad, Conner Aswad and Max Far finished 11th. We're very proud of our New England junior sailors!

The District Circuit championship is awarded to the skipper who finishes at the top of the standings after all district regattas are tallied up and Heather Ambrose won convincingly ahead of Bill Fastiggi, Ben Wallace and Bob Shapiro.

There are enumerable people that are not thanked by name for all of their contributions but time is short and this report has to get sent in!

Fleet 303 Cowan Lake Sailing Association Sailing on Cowan Lake near Cincinnati, Ohio Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 96 | WINDSONG | JOHN HAYES |
| 787 | | ROBERT HASTINGS |
| 2108 | | MARK A. CASADA |
| 5887 | | J. MICHAEL L. FINDLAN |
| 7940 | | RICHARD ROBLES |
| 8593 | GYPSY | DENNIS QUINN |
| 10013 | | ROBERT STAAB |
| 10257 | | JASON BEEKHUIZEN |
| 10272 | | ROBERT M. JAPIKSE |
| 10450 | | JIM MANN |
| 10687 | SAILOR'S DELIGHT | RON MILLARD |
| 11144 | | PAUL S. BACK |
| 11368 | | RICHARD H. NIEMEYER |
| 11672 | | CHRISTOPHER MERCER |
| 11777 | | JAMES T. YOUNG |
| 11884 | COOKIN' | DON H. HINKLEY |
| 12321 | | DAVID BOEHM |
| 12412 | | LARRY GRUBER |
| 13318 | | CHRISTOPHER PAYNE |
| 13719 | | BILL YOUNG |
| 13807 | COOT | JIM GERWIN |
| 13807 | | JOHN COURT |
| 14020 | | ROBERT W. FRANTZ |
| 14023 | | JEFFREY LELAND |
| 14110 | | DICK PUGH |
| 14110 | FIGMENT | JEFF PUGH |
| 14216 | | KENNETH J. IRWIN |
| 14785 | | BRYAN P. RIDGIFORD |
| 14824 | | MICHAEL SHAYESON |
| 14824 | | JAMEY CAREY |
| 14851 | KOKOPELLI | DENNIS RHOADES |
| 14867 | | MICHAEL KEMP |
| 14925 | | MICHAEL H. BROCK |
| 15172 | | JAMES P. TAYLOR |
| 15179 | | DAVID F. ARMSTRONG |
| 15207 | COOL CHANGE | STEPHEN A. WEEBER |
| | | TALARIA |

Fleet Captain.....Ann Brock
Fleet Champion.....Steve Weeber

2004 was a good year for both club and regatta racing for Cowan members. Membership was steady this year. We gained a national highlander champion (Jamie Carey) who is campaigning both Lightnings and Highlanders. We lost one skipper due to a job change; however his boat (#15179) will stay at Cowan as it was purchased by the Rhoades.

Major Regattas

St. Pete Championship - Jim Taylor with fellow Cowan crew Bryan Riddiford and Becky Young placed 26th. Bill Young crewed for son David and placed 46th.

Cowan hosted Districts and we had a strong 22 boat fleet compete. Cowan had a good showing with Jim Taylor (3rd), Steve Weeber (6th), Bill Young (7th), Dick Pugh (11th), Jamie Carey (15th), Mike Brock (16th), Ken Irwin (19th) and Dennis Rhoades (21st).

Steve Weeber went to Pontiac and sailed to a 9th placed.



Dick Pugh, Mike Brock, Bill Young - Buffalo Master NA's

In August Dick Pugh, Bill Young and Mike Brock teamed up to do the Masters and placed 20th. Jim Taylor placed 3rd in the green fleet and Mike Brock along with Stephanie Waugh and Mike Kemp placed 20th in the yellow fleet.

In November, Dick Pugh, Bill Young and Jamie Carey headed to Bluenose for their last regatta. Bill sailing for son David placed 10th. Dick with the Ross crew placed 13th and Carey 31st.

Fall-In Regatta

Cowan hosted its 31st Fall-In regatta which was the district's second most attended regatta other than Pymatuning's Spring Classic. This year 16 boats sailed in very shifty 5-15 conditions on Saturday. One race was sailed Sunday in a classic small lake drifter. Cowan was

proud to put ten of its own boats on the line. David Young, son of Bill and Debbie, brought up his new boat from Nashville and taught his Dad, Uncle Jim and the rest of us a few lessons. After four races on Saturday David was in first place. However in the end it was Jim Taylor winning the regatta over David by one point. Other places include Jamey Carey (3rd), Steve Weeber (4th), Dick Pugh (7th), Mike Brock (8th), Jim Young (11th), Bill Young (12th), Ken Irwin (13th), Bryan Riddiford (14th) and Dennis Rhoades (15th).

Club Championship

Steve Weeber beat out Jim Taylor by a fraction of a point to win the overall club championship.

Fleet Membership

Our membership remains strong and we're seeing more interest from families that are relocating to Cincinnati to get into Lightnings and club racing.

Fleet 314 Sassafas River

Sailing on the Sassafas River at Chestertown, Maryland Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|------------------------|
| 9391 | SNEAKER | LESLIE MOORHOUSE |
| 12381 | | ROBERT B. HORNE |
| 12710 | | ALFRED B. MAST |
| 12720 | GENNY D. | CHRISTOPHER DUNNE |
| 12964 | | JOHN D. FARQUHAR, M.D. |
| 13926 | | JIM HOPKINS |
| 14218 | ETC. | HOWARD S. EDSON |
| 14265 | TENACIOUS | TED GANLEY |
| 14648 | YELLOW CANARY | F. THOMAS HOPKINS |
| 14651 | MASTER BLASTER | ALFRED B. MAST |
| 15023 | STAR O'DUST | ROBERT B. HORNE |
| 0 | | DAVID J. HORNE |

Fleet Captain.....Ted Ganley
Fleet Secretary.....Dave Horne

This year's report is just a bit different than usual in that none of the race results are readily available to the author. We did follow our same schedule format as in recent years by splitting the season into four series of four races each plus two "Bay Races". Each series winner was awarded one of the Fleet's perpetual Trophies and first through third place trophies were awarded for both bay races.

The Bay race is a departure from sailing standard triangles or windward/leeward courses in that the course is essentially a two leg race out to the mouth of the Sassafas River and back. The Summer Bay Race was a typical day with many wind shifts and speed changes. The Fall Bay Race was sailed in ideal conditions where we were able to fly the chute both on the way out and most of the way back up river again.

The annual Banquet was once again held at the Granary Restaurant the weekend after Labor Day. A wonderful dinner and celebration, including the presentation of trophies and awards.

A big thank you to our ever-present Race Committee.



Chuck Vorhees, whom we rely on week in and week out to get us off the line each Saturday morning. It was also a pleasure to welcome a few new sailors to the club this summer. Now we need to work on a more consistent turnout every weekend.

Fleet 318 Algarrobo Yacht Club Algarrobo, Chile Chile District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 11023 | | LUIS HERMAN |
| 13650 | POCAS LUCAS | PABLO AMUNATEGUI E. |
| 14295 | LINDA CHICA | ERIC VELASQUEZ BELTRAN |
| 14307 | PAMPERO | JOSE MANUEL HORWITZ F. |
| 14312 | | JUAN FRANCISCO NOVION V. |
| 14454 | SCHOLL | PABLO HERMAN |
| 14709 | | PABLO GALLIAS P. |
| 14708 | | JUAN EDUARDO REID |
| 14791 | TIFOSI | IGNACIO BAZAURE |
| 14794 | NO DESESPEREZ | CRISTOBAL PEREZ SPENCER |
| 14794 | | FRANCISCO PEREZ SPENCER |
| 14795 | 2 FAST 4 YOU | ALEJANDRO PEREZ |

Fleet 325 Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Sailing o Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|----------------------|
| 5977 | | RICHARD W. SCHULTZ |
| 9527 | BO BO | MICHAEL FISHER |
| 9527 | BOBO | REHOBOTH BAY SAILING |
| 9750 | BUZZING BEE | ROBERT J. BUZBEE |
| 9976 | | CARL SLOCOMB |
| 11135 | | LOUIS COHEN |
| 11540 | MAL DE MER | W. DAVID RACINE, III |
| 11899 | PISCES | PAMELA A. BRODERSEN |
| 12160 | | TURTLE MARSHALL |
| 12616 | AWOL | CARL ROBINSON |
| 14207 | | BARRY W.C. PIERCE |
| 14207 | | JOHN P. DOLAN |

Fleet Contact.....David Racine

As a past active member of Fleet 325, and still an enthusiastic sailor of Lightnings, it is difficult to report that our fleet here in Rehoboth, has not been active this year. Lightnings have only been seen on Rehoboth Bay a few times. Most of those times I was behind the tiller of one. But there are still a couple of others who appear at the club to sail their boats.

Some years ago RBSA had a fabulous fleet of Lightnings, with as many as 30 boats joining the weekly races. Those days are gone for us, and probably the same is true for many other Lightning fleets.

While the Lightning was designed in 1937, in my opinion it is still one of the finest, most responsive sailboats of its size on the water today, and I take every opportunity to praise the boat and the class to all who will listen.

This year, it as been my pleasure to see a renewed interest in Lightning sailing at RBSA, and I expect to find

enough Lightnings sailing at the club to reactivate our fleet and to enjoy local sailing competition and to host outside events.

In the last two or three years, RBSA has begun to host regattas for several one design classes, and the magnificent sailing we have is again becoming know across the country. This is a fact that has been known by Lightning sailors for many years, and we hope significant numbers of Lightnings will soon be sailing on our waters.

Fleet 326 Grand Traverse Yacht Club Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Michigan Michigan District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 7007 | | MICHAEL FISHER |
| 10629 | | JIM WECKENBROCK |
| 10689 | | JAMES K. LEWIS |
| 13493 | | MIKE DOW |
| 13932 | HOLEY COW | PAUL C. DAVIS |
| 14460 | SPIRIT | R. GARRET DEMAREST, III |

Fleet 328 Jyvaskyla Sailing on Lake Pailjanne, Jyvaskyla, Finland Finland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|--------------------|
| 6838 | OLD LADY | TIMO LEHTINEN |
| 12479 | MELANIE | ANTERO WESTERLUND |
| 12908 | | ARI KOKKO |
| 12918 | | VESA PUROKURU |
| 14364 | NIKEA | SAMPPA J. SALMINEN |

Fleet 329 Severn River Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Life | | WILLIAM H. BUCKLEY |
| 6639 | EUGENE | JOHN J. CULLINANE |
| 8516 | LONE PINE | GREGORY C. SWARTZ |
| 8675 | | JOHN BERGQUIST |
| 9330 | | H. CLAY LEWIS, III |
| 10800 | WAR HORSE | GEORGE SAROCH |
| 10800 | | CHRIS SAROCH |
| 10860 | STILL CRAZY | GREGORY FISHER |
| 10860 | | JO ANN FISHER |
| 11420 | | FRED MCKENNEY |
| 11628 | FISSION CHIPS | C. ERIC OLSEN |
| 11871 | JABBERWOCK | MARTY HUPPERT |
| 12159 | RHODE RACER | RIC GOTTSCHALK |
| 12812 | FLASH RIDER | DIANNE SULLIVAN |
| 14049 | CHAOS | DIANA LOHMEYER |
| 14139 | BOATBOX | ROBERT HARMON |
| 14191 | NEWIE | SPENCER ABBOT |
| 14217 | SPIKE | STEVE PALMER |
| 14221 | IWAKUNI | MARK WHITSON |
| 14548 | PAIN KILLER | JONATHAN S. GUTH |
| 14581 | | E. JOSEPH FRIEBELE |
| 14629 | GOT MOE JOE | STEPHEN CONSTANTIS |
| 14950 | ULTRA LIGHTNING | ED MICHEL |
| 15016 | LOON | JAMES (JAMIE) B. BRICKELL, JR. |
| 15054 | BLUE HIGHWAYS | JONATHAN I. LANGE |
| 15202 | | TODD JOHNSON |

Fleet Captain.....
 Fleet Secretary.....
 Fleet Champion.....Todd Johnson



Fleets, like other organizations, go through periods of growth. Sometimes the growth comes in numbers. Sometimes the growth comes in the development of leaders, and sometimes the growth comes in the development of skills. Fleet 329 has not grown much in numbers in the last couple of years. But the skill level has increased and the level of competition has gone up a notch.

This growth in skills can be measured in many ways. One measure would be our record number of members who attended the North Americans in Buffalo this past summer. Jamie Brickel, Jonathan Lange, Steve Constants, Jonathan Guth, Ed Michaels, Todd Johnson and Greg Fisher all attended the North Americans. Steve won the Yellow fleet, Jamie and Jon made the Green Fleet, Greg participated in the Blue Fleet. Yes, we claim Greg. His living and working out of Annapolis has been a great asset to our fleet.

We began sailing in larger numbers on Tuesday evenings this year. We hope the Tuesday night sailing will pay dividends in the future. We have increased the profile of the Lightning and introduced Lightning sailing to many new people.

This year the Sears Cup was sailed in Lightnings. We loaned boats for the youth to sail. We spent time training the local kids. It was one more effort to introduce the next generation to the boat. SSA did a great job in hosting both the Chesapeake Bay and the regional competitions. We especially want to thank Jamie Brickel for his work on this project.

Our Fleet Champion this year was Todd Johnson. He won

this in spite of not sailing his boat in the Frigid Digit.

Speaking of the Digit, did it blow hard enough for you? We had a great turnout of 47 boats this year. It was not a record-setting number - but close. We look forward to next year's Digit. It is becoming one of the premiere Fall events on the Lightning calendar.

Ed Michaels has been elected our new Fleet Captain. We know he will do a great job in 2005. We can't wait for the 2005 Southern Circuit and the No Gas Spring Regatta.



Fleet 332 Squam Lake Sailing on Big Squam Lake in Holderness, New Hampshire New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 9829 | BIG DOG SPIKE | ARTHUR J CUNNINGHAM |
| 10212 | SNOWY OWL | DON EGAN |
| 10320 | MOUNTAIN THYME | ROBERT W. SENGSTAKEN, JR. |
| 10555 | JUMBO | WILL ABBOTT |
| 10732 | GO-MO-SHUN II | DAVID D. CLOSSON |
| 12859 | SPIRIT OF JACK R. | SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION |
| 13382 | | WILLIAM JOHNSTONE |
| 13382 | | BARRY VAN DEMOERE |
| 14033 | DC | CHRISTIAN WHATLEY |
| 14247 | STEPPIN' OUT | DOUGLAS R. DeCLUITT |
| 14814 | AEOLUS | WALLACE E. ACKLEY |
| 14926 | | DWIGHT GERTZ |
| 14953 | SHORT CIRCUIT | TONY WAGNER |
| 14953 | SHORT CIRCUIT | PJ BLANKENHORN |
| 14955 | | JEFF DROPMAN |
| 15089 | | AL MacQUARRIE |

Fleet Captain.....PJ Blankenhorn
 Fleet Secretary.....David Rodgers
 Fleet Treasurer.....Dwight Gertz
 Fleet Champions.....The Cunningham family

There were at least three very good things about 2004 on Squam Lake. The first was the number of boats racing. We had as many as eleven for a fleet race and wonderful fleet of 18 on the line for our annual regatta. The second good thing was the number of boats that were well sailed and "in the hunt" for top finishes. Nine boats had at least one top three finish. Third, and most exciting was the trend toward sharing the helm, which gets more sailors,



especially teenagers, into the game. The Cunninghams set the standard for this trend with three different family members steering the boat as they drove Big Dog Spike to the season championship.

With the Cunningham's taking the big prize, other awards went to Christian Whatley for the July Series, and to the Welles-Gertz boat (also using three different skippers) for the August series, the long distance "around the lake" race, and the Closson trophy for the last three races of the season.



The youth movement is alive at Squam Lake. Fleet 332 season champions John Cunningham (15), Nadine Cunningham (13), and Art Cunningham (old man) move #9829 to windward. All three skippered at least one race this year and their combined efforts took home the Howdy Wood trophy.

Special awards included the Yellow Bucket for exceptional seamanship to Dan Egan for climbing the mast to retrieve a wandering spinnaker halyard and the Diamond Ledge award for a feat of navigation to Dave Closson for finding the bottom of the lake with his centerboard.

Because the annual regatta is almost always won by a visiting boat, Wally Ackley donated a perpetual trophy this year for the best finish in the event by a Squam boat. Dwight Gertz and old college team mate Harry Mattison broke this jinx (presaging perhaps a similar accomplishment by the Red Sox) when they actually won the regatta, although the new award will undoubtedly be very much appreciated in years to come when things return to form.

Other accomplishments, on and off the water, were too numerous to mention in their entirety but special notice must be made of Wally Ackley's return to the fray this summer after sustaining a detached retina last year. He made it official by promptly winning a race. On the water, but using a different form of motive power, Bob Sengstaken rowed his single scull to a top ten finish in his age group at the Head of the Charles, one of the largest rowing regattas in the World. Meanwhile, the fleet further proved the diversity of its talents as Will Abbott became the Executive Director of Mount Washington Observatory, where intrepid meteorologists maintain their watch more than a mile above Squam Lake and regularly endure the "worst weather in America." With friends this interesting, the conversation after sailing is always good.

We elected PJ Blankenhorn as our new Fleet Captain for 2005 and we look forward to another year on "Golden Pond."

Fleet 335 Barnagat Light Sailing on Barnagat Bay at Barnegat Light Yacht Club, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| 13708 | BOO BOO | ALEX KLEIN |
| 13772 | | JUSTIN MONNIG |
| 13876 | RASTA | HAROLD W. POTE |
| 13970 | SUNSHINE | MARK KAPLAN |
| 14350 | FESTER | JAMES DeCESARE |
| 14489 | HOT PEPPER | WILLIAM S. CLARKE |
| 14787 | GOT BEER? | JOHN DEMMING |
| 14850 | DALAI-RASTA | JOHN FAUS |
| 14881 | MAC AT-TACK | MAC deTURO |
| 14833 | | PETER D. MENNINGER |

Fleet Captain.....Alex Klein
Fleet Secretary.....Bill Clarke

We had a series of 24 races in June, July and August on eleven Saturday afternoons. We had a total of nine boats participating. With Joe McGinnis, an avid Lightning sailor, as BLYC Commodore for 2004, we had an active summer of Lightning sailing. Joe was a fantastic Commodore and broke the Club flag officer age barrier by initiating younger Club members into the process of becoming Commodores. This was a step long in coming but a vitally important step that will be long remembered and for which the Club will always be indebted to Joe and his wife, Leighann. Congratulations to them both for a job extremely well done.



The results for the Club series were Mark Kaplan, first, John Demming, second, and former Fleet Captain, James DeCesare, third. Crews this year were fairly well mixed up which added to the depth of the Fleet. We were delighted to add Peter Menninger and his family to our Fleet participants in 2004. They seem to be developing a successful passion for Lightning sailing. We expect some of our crew members will have boats they will add to the Fleet in future years. Where is that Gilman boat? What about the Browns? One statistic we will be working on next year is that only four boats participated in more than half of the 24 races. It was disappointing to see so many boats on the lot on Saturdays not sailed. John Faus cashed out of his boat in the Fall of 2004 and we are still awaiting the announcement of its replacement, hopefully soon. Maybe he too will sail a few more Saturdays at BLYC in 2005.

The BLYC Annual Lightning Regatta was sailed on our North Course on August 28 with six BLYC boats participating and several boats joining us from our closest Lightning Fleet neighbor to the south, Surf City Yacht Club. Awards to BLYC participants, among its Fleet, went to William Brown, sailing the Faus boat, first, John Demming, second, and Mark Kaplan, third. The north course provided us with deep water, little motor boat activity, and good winds. Three windward-leeward races were sailed.

The Pumpkin Bowl was a big success in 2004 with eight boats participating. Bill Mergenthaler took first place, John Faus, second and Gary Urban, third. Three windward-leeward races were sailed. Notwithstanding moderate inflation, the entry fee of one log held up.

In July, we were all happy to be able to celebrate the wedding of frequent crew member, Max Achtau. Also, we were all happy to learn that John and Stephanie Demming will be adding to our roster of potential crew members in early 2005.

The conclusion of our sailing season was also the occurrence of an event causing great sadness to the members and crew of Fleet 335. Suddenly, Jack Elfman of Surf City Yacht Club passed away just as the 2004 Mallory Cup events being held on Long Beach Island were about to begin. Jack's passion for Lightning sailing and his competitive nature touched us all and made us all strive to be better sailors with sharpened competitive instincts. Our Fleet members knew Jack and sailed with and against Jack for more than a generation and his loss will create a big void in Lightning sailing on Long Beach Island. Our Fleet members were privileged to be invited to assist in the reception activities following a Memorial service at Surf City Yacht Club attended by hundreds of his friends.

Again, many thanks to the many Race Committee folk led by Wayne Shaner and Jim Bigham who, together with many other folks, got out there in all kinds of weather to make our sailing season a success. What would we do

without their volunteer efforts? Again, they kept the Catboats out of our way.

Planning is well underway for another really great season of Lightning sailing in the year 2005. Jim DeCesare, a second generation Lightning sailor, is Commodore of BLYC in 2005, so that should bode well for sailing at BLYC. As we write this, we have not yet heard of our plans for a mid-winter Fleet meeting, but it has been held for all these many years and will be scheduled again to be held in early 2005, perhaps in Princeton or Philadelphia.

Fleet 338 Galway Lake Sailing on Galway Lake, Galway, New York Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 9844 | | MAURY GARDNER |
| 12115 | BABY DOLL | WILDAY FAMILY |
| 12573 | | JOHN BUHRMASTER |
| 12636 | CHICKEN SHIP | DALE H. BROWN |
| 12832 | WATTA-HUMMA! | FRED LYNARD |
| 13251 | ENG. NEER | WILLARD KOHLER |
| 13455 | PRETENDER | JOHN S. ORTON |
| 15134 | HUGGIE 3 | R. JAMES MILLARD |
| 15161 | WE ARE DEAD MEAT | JOHN KORKOSZ |

Fleet Captain.....Bill Kohler
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Millard

The 2004 season brought out some good stiff competition in Lightning Fleet 338!

The most exciting addition was the reappearance of Baby Doll (12115) after a couple of years' absence. The Wilday family brought her out of mothballs and campaigned her through the latter half of the season. The new skippers were young Pam and Katie Wilday and even Christian Beck (normally Sunfish skippers), with father Stu Wilday and others as crew. They definitely qualify as our youngest Lightning skippers yet in Fleet 338!

At the top of the list, John Korkosz was able to exorcise the mast-rigging demons from his new boat, We Are DEADMEAT, and successfully campaigned it to a season first place, but not without a great deal of very close competition from the perennial winner, Jim Millard. These 2 skippers traded 1st and 2nd places all summer to end up with average finishing scores of 1.33 & 1.42, respectively! (The previous weekend, the contest was a virtual dead-heat with scores of 1.45 & 1.42, respectively, and Jim Millard was in the lead)!!

Bill Kohler was able to keep closer than ever to their transoms in a number of races, but wasn't quite able to



pull off more than a continuous series of close 3rd place finishes.

John Buhrmaster and his niece, Ann Seyse, sailed in enough races to take a commanding 4th place for the season.

We again had 8 boats registered this year (of a possible 9), with 7 competing for the Summer Series trophy - an average of 5 boats per race! 4 boats made it out for the Opening Series, the winner of which was also John Korkosz.

The Opening Series (first 3 days) results were: 1st place - John Korkosz, 2nd place - Jim Millard, 3rd place - Bill Kohler and 4th place - John Orton. The remainder of the fleet missed at least one of the three races.

The regular Summer Series results were: 1st place - John Korkosz, 2nd place - Jim Millard, 3rd place - Bill Kohler, 4th place - John Buhrmaster, 5th place - John Orton, 6th place - Maury Gardner and 7th place - Wilday Family.

On Labor Day weekend, which is not included in our regular season competition, there were several "skipper swaps" during the 3 days of racing. It is truly interesting to see how differently a newer boat handles, how alternatives in rigging work, and even more enlightening to experience a different crew's procedures and performance! I know I came away from the experience with a couple of rigging changes to make and some new crewing techniques to try to implement (if I can only remember them 'til next season...)

I can't wait for 2005!!

Fleet 348 Lake Lanier Sailing on Lake Lanier at Flowery Branch, Georgia Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 2620 | HIGH VOLTAGE | RON SATTELE |
| 9420 | | MARTY HEADLEE |
| 9568 | | DAVID Y. PITTS |
| 9370 | DOLLY THE WHITE | TAPP RINNE |
| 9657 | | BUCK KINSEY |
| 10111 | LORD JIM | ROBERT SCHINDEL |
| 12935 | | KEN WALLACE |
| 13729 | | THOMAS W. WYNN |
| 14225 | | JOHN BRIAN JOHNSTONE |
| 14825 | | TERRY E. TYNER |
| 15180 | | PAMELA M. BARRON |
| | | |

Fleet 351 Niteroi Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Niteroi, Brazil Brazil District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Life | | DENIS RICHARD CLEMENCE |
| 11713 | GARCA | NORMAN MacPHERSON |
| 12783 | | RICARDO TIMOTHEO DA COSTA |
| 13405 | | ANTONIO CARLOS PAES LEME |
| 14101 | | MARCO ANTONIO GANTOIS GOMES |
| | CARTOLA II | |
| | WAIKIKI | |
| | JUSTN TIME | |

Flotte 358 Murtensee Sailing on Lake of Murten in Switzerland Switzerland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|------------------|
| 13692 | MILAN | HANS-PETERSCHMID |
| 13790 | | URS WYLER |
| 14530 | | JACQUES PERRET |
| 14664 | | PETER GRAF |
| | MELTEMI | |
| | SANTA FIAMMA | |
| | KARHU | |

Fleet Captain.....Urs Wyler
Fleet Secretary.....Walter Dürr

Da wir auf dem Murtensee keine Lightning-Regatta durchführen konnten, wurde die Europameisterschaft auf den Neuenburgersee zum Saisonhöhepunkt. Es fanden sich denn auch 3 Boote unserer Flotte in Grandson zur "Schlacht" ein. Trotz der relativ schlechten meteorologischen Voraussetzungen konnte die Meisterschaft mit 6 gewerteten Läufen erfolgreich abgeschlossen werden. Meltemi mit Urs Wyler, Walter und Gilbert Dürr konnten ein weiteres Mal mit den Rängen 1, 1, 1, 2, 3 und 1 den Europameistertitel nach Murten holen. Aber auch die anderen beiden Boote unserer Flotte konnten die Meisterschaft mit den Schlussrängen 5 (Jacques Perret, André de Montmolin, Natascha Godel) und 14 (Peter Graf, Thomas Heusser, Alexandra Wicki) erfolgreich abschliessen.



Fleet 365 Catawba Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Wylie, Charlotte, North Carolina Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 10086 | SASSY | JOHN HOLMES |
| 11241 | | ROBERT JOHNSON |
| 11897 | | WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL, III |
| 13848 | | LEONARD LITTLE |
| 13941 | | JOHN HOLMES |
| 14620 | | RONALD K. WRIGHT |

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Ron Wright



Ron Wright

It has been a huge year of change for fleet 365 at Catawba Yacht Club. Our numbers have dwindled significantly as two of our members left the class and three others remain very inactive. And so, the 2004 fleet report is really the story of one dedicated team of fleet 365 racers, Ron Wright, John Holmes and Tom Martin, otherwise known as "Team Catawba".

The 2004 Lightning season began with our first trip to a national regatta - the Southern Open in Savannah. It was awesome to find ourselves in the company of the best Lightning sailors in the world. To say we were competitive would be a lie! But we had a great time and we did have some good moments on the water. We also kept our record intact of avoiding the cellar in any regatta!

The district traveling series began at Catawba Yacht Club in April with the kick-off regatta for the Southeastern Lightning District - the Cottonwood Regatta. Pete Marriott won the event. But Team Catawba made some noise by winning their first district level Lightning race in the second race of the first day.

With a fourth place finish at CYC under our belts, we turned to Lake Norman and the Voodoo Regatta. The wind would not cooperate on Saturday. But Sunday served up enough for four races. We simply couldn't get it going in races 1 and 2 and finished in the basement both times. But something kicked in and we rallied for a 3 and 6 to finish in seventh overall.

From Norman we traveled to Wrightsville for the district championships. We arrived on Friday and were treated to a rare set of circumstances. Greg Fisher was in town to host a clinic and the wind was blowing off the chain. We took to the channel in our

Lightnings with Greg in his powerboat. Through video and on-the-water coaching, we received a super clinic from Greg. We placed a personal best 12 out of 19 in the regatta, but more importantly, we left Wrightsville with a confidence that we could not only sail, but also race, in heavy air.

From Wrightsville we turned to Beaufort and the Low-Country Regatta. Debbie Baldrige would sail middle for us as Tom had a schedule conflict. An excerpt from Ron's regatta report summed up the first day:

"Pinch me John, this can't be real! Well, we were feeling pretty good. [We had a 3 and 1 in the first two races.] In race three, I went back to a port start and lo and behold, we were off at the gun in clear air again. And again, we put it all together, this time for a deuce. Terry [Tyner] did not fair as well, finishing fourth. For the first time in my young sailing career, I found myself contemplating math. $3+1+2 = 6$. We, by golly, were in first place. Tyner was one point behind. Pinch me John, this can't be real. But real it was."

"That night, we drove back to the club for the party. Mother nature continued to bless us as she served up a cooling 6-8 knot breeze into the evening. The downshot was it too much for the noseums. It was one of those rare combinations of great food, great music, great weather, and great friends. You just didn't want it to end. We ate low-country boil. We sat on the deck and listened to a great blues band. We walked out on the launch pier and watched the lights up and down the river. It was the best regatta party I have ever attended."

Of course, reality returned on Sunday as we struggled in light air to finish third overall. But for one brief evening, Team Catawba was in first. And it was a feeling like none we had ever experienced.

Fleet 368 Okanagan Sailing on Okanagan Lake at Kelowna, British Columbia Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9267 | IT'S ABOUT TIME WHITE SHADOW | PETER EVANS |
| 11482 | | DEVON RUBADEAU |
| 11482 | | BRUCE MCKAY |
| 12245 | | BARRY SINCLAIR |
| 12245 | | ROGER PENTECOST |
| 12376 | | BILL MCILROY |
| 13477 | | ROBERT BAZETT |
| 13511 | | NEIL MacGIBBON |

Fleet 372 San Francisco Bay Area Sailing on San Francisco Bay at Richmond Yacht Club, Richmond, California California District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--|--------------------|
| 6028 | SPLINTER GROUP PANIQUE CADENCE GOLDEN GIRL | MARK WILLIAMS |
| 7608 | | HOWARD MACKEN |
| 9124 | | LORI HOBBS |
| 12337 | | NATHAN PERUMAN |
| 13186 | EMMA II FERAL BOGAN CRUSADER RABBIT ELUSIVE | DONOVAN GREEN |
| 13247 | | TED GOLDBECK |
| 13467 | | FRED CHANDLER |
| 13626 | | DAVE LARZ ANDERSON |
| 13783 | MANIACAL MANIACAL MANIACAL DOUBLE HAPPINESS | ELISSA HALL |
| 13869 | | PETER BEECHER |
| 13869 | | RON SMITH |
| 13943 | | JIM HOEY |
| 14305 | | MICHAEL A. MOLINA |
| 14681 | | DAVID A. GALLUP |



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★ Fleet 387 ★

2004

Great racing in the center of the Michigan mitten!



(A) The fleet sails downwind during a Thursday night race

(B) The "Unidentified Flying Pigs" crew sails by on starboard as racing gets set to begin on Sunday at the Pontiac Regatta - Photo by Susanna Telschow



(L) "Sail Fevre" checking the wind during the pre-start on Sunday's first race at the Pontiac Yacht Club

- Photo by Susanna Telschow



(A) "Bananas" at Michigan Districts in Bay City, sailed by Jim Fletcher, Eddie Fletcher and Larry Koster

(B) "Shibumi," sailed in 2004 by Larry Koster



| Fleet 387 | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| '04 Full-Season Series Results | | | |
| Pos | Skipper | Tot Pts | Tot Races |
| 1 | Pat Dolan | 4593 | 65 |
| 2 | Mike Moody | 4253 | 53 |
| 3 | Blaine Severin | 3233 | 43 |
| 4 | Neil Harrison | 2447 | 46 |
| 5 | John LeFevre | 2061 | 43 |
| 6 | Merrick Hurlbutt | 1953 | 37 |

| Fleet 387 | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| '04 Half-Season Series Results | | | |
| Pos | Skipper | Tot Pts | Tot Races |
| 1 | Pat Dolan | 2645 | 33 |
| 2 | Mike Moody | 2326 | 30 |
| 3 | George Siegle | 2041 | 26 |
| 4 | Blaine Severin | 1363 | 19 |
| 5 | Neil Harrison | 1159 | 21 |
| 6 | Larry Koster | 967 | 19 |
| 7 | Merrick Hurlbutt | 955 | 14 |
| 8 | Terry Kleiman | 839 | 13 |
| 9 | John LeFevre | 778 | 21 |
| 10 | Jim Fletcher | 569 | 7 |
| 11 | Ron Marshall | 534 | 9 |
| 12 | Don Baron | 414 | 18 |
| 13 | Gil Chesbro | 111 | 1 |
| 14 | Susanna Telschow | 53 | 1 |
| 15 | Tom Rasmussen | 40 | 2 |
| 16 | Eddie Fletcher | 30 | 1 |

Regatta Results

39th Annual Lake Lansing "Tune Up" Regatta

Lake Lansing at Haslett, MI, May 22, 2004, 10 Boats, 6 Races, 1 Throwout

| Place | Boat/Crew | Points | Total |
|-------|---|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | Tom Klaban, Eric Klaban and Joyce ? | 1 1 2 3 3 1 | 8 |
| 2 | George Siegle, Ann Siegle and Laura Harvey | 3 2 4 1 4 2 | 12 |
| 3 | Mike Moody, Sally Miller and Ken Knight | 6 3 5 2 1 3 | 14 |
| 4 | Terry Kleiman, S.Telschow and Helio Vogel | 5 6 6 4 2 4 | 21 |
| 5 | Pat Dolan, Bob Miller and Gil Chesbro | 2 5 1 6 11 11 | 25 |
| 6 | Chris Jacobson, M. McVey and S. Lauso | 4 4 3 5 11 11 | 27 |
| 7 | John Lefevre, Leif Alton and Larry Koster | 8 7 7 7 6 6 | 33 |
| 8 | Blaine Severin, Julie Pierce and Tom Deits | 7 9 9 10 5 5 | 35 |
| 9 | "Gus" Dey, Rachel Dey and Jeff Arthurton | 9 8 10 8 11 11 | 46 |
| 10 | Merrick Hurlbutt, A. Tuttle and Scott Watkins | 10 10 8 9 11 11 | 48 |



Fleet 388 Jackson Yacht Club Sailing on Ross Barnett Reservoir at Jackson, Mississippi Southern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|---------------------|--|
| 12335 12746 13703 13781 14736 | not 11887 ENIGMA | JOSEPH P McDEVITT DAVID McNAIR IAN LaCOUR RALPH ALLEN JOHN B. WASKOM, IV |

Fleet Captain.....John Waskom
Fleet Secretary.....Ralph Allen

Fleet 388 had another challenging year in 2003. Our major efforts were to promote one design dinghy sailing at the Jackson Yacht Club and to participate in local and regional Lightning Regattas. The willingness of fellow Lightning sailors throughout the area to come to Jackson and sail in our events is truly appreciated and has attracted the notice of our club officers and members alike.

Our 2004 racing season started March 27, & 28 with the JYC Spring Fling Regatta. Lightnings from Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi attended. 5 Races were run in warm weather and high winds with a good deal of hiking going on...

The trophy winners were:

| | | | |
|-----|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st | 15126 | Dr. Larry Frost | Mandeville LA Fleet 62 |
| 2nd | 15117 | Jeff Bodkin | Dallas TX Fleet 35 |
| 3rd | 14600 | Bill Baxter | Memphis TN Fleet 174 |
| 4th | 10812 | Eugene Walet | Pass Christian MS Fleet 179 |

On June 5 & 6 John Waskom and Ralph Allen combined forces to participate in the The Southern District Championship Regatta. This year it was held on Mobile Bay, hosted by the Buccaneer Yacht Club and Fleet 135. The change in venue brought out several of our semi-retired skippers who dusted off their boats, enlisted family for crew and had a great time and re invigorated their interest in Lightnings (see Southern District Report for results).

May 15 & 16 found Ralph Allen and John Waskom traveling North to the annual Hernando de Soto Regatta near Memphis, TN hosted by the Delta Sailing Association and Fleet 274. As usual, everyone had a great time made possible in no small part by the fantastic spinnaker work turned in by Ralph passing 5 and 6 boats on multiple runs.

July 31 / August 1 found Skippers Joe McDevitt and John Waskom with crew Scotty Barron traveling South to the Lightning GYA Championships held in conjunction with the Pass Christian Yacht Club "Birthday Regatta". We

were given some sailing lessons about driving on salt water that is moving sideways which is a problem for lake sailors (see Southern District Report for results).

On October 9 & 10 Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi Lightnings converged in Jackson for the annual JYC Hospitality Regatta. The desire to sail and have a good time overcame horrible weather conditions caused by a passing weather front (the remnants of a hurricane) and 3 extremely wet races were sailed. on Sat followed by more pleasant social activities and a good dinner at the club. Sunday brought more of the same foul weather and with Larry Frost leading the regatta with 3 bullets in his new boat, the Lightnings elected to drink bloody marys, pack up the boats, dry out the crew and wait for the trophy ceremonies.

The finals scores looked like this:

| | | | |
|-----|-------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1st | 15211 | Larry Frost | Meterie LA Fleet 62 |
| 2nd | 14736 | Bill Baxter | Memphis TN Fleet 274 |
| 3rd | 14488 | Herbert Cochran | Memphis TN Fleet 274 |
| 4th | 14969 | Batton Kennon | Memphis TN Fleet 274 |
| 5th | 14666 | Crit Currie Jr. | Memphis TN Fleet 274 |

Fleet 388 extends an open invitation to all Lightning sailors to come to Jackson MS and join us in our 2005 events and to experience the hospitality of the Jackson Yacht Club in our fantastic new facility. --Watch the ILCA website for the dates

SPRING FLING REGATTA April 2005

HOSPITALITY REGATTA October 2005

Fleet 400 St. Mary's

Sailing on Grand Lake St. Mary's at St. Mary's, Ohio
Ohio District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|--------------|------------|--|
| 6276 8441 | ADAM'S RIB | BILL KATTERHEINRICH ADDIS L. KATTERHEINRICH |

Fleet 401 Guanabara

Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Brazil District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|---|---|
| 5327 8233 11708 13405 14320 14463 14498 14561 14564 | MASTERSHIP TIORGA X. ALMAR VII WAIKIKI CARTOLA BURIBA VOLTA SECA 3 VAMP BIELA RIO | CLAUDIO ALLEVATO SILVIO PINHEIRO/SILVA, JR. ALZIR DE CASTRO FARIA JR. LUIZ CLARKSON LEBREIRO RENATO VALENCA JOSE DOS SANTOS PEREZINI EDUARDO CLARKSON LEBREIRO EDUARDO O. SIMAO MAURO JOSE VILLELA NOGUEIRA |



Fleet 405 Salinas Yacht Club Sailing on the Pacific Ocean at Guayaquil, Ecuador Ecuador District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 8513 | EL ABUELO | ROBERTO CAMPOVERDE |
| 9411 | SEA BREEZE | CAMILO SAMAN SALEM |
| 9411 | | ENRIQUE GRANJA C. |
| 10114 | | RAFAEL QUINTERO |
| 11153 | | FRANCIS PARKER PLAZA |
| 11365 | | JULIO VELEZ |
| 11928 | LA RATONERA | SEBASTIAN HERRERA |
| 13440 | MARIVENT | DR. IGNACIO VIDAL MASPONS |
| 13440 | | IGNACIO VIDAL M. |
| 14099 | DESENCUENTRO | MIGUEL A. PLAZA MERINO |
| 14145 | | JOSE GONZALEZ-RUBIO |
| 14150 | SEA BABY | FRANCISCO SOLA MEDINA |
| 14160 | GATO | ESTABAN MIERA |
| 14163 | COLO | ING. CESAR BAQUERIZO |
| 14370 | LA MAQUINA | JUSTO KLEMPERER |
| 14379 | XTREME | JAIME CALDERON |
| 14383 | ALEGATO II | JIMMY PAZMINO PAREJA |
| 14383 | | CARLOS LUIS LECARO VELEZ |
| 14383 | | JUAN ANDRES TAMARIZ |
| 14461 | ALEGRETO | ALBERTO MASPONS |
| 14541 | | MIGUEL E. PLAZA, JR. |
| 14541 | | EDUARDO VEDANI |
| 14556 | | NAVAL DEL ECUADOR ESCUELA SUPERIOR |
| 14556 | | RICARDO DIAZ |
| 14557 | | NAVAL DEL ECUADOR ESCUELA SUPERIOR |
| 14671 | MAGIA | JUAN RAFAEL SANTOS DILLON |
| 14673 | BLACK BEAUTY | JUAN SANTOS GARCES |
| 14674 | | ALFREDO OCHOA |
| 14674 | | ERNESTO ESCOBAR V. |
| 14674 | MARRAQUETA | JAIME SANTA CRUZ VIAL |
| 14674 | | JAIME SANTA CRUZ NAPE |
| 14676 | GARUFA | CARLOS LECARO |
| 15080 | FOR SALE | PACO SOLA TANCA |
| 15080 | | ARTURO ITURRALDE YCAZA |
| 15094 | | JUAN CARLOS PLAZA P. |
| 15095 | | GABRIEL MORAN |
| 15095 | | SANTIAGO ROMERO BARSI |
| 15096 | | XAVIER MONCE |

We had boats travel to the Winter championship and to the North Americans. Our regatta, the second one of the Southeastern district, hosted 10 boats on Lake Norman for great racing in the southeast. Pete Marriott, commodore of the Southeastern Lighting District, sails out of LNYC and is the current Southeastern traveling series champion.

For more information on sailing at Lake Norman visit www.lakenormanyachtclub.com

Fleet 424 Club Universitario de Regatas La Pinta Sailing on the Bay of Callao, Lima Peru Peru District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------|----------------------|
| 12514 | ADALID | SERGIO LEVAGGI TOCCI |
| 12825 | NO SPEAKING | FRANCISCO AYULO |

Fleet 427 Killyleagh Yacht Club Sailing on Strangford Lough, Belfast, Country Down, Northern Ireland

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 19 | | RAYMOND KILLOPS |
| 77 | MEAN MACHINE | ANDREW KILLOPS |
| 1564 | | RACHEL BENNETT |
| 11439 | | DENIS BENNETT |
| 14086 | | GORDON MOORE |
| 14086 | | CLIVE BRIDGES |
| 14086 | | DAVID BROWN |
| 14086 | STARS & STRIPES | JOHN SCOTT |
| 14469 | RAINBOW III | TREVOR WILSON |
| | | WILLIAM LINDSAY |

Fleet 415, Lake Norman Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Norman, North Carolina Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 10156 | | RICK BARTON |
| 13957 | IN SENSITIVITY TRAINING | PETER MARRIOTT |
| 14432 | BLITZEN | RICHARD SIMPSON |
| 14702 | | SAM L. BOOKE III |
| 14947 | MUTANT BLACK SHEEP | CARTER UTZIG |

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Treasurer.....Pete Marriott

Fleet 415 is proud to have the Lightning Class President sail with us!

We host the soon to be famous Lightning Voodoo regatta: May 14-17, 2005 is the dates go ahead and reserve your space!

Fleet 429 Greater Charleston Sailing on Charleston Harbor at Charleston, South Carolina Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| 10039 | | MILT RHODES |
| 11771 | WASABI | WILLIAM R. SLOGER, SR. |
| 14957 | | RYAN RUHLMAN |
| 15085 | | LEONARD KRAWCHECK |



Fleet 430 Ocean City Yacht Club Fleet Sailing in Great Egg Harbor Bay, Ocean City, New Jersey Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 13649 | | HOWARD M. SOLOMON |
| 13824 | EAST COAST CRUISER | GEORGE GLENN III |
| 13873 | FREEBOOTER | RUSSELL HANSCOM |
| 14014 | SAILSMAN | SAMUEL HOSTVEDT |
| 14341 | WATER RAT | RICHARD McCARRAHER |
| 14348 | FLOWER CHILD | JOHN J. PARKER |
| 14415 | | GEORGE GLENN III |
| 14922 | WHITE LIGHTNING | KEVIN ROBINSON |
| 14987 | BLUE STREAK | ERIK T. HOSTVEDT |

Fleet Captain.....Richard McCarraher
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....



Ocean City is known as the World's Greatest Family Resort and the families of Lightning Fleet 430 enjoyed another great summer racing in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. The shifting and varied winds of the bay always bring excitement to our race days. Regularly we had 6 to 7 boats and hope to increase our size.

Our fleet enjoys the close competition of the sailors. The Flag Officers and Independence Day Regattas were decided by close scores. Our fleet championship series consisted of 22 races was won by Sam Hostvedt with Kate Hostvedt, his sister, and Ryan Parker as the winning crew.

Stories of the sailing adventures of Gidge Glenn added to the excitement in fleet this year. Gidge with Jim Glenn, his brother, and Chappy Hopkins sailed his Lightning, Mr. Pinky from the Southern Circuit to the North Americans and many Regattas in-between. All our members anxious to hear about his exploits.

Our season ended with a cookout at Eric's house and the annual Sailing Dinner at the Ocean City Yacht Club. We are looking forward to enjoying next summer on the bay with our old and new sailing friends.

Fleet 431 Southampton Yacht Club Sailing on Shinnecock Bay, Southampton NY Long Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|------------------------|
| 11071 | WINDY TOO | JOHN V.H. HALSEY |
| 11219 | GRANDPA MOSES | TERESA HENDRY |
| 13874 | AMF | TERESA HENDRY |
| 14032 | BONNY BLUE | JAMES G. HULL |
| 14138 | FULMEN | KENT RYDBERG |
| 14157 | FULMEN | SUSAN RUMPH |
| 14551 | OUTRAGEOUS | TIM RUMPH |
| 14560 | WHITE KNUCKLES | JOHN LEWANDOWSKI |
| 14917 | MOTO ITI | RICHARD E. WARREN |
| | | MALCOLM B. HENDRY, III |

Fleet Captain.....Kent Rydberg
Fleet Secretary.....Malcolm Hendry III
Race Committee Chairman...John Lewandowski
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Southampton Yacht Club sails on Shinnecock Bay. I think sailing here in this Bay is the finest sailing on the east coast of the United States. The southerly comes in like clockwork, there is very little power boat traffic to deal with. There won't be much of an increase due to outrageous real estate prices. So there is a good side, more great sailing to come without power boat traffic. We have a great group of sailors. But more importantly great support from other club members, most former Lightning sailors and current ones alike: Tom Connors, Steve Lamson, Ira Tanzer, Greg Griffin, who all have power boats. They come out to watch the races and look over the fleet while we are racing. It is a nice feeling to know we have



boats out there with out having to ask for them, it's like a family. This year we have NEW floating! They are great let me say that one more time they are great!. Sailing this year was great, next year might be better. One of our Lightning sailors is getting married and she just might get the new hubby to buy a Lightning. Congratulations, from all of us Rachel. We also heard he is a very very good sailor and an absolute gentleman, a great addition to family and fleet if we can get him.

One new item, we are working on a new club house project. If all goes well we could have a new club being built in a few years. If every thing goes according to plan it could be the greatest thing for the club and the furthering of sailing at the SHYC. That's what we are all committed to at this club. The raising of a new generation of competent seamen and sea women from children to adults, to further and insure the life of the club into the future and the next generation.

One last thing before I go FLEET 431 sails on Wednesday evening and on Saturday. This year the fleet sailed in planing conditions at least 4 times. When these conditions occur we make sure that the course is optimized for fun. And let me tell you WE HAD SOME OF THE BEST AND I MEAN THE BEST SAILING AND THE MOST FUN YEEEEEEEE!!!! HAAAAAAA!!!!!! If you are not at our fleet you are missing some fun. See you all next year, sincerely "just another sailor at the finest place to sail on the east coast".

Fleet 435 Rush Creek Yacht Club Sailing on Lake Ray Wylie Hubbard, Dallas Texas Texas District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|------------------------|
| Life | FLASHDANCE | RICHARD C. GUINAN, JR. |
| Life | MAKING HAY | GEORGE R. HATFIELD |
| Life | JOHN S. | SCHNEIDER |
| 11015 | | JOHN LEWIS |
| 12500 | BUTZEN | ARTHUR M. WILSON |
| 13228 | ANDROS 3 | VERNON R. GOLDBERG |
| 13311 | PANDORA | ROBERT THOMAS |
| 13622 | DARK HORSE | GLENN M. DARDEN |
| 13622 | | SYLVAN NEWMAN |
| 13831 | | DAVID TSCHIRHART |
| 13953 | | KURT SCHULER |
| 14817 | | PAUL FOERSTER |

Fleet 442 Fond du Lac Sailing on Lake Winnebago at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Midwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------|--------------------|
| 339 | FIRST ATTEMPT | PETE CHISHOLM |
| 10222 | TOMATO SLOOP | ERIC BENNETT |
| 12554 | ACHILLES | PHIL GAYNOR |
| 12380 | TROUBLE | PETE CHISHOLM |
| 13580 | INDECISION | STEVE HANSEN |
| 15042 | ELLIE B. | MICHAEL ELMERGREEN |
| | | SUE DORSCHIED |
| 15158 | | PETE ORLEBEKE |

Fleet Captain.....
Secretary.....Mike Elmergreen

It was another interesting year on the big Lake Winnebago. We had 10 Lightning's for the annual Lighthouse Regatta along with 7 Buccaneers. The two fleets finished 4 races in mostly light air conditions. This year's winner was Mike Tennity from Green Bay with crew Tim Monday and John Haugh. They sailed a 1-2-2-6 series to win by 3 points over David Stix from Chicago. Third was Rick Larson from Sheboygan followed by local sailor Pete Orlebeke. Taking the final trophy spot was Bob Franke from Milwaukee.

Eric Bennett and Mike Elmergreen worked feverishly to try and finish their 1 1/2 year restoration project of a 1967 Allen - Tomato Sloop. The boat, originally owned by Bob Novak of Lake Geneva, needed lots of fairing and re-rigging, causing them to miss the first 4 races of the Early Series. Once they started however, it was all firsts and seconds which allowed them to take 5th in the Early Series and First in the Late Series with a second overall. We experienced a small growth in the fleet this year. Pete Orlebeke sailed Mike's new Lightning to an overall win in the Portsmouth fleet. Pete Chisholm and gang sold their old water logged boat and showed up with a newer Nickels and Holman which enabled them to take 4th overall behind a speedy M16 scow. Phil Gaynor returned this year and sailed a few races in the Late series.

At the end of the season, Pete Orlebeke showed up with 15158, a two year old Nickels purchased from Sheboygan. He hopes to race next year with his wife and new junior sailor - his son Cole, who is now starting first grade. We have introduced a few juniors from the other Portsmouth classes to the Lightning as crew as well as substitute skippers. We have a couple of boats for sale that we are trying to keep in the local fleet. We are finally getting a little momentum and things look as good as they ever have for fleet



Tomato Sloop 10222



Fleet 446 Buenos Aires

Sailing on Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Argentina District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11037 | FLAMINGO IV MAN CARRON | ROBERTO RICOVERI |
| 11041 | | ROBERTO GOMEZ JOLY |
| 11043 | | JUAN CARLOS MARIO GARCIA |
| 11649 | GAUCHO NEGRO GUALICHO II | GABRIEL FERNANDEZ TORIBIO |
| 13360 | | HECTOR LONGARELA ALEJANDRO CLOOS |

Fleet 447 San Pablo

Sailing on Lago San Pablo, Quito, Ecuador
Ecuador District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------------|---|
| 10114 | SAPO SPEEDY | FELIPE RIBADENEIRA |
| 11661 | | QUEVEDO |
| 12338 | | SANTIAGO AGUIRRE |
| 12557 | C.C.C.P. | JOSE M. PEREZ |
| 12566 | | DIEGO LEON |
| 12768 | | JOAQUIN MORILLO |
| 13444 | PINTA BRAVA | RICARDO ZELLER |
| 13445 | | MARCO ORDENEZ A. |
| 14160 | | ING. MAURICIO MARTINEZ |
| 14370 | ACHACHAY DEEP BLUE | RICARDO CRESPO |
| 14389 | | MARCELO LEON |
| 14405 | | GUSTAVO CORDOVEZ |
| 14558 | BUGGYS VENDETTA | JAIME MARTINEZ |
| 14675 | | LARS DYCK |
| 14765 | | ERNESTO MARTINEZ F. |
| 14910 | QUICKY BANDERITA | ANDRES CARDENAS |
| 15049 | | OLAF DYCK CARLOS RAMSAUER FEISAL BAKI |

Fleet 449 Marsala

Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea, Marsala, Sicily, Italy
Italian District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11244 | WANTED I LUKTOR TREPPE | MARCO CARONNA |
| 11325 | | ANGELO GIACALONE |
| 12027 | | GIOVANNI PELLEGRINO |
| 13345 | HO HELL | RANIERI GAMBINA |
| 13345 | | GIUSEPPE VALENTI |
| 13349 | | GIUSEPPE FORNICH |
| 13478 | WANTED III | VITO PERNICE |
| 13481 | | GIUSEPPE GIACALONE |
| 13481 | | MARCELLO ATTINA |
| 13557 | ULY BAY TAN LILY BAY TAN | ANTONIO RALLO |
| 13706 | | SOCIETA' CANOTTIERI MARSALA |
| 13706 | | GIANMARCO TRAMATI |
| 13706 | MARANNA LILY BAY TAN | PASQUALE VITAGGIO |
| 13878 | | PIETRO ZERILLI |
| 13878 | | CIRCOLO VELICO MARSALA |
| 13878 | | IGNAZIO BONANNO |
| 14102 | | STEFANO REINA |
| 14731 | | VITO TRIPOLI |
| 14731 | | ROBERTO GIACALONE |
| 14731 | | CIRCOLO VELICO MARSALA |
| 15013 | | ROBERTO CRUCITI |
| | | GIUSEPPE ALAGNA |
| | | MARIO NOTO |
| | | MARIO ALAGNA |
| | | SOCIETA' CANOTTIERI MARSALA |
| | | ANTONIO MARINO |

Flotta 453 Del Trasimeno

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Perugia, Italy
Italian District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 8621 | KING FURIOUS III WIND III | DANILO PELOSI |
| 10781 | | FABIO CHERUBINI |
| 13062 | | MARIO FORGIONE |
| 13271 | | CARLO MUSSO |
| 13348 | | SAURO SCARPOCCHI |
| 13462 | | GIOVANNI ROSI |
| | | PAOLO ROSI |
| | | ANDREA GATTESCHI |
| | | MATTEO BALESTRERO |
| | | SERGIO RUSTICHELLI |
| 14228 | | CAMILLO ANGELI |
| 14316 | | FRANCESCO DE REGIS |
| 14316 | | FRANCO DE REGIS |
| 15183 | | LORENZON SILVANO |

Fleet 456 Lake Tuusulanjarvi

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Tuusula, Finland
Finland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------------|------------------|
| 5552 | MASI III | ARTO RINTANEN |
| 9437 | | PEKKA BOLLSTROM |
| 12352 | | ILKKA KOENKYTO |
| 13130 | | JUHA SAVELA |
| 13357 | | ANTTI SCHRODERUS |
| 13560 | | PEKKA YLANEN |
| 13562 | | HANNU HANSKALA |
| 14018 | | NIKO LAPPALAINEN |
| 14179 | | RAINER KORHONEN |
| 14196 | | KEIJO LATVALA |
| 14331 | SHARK | LIISA HASUNEN |
| 14352 | | RIITTA KANGAS |
| 14406 | | PERTTI PYY |
| 14535 | AMARILLO SNOW WHITE | ANTERO PUNTILA |
| 14638 | | MATTI LEPPANEN |
| 14936 | | SAKARI PESOLA |

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary..... Riitta Kangas
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

This year the main competition of the Fleet 456 was in Grandson Switzerland, so the Europeans 2004, where we had five boats from Finland, three of them from Tuusula. This time we had no truck in use like in Marsala but we took two cars and one double trailer and a trailer with us and took a ferry from Hanko to Rostock and drove. In Finland the speed limit with a trailer is 80 kilometres (50 miles) in an hour. All right, there are no speed limits in German motorways but I admit that we had some muttering about the speed used when driving.

The journey went however well and we had a very nice time in Grandson. Kimmo Aromaa from Finland took silver and the best boat (8th) from Tuusula was Shark 14331



Sakari Pesola with his crew, Gamma 14638 Matti Leppänen with his crew was 9th and Sini 14352 was 16th. The later one was this time skippered by Kalle Ahola from Jyväskylä, only the boat and the boat owner as a crew were from Tuusula.

In June before Grandson we spent two very nice days by Lake Päijänne where we with the Fleet 328 members arranged some camping in the inner islands of the lake. We started from Heinola and took tents and camp stoves with us and just spent time by the lake without any race. We were four boats, varying number of crew members in a boat and also two children with us, no dogs however this time. The weather was nice, no rain and not too much wind for this kind of a trip, a bit cold maybe like the whole early summer in Finland this year. Spending time by sailing and camping in a summer night, could there be any better way to spend a summer weekend. If someone of the Lightning family is interested in this kind of activity please contact. You are welcome to join the trip.

Tänä vuonna laivueen 456 tärkein kilpailu oli Sveitsin Grandsonissa järjestetyt EM-kilpailut, joihin osallistuneista viidestä suomalaisvenekunnasta kolme oli tuusulalaisia. Tällä kertaa meillä ei ollut rekkakuljetusta kuten Marsalassa, vaan lähdimme liikkeelle kahdella autolla ja kahdella trailerilla (yksi tuplakärky) Hangosta Rostockiin. Suomessa trailerin nopeusrajoitus on 80 km/h ja vaikkei Saksan moottoreilla nopeusrajoitusta olekaan niin myönnän, että pientä mutinaa nopeuksista matkalla tuli.

Matka meni kuitenkin hyvin ja Grandsonin reissu oli oikeinkin onnistunut. Suomalaisista Kimmo Aromaa otti hopeaa ja paras tuusulalaisvene oli Shark 14331 Pesolan Sakarin kipparoina, yhdeksäs oli Gamma 14638 Matti Leppänen miehistöineen ja 14352 Sini oli kuudestoista. Tällä kertaa Siniä kipparoi Aholan Kalle Jyväskylästä ja vain keulagasti oli tuusulalainen.



Kesäkuussa ennen Grandsonin matkaa vietettiin pari päivää Päijänteellä, jossa yhdessä jyväskyläläisten kanssa järjestettiin retkipurjehdustapahtuma ja yövyttiin saareissa. Startti oli Heinolasta, jossa pakattiin teltat ja tringiat mukaan ja lähdettiin vesille. Mukana oli neljä venettä, joissa oli vaihteleva määrä miehistön jäseniä, mukana myös pari lasta, muttei koiria tällä kertaa. Sää suosi, ei satanut eikä ollut liikaa tuultakaan, tosin ilma oli aika viileä niin kuin melkein koko alkukesä muutenkin. Purjehdusta ja telttailua kesäyössä, mikäs sen parempi tapa viettää kesäviikonloppua. Jos joku teistä on kiinnostunut tämän-tyyppisestä toiminnasta, tervetuloa Suomeen. Ottakaa yhteyttä, olette tervetulleita mukaan.

Fleet 462 Guarapiranga

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, Brasil
Brazil District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 9284 | MALANDRO | PAULO DE ALMEIDA SOARES |
| 11693 | VISO | BRIAN MURRAY SUMNER |
| 11708 | | HUGO BARROSO UELZE |
| 11721 | GOIABADA | HELOISA BARRO UELZE |
| 12440 | LIGHTNING RIDER | ALLAN ANDERSEN |
| 12440 | PATUA | CARLOS EDUARDO FERREIRA |
| | | FABIO PRADA FERREIRA |
| | | HAROLDO FLEISCHFRESSER |
| 12524 | | NELSON FREIRE de CARVALHO |
| 12526 | GRINGO VII | ALBERTO MARTINS TORES |
| 12657 | PERERECA | JAMES ALEXANDER SEMPLER |
| 13008 | VIKING II | THOMAS BUCKUP |
| 13406 | MEIA NOITE VI | EDUARDO MAGALHAES |
| 13657 | | RENATO MICHADO de ALMEIDA |
| 14071 | XAMEGO I | JORGE HACHIYA SAKI |
| 14167 | STAR RIDER 2 | CLAUDIO AUGUSTO BONONI |
| 14168 | FLYING CLOUD | JOHN STUART BENNETT |
| 14169 | EXECRAVEL | BERNARDUS J. MARTIN |
| 14330 | KIBIMAW | JAMES SUMNER |
| 14401 | TRIUNVIRATO | MARIO VICENTE SACCONI |
| 14562 | PISCO | THOMAS G.S. SUMNER |
| 14633 | FALA SERIO | CAIO SOARES HUNGRIA e PRADO |
| | | SIDNEY BLOCH |
| 14845 | CLONE RIDER | PER OLOV HORNELL |
| | | TORSTEN RALF BOJLESSEN |
| 14891 | DITO & FEITO | JOSE EDUARDO MAIA |
| 14892 | WHITE MAGIC | HANS JUERGEN LUDWIG |
| 14893 | LAYLINE | GEORGE LEWIS RIDER |
| 14894 | VAMOQVAMO | JOHN JULIO JANSEN |
| 15152 | XAMEGO VI | CAIO SEABRA |
| | | NELSON SMALL SCHMITT |

Fleet 463 Waccamaw

Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, Waccamaw, North Carolina
Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 5564 | | STEPHEN PRINCE |
| 6460 | | WACCAMAW SAILING CLUB |
| 11898 | | NEAL TURNER |
| 14252 | STRINGS ATTACHED | J.M. (DICK) COBURN |
| 14980 | CELEBRATE II | PAUL R. JUESCHKE |

Flotte 466 Del Conero

Sailing on the Adriatic Sea, Ancona, Flaconara and Sengigallia, Italy
Italian District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|--|---|
| 13037 13037 13065 13264 13346 13445 14239 14243 14245 | CICCIO 11 BIBIR WHITE CLOUDE | WALTER LUZZI IVANO BROLI GUIDO ARMENI NORBERTO FELICI BRUNO ROCCHEGGIANI GIOVANNI SORCI GIORGIO CURZI PAOLO POLETTI CARLO JOMMI |

Fleet 468 Valkeakoski

Sailing on Lakes Mällesvi and Vanajavesi, Valkeakoski Finland
Finland District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| 13760 14403 14761 | | SEPPO HEIKKINEN AIMO JOKINIEMI PENTTI JARVINEN |

Fleet 481 Wake

Sailing on Kerr Lake and Lake Jordan, Raleigh, North Carolina
Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|---|---|--|
| 9398 11336 11620 12603 12773 13620 13877 14080 14376 14637 14641 14720 14747 14852 14932 15009 15141 15146 | OLD SCHOOL BANANA BOAT ADRENALIN HALLUCINATION GREAT ESCAPE IN PURSUIT MAGNUM FORCE SWAN WITH 3 NECKS CIAO BEBE BOARRE LOVE TRIANGLE | JAY TAYLOR PHIL TAYLOR KEN HOLLIS DON TURNER FRANK MASON WORTH A. LUTZ III HARRY CUNE III MICHAEL S. REES, M.D. JOHN CHAPLINSKY JAMES E. NUTT, M.D. CHARLES L. MOORE, JR. ALAN HAWKES JAY R. JOHNSON ALAN KRAUSS ROBERT GRAVES JOHN W. PELOSI RICHARD PHILLIPS AVIS BRIDGERS HENRY BRIDGERS DAVID RALEY |

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Treasurer.....
Fleet Champ.....

The 2004 season began early in January as a few of us diehards sail all winter on Jordan Lake in the Triangle area of North Carolina. This informal series is devoted to crew training and helping boat owners gain more experience in race conditions. We sail twice a month on Sunday, only,

weather usually permitting. After we get off the water someone fires up the cook stoves and everyone gets to sample a variety of hot soups and chili brought by the sailors.

Our annual fleet party was held at the end of February at the Bridgers'. It was a great turnout, featuring an oyster roast, one of Henry's specialties. A small coterie of Thistle sailors showed up and we piled them with beer and oysters sufficiently to talk them into doing race committee again for the Borderline Regatta, our end of the season major fleet event.

We wish the turnout for sailing equaled the turnout for the party, but it seems that too many pressures from work and family effectively keep boats from getting wet. Harry Cline, the Bridgers, Dave Raley, Bob Graves, Chuck Moore, John Chaplinsky, Michael Rees, Alan Krauss, and John Pelosi made it to the starting line for at least one race during the CSC Kerr Lake Series. Pelosi took the season championship sailing with Tina Tenret and Pat Terry mostly against the Thistles while Chuck Moore won second place sailing with his family. Bob Graves had the misfortune of capsizing in one race, breaking his mast and taking him out of racing for a couple of months. Alan Hawkes joined our fleet this year, too late for club racing but he'll be with us next year.

This year our club, the Carolina Sailing Club, and fleet hosted two district regattas, the Oriental Sailing Social and the Borderline. We had a much better turnout from the district this year with 10 boats at Oriental, and we had 26 at the Borderline, same as last year.

Our district had ten regattas this year. John Pelosi attended nine of them with Harold Broadwell, Clay Rumble, Tina Tenret and Pat Terry serving as crew at different venues. His teams placed third, overall, in the SELD for the season. Henry and Avis Bridgers got to six with Pat Terry as their third crew. Bob Graves, Alan Krauss and Harry Cline made it to two each. Worth Lutz, Michael Rees and Alan Hawkes attended the Borderline. The Bridgers and Pelosi also sailed in the Potomac Cup held by Fleet 50 in DC and Pelosi was at the Frigid Digit with Tenret and Terry but never finished a race what with a ripped jib and winds too fierce for him.

Worth Lutz continues to take major responsibility for the club's junior sailing program. He ferries power boats used for the program to and from the lake. He also maintains the equipment and takes his turn driving the mark boats and instructor boats. Both Worth's kids and Chuck Moore's kids are very active juniors and Chuck Moore's son won awards for his performance this year.

The highlight of the season is always our Borderline Regatta held on Kerr Lake the fourth weekend in October. The regatta is the last of the SELD racing series and we are lucky to be joined by several top sailors outside the district, including Dick Hallagan, Brian Hayes and his brother Neil, Tommy and Tom Allen, Allan Terhune and his wife, Ed Michels and several others from the Dixie District. Several fleet members turned out to help this year, especially Richard Phillips who helped with everything from the social to serving dinner and serving on race committee both Saturday and Sunday. Anyone who has ever attended the Borderline knows we don't have club facilities, but sail out of a State Park. NEXT YEAR WE WILL HAVE DOCKS. You should come back.

Fleet 484 Ithaca Sailing on Cayuga Lake at Ithaca, New York Central New York District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| 0 | | PETER V. LENT |
| 11347 | ANNA T. | TERRILL MOORE |
| 12008 | THE GREEN ROOM | MATT RICHTER |
| 12470 | | SCOTT HALL |
| 13124 | SKUDDER | AAGE LARSEN |
| 13372 | WINDWALKER | STEPHEN LITTLE |
| 13422 | | JOHN LEVAN |
| 13787 | PHOTON | CARLO MONTEMAGNO |
| 14240 | GREEN ACHERS | JOHN B. RUDD |
| 14256 | MANGY MOOSE | JON HUMPHREY |
| 14713 | | EDWARD SEYERLEIN |
| 14799 | HOT FLASH | JESSE W. MILLER |
| 14968 | WITCH OF THE WAVE | BYRNE O'BRIEN |
| 15188 | CONSPIRACY THEORY | JEANNETTE LITTLE |

Fleet Captain.....Jeannette Little
Fleet Secretary.....Ed Seyerlein
Fleet Champion.....Byrne O'Brien
Runner-Up.....

Highlights- Jeannette learning to drive. O'Brien's hot streak, Littles going south with Jillian, Ed fixing his boat up, Jon's new crew, Frostbite Regatta, Millers going to Alaska again and again, meeting Byrne's Dad, good Sunday racing.

Laws- Miller's trips to Alaska, no wind at Centrals, 12 out of 15 Thursday nights canceled, my back, DFL at Districts, Jon missing the offset, Jeannette falling overboard, costing Byrne 1st and her 2nd in the Frostbite, Rudd building a hospital, Steve building a superhighway, Jesse building a wood factory.

Again as in the past we had two separate days of racing. The traditional Thursday night event and then for the weekend warriors a Sunday afternoon affair. I did not participate in Thursday night, however, I heard that less than five nights in the whole summer were suitable for racing. On Sunday it was a different affair in that we had 26 races from May to September! Typical Sunday we had five Lightning's making the best of all weather conditions. The field of fanatics were as follows:

O'Brien's: Who are the current fleet champs and tend to keep that way.
Millers: Past fleet champs looking to find that magic again.
Littles: Looking for a little magic.
Seyerlein: Once had the magic and not sure when or where he lost it.
Humphrey: Magic every time the boat is in the water.

So, here I sit writing again in defeat to O'Briens. Four consecutive years they have dominated the fleet racing and each year it doesn't get any closer. They're pulling away from the fleet. So, I make this proposal to all 484 warriors who look to dethrone the champs. A list of five proposals that we can call a roadmap to victory:

1. Convince O'Briens that it's not politically correct hogging the trophy, in fact it's very conservative
2. Ginny's cookies to the O'Briens before each race. Hopefully we can fill their tummy and slow their roll tacks
3. Change all color codes of racing to the following: White will be rainbow, Blue will be rainbow and red we'll forget about and will make up our own time to start. We'll let them figure it out.
4. If we still can't beat them we'll move to night racing! Yes, we'll start around 9pm, race for about three hours. What's the difference we never see them on a regular day of racing
5. Sail with an animal. We all know we have a friend who can help in toppling the O'Briens. Yes, Cunningham! Let's face it, we all have noticed the split personality of this loving creature. When he is near Karen you can see the halo above his cute face. But when near Byrne the halo transforms into horns and the animal's coat takes a reddish tint. Maybe Cunningham is destined to bring ruin to Byrne and victory for a 484 warrior.

All kidding aside, it was a good year. Fleet 484 has the sweetest Fleet Captain ever to lead a more courageous group of fanatics. Thank you Mrs. Little! It was a good year because...

1. There was not a single protest between the competitors.
2. We got off 26 races from late May to early September.
3. Great competition and great socials.
4. Maybe the best Frostbite ever only possible by the unselfishness of Steve Little.

That concludes this segment of a Lightning racer on Cayuga Lake, USA.

Ed Seyerlein

Fleet 486 Valley Sailing Association Sailing on Alton Lake, Machens, Missouri Mississippi Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2726 | WINSOME | MASON HINN |
| 7041 | | NELSON LAFFEY |
| 9559 | SEA SCOUT 1 | SEA SCOUTS JIM GIGLIOTTI |
| 11205 | A-1-A | DWAYNE HILTON |
| 11598 | ZIGGY II | JOHN VOELKER |
| 11673 | MY LIGHTNING | BILL BENNER |
| 12033 | SEA SCOUT 2 | SEA SCOUTS JIM GIGLIOTTI |
| 12132 | BECKY SUE | MIKE REED |
| 12132 | BECKY SUE | KEITH VIDAL |
| 12891 | SPARROW | RICH NIEMAN |
| 12892 | MUD RUNNER | JOHN W. TARNOW |
| 13173 | MOON ROCKER | JENNIFER BAETZ |
| 13231 | | DON McNABB |
| 13379 | TOP SECRET | STEPHEN WYERS |
| 13627 | SUMMER LIGHTNING | JOE PETITJEAN |
| 13836 | CHAOS | C. GRAEME WILSON |
| 14088 | FASCINATION | RICHARD CONAWAY |
| 14233 | TAXES DUE | GERALD L. WNOROWSKI |

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....Michael Reed
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Sailing on the Alton Lake turned out to be pretty exciting this year after a slow start due to a late spring flood and high currents caused by heavy rains north and west of the St. Louis MO region. A relatively cool late spring and summer made most sailing days quite pleasant. Winds were stronger and steadier than in recent years and this increased participation by providing excitement throughout all the fleets at Valley.

Results for this year's annual Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta September 11-12, 2004 were:

1st Rick Conaway - Greg Polanik - Eric Waldschmidt - & Carol
2nd Graeme Wilson - Corina Iukovici - Don Hanson
3rd Mike Reed - Keith Vidal - Sue Reed

Results of this Missouri Governors Cup Regatta - Lightning Class October 2-3, 2004 were:

1st Gerald Wnorowski - Mike Straetz - Keith Vidal
2nd Jim Gigliotti - James Gigliotti - Ray Gigliotti
3rd Rick Conaway - Linda Benson - Rick Conaway Jr.

We currently have 6-8 active boats with another 4-5 in various states of repair. The fleet is building and becoming more active in District events. If you are in the neighborhood give us a call we always need crew! This year's Lightning Fleet Champion has not yet been announced but if your interested you can go to our website and check it out! www.valleysailing.org

Fleet 488 Rocky Mountain Sailing on Cherry Creek Reservoir near Denver, Colorado U.S. at Large

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|----------------------|
| 5945 | | DEAN LAUSTEN |
| 6392 | ZEPHYR | JESSE WITT |
| 9250 | | COMMUNITY SAILING |
| 9287 | | BRENT KENDRICK |
| 9808 | | JOHN SOLLENBERGER |
| | | MATT OSBORN |
| 10767 | HUNKRDOWN | KYLE JERMYN |
| 11138 | BEATER | DAVID SPIRA |
| 11446 | FROLIC | DAVID PIERCE |
| 11457 | BLUE MOON | BILL CABRALL |
| 11815 | REVOLUTION | NANCY NOWAK |
| | | ART UTECK |
| 12428 | WIND SONG | BRAD & BETH HAMILTON |
| 12871 | DANDY LION | TOM MCNISH |
| 13478 | HERON | FRED DENNY |
| 13857 | | MARTIN R. MULHERN |
| 13858 | | MICHAEL TABER |
| 14030 | | JAN DAVIS |
| 14769 | NORTH STAR | BOB STOLLER |
| 18004 | ALDONZA | WILLIAM F. CABRALL |
| 15103 | | STEVEN DAVIS |
| 15158 | ODYSSEY | DAVID SPIRA |
| 15220 | ODYSSEY | DAVID SPIRA |

Fleet Captain.....Bob Stoller
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....Mike Ledger
Runner-Up.....David Spira

Local Racing

Fleet 488 races with the Denver Sailing Association at Cherry Creek Lake in Southeast metro Denver. The session starts in April, with Sunday afternoon races, followed by racing every Thursday evening, from May through August, (starting at 6:30 PM, with burgers and beer afterward), and we have a fall series that runs from September through the middle of October. We also sail a variety of weekend regattas throughout the year in Denver (starting in May, running through October) and throughout the inter mountain west.

The Fleet championship was won this year by Mike Ledger, sailing Steve Davis's boat, with Steve sometimes crewing. Mike won almost every race he sailed in, closely followed by David Spira.

We have three new Lightning skippers this year and two new boats. Brent Kendrick is keeping 9287 at Union Reservoir, near Longmont, Colorado, where he daysails it with his wife and daughters. Brent crewed in a late session regatta, his first race in many years and may race next session.

Mike Tabor sold his Flying Scott and purchased Lightning 13858, which he brought back from Miami. He has been actively racing this session at Cherry Creek. David Pierce

bought Bill Sickles' Lightning, 11446, and has been sailing every chance that he can, often taking his young sons with him on the boat when he races.

Community Sailing of Colorado keeps its Lightning (the boat has been refitted and rigged by fleet members Marty Mulhern and Steve Davis) at Cherry Creek and the Juniors are racing it. This winter the Fleet will continue to upgrade 9250. Bill Cabral's second boat will also be available next season for juniors to race. Members of the Community Sailing Racing Team will learn Lightning maintenance working on both boats.

Three Lightnings competed in the quarter finals for the Mallory cup. Mike Tabor, Steve Davis and David Spira; Dave Spira won the quarterfinals. Steve and David competed in the semi finals. Steve Davis won the semi finals.

Rocky Mountain Lightning Fleet sailors attended the Orange Bowl, Southern Circuit, the North American Championship at Buffalo, the Fall Classic at Cedar Point, The Last Blast Regatta, and the Frigid Digit. Steve Davis had a very successful year out of town (he was very active sailing his Snipe as well) both as a skipper and crew for Dick Hallagan, who won the Masters at Buffalo under heavy weather conditions. David Spira has also sailed a number of regattas on the east coast with his new boat, 15220. He counts as his high points winning a race at Cedar Point's Fall Classic and at Nyack in the Last Blast

regatta. Bill Cabral also attended the NAs at Buffalo, taking his son Andrew and Bob Stoller as crew. It was quite a learning and growing experience for Andrew, who can now claim that in one of the races his team finished when the current World Champion and North American Champion did not. Bill and Bob were especially proud when Andrew, who had never been in waves over a foot high, preserved in 5 to 7 foot waves and winds over 20 knots in spite of being seasick on the down wind legs. He overcame his fear and put up the spinnaker pole saying, "We have to put up the chute Dad, they are pulling away from us", as we rounded the weather mark. I think that Andrew was worried that we might capsize, (we did not) as we watched other boats going down.

Support to Sailing

Our fleet continued its dedicated support to sailing on the local and national, and international level this year with Bob Stoller acting as Fleet Captain, Bill Cabral serving as Rear Commodore of the Denver Sailing Association, and Steve Davis serving both as Commodore of SAIL, the regional organization of US Sailing, and as the Treasurer of the ILCA. This is a very strong showing for the fleet in Denver, and an accomplishment we are all very proud of.

We are also looking forward to the 2005 season, and encourage Lightning sailors to contact us if you are in Denver to race with us. We can usually come up with crew positions or a boat to borrow.



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Fleet 490 Aculeo

Sailing on Aculeo Lake, Champa, Paine, Chile
Chile District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 10196 | FINESSE | GUILLERMO GONDECK |
| 11011 | OJO DE LINCE | ALBERTO GONZALEZ MAS |
| 11040 | | JORGE SALGADO |
| 12654 | | JORGE RUBENSALGADO |
| 13226 | QUEBEC | LEONARDO WITTING |
| 14231 | ATLANTE | JUAN PABLO DEL SOLAR G. |
| 14293 | NEW CHANCE | JUAN A. ARCOS |
| 14295 | LINDA CHICA | JAVIER DE VICENTE MINGO |
| | | MANUEL GONZALEZ B. |
| 14307 | CABELLO DEL ALGUAL | RODRIGO JUJAZOLA |
| 14387 | ALTO VOLTAGE | ENRIQUE HINTZE MUNTA |
| | | JOSE MANUEL H. UGARTE |
| 14576 | | RUFINO MELERO U. |
| 14632 | RACO | FELIPE GUERRERO M. |
| 14632 | | ANDRES GOMEZ |
| 14709 | COBALLO DEL ALGUACIL | MANUEL GONZALEZ MAS |
| 14734 | SPEEDY | CLAUDIO GONZALEZ |
| | | JORGE GONZALEZ |
| 14742 | | CRISTIAN MICHAELLI |
| | | JOSE LUIS MICHAELLI |
| 14791 | | ANGEL FANTUZZI |
| 14794 | | FERNANDO PEREZ SPENCER |

Fleet 491 Lake Nockamixon

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon, Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Central Atlantic District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| 6378 | THE BOLT | JAMES PERKINS |
| 9928 | ESPRIT | CHARLES S. SHOEMAKER |
| 10318 | RED 'E' OR NOT | KEN URBANSKI |
| 11444 | | BRENT W. BENSON |
| 12922 | GETTIN' THERE | MARK NORTHACKER |
| 13211 | SO WHAT? | JAMES PERKINS |
| 13720 | | GARY BONNER |

Fleet Captain.....
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....
Runner-Up.....

Lightning sailors participated in the Nockamixon Sail Club's "Club Fleet", Invitational Regattas, and The Leukemia Cup.

We hope to revive the fall Cap-it-Off regatta after missing the past couple of years.

We welcome visitors at any of our regular racing days (many Saturdays and some Sundays April through October) and especially at our single-day invitational regattas. Contact Brent Benson or Jamie Perkins for dates.

Fleet 493 Bow Lake

Sailing on Bow Lake at Bow, New Hampshire
New England District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | | ED HINDS |
| 8301 | JESSIE S. | LINDA KARPEICHIC |
| 9662 | HOLY BOAT | ROBERT E. MURPHY, JR. |
| | | NORB CHURCH |
| | | DAVE SANDMANN |
| 11579 | OLD PAINT | MICHAEL S. AVERSA |
| 12079 | THREE MEN IN A TUB | BOB MURPHY |
| | | NORB CHURCH |
| 13556 | WATER LOG | DAVE SANDMANN |
| | | JAMES BOYNTON |
| 13888 | WHAT NOW | BOB BOYNTON |
| | | JAMES BOYNTON |
| 14296 | NAUTI | BOB BOYNTON |
| 14667 | MISS BEHAVIN' | EDWARD E. HINDS, III |
| | | ROBERT D. SHAPIRO |

Fleet Captain.....Ned Hinds
(ned@clubnedusa.com)
Fleet Secretary.....Bob Shapiro
(bshapiro@lightbridge.com)
Fleet Champion.....Bob Shapiro
Runner-Up.....Ned Hinds

Traveling Regattas

Several fleet members traveled throughout New England during the 2004 season. Bob Shapiro and Margo Krukons started off the season in late May racing on True North (America's Cup boat from Canada) in St. Martin. With Margo as captain and Bob and Margo both in the pit as primary grinders, True North beat Stars and Stripes. Take that Dennis Connor!

Bob Shapiro, with his new-to-him boat 14667 Miss Behavin', headed up to Burlington, Vermont for the Spring Regatta. Bob, along with Jeff and Stacey Baker, tried out the new boat, picked up a couple of 4th place finishes en route to a top half finish, didn't capsize, and didn't break anything. Not a bad start!

The following week Bob, along with Greg Shapiro and Laurel Mitchell headed over to Lake Bomoseen, Vermont. Laurel did a great job learning the spinnaker and all had a great time. Somehow they finished fifth and still ended up with a jug of Vermont Maple Syrup.

Two weeks later, Bob Shapiro and Mike Aversa



"Bob Leads Ned (of course)"



"Is this the way a skipper should treat his crew?"



"Bob and Sandy Boynton Showing Their Form"



"Ash Schache - Focused!"

brought their boats to Lake Spofford, NH for the Dave Fitch Memorial Regatta. Jeff Baker and Ash Schache joined Bob for a great regatta. Bob first tried to recruit Ash (then 15 years old) to crew for Bob's son Greg in the Junior NA's a few years back. For some reason, Ash's father didn't like the idea of putting Ash on a bus to spend a week in Vermont with a middle aged man that Ash had met on the Internet. Go figure.... Anyway, now that Ash is older he drove up to NH to sail with Bob a couple of times this summer. Ash is a dedicated and fantastic crew - it was worth waiting so many years to get him on the boat! After the first 6 races, Bob/Jeff/Ash had four firsts and a couple of seconds. Mike Aversa brought his daughter Kristen on Saturday and a pick up crew and did OK. On Sunday, daughter Jillian joined Mike's team and helped them do even better. Bob ended up winning the regatta and Mike ended up with some other finish that cannot be recalled at this time. (The memory is the first thing to go!)

In late August, Bob Shapiro and Mike Aversa again hit the road - going to Squam Lake for a super regatta. There was actually wind on both days! Margo Krukons and Ash Schache sailed with Bob and daughters Kristen and Jillian sailed with Mike. Kristen threw her shirt overboard on Sunday and Jillian had a black eye on Saturday. Maybe those two events were related? Bob finished 7th out of 18 boats and Mike was just behind. After the races, Bob was presented with a cake to celebrate 40 years of Lightning racing (or was it for 50 years of life?) Thanks to Margo and Tris for making sure everyone knows how old I am!

After Labor Day, Bob and Greg Shapiro and Ned Hinds teamed up to race at Lake Massabesic. They sailed well and finished in second place. Joe Ray was on fire and couldn't be caught! Bob, Greg and Ned have teamed up at Massabesic for the last 3 years with great success - finishing 1,3 and 2 overall. As much fun as it is to compete with Ned at regattas, it's even more fun to sail with him.

The following week Bob grabbed Jeff and Stacey Baker and convinced them to join him at Lake Spofford, after receiving a special invitation to sail in their fleet regatta. It was freezing cold (Alex Gemmel was wearing his snowboarding gloves) and very windy and gusty. Around the windward mark first they chose to go with the jib and everyone else followed suit. Bob took a lot of heat

from Jeff and Stacey (can't repeat here the names he was called) so in the next race up went the spinnaker. And it got jibed. And then it came down - before the jib was even up again. Boats were lost but nobody went swimming. That was it for the day with the spinnaker. At the end of the day, the team took home a 2nd place trophy. A week later, the real trophy arrived in the mail - an edited, titled and set to music videotape from the regatta, created by Don Watson! Wow! Thank you to Don and everyone at Spofford for the incredible hospitality.

Fleet Championship

July saw the start of the annual Bob Evans Regatta at Bow Lake to decide the fleet championship. Eighteen exciting races were held over July and August. Competition was tight, and there was a dogfight all summer long between Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro for first and second place. Pam and Werner Diagneault, and Marion Hinds served as race committee on most days, with help from the Boynton family on the day that Pam and Werner forgot to appear (and left Marion sitting at the dock waiting...). The fact that Ned's mother was on the race committee boat had nothing to do with Bob being called over early in 4 consecutive races in the middle of the regatta....

Most boats had either 6 or 7 different people on board as the summer went by, with Guillaume Joffres winning the prize for crewing on three different boats in three consecutive weeks - and winning at least one race each day! Mike Aversa did the best job of targeting the youth market, with 5 different juniors on board his boat, including Guillaume, Josh, Elissa and his own daughters Kristen and Jillian. Three Men in a Tub (Bob Murphy, Dave Sandmann and Norb Church) added Greg King, Kerry and Linda McG to their crew from time to time. As always, the Boyntons had the most extended family members on board for skipper John, including brother Jamie, sister Laura and uncle Ed, plus friends Ben Rogers and Amy Rowe. Ned Hinds used his "normal" crew of wife Karen, and Jeff Baker, plus John Fox, Norb Church, Guillaume Joffres and Bob Lee. Bob Shapiro had supercrew (and co-skipper) Greg Shapiro and fiancée Margo Krukons, along with Jim Lerner, Guillaume Joffres (heard that name before?) and Michael Kennedy (no - not that Michael Kennedy!). Linda Karpechik brought out the Jessies with Scott Harrill and the kids to let us all see how beautiful an old woodie can be when completely restored. Bow Lake may be in the middle of nowhere, but we did have crew that came from Malta and Columbia to race one day!

John Boynton continues to improve with every season and finished in 4th place this year, edging out Three Men in a Tub. Mike Aversa finished in 3rd place, playing the spoiler as he won a few races and finished in between Ned and Bob in a few others. The championship came down to the last day of racing and Bob eeked out the victory over Ned for his 6th year in a row. Still working on catching Ned, who won the previous 22 years in a row!



"Skipper and crew don't always have the same dress code!"



"Jeff Baker Shows
How To Relax"



"Kristen Aversa
and Stacey Baker"



"Michael Kennedy Brushing Up Before the Race"

Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta. Saturday, September 25, 2004 was the 2004 Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta. Fourteen Lightnings attended and everyone had a fabulous time. Four boats from Bow Lake joined 10 visiting boats from Lake Massabesic, Squam Lake, Newburyport, Lake Spofford, Newfound Lake, Rhode Island and Michigan.

Hurricanes threatened to the South, and leftover hurricane remnants hit Bow Lake during the week before the regatta and the week after the regatta. But the day of the regatta was FANTASTIC! The temperature reached 80 degrees, the sun was shining for much of the day, and the winds were mostly 5-8 knots (with a few periods of 1-3 knots). It wouldn't be lake sailing without a few wind shifts, but spinnakers were raised on every leeward leg and you had to tack for every windward leg.

Pam and Werner Daigneault and Marion Hinds were on Race Committee. Mike and Jessica Baker were on Crash Boat, and the Boynton family was on the spectator/mark boat. Five windward-leeward races were run during the afternoon of sailing.

Ken Deyett with Dan Berry and Ken's daughter Ali came out of the gate fast, winning the first three races. Ken coasted a bit for the last two races, giving the rest of us a thought that he could be beaten. Ned and Karen Hinds with Jeff Baker were in second after three races 7 points back. Bob and Greg Shapiro with Margo Krukonis were a point behind Ned, and Bob and Sterling Bush with Tony Fallon were in 4th another few points back. The next 4 boats were all within a point of each other.

Joel and Judy Humphrey had crossed the finish line first in the third race, but had started before the starting gun. That's too bad, because they went 2.1 in the last 2 races but the early start kept them out of the running for a trophy spot.

Bow Lake's Mike Aversa with daughters Jillian and Kristen led the fourth race wire-to-wire and won it by a ton! After four races Ken Deyett was in first but now only 4 points ahead of Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro, who were tied for second. Bob Bush and Mike Aversa were now tied for fourth, 6 points behind Ned and Bob. In the last race, Joel took the gun, followed by Bob Bush and Mike Aversa. John Cunningham took over from his father Art and skippered Spike to fourth place, just ahead of Bob Shapiro. Ken Deyett took sixth in the race for the regatta win. Ned broke a rule at the start, had to turn two circles as a penalty, and never recovered.

Final regatta standings were Ken Deyett, followed by Bob Shapiro and Bob Bush. Mike Aversa beat Ned Hinds on the tiebreaker to take fourth overall. Bow Lake's own John and Jamie Boynton, sailing with Ben Rogers, had some great moments, finishing 9th in one race and looking much improved over last year.

The Lightning class has always been very focused on family. There were 5 "all-family" boats at the regatta:

Joel and Judy Humphrey
Mike and Jillian and Kristen Aversa
Bob and Greg Shapiro and Margo Krukonis
Art and John and Nadine and Carolyn Cunningham
Dan and Marli and Aaron Hertzner

After the races the Bow Lake Grange Hall was the center of activity. Highlight of the appetizers was home made guacamole made by Margo, with assistance from Sterling Bush. Dinner was a taco bar - our arms are still sore from stirring 25 pounds of hamburger meat and sauce! Many thanks to everyone for making the dinner (and breakfast) so successful. Special thanks to Chama Aversa for preparing food and getting the Grange ready while the rest of us were all out sailing, and to Jillian and Kristen who worked tirelessly in the kitchen cleaning up.

Lightning hats were awarded to the top three skippers and their crews and to the men on the Race Committee. Women on the Race Committee were presented with "virtual" Lightning Class pins. (The pins didn't arrive in time for the ceremony.) The first annual "farthest flight" award hat went to Joel and Judy Humphrey who flew in from Michigan to race.

Special recognition was given to crew who filled in at the last minute. Tony Fallon was recruited at 10:30 PM Friday night to leave his Hobie Cat and join the Bush team for the regatta. (Please note that Bush did not win - unfortunately not an early precursor to an event on the first Tuesday in November!) Jason Timmons found out at 5:00 PM Friday that he was needed on Wally Ackley's boat. Wally's crew got Red Sox/Yankees tickets and decided to go to the game instead of sailing - priorities please! Jason, who lives in Wilmington, Delaware drove all night long to get to New Hampshire. He arrived at the boat launch at 8:00 AM! After a quick nap and some breakfast, and racing at Bow Lake with Wally, Jason headed over to Lake Massabesic to race with John Cunningham on Sunday before starting his long drive home. Jason and Tony both went home with Lightning hats for coming at the last minute. Thank You Jason and Tony!

The Martha Comstock award is given each year to a person who exemplifies the spirit of sailing on Bow Lake. This year Bob Boynton (last year's recipient) presented it to Marion Hinds. Marion has been an avid supporter of Bow Lake sailing for many years. In this, the inaugural year of the Ed Hinds Memorial, it was fitting that the woman who supported Ed through so many years of sailing and Race Committee, should be presented with the award.

Next September autographed copies of Margo's guacamole recipe will be provided to the top 23 boats at the Ed Hinds Memorial Regatta! Be there!



"That's not a regulation Code Flag P!"

Fleet 496 Swift Creek
Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir in
Chesterfield County, Virginia
Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|-------------------|
| 9763 | FRITTER | JOHN BECK |
| 11967 | | RAY HOWARD |
| 12704 | | KENNETH R. HOPSON |
| 13002 | | JOHN M. KING |
| 13964 | | DON KIERSON |
| 14279 | MACERATOR | JAMES EVANS |
| 14292 | | JAMES E. RICHARDS |

Fleet 499 Pointe Claire Yacht Club
Sailing on Lac St. Louis,
Montreal, Quebec
St. Lawrence Valley District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Life | | R.A. (TONY) McBRIDE |
| 11081 | PLAISIR SAUVAGE | CHRISTIAN DUBOIS |
| 11626 | | JUNIOR PROGRAM FLEET 499 |
| 13150 | BUMBLEBEE | DANIEL PAYET |
| 13480 | LOUVE | CHRISTIAN LANGLOIS |
| 13577 | UNICORN | GLENN TAYLOR |
| 14326 | OUTTA KARACHI | JAMIE ALLAN |
| | | ANDREW ALLAN |
| 14443 | FLIP | ROD HAYES |
| | | JOHN SAUTER |
| 14591 | | MARK ROTSART |

Fleet 500 Tennessee Valley
Sailing on Loudon Lake,
Knoxville, Tennessee
Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|----------------|
| 10661 | LIBRA II | MAX DAWSON |
| 10442 | | A. JACKSON |
| 10931 | | WOODALL |
| 12466 | | ANNE LYON |
| 13105 | LIGHTNING | STAN MILORA |
| 13838 | | THOMAS S. BAER |
| | | JACK M. BARLOW |

Fleet 501 Club Nautico el Portillo
Sailing on Tomine Lake, Bogota, Colombia
Colombia District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|------------|--------------------------|
| 1366 | CINGARA | GONZALO REYES |
| 7452 | | ALVARO SANJINES |
| 8911 | | FERNANDO VENEGAS |
| 11660 | | ALVARO ACOSTA |
| 12570 | | EMILIO BORRERO |
| 13044 | ACIARIUS | CARLOS ALVARADO |
| 13201 | | CARLOS BERNAL |
| 13216 | | LEOPOLDO GONZALEZ |
| 13338 | | RIDALGO ALFONSO |
| 13389 | | VICENTE PINZON |
| 13427 | CAMELLA | JAIME LOBO-GUERRERO |
| 13428 | | FERNANDO PLAZAS USATEGUI |
| 13429 | | RAFAEL GUTIERREZ |
| 13446 | | ALBERTO PRADA |
| 13447 | | ALFONSO ESPINOSA |
| | | ANDRES IRIARTE |
| 14011 | COCHIS | JOSE LEOPOLDO GONZALEZ |
| 14057 | | HERNAN SALCEDO |
| | | JUAN CAMILO BUSTOS |
| | | SEBASTIAN HIGUERA |
| 14132 | | MARCELA RECAMAN |
| 14135 | | SOLMAR BERMUDEZ CORTEZ |
| | | SANTIAGO DOUAT |
| | | CARLOS VILLA |
| | | MIGUEL RIBON |
| 14155 | | JORGE UMANA |
| 14181 | NORFALIA | MAURICIO MUTIS |
| 14322 | | ROBERTO LAIGNELET |
| 14538 | | JOSE M. ACOSTA |
| | | MANUEL ACOSTA |
| 14552 | | HERNANDO RAMIREZ |
| 14733 | ANA & JUAN | MAURICIO VENEGAS |
| 14802 | | RAFAEL TAMAYO |
| 14802 | | GUSTAVO TAMAYO |
| 14803 | | RICHARD DEEB |
| 14813 | | FELIPE RECAMAN |
| 14862 | | RICARDO SEIDNER |
| 14863 | | ALVARO BUSTOS |
| 14864 | | ROBERTO LONDONO |
| 14873 | | JORGE RECAMAN |

Fleet 502 Suncoast
Sailing out of Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Sarasota
Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, St. Petersburg Sailing Center,
St. Petersburg, and Lake Tarpon
Florida District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 2 | | FISK HAYDEN |
| 2924 | DREAM ON | KENNETH SEE |
| 6350 | UNCLE MILLS | CORTLAND STECK |
| 9098 | ZAPPER | MARK RODGERS |
| 10338 | SALSA PICANTE | ANDREW HAYWARD |
| 10338 | MULLET SKIFF | ROD KOCH |
| 10565 | GO DOG GO! | AMY SMITH LINTON |
| 10944 | BLACK WATCH | JON CAMERON CARLIN |
| 11346 | FOB | CHRISTOPHER (KIP) HAMBLET |
| 11981 | BLACK WATCH | JON CAMERON CARLIN |
| 14006 | FIRE-UP | WILLIAM H. MEYER, III |
| 14414 | EMELINE | MICHAEL S. MAHER |
| 14428 | YELLOW KITTEN | SANDY SCHEDA KLAUS |
| 14730 | KATANA | DAVID E. WHITE, III |
| 14732 | CALVIN | STEVE HAYDEN |
| | | FISK HAYDEN |
| 14780 | COMEDY CENTRAL | COLIN & KAREN PARK |
| 15083 | | JEFF LINTON |
| | | JIM ALMAN |
| | | TAMMI JAMISON |
| | | LAURA JEFFERS |
| | | DON-SHERBURNE |



Fleet Captain.....Bill Meyer
 Fleet Secretary.....Amy Smith Linton
 Fleet Champion.....Jeff Linton
 Runner-Up.....Cort Steck
 Fleet 502 website: www.mastheadsailinggear.com/fleet502/

Sears Cup!

Fleet 502 was very excited to be involved in the first two rounds of the U.S. Sailing ladder championship for youth sailors. Our skippers were very generous about lending out their boats for the state and regional regattas, and we had a fun time getting the kids teams up to speed. It was especially gratifying to have "our own" Fred Strammer and his crew Dalton Tebo and Charlotte Sims win the national event. Hurrah for this team from Venice, Florida.

Fred and his team were able to put in a few weekends of practice at Davis Islands, and said that boat handling gave his crew the edge. Fred has since guest-skipped Go Dog Go! (#10565) several times during our summer series when the Lintons were out of town.

We've lured a few other youth sailors into the boat, including Conner Blouin, a young Sunfish sailor, and Davis Island's Sears Cup team headed by Andrew Vann. It's hard to compete against SAT prep courses, tennis and soccer practice, but we've been giving it a try!

The Prodigals

Fleet 502, like the rest of Florida, is still recovering from the effort of hosting the Lightning Worlds, as well as other regatta commitments. Colin Park was coaching the Para-Olympics and missed the North Americans, for instance, while starter skippers Vaughn McIntire and Dan Kupiec moved into crew positions on larger boats.

On the very good news side of the slate, Andy and Lisa Hayward returned to Tampa Bay after 5 years in Pennsylvania. Not only do they race their older Lightning, they have brought skipper Rod Koch back to the fold (though it means they spend some of their time racing his Flying Scot), and they are part of the project repopulating the Lightning class the old fashioned way, with son Drew and daughter Abby only a decade or so away from crewing with Uncle Mark, Uncle Jeff, Uncle Icewater, and the rest of the crowd.

Bill Meyer continues to recruit new crew, taking pride in teaching neophyte sailors to love the Lightning. This year, he worked hard on getting youth sailors on board for our Thursday night summer series.

What's New for 2005?

We are looking forward to the beginning of our season as I write. Local skippers are lined up for borrowed boats, the hosted housing is coming together, and if we are as lucky in the race committee/weather department as last year, we can expect lots of gorgeous races in perfect breeze in bright sunshine.

Fleet 506 Orient Yacht Club (Fleet 506) Sailing on Orient Harbor, Orient, New York Long Island District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------|-----------------|
| 10545 | | DERRICK CEPHAS |
| 14025 | | RICH GLUCKMAN |
| 14122 | MISSY | JON TURNER |
| 14455 | SPIRIT | RACHEL SORENSON |
| 14850 | MISSY | GEORGE W. KOCH |
| 15170 | | JOHN HOLZAPFEL |

Fleet Captain.....George Koch
 Fleet Secretary.....John Holzapfel
 Thursday Night Fleet Champion.....George Koch
 Saturday Fleet Champion.....John Holzapfel

Fleet 506 of Orient Yacht Club hosted the 2004 Long Island Districts on the waters of beautiful Orient Harbor on July 17th and 18th, 2004. Saturday was a great racing day with good wind and fine weather while only one race was held on Sunday with the final leg around the course sailed in dense fog. The Districts were won by Amanda Clark and her crew who then went on to finish respectably in the blue fleet at the Nationals.



George Koch ably assisted regularly by his daughter Libby won the Thursday night racing series while John Holzapfel and his crew came through to win the Saturday series of racing.

George, the Commodore of the yacht club and his daughter also took a trip to Florida to represent the Orient Yacht Club at the Southern Circuit.



We have added two new boats to our fleet this year but as always our emphasis for this winter is to find a few more lightning sailors to add to our fleet. Anyone interested please let us know.



Fleet 507 The Prairie

Sailing on Chestermere Lake & Lake Newell in Alberta
Canada & Canyon Ferry Lake & Flathead Lake in
Montana
Pacific Northwest District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 10891 | | TIM HORNETT |
| 13227 | | PHIL PAXTON |
| 13509 | RHYTHM & BLUES | IAN R. TAYLOR |
| 13680 | JAWS | L. CRAIG NARROWAY |
| 13713 | GREASED LIGHTNING | KARSTEN DALBERG |
| 14194 | | RALF SOUTHWELL |

Fleet Captain.....Karsten Dalberg
Fleet Secretary.....Tim Hornett
Fleet Champion.....Ralf & Elinor Southwell
Fleet Development.....Craig Narraway

We did not slow down in adding boats to our little fleet. Phil Paxton picked up his boat late fall - too late to use it without having to put skates under it. But Phil plans to chase down the rest of the fleet next year. Now counting 6 boats active here in Calgary - the main concentration of Lightnings we are starting to create more and more interest around our beautiful "little" boat.

Our Fleet Championship were again taken by Ralf and Elinor Southwell. Maybe the only way of wresting the honors away from them is to change the rules - anyway it is clear to see that years of sailing Fireball definitely is no disadvantage.

Our significant others are taking their turn at the "wheel" with great results. I must say being on the jib definitely is no disadvantage when it comes to gauge the boats performance and fine tune trimming.

We are currently busy with scraping snow off our boats and dreaming about times when the "skin" is coming off the water.



Fleet 508 Solomons

Sailing on the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay,
Solomons, Maryland
Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 9991 | SPARTINA | LINDSAY BACH |
| 10096 | | JAKE & DIANA LAYER |
| 11951 | BANANA BOAT | MATT OSTER |
| 11983 | LOLLY | JEFF KUMKE |
| 13640 | BOLTA | DAN SCHNEIDER |
| 14028 | PERMANENT ACCESSORY | DON BEHRENS |
| 14800 | GIRLFRIEND | DAVID H. MEISER |
| 15101 | DAN | LISTON SHAWN STANLEY |

Fleet Co-Captains..Don Behrens/Dave Meiser
Fleet Secretary.....
Fleet Champion.....

This year Fleet 508 was once again maturing their fleet. The season started off with Dan Liston upping the ante for higher hull numbers with our first 15000 series hull in the fleet. Dan struck a deal with Todd Johnson and picked up hull #15101. With that purchase, Dan got serious about racing Lightnings and won the honor of most traveled boat in the fleet this year. Along with a new boat, Dan found himself a great wife this year as well (he got the new boat and sails before getting married ... smart guy). Congratulations Dan and Alice! Dan held onto his old boat long enough to sell it locally, thus increasing our fleet size by one more boat. Fleet 508 sailors Shawn Stanley and Laura Comeau, most often seen in the middle and front positions of Permanent Accessory (14028), also got hitched this year... there must be something in the water.

This summer we continued with our very successful Thursday Night Series and enjoyed those famous greasy Bowens tacos. At \$1.00 each, who can argue? David Meiser and his stellar crew of Jacki Meiser and Barry Friedman reigned supreme for the second year in a row for the Thursday Night Series. We also held our Annual Summer One Day Regatta, a Portsmouth Regatta, dominated once again by Lightnings with 1st and 2nd place going to Shawn Stanley and David Meiser respectively. Our big regatta of the year was the 8th Annual SMSA Small Boat Invitational. Solomon's sailor Don Behrens, with the husband and wife crew Shawn and Laura Stanley took first at this year's event with Dan Liston in his new boat picking up second.

Although the fleet did not make as many out of town regattas as normal, we were represented at Doc Gilbert, Dixie Districts, and the Borderline regattas this year.



Pre-mark rounding action at our 8th annual invite

Our fleet goals next year are to step up the participation at the out of town regattas.

Fleet 509 Hampton

Chartered under Hampton Yacht Club representing the Southern Chesapeake Bay Dixie District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 14485 | DEUX POISSONS ET UN CHAT | RONALD R. BUCHANAN |
| 14825 | IRIE | ROBERT WARDWELL |
| 15084 | BLACK ADDER | JOE BUCZKOWSKI, JR. |
| | | CATHY BLEAKLY |
| | | BLAZE CUNNINGHAM |
| | | JUSTIN MORRIS |

Fleet Captain.....Ron Buchanan
Fleet Secretary.....Joe Buczowski

This past year has seen both Ron and Joe take to the road as well as the growth of the Hampton Lightning Fling in November. Ron represented the Fleet in the Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup, Dixie Districts, North Americans and the Hampton Fling. Joe also did some traveling and attended the Southern Circuit, New England Districts, ACC's, Cedar Point Fall Classic, Frigid Digit and the Hampton Fling.

The highlight of the year for the fleet was hosting the Hampton Lightning Fling, the weekend of November 6-7, in its second year the regatta had 8 boats up from last years 6. The weather was beautiful with 70 degree temps and winds from the SSW at 10-15 for the entire weekend. Sailing dinghy style courses, windward leeward with legs less then 1/2 mile we got in 8 races over the course of the weekend. And the fleet stayed close, allowing for tight racing for all. If you are looking for a regatta slightly different then the rest we invite you all to come on down.

If you haven't been there yet, HYC has a wonderful venue to sail. The club installed new docks this year. Not just your average floating docks, but very nice concrete floating docks (similar to those in Savannah). HYC has to venue's to sail on, when the wind pipes up, it's possible to sail very near the club and to the immediate west of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. On more moderate days, it's possible to sail over the Hampton Roads Flats.

Fleet 510 Lagos

Sailing Lagos Offshore and Inshore, Lagos, Nigeria

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 13523 | KIWI MAGIC | HELMUT BRAUN |
| 13527 | BAVARIA | JULIAN CALVIN |
| 13753 | TWISTER | JOHN TUFFREY |
| 13754 | TANIMOLA | SYD WARBURTON |
| 14392 | NUANCE | LARRY PERRAS |
| 14549 | SPELLBINDER | BRIAN MOUNSOR |
| 14549 | SPELLBINDER | KEVIN O'FARRELL |
| 14928 | NEVER SAY NEVER | ALAN PARKE |
| 14929 | JUST IN TIME | RICHARD J. WILLMOTT |

Fleet Commodore.....Richard Willmott
Fleet Captain.....Julian Calvin
Fleet Champion.....Richard Willmott

Here in Nigeria we consider ourselves very lucky, in spite of the unfortunate reputation the country has gained over the years.

At Lagos Yacht Club, which is situated in a prime location at the entrance to West Africa's largest and busiest harbour, we have a very active Lightning fleet.

Due to the temperate climate (usually between 27 - 31 deg C) we enjoy racing/sailing throughout the year. On average we have sixty four races a year for points plus a

number of pursuit/fun races. Numbers on the water vary according to time of year as most members are expatriates from overseas but a good race will see eighteen boats out. Amongst those countries represented are UK, France, Germany, Austria, Romania, Holland, USA, Canada and South Africa. So you can imagine the intermingled shouting on the start lines.

For our national championship held in May a fleet of twenty nine was assembled and then demolished by a line squall. The re-run event was won by our Commodore, Richard Willmott.

We share the club with our friends sailing Hobie 14's, GPs & Ospreys with whom cheerful (most of the time!!) rivalry exists (except with Hobies at the weather mark!!). Racing is generally within the harbour limits although we do have two or three off-shore races during the year. Our classic endurance race is always the Hermitage Cup, won this year by Douwe Gros, who completed the course in just over fourteen hours.

Following the example of the ILCA we decided to rebuild the very first Lightning design that was built in Nigeria. Called a 'Tarpon' as all up weight of about 340 kilos meant it could not be classified as a 'Lightning' this was built in 1947. Main frames are still in good condition although hull and deck needs replacing. Happily, on site we have a very good carpenter. Also to hand when needed is a tailor to repair sails/spinnakers as necessary.

Due to local unavailability of spare parts members tend to be experts at improvising and fortunately we are able to have masts and booms extruded locally.

Lagos Yacht Club is very social and welcomes visitors who will generally find a berth afloat during the week-ends. We can also be visited at our web-site www.logosyachtclub.org.uk so please contact us if passing this part of Africa.

Fleet 511 Cape Fear

Sailing out of Carolina Yacht Club on the Atlantic Ocean, Wilmington, NC
Southeastern District

| BOAT# | BOAT NAME | OWNER |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 14062 | SOUL SISTER LIGHTN'UP K3 | ANDREW BARTON |
| 14266 | | THOMAS HISSAM |
| 14318 | | JOHN SAWYER |
| 14356 | | WILLIAM F. KING |
| 14550 | | THERESA KRAMER |
| 14622 | CACHINCUF | STEVE JOHNSTON |
| 14682 | | BOB COWAN |
| 14695 | | RICHARD B. WALDKIRCH |
| 14698 | | JOE & BEN BAGGETT |
| 14701 | LUNCHMEAT | JAMES A. HARRIS, M.D. |
| 14941 | WHITE LIGHTNING | PIERCE P. BARDEN |
| 15156 | | DAVID A. PYLE |

Fleet Captain.....Pierce Barden
Fleet Treasurer.....Carol Waldkirch
Ocean Series Fleet Champion.....Jim Harris
Sound Series Fleet Champion.....John Sawyer

Cape Fear Fleet 511 participated in a variety of races throughout the season hosted by the Carolina Yacht Club. The sound series consisted of races held over the course of five Tuesday nights and was won by John Sawyer. Sawyer also finished first in the July 4th Cup and Pierce Barden won the Labor Day Cup regatta, both which were a three-race series. The ocean series was won by Jim Harris and consisted of three Saturday afternoons in the ocean.

Fleet 511 continues to grow. Local J24 sailor Bob Cowan bought #14682 after having crewed with Richard Waldkirch for a few seasons. The fleet also welcomed Andrew Barton to our class after he purchased hull #14062. When Dave Pyle upgraded to a newer boat over the winter, he allowed Tom Hissam to charter his spare boat, raising Fleet 511's total number of Lightnings to twelve.

In early June, the fleet hosted the Southeastern District Championships. Greg Fisher of North Sails flew in to host a Friday afternoon clinic and followed it up with some fabulous instructional video footage that evening. Chris and Rhessa Stone graciously hosted the Friday night party, while other fleet members handled regatta logistics and responsibilities. Seven of the 19 boats that registered for the regatta represented Fleet 511. The race committee ran four races on Saturday in perfect wind conditions after abandoning one race to wait on the sea breeze. That night the club hosted a social followed by dinner.

Expecting light winds on Sunday morning, the fleet was greeted with clouds, rough seas, and 18 knots of breeze. Halfway through the second beat, the wind died, the sun came out, and the race committee shortened the race. The sea breeze then filled in steady for a second race. Fleet 511 members placed well overall with Harris in second, Barden in third, and Steve Johnston in sixth.

The Carolina Yacht Club's annual SAYRA multi-class regatta was held in early August and consisted of five races. Ten Lightnings participated, with Harris in first, Johnston second, and Waldkirch and Sawyer tying for sixth, with the tiebreaker going to Waldkirch.

Fleet members who sailed a minimum of five regattas fared well in the overall 2004 Southeastern District traveling series, with Sawyer finishing fifth, Waldkirch sixth, and Pyle tenth, respectively.

Our fleet was also well represented at some of the larger Lightning events. Pyle and Barden raced in the Potomac Cup held just south of Washington, DC in early May. Barden sailed in the Blue fleet of the North Americans at Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada in August. To conclude the season, Fleet 511 members Harris, Sawyer, Waldkirch, Cowan, and Pyle competed in the Borderline Regatta held on the NC/VA border in late October.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Next season, Cape Fear Fleet 511 will host the Lightning Atlantic Coast Championships on July 30-31, 2005!



World Champions

| YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP | YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP |
|------|---|--|--|------|--|--|--|
| 1961 | Milford Y.C. Milford, CT-USA | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY-USA | Jorge Salas-Chavez Buenos Aires, Argentina | 1999 | Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador | Alberto Gonzales Mas Pablo Barahona Claus Engel Santiago, Chile | Jeff Linton Amy Linton Mark Taylor Tampa, Florida-USA |
| 1963 | Club De Regatas Lima, Peru | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY-USA | Robert Seidelmann Westmont, NJ-USA | 2001 | Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Italy | Jeff Linton Amy Linton Mark Taylor Tampa, Florida-USA | Matt Fisher Dan Moriarty Rick Bernstein Westerville, Ohio-USA |
| 1965 | Circolo Canottieri Naples, Italy | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY-USA | Alan Raffee San Diego, CA-USA | 2003 | Coral Reef Yacht Club Miami Florida | Tito Gonzalez Claus Engel Jay Lutz Santiago Chile | Steve Hayden Bar Batzer Jamey Rabbitt Lake Mary FL USA |
| 1967 | Royal Canadian Y.C. Toronto, Canada | Dr. Louis Pocharski Marblehead, MA-USA | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY-USA | | | | |
| 1969 | Yacht Club Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina | Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL-USA | James R. Crane Darien, CT-USA | | | | |
| 1971 | Merenkavijat Y.C. Helsinki, Finland | William A. Shore Depew, NY-USA | Jack Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH-USA | | | | |
| 1973 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario, Canada | Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL-USA | Jim Dressel Columbus, OH-USA | | | | |
| 1975 | Salinas Yacht Club Salinas, Ecuador | Mario Backup São Paulo, Brazil | William A. Shore Newport, RI-USA | | | | |
| 1977 | Spiez Yacht Club Spiez, Switzerland | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY-USA | Mario Backup São Paulo, Brazil | | | | |
| 1979 | Rush Creek Yacht Club Heath, Texas - USA | Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX-USA | William A. Shore Newport, RI-USA | | | | |
| 1981 | Gran Hotel Pucón Pucón, Chile | Walmor Gomes Soares Forianopolis, Brazil | Glenn Darden Ft. Worth, TX-USA | | | | |
| 1983 | Circolo Velici Napoletoni, ITALY | Jay Lutz Newport, R.I.-USA | Sergio Messina Marsala, Italy | | | | |
| 1985 | Little Egg Harbor Y. C. Beach Haven, NJ USA | William Shore Newport, R.I.-USA | Mario Backup São Paulo, Brazil | | | | |
| 1987 | Club Naval Castillagrande Cartagena, Colombia | Manuel Gonzalez Mas Santiago, Chile | Eddy Martin Montreal, Quebec-CAN | | | | |
| 1989 | Yacht Racing Club of Athens Athens, Greece | Peter Hall Westmount, Quebec | Matt Fisher Westerville, OH-CAN | | | | |
| 1991 | Severn Sailing Association Annapolis, MD USA | David Dellenbaugh Hale Walcott Kip Hamblet Essex, CT-USA | Larry MacDonald, Jr. Carlisle, Ontario-CAN | | | | |
| 1993 | Ilhabela Island São Paulo, Brazil | Manfred Kaufmann São Paulo, Brazil | Fernando Hackerott São Paulo, Brazil | | | | |
| 1995 | Kuopion Puriseura Kuopio, Finland | Alberto Gonzales Mas Rodrigo Zuazola German Schacht Santiago, Chile | Thomas Allen IV Jim Allen German Schacht Buffalo, NY - USA | | | | |
| 1997 | St. Claire Yacht Club Montreal, Canada | Larry MacDonald Jr. Jody Swanson Ian Jones Carlisle, Ontario | Manuel Gonzales Mas Juan Francisco Navion German Navion Santiago, Chile | | | | |



World Youth Champions



| YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP |
|------|--|---|---|
| 1978 | Yacht Club Peruano Perú | Stephen Craig Heath, TX USA | Hugo Castro Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| 1980 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Ian Jones Snyder, NY USA | Otávio Machado 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 Frens Argentina |
| 1988 | Nasjarven Purjehdusseura- Nasjarvi Segelsallskap R.Y. Tampere, Finland | Duncan Stewart Kingston, Ontario Canada | Alexandros Dimou Piraeus, Greece |
| 1990 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY USA | Nicholas Granucci Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| 1994 | Cercle de Voile de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland | Marty Essig Hamilton, Ontario Canada | Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaquil Ecuador |
| 1996 | Metedeconk River YC Brick, New Jersey USA | Miguel Plaza, Jr. Guayaquil Ecuador | Chad Atkins Rochester, New York USA |
| 1998 | Salinas Yacht Club Salinas Ecuador | Sean Carroll Jericho, VT USA | Konstantinos Merentitis N. Smirni Greece |
| 2000 | Yacht Club of Greece Athens Greece | Dionisis Dimou Athens Greece | Sofiris Dimopoulos Athens Greece |
| 2002 | Newport YC Rochester, NY USA | Thomas Sumner Sao Paulo Brazil | Erik Johnson Richmond, VT USA |
| 2004 | Laguna Guarapiranga Sao Paulo Brazil | Thomas Sumner Sao Paulo Brazil | Marcelo Belloti Sao Paulo Brazil |





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 | RUNNERS-UP | GOVERNORS CUP | RUNNERS-UP |
|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1939 | Bay Head YC | John S. Barnes | John C. Hirst | | | | |
| | Barneget Bay - Bay Head, NJ | Skaneateles, NY | Mantoloking, NJ | | | | |
| 1940 | Riverside YC | John S. Barnes | Carl Dixon | | | | |
| | Long Island Sound - Riverside, CT | Skaneateles, NY | Riverside, CT | | | | |
| 1941 | Skaneateles C. C. | John M. Stern | David G. Cluett | | | | |
| | Skaneateles, NY | Buffalo, NY | Lawrence, NY | | | | |
| 1942* | South Haven YC | David G. Cluett | Walter E. Swindeman, Jr. | | | | |
| | Lake Michigan - South Haven, MI | Lawrence, NY | Toledo, OH | | | | |
| 1943* | Bay Head YC | Karl Smither | John W. Orelup | | | | |
| | Barneget Bay - Bay Head, NJ | Buffalo, NY | Short Hills, NJ | | | | |
| 1944* | Buffalo Canoe Club | Theodore Maher | Karl Smither-Robert Crane | | | | |
| | Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario | Riverside, CT | Buffalo, NY | | | | |
| 1945* | Riverside YC | George R. Barnes | Karl Smither | * Special War-Time Regattas | | | |
| | Long Island Sound - Riverside, CT | Skaneateles, NY | Buffalo, NY | | | | |
| 1946 | Skaneateles C. C. | Walter Swindeman, Jr. | K. Smither-R. Crane | | | | |
| | Skaneateles, NY | Toledo, OH | Buffalo, NY | | | | |
| 1947 | Toledo YC | Walter Swindeman, Jr. | K. Smither-R. Crane | Robert H. Siemer | Leo E. Wasserberger | | |
| | Lake Erie - Toledo, OH | Toledo, OH | Buffalo, NY | Williams, NY | Pontiac, MI | | |
| 1948 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Richard H. Bertram | Walter Swindeman, Jr. | K. Smither-R. Crane | R. Ludlow Wray | | |
| | Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario | Miami Beach, FL | Toledo, OH | Buffalo, NY | Philadelphia, PA | | |
| 1949 | Miami, Coconut Grove | Richard H. Bertram | Bob Graf | Dr. Herbert Virgin, Jr. | Felix Ross | | |
| | Biscayne Bay Y. C. - Miami, FL | Miami Beach, FL | Buffalo, NY | Miami, FL | Miami, FL | | |
| 1950 | Buffalo Canoe Club | H. Richard Krauss | Magnus Pederson | William Walker | Dr. Gerald Murphy | | |
| | Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario | Toledo, OH | Nyack, NY | Erie, PA | Lake Fenton, MI | | |
| 1951 | Toledo YC | John N. F. Robertson | John N. F. Robertson | Howard J. Fohf | Karl Smither | | |
| | Lake Erie - Toledo, OH | Bedford, NJ | Hamilton, Ontario | Erie, PA | Buffalo, NY | | |
| 1952 | Spray Beach YC | Robert W. Graf | Eugene Walet III | Thomas Allen III | Edward G. Waters | | |
| | Spray Beach, NJ | Buffalo, NY | New Orleans, LA | Buffalo, NY | Little Silver, NJ | | |
| 1953 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Harry J. Cawthra | Karl Smither | Warren F. Jones | James G. Carson | | |
| | Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario | Detroit, MI | Buffalo, NY | Detroit, MI | Philadelphia, PA | | |
| 1954 | Crescent Sail Club | Thomas Allen III | Harry R. Sindle | Peter Grainge | Clarence L. Holman, Jr. | | |
| | Lake Erie - Detroit, MI | Bainbridge, MD | Little Falls, NJ | N. Tomawanda, NY | Fenton, MI | | |
| 1955 | Southern YC | Thomas Allen III | Robert R. Adams | Paul Shreck | C. J. Prodos | | |
| | Lt. Ponchartrain - New Orleans, LA | Buffalo, NY | Gwynedd Valley, PA | Rydal, PA | New Orleans, LA | | |
| 1956 | Buffalo Canoe Club | William S. Cox, Sr. | Gene Walet | Richard Karlake | Marjorie J. Adams | | |
| | Lake Erie - Pt. Abino, Ontario | Darien, CT | New Orleans, LA | Chautauqua, NY | Rydal, PA | | |
| 1957 | Milford YC | William S. Cox, Sr. | John Teigland | Henry J. Cawthra | John M. McIntosh | | |
| | Long Island Sound-Milford, CT | Darien, CT | Lake Pine, NJ | Grasse Pointe, MI | Savannah, GA | | |
| 1958 | Little Egg Harbor YC | Henry J. Cawthra | William T. Uhl | Tim Nelson | Kenneth L. Ireland | | |
| | Beach Haven, NJ | Grasse Pointe, MI | Syosset, NY | Kitchener, Ontario | Nichols, CT | | |
| 1959 | Crescent Sail Club | Herman Nickels, Jr. | Thomas Allen III | Carter G. Ford | John W. Swanson | | |
| | Lake St. Clair - Detroit, MI | Fenton, MI | Buffalo, NY | Riverside, CT | Buffalo, NY | | |
| 1960 | Tawas Bay YC | Carl Eichenlaub | Henry J. Cawthra | Jay L. Daly | Dr. John T. Gentry | Dr. Charles H. Maltbie | Robert Birmingham |
| | East Tawas, MI | San Diego, CA | Grosse Pointe, MI | Chicago, IL | Skaneateles, NY | Youngstown, OH | Pittsburgh, PA |
| 1961 | Mission Bay YC | Thomas Allen III | Robert B. Crane | Wendell Harter | David K. Stors | | |
| | San Diego, CA | Buffalo, NY | Darien, CT | Manhattan Beach, CA | Oyster Bay, NY | | |
| 1962 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Thomas Allen III | Carl Eichenlaub | Carter G. Ford | David Chanoux | James Coggan | J. R. G. Beasby |
| | Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada | Buffalo, NY | San Diego, CA | Riverside, CT | Trumbull, CT | Kalamazoo, MI | Toronto, Ontario |
| 1963 | Tawas Bay YC | Carl Eichenlaub | William Campbell | W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. | Howard J. Mullin | David Chanoux | Warren R. Gross |
| | East Tawas, MI | San Diego, CA | St. Joseph, MI | Southport, CT | Saddle River, NJ | Trumbull, CT | San Diego, CA |
| 1964 | Mission Bay YC | Robert Seidelmann | David M. Peterson | Dr. Leo Wasserberger | Richard C. Benner | Alton A. Nerg | Arnold Schwartz |
| | San Diego, CA | Moorestown, NJ | Old Saybrook, CT | Pontiac, MI | Palos Verdes, CA | Northbrook, IL | Lincoln, NJ |
| 1965 | Bay Head YC | Thomas Allen III | Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. | Carl Eichenlaub | Dr. Charles H. Maltbie | Robert Don Clark | Robert Polhemus |
| | Barneget Bay - Bay Head, NJ | Buffalo, NY | Marblehead, MA | San Diego, CA | Youngstown, OH | Kent, WA | Norfolk, CT |
| 1966 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Robert Seidelmann | Thomas Allen III | Jay L. Daly | Hugo C. Long | William T. Uhl | Robert S. Shuts |
| | Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada | Cherry Hill, NJ | Buffalo, NY | Chicago, IL | St. Joseph, MI | Woodbury, NY | Wyckoff, NJ |
| 1967 | Cleveland Yachting Club | Bruce Goldsmith | Tom Allen III | W. Stephen Bachman, Jr. | Ralph B. Sperry, Jr. | Chas. G. Oberheimes, Jr. | Richard W. Hallagan |
| | Lake Erie-Rocky River, OH | Chicago, IL | Buffalo, NY | Whitler, CA | Southport, CT | Buffalo, NY | Newark, NY |
| 1968 | Chicago Corinthian YC | Thomas Allen III | Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. | William T. Uhl | R. Garrett Demarest III | Sam & Fortenbaugh III | Robert K. Smither |
| | Lake Michigan - Chicago, IL | Buffalo, NY | Marblehead, MA | Woodbury, NY | Bridgeport, CT | Bay Head, NJ | Hinsdale, IL |



North American Champions (continued)

| YEAR | PLACE | NATIONAL CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP | PRESIDENTS CUP | RUNNERS-UP | GOVERNORS CUP | RUNNERS-UP |
|------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1968 | Chicago Corinthian YC | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY | Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. Marblehead, MA | William T. Uhl Woodbury, NY | R. Garrett Demarest III Bridgeport, CT | Sam Fortenbaugh III Bay Head, NJ | Robert K. Smither Hinadale, IL |
| 1969 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY | Louis A. Pocharski, Jr. Marblehead, MA | John W. Mueller, Jr. Rocky River, OH | Richard Fenick Orchard Park, NY | William E. Neal Perry, NY | John Schneider New York, NY |
| 1970 | Lake Erie, Ontario, Canada | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY | James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA | Richard W. Hallagan Newark, NY | Fred H. Hamblet Keene, NH | A. Marcy Lippincott Riverport, NJ | Allan W. Siegner, Jr. Kenmore, NY |
| 1971 | UkPonchartrain-New Orleans, LA | William A. Shore Depew, NY | James G. Carson Philadelphia, PA | John J. Collins Marblehead, MA | A. Marcy Lippincott Riverport, NJ | Dr. A. J. Penfield Fayetteville, NY | C. O. Jones, Jr. Buffalo, NY |
| 1972 | Milwaukee YC | James Crane Darien, CT | Bob Seidelmann Gibbsboro, NJ | Dr. Georges Peter Annisquam, MA | John S. Schneider New York, NY | Arnold Schwartz Red Bank, NJ | Howard J. Mullin Colts Neck, NJ |
| 1973 | Lake Michigan - Milwaukee, WI | Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL | James R. Crane Darien, CT | Steve Harper Gilford, NH | John A. Ballatin Methuen, MA | Cal Schmiede Lewiston, NY | Mark Bryant Cheektowaga, NY |
| 1974 | Rehoboth Bay | Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL | Mario Buckup Brazil | Greg Zeffler Bellevue, WA | Djoerd Hoekstra Haverford, PA | Wamen Grass San Diego, CA | George Sipel Morenci, MI |
| 1975 | Savannah YC | Bruce Goldsmith Chicago, IL | William A. Shore Newport, RI | Bob Hutchinson Red Bank, NJ | Bill McKinley Saginaw, MI | John Mueller, Sr. Rocky River, OH | Jack Burwell South Freeport, ME |
| 1976 | Sea Pines Plant-Hilton Head, SC | William Shore Newport, RI | Fisk Hayden Liverpool, NY | Dave Peters Ann Arbor, MI | Fred Hamblet Keene, NH | John Cuccio Westport, CT | Christopher Hamblet W. Swantley, NH |
| 1977 | Sheboygan YC | Matt Fisher Columbus, OH | Greg Fisher Newport, RI | David M. Peterson Old Saybrook, CT | Denis Farley Middletown, NJ | Jon Schwartz Fair Haven, NJ | John A. Ballatin Methuen, MA |
| 1978 | Rehoboth Bay | William Shore Newport, RI | Matt Fisher Columbus, OH | Dr. Donald Delorme Alexandria, VA | Jim Carson Brick, NJ | David Sprague Toronto, Ontario | Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC |
| 1979 | Cleveland Yachting Club | Jim Crane Norwalk, CT | Bruce Goldsmith Lake Geneva, WI | Will Peterslge Newark, OH | Ross Bailey Thunder Bay, Ontario | Jim McCoy Dayton Plains, MI | Peter Huston Tonawanda, NY |
| 1980 | Rocky River, OH | Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY | David Curfis Marblehead, MA | Ross Bailey Thunder Bay, Ontario | Luis Herman, Jr. Santiago, Chile | Randy Ruhman Cleveland, OH | Lance Drewe Lewisville, TX |
| 1981 | Mission Bay YC | David Curfis Marblehead, MA | Jay Lutz Brick, NJ | Ched Rogan Huntington, NY | Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ | Meredith C. Jones Fairfield, CT | St. Louis, MO |
| 1982 | Cedar Point YC | Jay Lutz Brick, NJ | Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario | Tam Allen, Jr. Buffalo, NY | Jim Carson Brick, NJ | W. Todd Jones Tonawanda, NY | Paul Gelenitis Brick, NJ |
| 1983 | Westport, CT | William Shore Newport, RI | James R. Crane Norwalk, CT | Rick Tears Dallas, TX | Paul Emens Rockwall, TX | Kirk A. Johnson San Diego, CA | Hank Hodgson Horton, MI |
| 1984 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Mark Bryant Buffalo, NY | Matt Fisher Westerville, OH | Paul Gelenitis Metedeconk, NJ | Jody A. Swanson Eggertsville, NY | Scott Zerbani Bellevue, IL | Warren Grass San Diego, CA |
| 1985 | Health, TX | William Shore Newport, RI | Manuel Gonzalez Santiago, Chile | Eric Larson Sheboygan, WI | Fred Hutchinson Miami, FL | Thomas Hering New York, NY | Jon Ewing Aptus, CA |
| 1986 | Corinthian YC | William Shore Newport, RI | Garry Demarest Traverse City, MI | Tam Ingram White Plains, NY | Edson White Westport, CT | James Ward, Jr. Hendersonville, TN | Bob Mathers Livonia, MI |
| 1987 | Seattle, WA | Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario | Jed Dodge Sodus Point, NY | Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL | Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA | Wiley Crackett Douglaston, NY | Gerry Paoli Bellevue, IL |
| 1988 | Point Abino, Ontario, Canada | Colin Park Midland, MI | Matt Fisher Westerville, OH | Lenny Krawcheck Charleston, SC | Hank Hodgson Manitou Beach, MI | Chuck Elery Davenport, IA | Tony McBride Beaconsfield, Quebec |
| 1989 | Mission Bay YC | Tam Allen, IV Buffalo, NY | Colin Park Midland, MI | Chris Vann Unionville, CT | Dr. Joel Humphrey Malvern, PA | Bob Fidler Walled Lake, MI | Bob Fidler Troy, MI |
| 1990 | North Cape YC | Greg Fisher Columbus, OH | Colin Park Midland, MI | Ched Proctor Southport, CT | Djoerd Hoekstra Malvern, PA | Mark Whitley Farmington Hill, MI | Dr. Joel Humphrey Walled Lake, MI |
| 1991 | Toledo, OH | Jody Lutz Monroe, CT | Bradford Read Newport, RI | Thomas Allen, III Buffalo, NY | Mario Buckup Sao Paulo, Brazil | Chris Vann Unionville, CT | Ed Roseberry Buffalo, NY |
| 1992 | Rochester YC | Larry MacDonald Toronto, Ontario | David Starck Buffalo, NY | Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL | William Faude Cedarburg, WI | Scott Finkboner San Diego, CA | Paul Wurtzbeach Woodridge, IL |
| 1993 | Rochester, NY | Ched Proctor Southport, CT | Steve Hayden Altamonte Springs, FL | Allan Leibler Toronto, Ontario | David Sfix Chicago, IL | Craig Gabel Manitou Beach, MI | Dave Decker East Grand Rapids, MI |
| 1994 | Sail Newport | Ched Proctor Southport, CT | Stu Nickerson Milton, MA | Don Brush Charlotte, VT | Jody Lutz Trumbull, CT | Ray Harrington Barnes, VT | Warren Emblidge III Orchard Park, NY |
| 1995 | Fort Adams, Newport, RI | Brian Taboada Brick, NJ | Jim Crane Westport, CT | Jack Elftman Surf City, NJ | Ray Harrington Barnes, VT | Gary Hurban Palsades, NY | Dan Reichelsdorfer Sheboygan, WI |
| 1996 | Buffalo Canoe Club | Matt Fisher Westerville, OH | Tim Healy Niantic, CT | Tam Allen, Jr. Kenmore, NY | Dick Hallagan Newark, NY | Paul Gelenitis Kearny, NJ | Joe Buczkowski Manitokoking, NJ |
| 1997 | Point Abino, Ontario | Tim Healy Niantic, CT | Greg Fisher Columbus, OH | Paul Wurtzbeach Woodridge, IL | Aaron Stange Toledo, OH | Stuart Nickerson Milton, MA | Mike Thomas Bowling Green, OH |
| 1998 | Boulevard Club | Matt Fisher Westerville, OH | Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile | James Crane Darien, CT | Patrick Hylant Glenwood, NY | Juan Carlos Uzcategui Bogota, Colombia | Juan Santos Guayaquil, ECU |
| 1999 | Toronto, Ontario, Canada | Andy Horton Shelburne, VT | Jim Allen Walled Lake, MI | Rafael Tamayo Bogota, Colombia | Brian Taboada Brick, NJ | Jon Schwartz Lincroft, NJ | Erk Goethert CT |
| 2000 | Henderson Harbor YC | Ched Proctor Southport, CT | Bill Fastlgi Burlington, VT | James Allen Walled Lake, MI | Georges Peter Barrington, RI | Jon Guth Annapolis, MD | Bill Mauk Miami, FL |
| 2001 | Henderson, NY | Steve Hayden Casselberry, FL | Jim Crane Darien, CT | Gianni Cuccio Southport, CT | Michael Buczkowski Lavallete, NJ | Josh Kersh Ann Arbor, MI | |
| 2002 | Southern YC | Bill Healy Niantic, CT | David Starck Kenmore, NY | Jack Elftman Surf City, NJ | David Helmick Longwood, FL USA | | |
| 2003 | New Orleans, LA | Allan Terhune Swedesboro NJ USA | Bill Healy Niantic CT USA | Jamie Brickell Sykesville MD USA | David Werley | Steve Constants | Jim Carson |
| 2004 | Crescent Sail YC | Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY | Michael Gooch-Breault New York, NY | | | | |

Junior North Americans

| YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP | YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP |
|------|--|--------------------------------------|---|------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1974 | Cleveland Yachting Club 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 |
| 1975 | 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 |
| 1976 | 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 |
| 1977 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Jay Lutz Brick, NJ | Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario | 1996 | Southern Yacht Club New Orleans, LA | Gaston Vedani Guayaquil, Ecuador | Ryan Dunn Brick, NJ |
| 1978 | Metedeconk River YC Brick, NJ | Larry MacDonald Hamilton, Ontario | Stephen Craig Heath, TX | 1997 | North Cape Yacht Club LaSalle, MI | Charles Wardwell Richmond, VA | Sean Carroll Jericho Ctr. VT |
| 1979 | Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio | Stephen Craig Heath, TX | Ian Jones Snyder, NY | 1998 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario | Nicholas Mercier Manchester, NH | Sam September Miami, FL |
| 1980 | Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA | Jody Lutz Brick, NJ | Ian Jones Snyder, NY | 1999 | Carlyle Sailing Assoc. Hazel, Illinois | John Boxberger Watertown, NY | Jim Ward Nashville, TN |
| 1981 | Cedar Point YC Westport, CT | Kevin Carr Middletown, NJ | Peter R. Hallagan Newark, NY | 2000 | Fishing Bay YC Deltaville, VA | John Boxberger Watertown, NY | Ronn Freker St. Louis, MO |
| 1982 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Michael Hein Upper Arlington, OH | Keith Taboada Brick, NJ | 2001 | Malletts Bay BC Colchester, VT | Andrew Brennan Brick, NJ | Ryan Ruhman Bratenahl, OH |
| 1983 | Rush Creek YC Heath, TX | Peter Hallagan Newark, NY | Keith Taboada Brick, NJ | 2002 | North Cape YC LaSalle, MI | Erik Johnson Richmond, VT | Ryan Ruhman Bratenahl, OH |
| 1984 | Corinthian YC Seattle, WA | Trevor Born Kingston, Ontario | Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY | 2003 | Niantic Yacht Club Niantic CT USA | Wade Schon, Brick NJ USA | Ben Spiller, Oostburg WI USA |
| 1985 | Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI | John Swanson Eggertsville, NY | David Starck Kenmore, NY | 2004 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario | John Newell Rochester, NY | Ben Spiller Oostburg, WI |
| 1986 | Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY | Jim Allen Buffalo, NY | Steve Hayden Fern Park, FL | | | | |
| 1987 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | David Starck Buffalo, NY | Sean Fidler Troy, MI | | | | |
| 1988 | Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA | Ned Roseberry Eggertsville, NY | Ross Nemeroff San Diego, CA | | | | |
| 1989 | North Cape YC LaSalle, MI | Sean Fidler Troy, MI | Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst Blacklick, Oh | | | | |
| 1990 | Rochester YC Rochester, NY | Ned Roseberry Buffalo, NY | Tom Starck Kenmore, NY | | | | |
| 1991 | Sail Newport Newport, RI | Jay Miles Newport, RI | Tom Starck Buffalo, NY | | | | |
| 1992 | 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 |
|------|--|---------------------------------------|--|------|--|---|---|
| 1978 | Bay Head YC Bay Head, NJ | Bonnie Shore Newport, RI | Ann Boyd Columbia, SC | 1997 | North Cape YC LaSalle, MI | Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN #14706 | Bonnie Nickels Waterford, MI #14755 |
| 1979 | Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, OH | Cherie Neville Shaker Heights, OH | Bonnie Shore Newport, RI | 1998 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario | Kathryn Connell Blauvelt, NY #14714 | Joan Hurban Pallisades, NY #14482 |
| 1980 | Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA | Brenda Allen Buffalo, NY | Cherie Neville Cleveland, OH | 1999 | Carlyle Sailing Assoc. Hazel, Illinois | Kathryn Connell Blauvelt, NY #14714 | Felicia Bomer Manchester, MO #14260 |
| 1981 | Cedar Point YC Westport, CT | Cherie Neville Chautauqua, NY | Cheryl Osgood Riverside, CT | 2000 | Fishing Bay YC Deltaville, VA | Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN #14706 | Judy Harlan Norwalk, CT #14482 |
| 1982 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Anne Allen Buffalo, NY | Fay Regan Miami, FL | 2001 | Malletts Bay BC Colchester, VT | Heather Rowe S. Burlington, VT #15060 | Chantal Leger Montreal, Quebec #14591 |
| 1983 | Rush Creek YC Heath, TX | Fay Regan Miami, FL | Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI | 2002 | North Cape YC LaSalle, MI | Mandy Hofmeister Nashville, TN | Karen Park St. Petersburg, FL |
| 1984 | Corinthian YC Seattle, WA | Betsy Gelenitis Brick, NJ | Fay Regan Miami, FL | 2003 | Niantic Yacht Club Niantic CT USA | Theresa Calantuono Portsmouth RI USA | Carol Park, York PA USA |
| 1985 | Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI | Mary Anna Portner Washington, DC | Bonnie Nickels Linden, MI | 2004 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario | Jody Swanson Eggertsville, NY | Debbie Probst Fort Wayne, IN |
| 1986 | 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 | | | | |
| 1988 | 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 Glen Falls, NY | | | | |
| 1991 | Sail Newport Newport, RI | Betsy Alison Newport, RI | Tammi Jamison Glen Falls, NY | | | | |
| 1992 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Cory Serti Rochester, NY | Betsy Alison Newport, RI | | | | |
| 1993 | Sheboygan YC Sheboygan, WI | Hannah Swett Jamestown, RI | Christine Kronich Sheboygan, WI | | | | |
| 1994 | Royal Hamilton YC Hamilton Ontario, Canada | Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario | Lori Foster Rochester, NY | | | | |
| 1995 | Malletts Bay Boat Club Colchester, VT | Susan Rogers Burlington, Ontario | Kathy Connell South Nyack, NY | | | | |
| 1996 | Southern YC New Orleans, LA | Betsy Alison Newport, RI | Jo Ann Jones Burlington, VT | | | | |

North American Masters Champions

| YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP |
|------|--|---|---|
| 1983 | Rush Creek YC Heath, TX | Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702 | Buck Ballatin Metairie, LA #9696 |
| 1984 | Corinthian YC Seattle, WA | Stu Anderson Stuart, FL #11702 | John Teigland, Jr. Allentown, PA #11666 |
| 1985 | Tawas Bay YC East Tawas, MI | R. G. "Lal" Burridge St. Louis, MO #11800 | Jim Carson Brick, NJ #13710 |
| 1986 | Henderson Harbor YC Henderson Harbor, NY | Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #12355 | Crit Currie Memphis, TN #14099 |
| 1987 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino Ontario, Canada | Dick Hallagan Newark, NY #12355 | Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066 |
| 1988 | Mission Bay YC San Diego, CA | Fisk Hayden Fern Park, FL #14066 | Myron Lyon San Diego, CA #13911 |
| 1989 | North Cape YC LaSalle, MI | 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. G. "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 Schmiede 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 Columbus, OH #10680 |
| 1998 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario | George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345 | Bruce Goldsmith Hillsdale, MI #14649 |
| 1999 | Carlyle Sailing Assoc. Hazel, Illinois | Colin Park Midland, MI #14780 | Thomas Allen III Buffalo, NY #14811 |
| 2000 | Fishing Bay YC Dellaville, VA | Colin Park St. Petersburg, FL #14780 | George Fisher Hilliard, OH #14345 |
| 2001 | Malletts Bay BC Colchester, VT | Bill Shore Newport, RI #14969 | David Gorman Malone, NY #14758 |
| 2002 | North Cape YC LaSalle, MI | George Fisher Hilliard, OH | Jack Elman Surf City, NJ |
| 2003 | Niantic Yacht Club Niantic CT USA | Colin Park, St. Petersburg FL | Richard Hallagan, Newark NY USA |
| 2004 | Buffalo Canoe Club Point Abino, Ontario | Richard Hallagan Newark, NY | Bill Neal Wyoming, NY |



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, RSILYC | 1982 | Thunder Bay TRYC | Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC | Jay Lutz, MRYC |
| 1955 | Toronto | G. Layton, RSILYC | S. Anderson, NSC | 1983 | Montreal RSILYC | Ross Bailey | Susan MacDonald RHYC |
| 1956 | Toronto | A. Dutton, QCYC | | 1984 | Toronto NYC | Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC | Tom Allen, Jr. BCC |
| 1957 | Toronto | June Methot, RBYC | R. Robson, SBYC | 1985 | Point Abino BCC | Jim Crane CPYC | Tom Allen, Sr. BCC |
| 1958 | Toronto | J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC | | 1986 | Montreal RSILYC | Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC | Peter Hall RSILYC |
| 1959 | Toronto | A. Dutton, QCYC | G. Russell, RCYC | 1987 | Toronto BC | Peter Hall RSILYC | Larry MacDonald, Jr. RHYC |
| 1960 | Toronto RCYC | G. Russell, RCYC | G. Hampson, RHYC | 1988 | Montreal RSILYC | Larry MacDonald, Jr. HBC | Peter Hall RSILYC |
| 1961 | Ottawa BYC | J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC | J. Miwani, QCYC | 1989 | Montreal PCYC | Jay Mann RSILYC | Jody Lutz, MRYC |
| 1962 | Montreal RSILYC | J.R.G. Bleasby, RCYC | D. M. Allen, RHYC | 1990 | Hamilton FBC | David Starck BCC | Peter Hall RSILYC |
| 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 RSILYC |
| 1965 | Owen Sound GYC | T. Allen, BCC | S. Anderson, NSC | 1993 | Montreal RSILYC | 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 RSILYC | 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 RSILYC |
| 1969 | Montreal Hudson Y.C. | D. Hallagan, SBYC | D. Allen, RHYC | 1997 | Point Abino BCC | Thomas Allen, Jr. BCC | David Starck BCC |
| 1970 | Toronto RCYC | W. Shore, BCC | D. Hallagan, SBYC | 1998 | Gimli, Manitoba | Tito Gonzalez Santiago, Chile | Larry MacDonald, Jr. BCC |
| 1971 | Kingston KYC | J. Mueller, CYC | D. Allen, RHYC | 1999 | Point Abino BCC | Tom Allen, Jr. BCC | Matt Fisher HYC |
| 1972 | Montreal RSILYC | D. Allen, RHYC | J. Hansen, BCC | 2000 | Montreal RSILYC | Ched Proctor CPYC | Phil Gratheer SSA |
| 1973 | Kingston KYC | W. Shore, BCC | M. Nelson, BRYC | 2001 | Hamilton RHYC | Matt Fisher HYC | Thomas Allen Jr. BCC |
| 1974 | Toronto N.Y.C. | Bill Buckles, CYC | Jay Hansen, BCC | 2002 | Thunder Bay TRSC | Alan Boucher RSILYC | Jamie Alan RSILYC |
| 1975 | Montreal RSILYC | Dick Hallagan, SBYC | Bob Wardwell, HHYC | 2003 | Buffalo Canoe Club, Point Abino Ontario | David Starck BCC | Larry MacDonald Jr. BCC |
| 1976 | Hamilton RHYC | Dick Hallagan, SBYC | Tom Allen, BCC | 2004 | Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club Montreal | Michael Holly Montreal, Canada | Peter Hall Montreal, Canada |
| 1977 | Thunder Bay TRYC | Jay Hansen, BCC | Larry MacDonald, RHYC | | | | |
| 1978 | Toronto NYC | Tom Allen, BCC | Larry MacDonald, RHYC | | | | |
| 1979 | Montreal RSILYC | Larry MacDonald, RHYC | Dick Hallagan, SBYC | | | | |



South American Champions

| YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | PARTICIPANTS | YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | PARTICIPANTS |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1955 | Olivos, Argentina | Alberto Migone Argentina | Argentina, Bolivia Ecuador, Perú, Uruguay | 1979 | Ancón, Perú | Francisco Solá Medina Ecuador | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Perú, Ecuador, Uruguay |
| 1956 | Callao, Perú | Julio C. Goldie Uruguay | Argentina, Bolivia Colombia, Ecuador Perú, Uruguay | 1980 | Tomine, Colombia | Fernando dela Concha Colombia | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1957 | Buceo, Uruguay | Feliz Castellanos Uruguay | Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador Perú, Uruguay | 1981 | Salinas, Ecuador | Mario Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador |
| 1958 | Guayaquil, Ecuador | Carlos Navarro Perú | Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú, Uruguay | 1982 | Pucón, Chile | Jaime Fernandez Chile | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1959 | Muna, Colombia | Rafael Obregon Colombia | Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Perú, Venezuela | 1983 | Olivos, Argentina | Mario Abinzano Argentina | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Perú |
| 1960 | Algarrobo, Chile | Isidora Melero Chile | Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay Colombia, Perú, | 1984 | São Paulo, Brazil | Mario Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Perú |
| 1961 | Guanabara, Brazil | Erik Schmidt Brazil | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Perú, Uruguay, Colombia | 1985 | Lima, Perú | Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile | Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1962 | Ancón, Perú | Jose Barrera Moller Perú | Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador Perú, Uruguay | 1986 | Bogotá, Colombia | Andres Lisacki Colombia | Argentina, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1963 | Olivos, Argentina | Alberto Migone Argentina | Argentina, Bolivia Chile, Ecuador Perú, Uruguay | 1987 | Salinas, Ecuador | Francisco Solá Medina Ecuador | Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1964 | Salinas, Ecuador | Santiago Maspons Ecuador | Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Perú | 1988 | Santiago, Chile | Claudio Biekard Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Perú |
| 1965 | Puerto Buceo, Uruguay | Pedro Sisti Argentina | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Perú, Uruguay | 1989 | Ilhabela, Brazil | Claudio Biekard Brazil | Brazil, Chile Ecuador |
| 1966 | Viña del Mar, Chile | Carlos M. Collet Argentina | Argentina, Chile Ecuador, Perú | 1990 | Callao, Perú | Manuel Gonzalez Mas Chile | Chile, Ecuador, Perú |
| 1967 | Cartagena, Colombia | Rafael Obregon Colombia | Colombia, Ecuador Perú | 1991 | Bogotá, Colombia | Santiago Uzcatégui Colombia | Ecuador, Colombia |
| 1968 | Callao, Perú | Rafael Obregon Colombia | Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Perú | 1992 | Salinas, Ecuador | Juan Santos Garcés Ecuador | Brazil, Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1969 | Olivos, Argentina | Pedro Sisti Argentina | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Perú, Uruguay | 1993 | São Paulo, Brazil | Claudio Biekard Brazil | Brazil, Chile |
| 1970 | Salinas, Ecuador | Mario Isola Argentina | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Perú, Uruguay, Colombia | 1994 | Salinas, Ecuador | Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú |
| 1971 | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | Mario Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Perú, Uruguay | 1995 | Olivos, Argentina | Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile | Argentina, Chile |
| 1972 | Algarrobo, Chile | German Navion Chile | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú | 1996 | Cartagena, Colombia | Juan Santos Garcés Ecuador | Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador Perú |
| 1973 | Cartagena, Colombia | Robert Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú | 1997 | Santiago, Chile | Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile | Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Perú, USA |
| 1974 | Callao, Perú | Mario Isola Argentina | Argentina, Brazil Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Perú | 1998 | Tomine, Colombia | Sebastian Higuera Colombia | Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador |
| 1975 | Salinas, Ecuador | Mario Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Colombia Ecuador, Perú | 1999 | Salinas Ecuador | Sebastian Higuera Colombia | Argentina, Chile Colombia, Ecuador, Perú |
| 1976 | Olivos, Argentina | Robert Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador Perú, Uruguay | 2000 | San Pablo, Ecuador | Miguel Plaza Menendez Ecuador | Chile, Colombia, Ecuador |
| 1977 | Pucón, Chile | Jaime Fernandez Chile | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Ecuador, Perú | 2001 | Algarrobo, Chile | Alberto Gonzalez Mas Chile | Argentina, Chile Ecuador, USA |
| 1978 | São Paulo, Brazil | Mario Buckup Brazil | Argentina, Brazil Chile, Perú, Uruguay | 2002 | Tomineé, Colombia | Sebastian Higuera Bogotá, Colombia | Chile, Ecuador, Colombia |
| | | | | 2003 | Salinas Yacht Club Ecuador | Alberto Gonzalez, Santiago Chile | Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú |
| | | | | 2004 | Guarapiranga Lake Sao Paulo, Brazil | Thomas Summer Sao Paulo, Brazil | George Rider Sao Paulo, Brazil |



Southern Circuit Champions

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.



| YEAR | DEEP SOUTH REGATTA SAVANNAH, GEORGIA | WINTER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA | SAVANNAH—ST. PETERSBURG 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 Seidelmann | 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 Seidelmann (R) | Lou Pocharski | Tom Allen |
| 1970 | Richard Lippincott | 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 Dressell | 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. |
| 1998 | Greg Fisher | Tim Healy | Tito Gonzalez |
| 1999 | Andy Horton | Brian Hayes | Andy Horton |
| 2000 | Larry MacDonald, Jr. | Greg Fisher | Greg Fisher |
| 2001 | Andy Horton | Matt Fisher | Ched Proctor |
| 2002 | Steve Hayden | Jody Lutz | Larry MacDonald |
| 2003 | Ched Proctor | Brian Hayes | Brian Hayes |
| 2004 | Alberto Gonzalez | Allan Terhune | |





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 Trophy, 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.

| 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/Ken Read |
| 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. |
| 1998 | Tito Gonzalez | ----- | Tito Gonzalez |
| 1999 | Tim Healy | ----- | Tom Starck/David Starck |
| 2000 | Larry MacDonald, Jr. | ----- | Larry MacDonald, Jr. |
| 2001 | Larry MacDonald, Jr. | ----- | Ched Proctor |
| 2002 | Larry MacDonald, Jr. | ----- | Larry MacDonald, Jr. |
| 2003 | Jeff Linton | ----- | Jeff Linton |
| 2004 | Alberto Gonzalez | ----- | Alberto Gonzalez |



European Champions

| YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP | YEAR | PLACE | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP |
|------|--|--|--|------|---|--|---|
| 1956 | La Borde de Tribord La Neuville, Switzerland | Ralph Camardella Italy Fl. 191, #4122 | Franco Cavallo Italy | 1980 | Cercle de la Voile Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland | Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067 | Roberto Crucitti Italy Fl. 449, #13414 |
| 1957 | Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece | Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #6390 | Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #4966 | 1981 | Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Sicily | Capl. C. F. Coccioni Italy Fl. 235, #13374 | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459 |
| 1958 | Ostra Nylands Anzio, Italy | Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422 | Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728 | 1982 | Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459 | Sergio Messina Italy Fl. 449, #13065 |
| 1959 | Club Vela di Roma Anzio, Italy | Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422 | Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728 | 1983 | Circoli Velici Napoletani Naples, Italy | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459 | Giuseppe Palomba Italy Fl. 312, #13036 |
| 1960 | Yacht Club Lucerne Lucerne, Switzerland | Franco Cavallo Italy Fl. 223, #7422 | Claude Lambelet Switzerland Fl. 169, #7467 | 1984 | BSF Pori, Finland | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459 | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 |
| 1961 | Royal Y.C. of Greece Corfu, Greece | HRH King Constantine, Greece Fl. 287, #6943 | Gaetano Pesce Italy Fl. 191, #7212 | 1985 | Cercle de la Voile Grandson, Switzerland | Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099 | Carlo Galetti Italy Fl. 249, #13878 |
| 1962 | Merenkivi Y.C. Helsinki, Finland | Maurizio di Segno Italy Fl. 318, #7238 | Carlo Postiglione Italy Fl. 237, #6728 | 1986 | Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece | Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481 | S. Coutisikos Greece Fl. 286, #13981 |
| 1963 | Circolo Velico Stabia Stabia, Italy | Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397 | Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #6728 | 1987 | Brezzone/Lago di Garda Numana, Italy | Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #13481 | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 |
| 1964 | Cercle de la Voile Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland | Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #8397 | Giorgio Focanti Italy Fl. 278, #7532 | 1988 | Nasijärven Purjehdusseura Nasijärvi R.Y. Tampere, Finland | Francesco Ferrari Italy Fl. 249, #14245 | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 |
| 1965 | Circolo Canottieri Procida, Italy | Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 312, #9322 | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447 | 1989 | Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 | Marcello Attina Italy Fl. 449, #14361 |
| 1966 | Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447 | Alfred Lanz Switzerland Fl. 169, #8396 | 1990 | Bordee de Tribord Lake Biel La Neuville, Switzerland | Gaetano Pelizzaro Italy Fl. 476, #14243 | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 |
| 1967 | Nasijärvi Sailing Club Lake Nasijärvi Tampere, Finland | Catello Russo Italy Fl. 237, #8492 | Stig Haglund Finland Fl. 166, #9166 | 1991 | Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy | Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361 | Stefano Reina Italy Fl. 449, #13706 |
| 1968 | Regattaverein Brunnen Brunnen, Switzerland | Guido Tulli Italy Fl. 381, #10740 | Dag Bjurström Finland Fl. 394, #8211 | 1992 | Kuopio Yacht Club Kuopio, Finland | Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14361 | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 |
| 1969 | Circolo Della Veladi Rome Anzio, Italy | Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #1096 | Pentti Puupera Finland Fl. 166, #10057 | 1993 | Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #14264 | Costas Lyberakis Greece Fl. 286, #14334 |
| 1970 | Royal Y. C. of Greece & Piræus Sailing Club Athens, Greece | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 251, #10996 | Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 286, #9447 | 1994 | Matelote YC Yverdon, Switzerland | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 | Giuseppe Alagna Italy Fl. 449, #13481 |
| 1971 | Y. C. Helsingfors Segelklubb Helsinki, Finland | Stelios Bonas Greece Fl. 251, #11633 | Alexander Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459 | 1995 | HSK Helsinki, Finland | Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14731 | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #13790 |
| 1972 | Lake of Geneva Morges, Switzerland | Stelios Bonas, Greece Fl. 251, #11633 | Hans Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #9503 | 1996 | Societa Canottieri Marsala, Italy | Mario Noto Italy Fl. 449, #14731 | Antonio Marino Italy Fl. 449, #13402 |
| 1973 | Circolo Della Veladi Rome Anzio, Italy | Alexander Andreadis Greece, Fl. 286, and Lasse Hammar Finland, Fl. 307 | Hans Rahn Switzerland Fl. 219, #12305 | 1997 | Yacht Racing Club of Athens, Greece | Theodore Tsoulfas Greece | Alexandros Dimou Greece |
| 1974 | Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #9447 | Nicholas Dimou Greece Fl. 286, #11459 | 1998 | Tuusulanjarven Purjehdijat Finland | Urs Wyler Switzerland | Kari Huusko Finland |
| 1975 | PP & KP Keuru, Finland | Antti Ruuskanen Finland Fl. 394, #12257 | Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #12320 | 1999 | Segelclub Murten Switzerland | Urs Wyler Switzerland | Mario Noto Italy |
| 1976 | Grandson Sailing Club Lake Neuchâtel Switzerland | Urs Wyler Switzerland Fl. 358, #12637 | Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #12319 | 2000 | Yacht Club of Greece Athens, Greece | Charalambos Piperakis Greece | Dionisis Dimou Greece |
| 1977 | Club Nautico Numana Adriatic Sea Italy | Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067 | Antti Ruuskanen Finland Fl. 166, #12805 | 2001 | Circolo Velico Marsala Marsala, Italy | Haralambos Piperakis Greece | Urs Wyler Switzerland |
| 1978 | Yacht Club of Greece Phaleron Bay Athens, Greece | George Andreadis Greece Fl. 286, #11459 | Christoph Lüthy Switzerland Fl. 250, #13099 | 2002 | Kerni Finland | Urs Wyler Switzerland | Sampsa Salminen Finland |
| 1979 | SPS Helsinki, Finland | Jean-Claude Dupasquier Switzerland Fl. 169, #13067 | Terho Aromaa Finland Fl. 166, #13130 | 2003 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | | | | 2004 | Grandson Switzerland | Urs Wyler Switzerland | Peter Hall Montreal, Canada |

Fast Sails, Big Smile



David Starck and team, winning the 2005 Lightning Midwinters in Miami.

2004 2005

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - OVERALL 1,2,3,5,6
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - St. Pete 1,2,3,5
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Miami 1,2,3*,5
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Savannah 2,3,4,5
 NORTH AMERICANS - CHAMPIONSHIP 1,2,3,5,6,7*,8,9
 NORTH AMERICANS - PRESIDENT CUP 1,2,3*,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 NORTH AMERICANS - GOVERNOR CUP 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - OVERALL 1,2,3,4,5
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - St. Pete 1*,2,3,4,5,6,7,8*,9,10
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Miami 1,2,3*,4,5,6,7,10*
 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT - Savannah 1,2,3,4,6,7*,8*,9,10
 BORDERLINE REGATTA 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 FRIGID DIGIT REGATTA 1
 CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICTS 1,2,3,4,5
 CT/RI DISTRICTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 OHIO DISTRICTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 DIXIE DISTRICTS 1,2,3,4,5
 TEXAS DISTRICTS 1,2,3,4,6
 NORTH CAPE GREAT LAKES CHAMPS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
 PYMATUNING SPRING CLASSIC 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

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