INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



ARGENTINA DISTRICT

Argentina Vice President & District CommodoreOsvaldo Bordino

Fleets: Club Nautico Olivos 206; Buenos Aires 446

No Report.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

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

Fleets: Sao Paulo 147; Guanabara 401; Guarapiranga 462

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively. '99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holi-

'99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto Alegre - RS. *Manfred Kaufmann, Jr. Secretary / District Brazil*

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

April 10 to 12, 1998 Clube de Campo de São Paulo São Paulo 5 from 6 scheduled races with 1 throwout

final sail # skipper/crew #1 #2 #3 #4 #5

- 1 14203 Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker, Marcelo B. da Silva 3 9 1 1 4
- 2 14378 Mario Buckup, Marc Buckup, Telma Buckup 6 10 2 2 1
- 3 1172 Fernando Hackerott, Ricardo Costa, Frederico Costa 5 2 5 4 2
- 4 14498 Enrico Francavill, Fabio Bodra, Juan de la Fuente 1 1 11 7 6
- 5 146 Per Hornell, Claudio Kunze, Pedro Soares 9 7 6 3 5
- 6 12657 Renato Almeida, Sergio Godoy, Otavio Sampaio 4 3 90CS 7
- 7 14101 Manfred Kaufmann Jr., Otavio Almeida, Guilherme Monteiro ocs 12 4 6 3
- 8 13008 Thomas Buckup, Tania Buckup, Thomas de S. Buckup 2 4 14 8 ocs
- 9 14602 Michael Norris, Thomas Kirsten, Cristina Norris 10 5 10 5 12
- 1011710 Dietmar Heydenreich, Peter Zacher, Richard Zietemann 8 20 8 10 11
- 1113405Claus Bromberg, Manoel Blanco, Bernd Bromberg71112913
- 1211693 Carlos Fannuchi, John Jansen, Fernando Bocciarelli ocs 6 15 12 8
- 1311713 Sergio Gilaberte, Marcelo Gilaberte, Murilo Gilaberte 13 16 3 11 dnc
- 1411721 Isabela Malpighi, Heloisa Uelze, Roberta Cosulich 12 13 13 16 10
- 1512524 Carlos Sodre, Nelson Carvalho, Ricardo Costa 18 8 19 17 9

- 16 1460 Nelson Schmitt, Katia Niewert, Thomas Schmitt 11 15 18 13 dnc
- 1711709 Robert Buckup, Willi Tietze, Helmut Coting
- 21 17 7 15 ocs 1814169 Jose Maia, Caio seabra, James Semple 17 14 17 14 19
- 1914167 Antonio Figueiredo, Francisco Bueno, Julio Auler 14 18 23 19 15
- 2014330 James Sumner, Hans Ludwig, Ricardo Del Nero 15 22 20 18 16
- 21 3090 Jan Zacher, Martin Zacher, Inge Zietemann 16 24 16 20 18
- 2214168 Fernando Garrafa, Alexandre Garrafa, Ramy El Dorry 20 19 21 22 17
- 2313406Eduardo Magalhaes, Pedro Parente, Hugo Uelze2323222114
- 2413027 Karen Riecken, Antonio Martins, Manon Martins 22 21 24 23 dnc
- 25 6591 Christian Susemihl, Mathias Susemihl, Lamartine Mendes

JUNIOR NATIONALS (Qualifier for the Junior Worlds / 2 teams) June 11 to 14, 1998 Yacht Club Santo Amaro São Paulo -SP 7 races with 1 throwout

- final sail # club skipper/crew #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 1 14203 YCSA Bruno Ficker, Marcos Biekarck, Patrick Fleury
- 2 1420 YCSA Fernando Bocciarelli, Martin Zacher, Richard Zietemann 2 2 2 3 2 3 1
- 3 111 RYC Eduardo Lebreiro, Pedro Campos, Pedro Caldas 3 3 4 2 4 4 2
- 4 3090 YCSA Paulo Pomerantzeff, Arthur Silva, Tatiana Proenca 7 4 3 7 1 1 3
- 5 14169 CDMILuis Simardi, Sergio Godoy, Adrian Meusburger 7 7 5 4 5 5 4
- 6 11693 SPYC Fabio Nascimento, James Sample, Marina Cruz 7 7 6 7 7 7 7

SAO PAULO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

October 24 and 31, November 1and 2, 1998

- Federação de Vela do Estado de São Paulo
- São Paulo Yacht Club Clube Desportivo Municipal de Iatismo São Paulo 10 races with 2 throwouts
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- 2 14498 A Enrico Francavilla, Fabio Bodra, Samaia Siebert 2 3 1 2 1 7 3 2 7 5
- 3 12657 A Manfred Kaufmann Jr., Sergio Godoy, Guilherme Monteiro 1 5 3 6 7 3 1 5 4 2
- 4 14283 A Bruno Ficker, Marcos Biekarck, Patrick Fleury 5 2 5 3 2 6 6 3 10 3
- 5 146 A Per Hornell, Michael Norris, Pedro Soares 7 4 dnc 5 6 4 4 6 2
- 6 14378 A Tomas Whately, Marc Buckup, Telma Buckup 4 6 4 4 3 5 5 4 3 7
- 7 1420 A Fernando Bocciarelli, Martin Zacher, Richard Zietemann 6 dnc 7 9 9 2 9 7 5 6
- 8 13008 A Thomas Buckup, Tania de S. Buckup, Tais de S. Buckup 11 8 8 8 5 8 7 dnc 6 8
- 9 11710 A Jan Zacher, Peter Zacher, Fabio Astrauskas dnc 12 6 7 8 9 11 dnc 9 9
- 10 12524 B Carlos Sodré, Nelson Carvalho, Ricardo Costa 13 13 10 12 10 11 10 8 8 10
- 11 1460 A Nelson Schmitt, Katia Koch, Cesar Hirsch 8 dnc 9 10 dnc 10 8 dnc dnc dnc
- 12 11693 B James Sumner, Hans Ludwig, Ricardo Nero dnc 11 11 11 11 13 12 dnc 11 11
- 13 13406 B Hugo Uelze, Pedro Parente, Eduardo Braga 10 9 12 13 12 12 dnc dnc 12 dnc
- 14 460 A Eduardo Chapchap, João Mendonça, Fabio Bocciarelli
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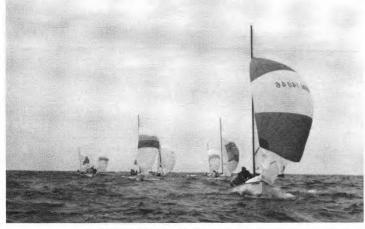
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CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

District CommodoreElissa Hall
District SecretaryScott McBurney
District MeasurerBruce Arnold
District ChampionScott Finkboner
District Runner-UpMike Brewer

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

The 1998 season was a great year for the California District. The district had good participation from all three active fleets at the major west coast regattas. The most notable story of the district is the growth in the number of active boats



Mike Brewer leading the way

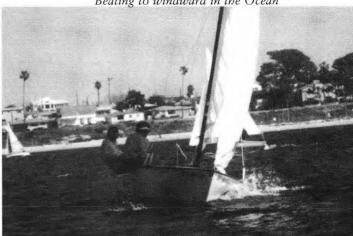
The start of the season in California was signaled by the 32nd annual week long California Circuit put on by the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego. This years circuit found boats from up and down the west coast. Participants traveled from Portland, San Francisco, King Harbor and Michigan (No Joel, we won't forget you!). This years overall Circuit was won by Steve Ross, followed by Scott Finkboner in second and John Debenedetti from Portland in third. Most notable from the circuits races was the infamous sail around from Coronado to Mission Bay via the Pacific Ocean. All was well until Mike and Dick Brewer in first place led the fleet around the wrong channel marker 1.5 miles out in the Pacific. Only Al Poindexter and crew had the sense to round the proper mark in last place (sailing 3 miles less than the rest of the fleet) to win this race. The rest of the fleet was disqualified for not rounding the proper mark leaving Al to buy a lot of beers post race. The Brewers won the "Bowling Trophy" for their gallant efforts in leading the



Beating to windward in the Ocean



Al Poindexter



Kirk Johnson



Michael Poltorak



Scott McBurney All CAL District Photos courtesy Edna Johnson

fleet around the wrong mark. As always this is a high quality event with 5 days of great sailing. Come join us in 1999! The next major event of the season was the district champi-

The next major event of the season was the district championships also sailed at Mission Bay Yacht club. This event saw 10 skippers competing, representing all of the active California Fleets. The event was won by Scott Finkboner followed by Mike Brewer, then Mike Poltorak finishing third. The district championship rotates between our three fleets and will be held in King Harbor in 1999.

California was well represented at the 60th anniversary regatta in Skaneateles by Scott Fink boner who finished 10th overall. Scott also donated a photo of the hundreds of boats which he shot at the 50th anniversary to the Skaneateles Yacht Club for hosting the event. Also representing California at the North Americans was Mike and Dick Brewer along with Scott Finkboner and Fred Chandler.

Back home on the west coast the next big event is our Pacific Coast Championships which was held in Eugene, Oregon. This regatta brought boats from mostly San Francisco and Portland. The perpetual trophy for this event is really top notch. Names such as Lowell North and the Barber Brothers are there from years past and so it is an honor to add your name to the ranks. Congratulations to Jerry Neuberger from Portland for winning this years event. The location for this event moves between the Pacific Northwest District and the California District every year. Next year the races will be sailed at the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay.

In general the California District is alive, well and growing. The rebirth of the Santa Monica Bay fleet with three new boats along with the ever present Mission bay fleet gives the southern part of the state a strong presence. The San Francisco fleet grew in 1998 from 4 active boats to 11 active boats sailing in the 1999 season. With a brief visit from Ex-President Faude to the bay area and several other prospective buyers we're having a shortage of boats as the biggest obstacle to growing further. If your moving to California don't forget to bring your boat as it seems every Lightning sailor who moves here sells their boat first (and there are several!). The competition in the district is increasing and the regatta schedule for 1999 is very active.

A few of the new regattas the district is planning on attending include the "Ski/Sail" at Lake Tahoe in April, the "High Sierra" Regata in July and of course the "Firecracker Regatta" in Klamath Falls (complete with a _ section old woodie Lightning for a bar) on the 4th of July. These regattas in addition to the PCC's, Districts, CA Circuit and regular fleet racing will keep the California District racers busy in 1999. Also plans for a North Americans 2002 at the Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay are in the works! Hope you can join us in 1999 for some fun in the sun Lightning sailing on the west coast.

Scott McBurney – District Secretary

CENTRAL ATLANTIC DISTRICT

District Commodore Don Brennan
District SecretaryRobert Bush
District TreasurerJack Elfman
District MeasurerJames Carson
District ChampionBrian Taboada
District Runner-up

Fleets: Bay Head 3; Metedeconk 34; Lavallette 104; Little Egg Harbor 26; Brant Beach 173; Surf City 196; Riverton 228; Barnegat Light 335; Ocean City 430; Nockamixon 491

Brian Taboada sailed excellently the first day of the District Championship and came far enough back in the last race the second day to capture his first District Championship. Paul Gelenitis was once again a close second. The regatta was well attended with 30 boats. Three long races were held the first day in heavy air with Jack Elfman, Paul, Keith Taboada and Brian sailing consistently in the front of the pack. The second day brought less wind and the committee had to wait for a light sea breeze to fill in. Kudos to the Brant Beach Yacht Club committee for a job well done. Next year's championship will be sailed from Surf City Yacht Club. The District was fully represented at the NA's this year with eleven boats at Buffalo. We had two boats in the blue (Brian and Jack), five in the green (Paul, Jim Carson, Ryan Dunn, Bob Bush, Dave Ruiter, and George Francis) and three in the yellow (Dave Kunz, Dick Moyer, and Matt Reiser). We also had three boats at the Master's Championship (Jack, Dave and Jim) and Sterling Bush skippered in the Women's Championship. Let's see if we can keep the numbers up at beautiful Carlyle Lake in 1999.

Sail Expo, in February this year and in 1999, in Atlantic City is hosted by Sandy and Mary Huntsman with plenty of help from CAD sailors. It is always lots of fun to talk sailing for a few hours in the winter and get antsy to go to the Southern Circuit.

Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to all participants. Look for the regatta schedule in the April Flashes and mark your calendars. *Bob Bush*

CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT

District Commodo	re	Ross Bailey
District Measurer		. Innes Martin

ZigZag Zeroes at Clearwater Bay 277; Temple Reef Sailing Club 279

No Report.

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT

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

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

The highlight of the Central New York District's 1998 season was the Lightning Class 60th Anniversary Regatta which was held at the Skaneateles Country Club on July 3-5, 1998 with more than 180 participants sailing in three fleets. Bob Wardwell, a former Central New York District sailor from Watertown, won the regatta. Mark Sertl along with his crew of Bob and Linda Bryant, won second place, and Dick Hallagan and his crew of Alister Thomsen and Nancy Barger took fourth place in the seventy-two boat Blue Fleet which was made up of the more competitive racers. Logan

CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICT TENTATIVE 1999 RACING SCHEDULE

May 22-23Newport Invitational
June 12-13Caz Flash Bash
June 26-27Keuka - Champaign
July 10-11Centrals at RYC
July 24-25Districts at Ithaca
TBADistrict WJM - Henderson
August 10-13
August 14-20North American Championship
August 28 Onondaga One Day
September 11Skaneateles One Day

McReynolds sailing with his sister Erin and his father Alan, was third in the eighty-seven boat Green fleet. Logan, who is twelve years old, won the youngest skipper award for the regatta. Peter Cunningham with his crew of David and Elise Cunningham was fifth. In the "Woodie, Old-Timer" Yellow Fleet, Craig Thayer and his crew of Dan Pope and Jack Ennis were first. Craig won the award for the best finishing Skaneateles-built boat. Of special note, 96 years old, Dr. John McIntosh, and his son Jim and granddaughter Heather Lockwood sailed in this fleet and finished nineteenth out of the twenty-three boats that competed. Dr. McIntosh was the oldest crew in the regatta.

The Regatta was organized by Lightning Fleet 1 at the Skaneateles Country Club with Dave Penfield as Regatta Chairman. He was ably assisted by so many people from our District that it would be impossible to list them all, but they did a superb job. Now, if it only hadn't rained!

The "Coach" series sponsored by the ILCA, once again had Kelly Williams spending a day at the Newport Yacht Club in early July. Twenty-one junior sailors participated and they found it to be very productive and worthwhile.

The District had a number of world travelers this year. Dick Hallagan and his crew of Lori Foster and Craig Thayer traveled to Tuusua, Finland in late July and won the Masters European Championship. In addition, John Boxberger went to Salinas, Ecuador to compete in the World Youth Championship which was held on November 23-28, 1998.

The traditional sailing season opened with Newport's "Celebration of Spring" which was won by Kirk Reynolds who returned to Lightning sailing this year. Kirk followed this up by winning the Willow Bank "Caz Bash" two weeks later. Twenty-four boats were at the District Championship which was held at the Keuka Yacht Club on June 27-27. This one was won by Dick Hallagan. Chad Atkins won the "Centrals" at Fairhaven, NY and Kirk Reynolds won the Crescent Yacht Club Regatta held at Chaumont. The WJM's were hosted by the Henderson Harbor fleet on July 31, 1998. Jack Jones won the Master's, Jean Palm won the Women's, and John Boxberger won the Junior's. The fall series of one-day regattas began with the Onondaga One Day won by Kirk Reynolds, followed by the Caz One Day won Federico Meira, and finally the Ithaca Frostbite won by Dick Hallagan. The Blue Jacket Trophy, which goes to the sailor who has the most points for all the two day regattas, went to Dick Hallagan.

CHILE DISTRICT

Chile Vice President Alberto "Tito" Gor	nzalez Mas
District CommodoreEric Velasqu	Jez Beltran
District SecretaryIgnac	io Bazaure
District Class SecretaryGuillermo	Arriagada

Fleets: Antofagasta 318; Aculeo Lake 490

No Report.

COLOMBIA DISTRICT

Colombia Vice PresidentRoberto Laignelet District CommodoreRichard Deeb

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

No Report.

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT

District Commodore	Gianni Cuccio
District Champion	Ched Proctor
District Runner-Up	Jim Crane

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

The CT-RI District was active this year. Participation was up at all our district regattas and, as usual, the competition was very high. The first stop on the district trail was Cedar Point Yacht Club's Early Bird Invitational. This has consistently been a great regatta that always attracts a lot of boats and a lot of top sailors and this year was no exception. Unfortunately there was only racing on Sunday as Saturday's weather was poor. The top five in the three race series were Ched Proctor with 6 points, Gianni Cuccio with 8, Ted Duffy was third with 13, Stu Nickerson 4th with 14 and Theresa Colantuono fifth with 19. Next was the CT Governors Cup which is hosted annually by Niantic Bay Yacht Club. This is another popular regatta, but this year, it too was plagued was lousy weather. Top five in the one race series: cleverly won by Dave Peck followed by Tim Healy, Chris Vann, Stu Nickerson and Don Barrett. In July, C.P.Y.C. hosted the CT-RI District Championships and did a great job getting off 5 good races. Ched won it, followed by Jim Crane, Peter Hall, Jody Lutz and Theresa Colantuono. Many boats from our district did some traveling, placing well at various regattas -most notably Tim Healy and Ched Proctor for their top finishes at the Southern Circuit and North Americans. We are also extremely proud of Cedar Point Yacht Club for being selected this year as the recipient for Sailing World's prestigious St. Petersburg Trophy, a National award for outstanding race management. We now know, when Cedar Point hosts a regatta, the boats will come. - Thanks, Gianni

DIXIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	
District Vice CommodoreAmee Devine	
District ChampionPhil Grotheer	
District Runner-Up	

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

The 1998 season for Dixie District opened with several District boats attending the most memorable Southern Circuit to come along for a while. Two notable attendees were Phil Grotheer with the inaugural regatta in his new 14881, and Harry Keith making his first Circuit in his vintage 11767. At the winter meeting, two new fleets were added to the District, a visible indicator of the phenomenal growth that the District is experiencing. We look forward to seeing and hearing more from Ron Buchanan's Fleet 509 in Fishing Bay, Virginia, and Dave Meiser's Fleet 508 in Solomon's Island, Maryland.

The Circuit was a prelude to a District schedule loaded with 12 District events and several major out of District events — a schedule that could easily supply 20 regattas of serious competition and even more serious fun. Our District schedule opened with Fleet 50's heavily attended Potomac Cup on the Potomac River in early May, and closed with Annapolis Fleet 329's equally popular Frigid Digit in mid October. In between, venues included Fleet 325's Delaware Governor's Cup on the incomparable Rehoboth Bay (featuring Carl Robinson's first race in his 11028), two invitationals at the newly formed Solomon's Fleet 508 (including our Districts!), and an invitational at the newly formed Fishing Bay Fleet 509. With District boats attending other regattas including the Long John, the ACC's and the NA's, the Borderline, the Bluenose, and of course the 60th, our District was represented at no less than 16 different locations this year!

Growth in the District is really exciting. We added two new fleets to the District this year. Fleet 329 in Annapolis is growing rapidly, with expectations of TRIPLING the number of active members by the end of 1999. Solomon's Island has several active boats, and may well break a dozen by the start of 1999.

Annapolis Fleet 329 out of Severn Sailing Association is starting to gear up for two significant regattas. Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer is starting to work up the details of the ACC's in 1999, and hopes to use that regatta as a "warm up" to the NA's in 2000. With the growth that the District has seen over the last couple of years, these two regattas could well provide the extra push to make the Dixie District even better than it is today.

ECUADOR DISTRICT

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

Fleets: Salinas Yacht Club 405; San Pablo 447

Como todo niño malcriado, EL NIÑO dañó los planes que teníamos preparados para los primeros meses de 1998, desde Diciembre, todo fué llover y llover, así que parte de la flota se refugió bajo los paraguas, destapó sus cervezas y se puso a navegar Santa Barbara.

Pese al niño, programamos todo un calendario de eventos bajo el auspicio de Diners, con Campeonatos de Sábados y Domingos cada 15 días, lastimosamente solo se pudieron realizar dos.

Finalmente el sol salió, las aguas descendieron y para el 6 y 7 de Junio corrimos el primer Campeonato del Verano 98. Los resultados fueron en el siguiente orden: Lecaro, Parker, Meira Jr, Santos, Solá, Meira Sr. Mantuvimos la actividad en Salinas con torneos mensuales, siendo uno de los mas importantes, el organizado por la Armada del Ecuador, en Julio, en las ya famosas regatas "Glorias Navales". Las posiciones fueron: Lecaro, Parker, Santos, Santacruz, Meira Jr., Tito Plaza Jr. En el mes de Agosto, nuestro Distrito estuvo representado en el Campeonato Norteamericano en Búfalo por Carlos Luis Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmiño y Sebastián Meira quienes terminaron 8 en President's Cup.

A nuestro Distrito le correspondió la organización en conjunto con la Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting de los Juegos ODESUR, los mismos se realizaron en Salinas con la participación de tripulaciones de Chile, Colombia, Perú y Ecuador, el ganador fue Tito Gonzalez, los nuestros Santos y Lecaro, terminaron 4 y 6 respectivamente.

En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY, los resultados fueron: Santos, Lecaro, Tito Plaza Jr., Santacruz, Meira Jr., Parker Los Juniors, Sebastián Meira y Tito Plaza, tuvieron un entrenamiento muy fuerte en los meses Septiembre y Octubre, al final se les unió Juan Carlos Vidal y así nuestro distrito estuvo representado por tres botes en el Mundial Juvenil de Salinas, al final luego de un gran Campeonato, con mucho viento y sol, el ganador fué Sean Carroll de EEUU, los nuestros se ubicaron: Meira 6, Plaza 10, Vidal 16.

Esperamos en el 99 retomar la Copa American Airlines, la misma que fue suspendida este año por el niño. Nos vemos en Salinas en el Mundial 99.

FINLAND DISTRICT

District Coomodore
District SecretaryMaija Pyy
District MeasurerJari Aromaa
District ChampionKari Huusko
District Runner-up

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

Last season was a very special one for the Finnish District, as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The season was filled with all sorts of activities; some more or less traditional, some especially created for this special season. The more "traditional activities" included participating in the annual Helsinki Boat Show, which is the main event for promoting sailing and boating in Finland. It really is the most effective (and unfortunately the most expensive) forum to promote Lightning sailing in Finland, so plans are already being made for the 1999 show held in February.

The main event of the season was the 50th Anniversary Regatta hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat and fleet 456. The regatta was also European Championship Regatta as well as the first ever Lightning European Masters' Regatta. A more detailed report on the regatta can be found at the Fleet 456 Annual Report - check it out! All in all, it was a week of great sailing and fun after-sailing!

A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was written and edited by district members Jari Aromaa, Pentti Laitinen, Antero Uitto and Lauri Heikkilä. They made a great job collecting data and publishing a really unique, entertaining as well as educating book about half a century of Finnish Lightning sailing! It was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts (won by Kari Huusko of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen from Valkeakoski coming second, and our fleet's Olli Lähteinen coming in third). For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members :-)

The 1998 Finnish Circuit started in May and ended in September. It included six regattas: On The Rocks on Lake Tuusula, Helsinki Regatta, Europeans⁹ in Tuusula, Näsijärven Juhlaregatta in Tampere, Kemi Ranking and Valkeakoski Ranking. 24 skippers participated, which is (second year in a row:-) improvement from the 21 participating last season. The Circuit title went to Kari Huusko, Mika Viide and Tommi Ahonen of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen, Lassi Järvinen and Mikko Hellman of Valkeakoski challenging them



Hämäläinen x 3 from Savo at the Europeans. Photo courtesy Waltteri Karhusaari.

throughout the season. Third place went to Olli Lähteinen, Martti Lähteinen and Erkki Punttila of Tuusula.

These were just some of the many activities we had last season. As you can see, it was a season to remember. On the behalf the Finnish District Board, I want to express my warm thanks to all of you who made it happen!

Maija Karhusaari

FLORIDA DISTRICT

District Commodore	Bill Meyer
District Secretary/Treasurer	Alix Shaw
District Junior CommodoreS	am Septembre
District Measurer	.Steve Hayden
District Champion	.Steve Hayden
District Runner-Up	Jeff Linton
District Masters Champion	

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

1998 was a great year for Florida sailors in Lightning regattas. Six Florida boats sailed the entire Southern Circuit including -Linton, Hayden, Mauk, Atkinson, Gochberg, and Birkholz. Jeff Linton, Steve Hayden and John Gochberg placed in the top 15 and qualified for the Pan Am Trials. In addition, Steve Hayden, Jeff Linton, and Bill Mauk qualified for the Blue Fleet at the North Americans and placed 9th, 12th, and 23rd respectively. Jeff Linton won the Thermis Award for the best finish by a first time skipper at the N.A.'s. Bill Mauk won the McDermott Trophy for the most improved from last year's qualifiers.

Fleet 502, headquartered at the Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida, hosted the Districts in April of 98. The top five boats were Hayden, Linton, Atkinson, Clee, and DeLisser. Steve Hayden and wife/crew Angie introduced their new son to the fleet and the world by placing him in the empty punch bowl perpetual trophy, and the picture was featured in the Lightning Flashes. The District and the ILCA may be losing Steve for a while, at least until he learns how to change a diaper. After the District Dinner on Saturday night, we elected Bill Mauk our new commodore, who immediately appointed our District "Mother", Florida Fay Regan, as District Secretary. 1999 District site will be fleet 226 at CGSC (Coconut Grove Sailing Club).

The Florida District Triple Crown was decided at Davis Island Yacht Club's Thanksgiving weekend regatta. The combined team of Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor, with crew, Amy Linton, won the Triple Crown for the third time in as many years. They were followed by Bill Mauk in second place, Bill Meyer in third place, and "Ragin" Johnny Ward in fourth place.

Also, Florida Juniors, Sam Septembre with sister Danielle and Eric Goldman, placed 2nd in the Jr NA's on their first attempt. We had two FL Masters as well, with Stu Anderson and Fisk Hayden who each won a race. Fisk took home the 3rd place masters trophy, and Stu placed 5th.

Four FL boats sailed in the Pan Am trials: Linton, Hayden, Mauk, and Gochberg. The race was not kindly to our sailors as Kim Logan crewing for John Gochberg suffered a severe laceration of two fingers in a capsize. We are advised that Kim is sailing again, and on the mend.

Our long time Southern Circuit Chairman, Fisk Hayden, has been elevated to Vice President. Relatively new mother, Carol (Stout) Ewing is taking on the Rear Commodore position at the Coral Reef Yacht Club next year, and it may be up to husband John to campaign the Lightning.

GREECE DISTRICT

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

Fleets: Salamis 251; Parthenon 286; Dolphin 287

Following the recommendation of the Vice President of ILCA and Commodore of the Yacht Club of Greece, Mr. George Andreadis, the Board approved the proposal to offer to host the ILCA Youth World Championship for the Year 2000. We are also hoping to host the World Championship in 2001.

We also look forward to hosting the European Championship will be held in Greece in 2000.

Members of our fleets include skipper Costas Merentitis, crews Elias Manolakis and Michael Coulianos, and coach Stelios Sotiriou, who traveled to Salinas, Ecuador in November this year and won the second place in the Youth World Championship.

Andrew Sinopoulos

INDIANA DISTRICT

District Commodore
District SecretaryKen Woods
District ChampionCraig Cobbum
District Runner-upBill Allen

Fleets: Wawasee Yacht Club 154; Indianapolis Sailing Club 270

The Indiana District still enjoys Fleet 154 located on Lake Wawasee and Fleet 270 located on Geist Reservoir. Both fleets enjoy sailing from mid-spring until mid fall. Although the fleet membership has not grown, bith fleets race regularly on the weekends.

This year, the Indiana District was held at Geist Reservoir on the 13th and 14th of June. The winds were favorable. The standings were as follows:

1st Place:	Craig Cobbum 14475
2nd Place:	Bill Ällen 13910
3rd Place:	Joe Lassaux 14359
4th Place:	Peter McGinity 12316
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Both fleets held their open regattas and as usual the Michigan "out-of-towners" won top honors.

Ken Woods, District Secretary

ITALY DISTRICT

Vice President Franco De Regis
District CommodoreAntonio Marino
District Secretary
District Champion
Stefano Reina - Piero Tripoli - Gabriele Tripoli
District Runner-Up
Vito Tripoli – Pasquale Prinzivalli - Giuseppe Rallo

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

The 1998 Italian Championship was held in Porto S. Giorgio, the first week of July, at the "Lega Navale Porto S. Giorgio", which hosted the race and gave a tribute to its success. The weather was good and we had medium air conditions. Reina won the Italian Championship due to his consistency, Tripoli was 2nd and Marino was 3rd. A special regards to Swiss Crew (and our friends) Perret-Lambelet-Monier whose presence contributed more interest and competitiveness to our championship. The "Lega Navale Porto S. Giorgio" is the club of the previous District Secretary Carlo Jommi who, due to his personal problems, resigned at the class meeting from his charge. Thank you Carlo for your work. Unfortunately, the Italian participation to the European Championship failed because no crew had the possibility to go for the Championship in Finland. We hope to recover this situation next year going with a lot of crews to the next European Championship in Switzerland. At the class meeting, held in November 1998, the reasons for the reduced activ-ity of the District during this year were widely discussed. Renzo Bozzi, as Public Relations Chairman for the District, is responsible for helping the new secretary Sergio Rustichelli to contact all current and old members of the Lightning Class and to try to increase competitors joining the 1999 major events.

The next Italian Championship will be held in Bracciano, near Rome, from the 18th to the 21st of June 1999.

This is the calendar of 1999 major events:

18-21 June

ITALIAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, Bracciano 27 June-2August

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Switzerland Antonio Marino

LAKE ERIE DISTRICT

District Commodore	Skip Wilday
District Recording Secretary	
District Secretary/Treasurer	
District Measurer	Cal Schmiege
District Champion	David Sprague
District Runner-Up	

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

Our first LED regatta of the summer was Chautauqua's 34th Annual Cornball, organized by Jim McDonnell. A nice breeze enabled the committee to run 5 races for the 10 boat fleet. Everyone seemed to get in a couple of good races, and there was a bit of controversy concerning the scores after Sunday's races; but when the dust settled, Mike Kane in his new red boat won by a clear margin.

The next regatta, held two weeks later, was the BCC One-Design Open. This regatta was experimental for our district in several respects. First, it took the place of the old "NFIR" and attempted to draw a number of one-design classes (eg., Lightnings, Sharks, Lasers, Hobies, etc.) for a major regatta. It was also the first time our district ran its championship in conjunction with another multiclass regatta. And, because the regatta was scheduled for the third week of June, our district championship was probably earlier than its ever been. The regatta worked out well for the Lightnings. A competitive 28 boat fleet, which included 3 non-LED boats, sailed three races on a breezy Saturday. Larry MacDonald won, and Dave Starck finished second. Cuba Lake plans to hold next summer's Districts in conjunction with its "Bolde Mothers'" regatta in July.

This year's Bolde Mothers' was another great party. About a dozen boats participated in the light-air affair. The Coleman brothers, right after picking up a new boat at the Allen Boat Company, drove directly to Cuba Lake, rigged it, and won the regatta. The North Americans kept us busy through the remainder of August. We did manage to fill our quota. MacDonald was the top LED skipper.

Silver Lake led off September's schedule with the Harvest Regatta. Tom Allen, Jr. ran away with this one; Bob Starck finished second.

The BCC's Fall regatta concluded the season for us the following week. Again, about a dozen boats competed.

LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

District CommodoreBruce Hendry District SecretaryThomas Hering

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

No Report.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Mary Huntsman
District Secretary/Treasurer	George McDonnell
District Measurer	Kathryn Connell
District Champion	Jack Huntsman
District Runner-Up	Ted Duffy

1999 REGATTA SCHEDULE FOR METROPOLITAN DISTRICT:

April 24-25 Long John, Red Bank, NJ
June 5-6
Joan and Gary Hurban 914/359-6054
June 26-27 .DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, Nyack, NY
Joan and Gary Hurban 914/359-6054
September 18-19 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup,
Lake Wallenpaupack, PA
George Madel 610/265-2554
October 9Last Blast, Nyack, NY
Joan and Gary Hurban 914/359-6054 As always the dates are subject to change.

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

We began our 1998 year with a CAD-MET District meeting at the lovely home of Kep and Sandy Heacock. Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter provided many good suggestions on training young people to enjoy and participate in our Lightning sailing world.

Our "Lightning" had a perfect location at the entrance of the annual Sail Expo in Atlantic City from February 4th-8th. The boat was a popular exhibit and we talked to hundreds of spectators.

The always popular Long John at Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank, NJ, was held on April 25-26. There were 34 boats registered for 5 races. Jon Schwartz won the very competitive regatta followed by Phil Grotheer in 2nd, Gianni Cuccio in 3rd while Ted Duffy and Dick Hallagan had 4th and 5th.

June 6-7 found us at the Magnus Pederson in Nyack, NY for 5 races. There were 23 boats on the line and Jack Elfman took the honors with 11 points. Gianni Cuccio had 13 for second followed by Gary Hurban, Bob Bush and Caroline Hoedemaker.

For our Metropolitan Districts on June 27-28 we returned to Red Bank. After 5 races Jack Huntsman was our District Champion with an impressive 8 points. Ted Duffy had second place followed by Jon Schwartz. Bob Sengstacken and Chris Sprole.

The Pennsylvania Governor's CUp, September 19-20 at Lake Wallenpaupack, featuring five races, was won by Dick Hallagan with Bob Bush second and Sandy Huntsman 3rd.

Winds were heavy for the 29 boats that met on the Hudson at Nyack for the ever-popular Last Blast Regatta. Jack Elfman, who obviously likes the Hudson, took home the winners trophy, Bill Fastiggi took second and third went to Paul LoGerfo followed by Gianni Cuccio and Dick Hallagan.

Many of our Metropolitan District sailors attended the 60th Anniversary as well as the Southern Circuit and the North American Championships.

Pleased to see the participation at our regattas is increasing and we look forward to another year of good sailing in 1999 *George McDonnell*

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

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

Fleets: Devils Lake 31; Western Lake Erie 42; Crescent Sail Yacht Club 51; Lake Fenton Sailing Club 53; Pontiac Yacht Club 54; Higgins Lake 110; Gull Lake Yacht Club 137; Macatawa Bay 204; Saginaw Bay 216; Burt Lake 254; Grand Traverse Yacht Club 326; Douglas Lake 374; Lansing Sailing Club 387 The 1998 Lightning season for the Michigan District started with the Great Lakes Championship at North Cape Yacht Club in Southern Michigan. Twenty-six competitors turned out for a windy weekend on the open water of Lake Erie. Paul Wurtzebach from Chicago stayed upright in a puff that wiped out seven boats including, Dan Norton, Colin Park, Sean Fidler and Jeff Hagman, and took home first place honors.

The second regatta of the season was held at the Lansing Sailing Club. Twelve competitors turned out for moderately windy weekend. Tom Klaban from Pontiac took home top honors for the second year in a row.

Fenton Sailing Club held their annual Team Races. As a change of pace each year we travel to the birthplace of the Nickels Lightning, divide boats into teams of three and enjoy a different style of racing. Each boat attending the regatta is ranked and then teams are seeded to provide as much parity as possible. Unfortunately, numbers for teams of three don't always work out. This year we had 14 boats so Kevin Nickels and John Garrison had a rotating teammate and still won the regatta.

The Michigan Districts were held at Pontiac Yacht Club. Winds were light and fluky, typical for a June weekend at Cass Lake which fit perfectly with John McCree's sailing style. John sailed a very consistent regatta early and then staved off a late charge by the Norton team to win the regatta. Dan Norton was second, Mark Whatley third, Jim Allen fourth and Sean Fidler fifth.

In mid July, we traveled to western Michigan to sail at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. Seven boats turned out to sail at one of the most scenic venues in Michigan. Macatawa is one of the few places where Michigan sailors tune up on open water prior to the North Americans. Diana Fernando won by sailing a consistent regatta with no finishes worse than a third. Macatawa will be the host site of the Michigan Districts in 1999.

Bay City Yacht Club hosted their 44th annual regatta sailing on beautiful Saginaw Bay. Fourteen boats turned out to get some final open water practice before heading to Buffalo. Colin Park forged through a couple of 60 degree wind shifts and changing weather conditions to win.

The first weekend of August took us to Higgins Lake Boat Club. Higgins Lake, in Northern Michigan, is one of the most unique venues in Lightning sailing. The Yacht Club is located on a island about three quarters of a mile from shore. Boats are wet sailed overnight during the regatta and the locals run float boat water taxis to the mainland. Jim Allen and crew enjoyed the scenery and the sailing and took home first prize.

The rigorous sailing schedule Michigan slows a bit in August but then hits full stride in September. Some of the best Lightning sailing in the US is the Midwest Fall Regatta schedule which includes four regattas in Michigan. The first regatta was the Pontiac Yacht Club's Whitecap Regatta. Sean Fidler sailed a consistent regatta in light winds to bring home top honors. Special thanks to Dick Hallagan for traveling from Central New York to sail with us.

The next regatta on the schedule was Devil's Lake Yacht Club's "This One's For Fun" Regatta. The fun starts by meeting Bruin at the bar Friday night for a couple Martins and ends only because most of us are forced back to work or school on Monday. Craig Gabel did the Gabel Wobble around the buoys and won first place honors.

Then we were off to Detroit for the 1st annual Crescent Fall Regatta. Crescent has hosted the summer Father's Day Regatta for years but jumped at the chance to host a fall regatta when Gull Lake was dropped from our schedule. Tom Allen Jr. traveled from Buffalo to tie Sean Fidler with a pair of bullets and a pair of twos. Tom won the tie breaker based on winning the last race won.

The final event on the Michigan schedule is the North Cape Blowout. This year seven boats attended the one day event on Lake Erie. Jim Davis held off George Sipel and Jeff Hagman for the victory.

Michigan was well represented on 4th of July weekend at the Lightning 60th Anniversary regatta. Four boats - Jim Allen, Sean Fidler, Jeff Hagman and George Sipel - competed in the "hot shot" fleet. Sean came in ninth and Jim came in tenth in the 70+ boat fleet. Pete Morley sailed in the "woodies" and finished third. But the best showing came from the five Michigan boats in the "club racer" fleet. Forever young Joe Dissette (is he 100 yet??), with Super Crew John McCree and Jim Schofield, overcame very trying conditions, a rapid heart beat, and some blue fleet boats to take top honors in a 80+ fleet. Bob Shaw pulled a horizon job on the fleet in the last race and finished second overall. Tom Vickers and crew sailed a strong regatta and finished 7th. Congratulations to all who attended the A+ event.

At the North Americans, Michigan was well represented with eleven boats attending. Sean Fidler, Colin Park, and Jim Allen qualified for the blue fleet and Jim finished 9th overall. Mike Thomas had a difficult qualifier but bounced back with a good yellow fleet finish taking 2nd. Bruce Goldsmith found his old groove and finish second in the Masters.

Proving Michigan strength in regatta travel, Michigan had two sailors qualify for the 1st annual Intersectional (Intergalactic?? Faude was asking for names) Series. The series was setup by President Faude to push summer participation in regional regattas. This year, the Long John, Pymatuning's Spring Classic, the Lightning 60th Anniversary, Chicago's Red Flannels, and Nashville's Bluenose were the selected regattas and participation in four of five is required to qualify. Sean Fidler and Jeff Hagman logged the miles and were two of only four boats to qualify. Congratulations to both Sean and Jeff.

In late October, the Lightning Class held the Pan Am Games Trials at Lake Carlyle near St. Louis. The regatta was invitation only using the Southern Circuit, North Americans and the California Circuit to qualify. Twenty boats were invited to St. Louis to win the chance to represent the USA in the '99 Pan Am Games. The district was represented by Sean Fidler and Joel Humphrey. Sean sailed consistently in the top pack and finished fifth overall.

At the end of each season the Michigan District Traveling Champion Trophy was awarded to Colin Park, the Fall Series Champion was Sean Fidler and the Doc Gilbert Spirit Award was presented to Tom Vickers for his tireless effort organizing and running the 1997 North Americans Championships and the 1998 Collegiate Sloop Championships. Both regattas were hosted by Crescent Sail Club in Detroit.

We would like to thank everyone who traveled to Michigan to sail with us and those who did not, please mark your calendars for a road trip to Michigan in 1999 for some great competition, friendly Midwestern hospitality and some good old fashioned fun.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

District Commodore:Bob Franke
District SecretaryAmy Simonsen
District Treasurer
District Champion:Ric Larson
District Runner-Up

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

This year's District events again started out with the annual Winter meeting held at Milwaukee Yacht Club. After review of last years Districts in Milwaukee, it was decided to return to a 3 day District event. Tim Healy concluded the meeting with a presentation on Lightning sail trim and his 1997 North American Championship.

Due to scheduling problems in Fond du Lac, the Evans Regatta hosted by Green Bay Fleet 112 was on deck first including the annual Coaching. This rescheduling turned out to be a major plus for the regatta and the participants since Ched Proctor attended this year's event as our Coach. Twenty-two boats sailed. The Saturday night social along with revisiting the day's events on video was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bill Dean for the hosting the Saturday social event. Sunday's races were sailed in the left-over 20-25 mile an hour Northwester from the cold front passage which left a path of destruction from the Dakotas to the East Coast. David Stix was 1st, Paul Wurtzebach 2nd, & Terrance Phelan was 3rd. Bill Faude and Brian Phelan finished 4th & 5th respectively.

The Lighthouse Regatta in Fond du Lac hosted by Fleet 442 was sailed in light and shifty winds. Once again Elmo & crew provided a great regatta and exceptional race management. First place when to Paul Wurtzebach, followed by Doug Schelwat, and Dan Reichelsdorfer in third. Ric Larson was fourth followed by Dave

1999 MIDWEST DISTRICT SCHEDULE
Lighthouse
EvansJune 5 & 6
DistrictsChicagoJune 10 - 12
P & T
BrotzJuly 24 & 25
HobelmanChicagoAugust 7 & 8
Adams Cup
Red Flannels Chicago September 25 & 26
Polar Bear
All dates tentative - check Flashes for more information

Stix. One cannot forget Paul Wurtzebach gracing us with his relaxing story of driving though the peaceful rolling corn fields of Wisconsin.

The Midwest Districts were hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club Fleet 187 with 18 boats attending. The winds were light and shifty; however, Rich Reichelsdorfer provided outstanding Race Committee work including getting the final race on Sunday started seconds before the time limit. The Saturday night social was hosted by Tryg Jacobson and a big thank you to Hans Graf for preparing dinner. Ric Larson was crowned the champion on the Sunday, followed by Paul Wurtzebach, Bill Faude, Dan Reichelsdorfer and Bob Franke. Fleet 187 presented warm fuzzy sailing vests embroidered with the Lightning logo for the trophies.

Milwaukee Yacht Club Fleet 69 experienced superb growth this year with purchase of four new boats by Doug Schelwat, Walt Kramel, Mac Slater and Dennis Bersch. Fleet 69 managed to sailed 34 more races that in 1998. This success is mainly due shifting the season series from the long weekend races to short competitive Wednesday night sailing.



Top: Winners at the 1998 Brotz Regatta in Sheboygan Below: Bonnie Hawkins' "humpty pumpkin birthday cake" celebration

The P & T regatta in Milwaukee followed with 12 boats in attendance. The Saturday night informal party was hosted by the Franke's. Unlike last year's social, Paul Wurtzebach was able to refrain himself from riding Rose & Luke's rocking horse. Ric Larson finished first, Bill Faude second, followed by Bob Franke.

The Brotz regatta was again hosted by Sheboygan Yacht Club. The first race started out as a drifter and then was abandoned after a thunder cell packing winds of 40 mph blew in out of nowhere. Racing resumed on Sunday with four great races sailed in the ever familiar Southeaster. Jim Cameron of Thunder Bay, Canada won the regatta. David Stix, Pauly Wurtzebach, Ric Larson and Chris Graf rounded out the top five.

This year's Hobelman Regatta hosted by Chicago Fleet 5 featured our very own Lightning Coach Kelly Williams. The weather cooperated to provide two fine days of sailing.

The Polar Bear regatta normally hosted by Davenport Fleet #167 was not sailed this year.

The Red Flannels Regatta hosted by Chicago's Fleet 5, saw 36 boats from all over North America. Saturday winds were traditional for the this weekend except temperatures were in the 80's. Unfortunately by the time of this year's first start the winds had increased to 25-30 mph. The Race Committee, having flashbacks to 1997, exercised good judgment and sent the fleet back to the harbor for the day. Fleet 5 continued the hospitality Saturday night with live band called the Four Man Acoustical Band. These guys were great. Sunday forecast called for a cold front passage which became a nonevent except for a slow shift in the winds. Two great races were sailed to complete the regatta. Pauly Wurtzebach on Chicago won the regatta, followed by Sean Fidler of Pontiac, Michigan. Terry Burke from Lake Carlyle, Illinois, was third followed by Dick Hallagan from Rochester, New York. Jim Allen from Michigan rounded out the top five. The Red Flannels is once again a must do regatta in 1999.

At press time, several Midwest Districts sailors are preparing for the Pan Ams trails which will be sailed in Lake Carlyle. Bob Franke, District Commodore



Top: Red Flannels regatta chairman David Stix returning to the harbor after a no-go on Saturday Below: Winners at the 1998 Red Flannels Regatta in Chicago Photos courtesy Amy Simonsen

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DISTRICT

District Commodore
District SecretaryRick Bernstein
District MeasurerWilliam N. Baxter III
District ChampionMatt Burridge
District Runner-UpDan Moriarty

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

Every sailing season is a great one and 1998 was no exception. I must begin by expressing that it is all of the wonderful people in the Lightning Class both locally and nationally that have kept me enthused about the class for nearly nine-years.

The Mississippi Valley District (MVD) cranked up the season with the Tennessean in Nashville and winded down with the infamous Bluenose, also in Nashville. Of course, there were several other regattas in between such as: Cotton Pickin', Hernando Desoto, Inter-City, McDougal, Mid-Continent, Trials, and the Muddy Rudder just to name a few. I suggest that one read each and every fleet report to get an accurate account of the individual regattas.

The Mississippi Valley District has the honor of being the host district for the 1999 NA's. I must say if anyone has half the fun that I did in Carlyle for Districts in 1998, hold on to your hat. If you attended and were not aware of who won the party, you were either asleep or too busy sailing. If you speak pig-latin here is one for you; inkpay amingoflay (Pink Flamingo). Look for the girl wearing the lifesaver candies when you arrive next summer. Bruce Goldsmith is the Vice President responsible for NA site selection. Therefore, I'll calculate the fuel saved by not driving say, to the West coast in 1999 and treat him to a refreshment with the savings.

Congratulations to Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein for their top finish as crew in the 98 NA's. What a way to pass time while your promoting the 99 NA's. Congratulations to Mandy Hofmeister as well for being on the winning boat in the Womens Championship 99 NA's. It seems to be a regular occurrence for Mandy these days, keep it up! Kat and Jim Ward along with Ronn Frerker had a very respectable finish in the Juniors.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis for the 1999 MVD DISRICT CHAMPIONSHIP the second full weekend in June. Great job and a great season to all MVD members.

Herbert Cochrane

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

District CommodoreChris Dwinal
District SecretaryLisa Brauer
District MeasureBruce Atkinson
District ChampionAndy Horton
District Runner-UpRay Harrington
District Master's ChampionJohn Hughes
District Junior ChampionNick Mercier
Fleets: Centerboard Yacht Club 14; Merrimac River 121;
Spofford Lake 145; Annisquam Yacht Club 151;
Marblehead 189; Bomoseen Yacht Club 227;
Massabesic Yacht Club 273; Chequesset 280;

Champlain 301; Squam Lake 332; Bow Lake 493

The 1998 District Championship was held on Lake Massabesic in Manchester, New Hampshire in conjunction with Massabesic's 60th Anniversary celebration. Strong puffs, good competition and great on-shore team work characterized the event. The Women's Juniors' and Masters' competition was held July 10th. Congratulations to Women's Champions Heather Rowe, Ann Brush and Stacey Johnson; Junior Champions Nick Mercier, Pike Severance and Dave Adams; and Masters Champions Dave Gorman, Andy Horton and Lisa Brauer. The District Championship was contested July 11th and 12th. Congratulations to New England District Champions Andy Horton and the 2 Andrews. A special mention goes to Massabesic Fleet 273, their super effort made the weekend special. Memorable moments include Cindy's fleet of crock pits and Marcel grilling muffins at the hot dog stand Sunday morning.

The season was crowded with the traditional weekend regattas. District members also participated in national and international competitions. We are particularly proud of the performance of our younger members. Not only did Andy Horton win the District Championship, but he also bested the country's top contenders at the Pan Am Trials held in St. Louis in October. Nick Mercier was the number one North American Junior and went on to compete in the Youth Worlds in Salinas, Ecuador in November. Fellow junior Sean Carroll qualified for the blue fleet in the North Americans and then won the Youth Worlds in Ecuador. Congratulations to these three great sailors and their crew. We look forward to many years of competing with you.

The New England District has a strong core group of racers, a few large fleets and a number of smaller fleets. The emphasis in 1999 will be on attracting new members and finding ways to increase the interest and participation of the casual racers and sailors.

Lisa Brauer, 1999 District Commodore

NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT

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OHIO DISTRICT

District Commodore	
District Secretary	Kay Varley
District Treasurer/Newsletter	
District Champion	Matt Fisher
District Runner-Up	Dan Dressel

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

The Ohio District had a great year with wind and good weather at all seven of the District regatta with the exception of a few races. The District had several boats that traveled to all the District regattas making it good competition and good times throughout the sailing season.

PYC's Spring Classic started the year off right with some good winds and pretty nice weather for early in the season. The competition, with 29 boats, was hot as four races were completed by the end of Saturday afternoon with 20 knot winds. As usual the cocktail party and great dinner, followed by some good partying made us forget how beat we were. Sunday morning brought decent air and we sailed two more races. When it was all over, the "out of staters" showed us how it's done by taking all the top positions with Jack Elfman first, Jim Allen second, and Sean Fidler third.

LYC's Windshift Regatta fell right in with our year with beautiful weather and wind. With 14 boats and some close competition Saturday proved to be a great day of racing. After a great dinner, we participated in a party held to celebrate the marriage of long-time Ohio District member Zach Austin. On Sunday morning we sailed two more races in, believe it or not, good air. George Fisher finished first overall, Tom Varley was a close second and Dave Gall was third.

The Ohio Districts came next held at PYC this year on our 50th Anniversary. 40 boats participated in the regatta, with all having a great time largely due to the efforts of Commodore Bridget Frymier and her co-chairperson Anne Borland, along with all their PYC assistants. The wind did not follow suit as the air was light on Saturday, but three races were sailed leaving Matt Fisher on top at the end of the day. A cocktail party and the great !!! giveaway followed, as all kinds of gifts were given to lucky winners, A buffet din-

FUN AT OHIO DISTRICT REGATTAS

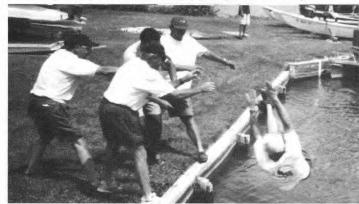
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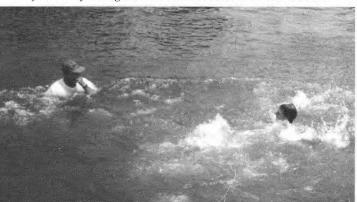
Party after dinner at the Windshift Regatta, Leatherlips YC



Jon Varley taking a break between races at the ILCA 60th



Winner Dick Pugh thrown in by fellow skippers at Indian Lake



Dick's crew Luke Shingledecker joined him



Indian Lake's Mr. Lightning Jim Young



Indian Lake Winners Dick Pugh crew Clark & Luke Shingledecker



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Tom Varley 2nd, crew Jon and Kay Varley



Dan Hertzer 3rd with crew Don Schregardus & Karla Varley



Heated tactics discussion between races at the Bare Bones Regatta, Mansfield



All the trophy winners at the Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta



Brett Balliett going in as first-time first-place crew



ner and DJ music finished off the evening. On Sunday morning the air was better and two races were sailed. Winning the District Championship was Matt Fisher, with Dan Dressel second, Sjoerd Vanderhorst third, George Fisher fourth and Rob Ruhlman fifth.

The 60th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles, NY found eight boats from Ohio in attendance. Two boats each from Cowan Lake, Leatherlips, Mansfield, and one each from Atwood and St. Mary's made the trip, in addition to at least three people from the District crewing on boats from other Districts. We all had a great time and are looking forward to the next anniversary.

Indian Lake's Stumpbuster Regatta proved to have nice weather, but started out with light air on Saturday which steadily increased for the second race. A delicious roasted chicken dinner followed the races. Afterward, the Youngs provided water skiing, a little cruising and swimming, while others enjoyed a band at a nearby club. On a bright Sunday morning we got in a third race to finish off the regatta. Taking first was Dick Pugh; Tom Varley was second; Dan Hertzer was third. After trophies were presented, the district skippers decided that even though the tradition is to throw a first-time regatta winner into the drink, it had been a while for Dick, so in he went. In recent years, with unavailable first-time winners, first time crews have been thrown in, so Dick's crew Luke Shingledecker joined him.

Atwood's Harvest Moon Regatta proved to be very interesting this year, since the Flying Scots were having their Districts at this regatta. The Lightnings had the honor of starting between their "A" fleet and their "B" fleet; but the Lightnings managed to sail through most of their "A" fleet before the finish. After the racing on Saturday, we were treated to the ever-famous Atwood cocktail party. The Lightning Fleet ended the evening with golfing and pontooning. After a third race on Sunday morning, Tom Varley took first place, Steve Weeber second, and Kurt Andrews third.

The Mansfield Bare Bones Regatta could not have had any better weather. Saturday brought us warm and windy conditions with two boats going swimming and others getting close. The race committee was able to get four races completed in good time with the steady winds. After hauling out the boats, all gathered for snacks under the pavilion, then on to a cook-your-own steak or chicken dinner. At dinner's end most participants returned to Varley Valley to camp and party by the bonfire. Sunday morning turned out to be another great day for sailing. We had two more races. Finishing first was Steve Weeber, second Dan Hertzer, third Kurt Andrews. After trophy presentation the skippers and crews followed their new tradition of throwing in first-time winning first place crew, so Brett Balliett, crewing for Steve Weeber, went into the drink after giving them a good chase.

Buckeye Lake's Snowball Regatta the following weekend proved to have wind, but rainy and cool conditions. After the first race, the club house and a bowl of hot chili were very inviting. Two more races were sailed Saturday afternoon with the competition all sailing close together almost every race. Cocktails and dinner in the clubhouse after racing warmed everyone up Saturday evening. Sunday morning conditions were more of the same with less rain. The winners after five races were George Fisher, Kurt Andrews in second, and John Werley in third.

Cowan Lake's Fall-In Regatta brought the year to a good end with more warm and windy conditions all weekend. Saturday afternoon we sailed four back-to-back races in good air. We returned to the clubhouse late for a great cocktail party and some much-needed rest, followed by a steak and chicken dinner, then partying at the club with all our friends for the last time of the season. Sunday morning was even windier and they were able to get in two more races easily. Taking first overall was Bill Young, second James Taylor, and third Dick Pugh.

The Ohio District Governor's Cup was won by Tom Varley, sailing with son Jon and wife Kay. Following closely were Steve Weeber and Kurt Andrews.

Congratulations to Matt Fisher, District Champion and North American Champion, and to George Fisher, North American Masters Champion.

We all owe Bobbie Stone a special THANK YOU! for all the work she puts in on the Ohio District newsletter and to Bridget Frymier for the great job as Commodore for two years - THANKS! Already looking forward to next year's sailing season and to see-

ing all our sailing family again.

Kay Varley

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

District CommodoreJohn	DeBenedetti
District SecretarySand	ra Neuburger
District Champion	.Roger Hicks

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

Pacific Northwest activity started with three boats represented at the California Circuit in San Diego in early April. Roger Hicks and John DeBenedetti took their boats and Roger Artigues chartered a boat with his brothers for the Circuit. They all had a great time in the spring California sun!

District activity continued with circuit regattas at Kelowna, Eugene, VLSC, Klamath Falls, and Kitsilano in Vancouver, BC. Overall circuit winner for the year was Jerry Neuburger of Vancouver Lake Sailing Club.

In August we were treated to a visit from the Lightning Coach, Kelly Williams, at VLSC. We had scheduled a District Championship in Seattle, but since no one from Seattle was going to make the regatta, we moved it to VLSC, giving Coach Kelly a better place to do his instructional program. Matt Henley from Vancouver came down to take advantage. Roger Hicks wound up winning the event, sailing a consistent series.

In September, the District held the Pacific Coast Championship at Eugene Yacht Club. Fourteen boats entered, with three from California. Great winds were the scene all weekend, and Jerry Neuburger won the event.

We're looking forward to an even more active new year. *John DeBenedetti*

PERU DISTRICT

Peru Vice PresidentFrancis	sco Ayulo
District CommodoreAuguste	o Navarro
District ChampionAuguste	o Navarro
Runner-UpSergi	o Levaggi

Yacht Club LaPunta 265; Lima 424

During 1998 we have had elections and the new team started to work on increasing the fleet numbers. We have had about 10 boats sailing all year, and we expect to import new boats for 1999, since our newest boat is 13367.

Our District Championship was sailed last weekend (December 19 and 20), and we managed to sail 5 races. Our winner was Augusto Navarro with his crew Bruno Levaggi and Hector "El Cholo" Sabogal. Second place was Sergio Levaggi with his crew Antonio Remy and Wilfredo Fano, and in third was Luis Portugal with his crew Javier Flores and Jose Luis Canessa. This regatta was very competitive among the first three finisheres, with the possibility of any one of them winning the event. The Championship was also the classifying event for the South American Championship in Tomine scheduled for February 1999 and also for the Pan American Games in Gimli in 1999.

We also had a Junior team attend the World Youth Championship. Skipper Derek Marston, with crew Juan Andres Marchini and Gianfranco Martinelli, finished 8th in that event. They also won race number five by the biggest margin of the series.

We think the Lightning Class in Peru has been asleep, but now with young people gaining interest in the Class, we should have about 20 boats sailing in 1999. We have many boats interested in going to the World Championship in Sailinas next year.

We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Augusto Navarro, District Commodore

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY DISTRICT

District CommodorePeter Hall

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

No Report.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

District Commodore	Jim Harris
District Secretary/Treasurer	Cindy Booke
District Measurer	John Pelosi
District Champion	Len Krawcheck
District Runner-Up	Jim Harris

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

It was another fun and exciting season of racing here in the Southeast District. Our district includes North and South Carolina and Georgia. We have a good mix of coastal sailing (such as Charleston, SC, Wilmington, NC and Beaufort, SC) and inland lake sailing (such as Augusta and Atlanta, GA; High Rock and Waccamaw, NC).

Our season started in mid April at Catawba Yacht Club, just outside Charlotte, and then to Augusta the following week. Jim and Connie Harris drifted the fastest to secure the wins in both.

The High Rock regatta (near Lexington, NC) in early May highlighted great sailing by Lenny Krawcheck and great partying at Sam and Cindy Booke's lake house. High water levels made the lake an obstacle course with floating trees, islands of weeds and even bloated livestock!

This year our district championship regatta was held in beautiful Charleston and local favorite Lenny Krawcheck was champion once again. Team Augusta rounded out the top 3 with Harris second and Bob Harkrider third. Towney Krawcheck did a fantastic job with the Saturday night food and festivities, which was held at their beach house.

June brought the gold medal to John Pelosi at the steamy Kerr Lake Regatta.

The last weekend in June brought the Low Country regatta in Beaufort, which features challenging sailing with brisk current and shifty winds, and a great low country boil on Saturday night. Harkrider went on a crazy flier the last downwind leg and smoked the fleet for the win. Harris was left bewildered on the other side of the river.

Lenny Krawcheck wiggled between the Laser and Sunfish fleets at the Wrightsville Beach regatta in early August to take the gold.

At Waccamaw in September, strong performances were seen by the district's junior boats including the Augusta team of Putnam/Paschal/Appel and the Raleigh team of Rees juniors. Harkrider caught the last shift for the victory with John Sawyer of Wrightsville Beach close behind.

The Altanta Cup closed out the district season with Floridian Steve Hayden sailing to victory.

The Augustans dominated the overall district series results having competed in at least five regattas. Jim and Connie Harris took top honors while Bob and Sharon Harkrider were runners-up.

The North Americans were attended by Lenny, Bob and Pierce Barden, who proudly represented our district in each of the blue, green and yellow fleets!

We appreciate the loyal participation of all those members mentioned above as well as other skippers in the district such as Carter Utzig, Sam and Cindy Booke, John Sawyer, Richard Waldkirch, Dick Mayne, Bill Sloger, Richard Johnson, Michael Rees, Tom Wynn, Terry Tyner, and Josh Putnam to mention only a few. We have big plans for the 1999 season and invite everyone to come join us in the sunny Southeast! There will be 9 district qualifiers with the District Championship in Augusta in May. See you there!

Jim Harris, District Commodore

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District CommodoreJohn Mari	on
District SecretaryBarney March	III
District ChampionRobert Bernha	rdt
District Runner-UpBarney March	III

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

The 1998 Southern District sailing season was awash in storms. The year started out with the Holiday In Dixie regatta. This event is hosted by the Shreveport Yacht Club and draws boats from Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and Shreveport. The early Spring dates usually blow in tremendous weather fronts that come across the Texas Plains. This year was no exception. The winds were 25mph with much carnage.

As usual the next stop was the spring regatta at Buccaneer YC in Mobile, AL. Six boats sailed in this unusually light and fluky regatta. Local sailor Robert Bernhardt won convincingly with all firsts and one second. The Wacker family returned to Lightning sailing after years of being idle. The Wacker brothers, Jimmy, Johnny and Sammy, along with their niece sailed an excellent event.

The Schools Out and Juby Wynne regattas require four boats for a class to compete. Both events saw three boats interested so we did not sail.

The Districts were held in June at Buccaneer YC. The club and race officials did a great job. This YC is a total corinthian effort and it's always enjoyable to sail on Mobile Bay. Eight boats registered and the competition was fierce. Robert B. won this but Barney March sailing with his father Dr. March was close behind at every mark. It's been a few years since Dr. March has sailed and it was great to see him back in the boat.

Down here in the South the Hurricane Season starts in August. There were numerous storms that canceled regattas all over the coast. The annual Lightning GYA Championship and Wadewitz regattas were no exception. Two boats traveled to Nashville for the Bluenose Regatta. Robert B. and John Marion with their crew had a great time. This event is known for the hospitality and excellent Saturday steak dinner. If you haven't been to Hickory Lake you need to go.

Our last event of the year is the Nokia Sugar Bowl regatta. This year the New Orleans YC is host. We are expecting boats from Florida, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, and Illinois. Let's just hope the fog stays away.

Happy Sailing

John Marion, District Commodore

SWITZERLAND DISTRICT

Switzerland Vice President	Gilbert Despland
District Commodore	Jacques Perret
District Secretary	
District Treasurer	
District Measurer	
District Champion	Urs Wyler
District Runner-Up	Jacques Perret

Fleets: Lac de Neuchatel 169;

Sempacher/Hallwiler/Vierwaldstatter/Greifensee 250; Murtensee 358 One time more we couldn't organize two springs regattas this year because of availability of the two sailing clubs Murten and Sempach on the same week-end. We decided to go to Sempach for our first competition this year. Five boats are present to race on the 9 May, but we aren't lucky: no wind during all the week-end !!!

Three crews are deciding to meet in Neuchâtel for the "Semaine du Joran"-Regatta to train crews for the international regattas.

We have had very good conditions to sail in front of Neuchâtel every evening this week.

International activity:

-1 crew at the Italian Championship in Porto San-Giogio.

Our veteran crew Desplands-Lambelet-Monnier decided once again to travel to the South and have had a very pleasant trip.

-2 Swiss boats at the European Championship in Finland.

The 46th European Championship was organized in Järvenpää on the lake Tuusula for the 50th anniversary of the Lightning-Class in Finland.

In spite of the absence of any Italian crew, very good participation of 21 boots for this championship, with the presence of the US crew of Dick Hallagan.

After 12 races, sailed in middle and heavy airs conditions, the Swiss crew of *Meltemi* Wyler-Dürr-Dürr finished first and won the tittle of European Champion for the third time. Congratulations !!!

-1 Swiss boat at the first European Master Championship.

After the decision of the crew Desplands-Lambelet-Monnier not to travel to Finland at the last moment, your commodore with his wife and the Finnish crew Ollila have been the only foreigner European crew to participate at this master.

Encouraging participation of 13 boats for this first European master.

At the end of the 6 races the US crew Hallagan-Foster-Craig won the championship and the Swiss crew Perret-Ollila-Perret, as first European, carried back the tittle of European Master 1998.

Thanks at all our Finnish friends who wonderfully organized these two great events and "rendez-vous" in Switzerland next year on the Murten lake.

Activity in Switzerland:

Sempach 9/10 May

Participation of five boats at our spring regatta. No air all the weekend !!!

Neuchâtel 17/18 October

Five boats at our District Championship in Neuchâtel hold by our traditional "Fondue" regatta.

Very heavy airs and waves on Saturday with three boats capsizing, light airs on Sunday but just enough to sail trhee races.

We are preparing the next season with highest event in summer with the European and European Master Championships in Murten and are expecting an increase of activity for this occasion.

Very good season 99, welcome in Switzerland !

Jacques Perret

TEXAS DISTRICT

District CommodoreSteve Harris	
District SecretaryJohn Waskom	
District ChampionSteve Harris	
District Runner-UpScott Anderson	

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

1998 was a year of challenge for the Texas District. We spent more than the usual effort attempting to keep our current members actively participating in the sailing program. Spring brought the season openers and the beginning of the travel season. The annual Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta at the Shreveport (LA) yacht Club attracted 6 boats with Steve Harris and Scott Anderson from our District taking the honors.

In our efforts to stimulate District-wide participation, we broke a long-standing tradition and moved the 1998 District Championship to the Houston area. The Seabrook Sailing Club on Galveston Bay was kind enough to conduct the races and proved an abundance of wind and wave on the very shallow bay. The windy conditions were met with mixed results including the usual problems of: rudder detached from the transom, foredeck crew overboard, capsize with bent spreader, and for some of you old hands, one boats sailing with a reefed main. When the spray cleared it was: Steve Harris (Fleet 505), Scott Anderson (Fleet 435), Bryce Mowbray (Fleet 505), Billy Bennett (Fleet 505), Ralph Bilnoski (Fleet 35), Chris Shipman (Fleet 505), John Waskom (Fleet 35).

Scott Anderson went on to represent the Texas District at the North Americans and sailed in the Governor's Fleet.

We concluded the '98 season December 5th at the Conroe Yacht Club's annual Toys for Tots Regatta. The sailing was great and the competition close with Steve Harris again providing the sailing lessons. At the close of the day it was: Steve Harris (Fleet 505), Scott Anderson (Fleet 435), Chris Shipman (Fleet 505), John Waskom (Fleet 35).

As the '98 season comes to a close, we reflect upon the good times and comradeship of this season and look forward with anticipation to the upcoming season in 1999.

John Waskom

US @ LARGE DISTRICT

Rocky Mountain Fleet 488 (See Fleet Report)

URUGUAY DISTRICT

District Secretary Guillermo Rondini Meneses

No Report.

THE FIRST INTERSECTIONAL CIRCUIT

Dick Hallagan won the first Intersectional Circuit, and was the only one to travel to all five of the regattas on the schedule.

This is a new circuit, originated by Bill Faude, designed to promote more traveling between Districts. For 1998 we selected five regattas. The best four of the five were scored, using the finishing rank for each contestant, and trophies were presented at the final regatta, the Bluenose. The five regattas were:

Long John in Red Bank, NJ, April 25-26 Pymatuning Spring Classic, May 9-10 60th Anniversary, Skaneateles, NY, July 4-5 Red Flannels, Chicago, September 26-27 Bluenose, Nashville, TN, November 7-8.

Results are posted at left.

THE 1999 INTERSECTIONAL REGATTA CIRCUIT

For 1999, we are looking for a better name for our Intersectional Regatta Circuit. Bill Faude is calling it "The Road Show" for now.

For 1999, The Road Show will count the best 4 out of six regattas:

- Long John Monmouth Boat Club Red Bank, NJ **METROPOLITAN** April 24-25
- Mid-Continent Carlyle Sailing Association Hazlet, IL MISSISSIPPI VALLEY May 1-2
- Canadian Open Championship Buffalo Canoe Club Ridgeway, Ontario LAKE ERIE June 19-20
- Devils Lake Devils Lake Yacht Club Manitou Beach, MI MICHIGAN September 18-19
- Borderline Kerr Lake, NC **SOUTHEASTERN** October 23-24
- Bluenose Harbor Island Yacht Club Nashville, TN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY November 6-7

Have some fun! Boldly go where you may not have been before! See strange new worlds and experience the thrills they can offer! Get into The Road Show!

For 2000 we plan to include 7 regattas and count the best 5, starting with Miami or Savannah.



FIRST INTERSECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES **BEST FOUR OF FIVE REGATTAS, SCORED ON RANK FINISH** 60th Skaneateles Country Club Skaneateles, NY CENTRAL NEW YORK July 4-5

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

Fleet CaptainJohn A. Barnes Fleet SecretaryDavid C. Penfield

;	* David Penfield		39
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	Alan Bartlett		
	& Bill Bartlett		2743
;	[*] Daniel W. Ferguson	The Fighting Lady	8899
;	* David Penfield		9178
	Doug Tucker		10242
,	* Kirk Revnolds	Wild Goose	10355
,	[*] Bent L. Thomsen	Jolle	10679
	[*] John A. "Mick" Barnes	5	10705
,	[*] Frank J. Haas	Blitzen II	11154
	William Collins		
	& Sara Hueber Collins		12031
	William C. Bourke		12174
;	* David M. Hayes	Ensayo	12210
	Skaneateles Country Club	Lindayo	13330
	Hendrix Teneyck, Jr.	Gail Wind	13677
;	[*] Christopher Kuhns	Sun Wind	100//
	& Gary Kuhns	Mismarcr	13900
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;	* Kirk Reynolds		14465
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1998 was an extremely active year for Fleet #1 with the 60th Anniversary Regatta over the July 4th weekend as the highlight of the season. The Regatta consumed endless, but rewarding, hours of planning, organizing, and execution. Our neighboring fleets from Ithaca, Cazenovia, and Liverpool rendered generous advice and support, as did the ILCA and the Central New York District. Many thanks to all.

All of our boats that could float participated in the 60th Anniversary Regatta. Most of the crews supported in planning and conducting the event. Clearly, hosting the 60th Anniversary Regatta was a spark which has re-energized our fleet. We count two new boats this year, and have seen far more participation from Fleet #1 in district regattas this year than in many years past.

in district regattas this year than in many years past. The season began, as it has for many of the recent years, with Mike Yates taking #378 on his annual March trip to St. Petersburg to win the Woodies' Division. Back in the district, Mick Barnes and Kirk Reynolds showed for us at the annual Flash Bash in Cazenovia, with Kirk taking first place in that event. Mike Yates then hit the road again for the Champagne Regatta at Keuka Lake.

Then, all our sailors participated in the 60th Anniversary Regatta at home at Skaneateles Country Club. Some of these sailors had a few things to say in our reflections on the event elsewhere in the yearbook.

Throughout the season, fleet members participated in our annual interclub handicap racing series on Skaneateles Lake. An unprecedented number of these races were cancelled for lack of wind, but the Lightnings showed up every time. Mike, Mick, and Kirk sailed in the Onondaga Invitational in August, where Kirk took a convincing first place in the 6-race series. Finally, Kirk wound up the season placing second, behind Dick Hallagan at the Ithaca Frostbite Regatta in October.

Fleet #1 hopes to build on the momentum generated by the 60th Anniversary Regatta. We plan to resume Fleet racing and we will be hosting a one-day Invitational Lightning Regatta on September 11, 1999. Joan Thomsen

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

Fleet Captain/SecretaryRobert O'Brien

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	Bay Head Yacht Club		11569
	Robert R. Adams (Life)		11980
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LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB FLEET 4 Central New York District Sailing on Lake Delta Rome, New York

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

No Report.

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

Fleet CaptainDavid Stix	
Fleet SecretaryTerrance Fox	
Fleet TreasurerSteve Jenkins	
Fleet ChampionDennis Burke	
Fleet Runner-UpDoug Steffenson	

*	Tom Hennessy	Wind On	10443
*	Skip Dieball	Wimpy 12	10638
	Dave Hernandey		10930
*	John F. Tschanz	Wind Rose	11316
*	David Field	Allegro	12283
	Bruce Thompson	Mjollnir	12395
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*	Tom Rogers		
*	& Jon Schmid	Sky Blue	13259
	John L. Walter	Showtime	13686
25-	John Beery		13909
*	Doug Steffenson	Hot Flash	14015
*	Iim Fairman	Plan B	14065
*	William Gibson	Pigs On Ice	14137
	Peter Sherman	0	14337
*	Robert K. Smither	Photon	14466
*	Paul Wurtzebach	Stunguns w/o Batteries	14478
*	Steve Cushman	Bonski	14508
*	& Martha Pharr (Cushman	
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*	Dennis A. Burke	Rayo	14844
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*	Hugo Carey Long		14895
*	David W. Stix		14898
	Ben Wallace		0
	Robert C. Baron		Ō

Three boats in the blue fleet at NAs Two new skippers 34 boats at Red Flannels Strictly Sail boat show 35 Local Races Run Best Regatta Band 2 new hulls Crew development program - Steffenson

Individually and as a Fleet, 1998 stands out as a season of building on the excellence fostered in past years. Our successes included



Gentlemen sailors of Fleet 5

finishing three of six teams participating in the NAs in the Blue fleet, growing our Red Flannels Regatta participation to 34 boats, staffing another enthusiasm generating display at the Chicago Strictly Sail boat show, the arrival of two new skippers in town and the addition of two brand new hulls in the fleet! Locally, our club racing exceeded '97 with 35 races run during the course of the season.

As always we hate to be faced with the reality that sailing often depends on paychecks and paychecks sometimes take our fleet member away from this great racing venue. Although he claimed dual fleet allegiance, we're sorry to lose Bill Faude's enthusiasm and participation in Fleet 5 to "that strange California scene". We lose a good skipper and crew in Ben & Karen Wallace who will be moving back to New England this winter.

We look to find more talent and keep our beloved "square bottom boat" fleet growing in '99!

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

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

* R. Neil Haves

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

No Report.

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

	Fleet Captain	C	raig Thayer
	Fleet Secretary		_en Phillips
*	Mike Yates	Acme	37
*	W. Craig Thayer	Huntress	73
	Onondaga Yacht Club		75
*	W. Craig Thaver		865

* W. Craig Thayer	Huntress	736
Onondaga Yacht Club		754
* W. Craig Thayer		8656
* W. Craig Thayer		8677
Ron Nagy		10188
* W. Craig Thayer	The Cheese	10370
* W. Craig Thayer	Black Bart	11425
* Joel Ambrose		12776
* Leonard Phillips		12646

Lightning sailing is slowly being reborn on Onondaga Lake here in Central NY. Whereas last year we had 10 boats for our one day Lightning Invitational at the end of August, this year we managed to muster 15 (a 50% increase ain't bad). While the day started out with plenty of clouds and rain, an hour later it became a perfect sailing day with moderate winds and plenty of sunshine. Visiting skipper Kirk Reynolds nailed down the win.

During the season, Len Phillips joined the club, followed by Joel Ambrose. A little arm-twisting convinced Mike Yates (#378) to join our group next year, with newcomer Ron Nagy with a 10K Allen also ready to join the fun. Counting yours truly, this brings our number to FIVE – enough to reinstate Fleet #10 as an active fleet for next year. If we add four boats to the number at the regatta, that brings us to 19, and since a lot of the usual people were unable to attend this past year, a goal of 25 boats doesn't seem out of the question for '99. Our regatta is August 20th, so come join us if you can.

There are also a number of individuals at the club that have expressed an interest in the boat, who we hope to have join us as crew or skippers. In addition, we've also picked up a couple restorable boats that hopefully will be refitted before the end of the season. We plan to have a weeknight series as well as the usual weekend races. All in all, it's been a good year here, with prospects for 1999 looking even brighter. *Craig Thayer*



Above: Kirk Reynolds, winner of the Onondaga One-Day. Below: ALL the winners of the Onondaga OneDay Photos courtesy Craig Thayer.



NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET 11 Metropolitan District At the End of the Navesink River, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Jon Sc	Jon Schwartz	
* Carl D. Broadbent, Jr.		12060	
* Carl D. Broadbent, Jr.		13333	
* William P. Clausen, III			
* & David Clausen	Almost Perfect	14495	
* Jon Schwartz	Le Speu	14786	
* Mary Huntsman			
 * Jon Schwartz * Mary Huntsman * & Sandy Huntsman 	Magnum Force	14852	

No Report.

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

Fleet CaptainBrian Starck
Fleet Treasurer
Fleet Champion
Runner-UpEd Roseberry

 * Anne S. Allen Laird Robertson * William E. Neal 	See Adler	0 3951 6983
* Charlie Nowak * Ian Drullard		9111 10356
Paul Niederlander William Weikert, Jr.		$11117 \\ 11126$
* Gregory Flynn Ronald Allan Hughes	Rip City Express	11739 12445
 Clarence O. Jones, Jr. John L. Cosmann Jody Swanson 	Sea-O	$12770 \\ 13244$
John A. Frank, III		13366
& John Frank, IV Alison Emblidge		13652
* & Warren Emblidge		13653
John J. Beimler * David E. Fretz		14112 14195
* Edwin Roseberry, Jr.* Allen Boat Company	Berry III	14261 14262
* Warren Emblidge, III	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	14286
* Judith Walker* Brian Starck	Vampira II	14291
* & Robert Starck * Richard I. Buckley, Ir	Confusion3	14371 14410
* Pascal Buckley	Catspaws	14410
* Christopher Buckley* David F. Stephens		14411
* Joe Donovan		14483
* Jody Swanson * John Swanson	Crackerjack	14499
* Mary Dobmeier	W7	14500
* Larry Bone	West Wind Hotel California	14502 14548
* Peter K. Bone * David Starck		
* Thomas Starck		
* Joe Starck* Michael Vollmer	Daze of Thunder	14553
* William E. Neal	Dube of Thundel	14569

* Kevin Robinson		
* & Timothy Jehle		14572
* Tom Allen, Sr.	Atom	14611
* John Schimert		14678
* Lynn Mayer		
* & John Mayer		14682
* Allen Boat Company* Richard A. Aubrecht		14709
* Richard A. Aubrecht		14744
* Michael Vollmer Daz	e of Thunder Part Deux	14772
* Tom Allen, Sr.		14811
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14905
* Allen Boat Čompany		14907

El Nino provided Lightning Fleet 12 an ice-free Abino Bay for '98, which allowed some of our more intrepid sailors an early launch. Weekend sailing was very popular in May and early June. Thankfully, David and Joe Starck, Sr. stepped in to run these races when the Burgee committee boat was unavailable. The BCC One-Design Open, organized by Kevin and Bob Robinson, was held the third weekend of June. This regatta marked the first time the Lake Erie District Championship was held in conjunction with another multi-class regatta. The committee managed to run three excellent races in breezy conditions on Saturday without any delays or conflicts with the other classes. There was absolutely no wind on Sunday. Larry MacDonald topped a competitive 28 boat fleet, which included three crews from outside our district. Dave Starck was runner-up.

About twenty boats competed in the Tuesday Night Series, and we could rely on an average fleet of a dozen or so Lightnings every week. We owe our annual debt of gratitude to the Tuesday Night RC of Jean Swanson, Anne Allen, & Suzy Fretz and to Joe & Carol Starck. Ed Roseberry won most of the races. Kevin Robinson & Tim Jehle went in partners on a new boat. Dave Fretz bought an early 14000 Allen and sold his 10000 boat to young Ian Drullard. Mary Dobmeier acquired John Beimler's bright orange 14112. And Greg Flynn joined our fleet with 11739. The Club Championship, sailed in mid-July, was won by Jody Swanson.

The North American Championship was, of course, the highlight of our season. General Chairperson Anne Allen deserves special recognition for her achievements. Anne organized a large and efficient committee, came up with a budget that worked, and planned a very enjoyable week. Her regatta sets a high standard for future championships, both for the ILCA and the BCC. MacDonald, Jim Allen, Jody Swanson, David Starck, and Tom Allen, Jr. all finished between 8th and 15th in the Blue Fleet. Ned Roseberry, sailing for Ched Proctor, was the highest placing BCC member, finishing 4th. Larry and Peter Bone, crewing for Jim Crane, "bullied" their way to a Prez Cup victory after a disappointing qualifying series. Sam Septembre, who spent the summer with the Allens, was Junior runner-up, while the Ward/ Bone/ Ernst team placed 6th.

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

Fleet 14 Centerboard Yacht Club12599* John Tozer14777

No report.

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

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion Runner-Up		n Williams rge Madel
Jeane Bice		8581
George Barr * Brian H. Williams &	Mimou	9417 10301
John Rowley	Mimsy	10301
* K.E. Jones Gene Baerenrodt	Dabo 4	$10518 \\ 11082$
Joseph Shatt		11363
Sandi Scull & John V. Rowley	Halcyone	11907
Jeffrey Strand		12716
Charles Goehringer		13163
Stanley Moldawsky	Sector and	13520
* Heinz Kornmann	Windy	13638
* George W. Madel	Byken	14722

The 1998 season opened with our traditional Cold Duck Regatta. We had nice light steady winds, full crew, and three great races. Heinz Kornmann, and crew Cathy Schneider and Ash Scache took the trophy. George Madel and crew Tim and Matt Mitch placed second. With such agreat opening day, we could only hope that the rest of the season would go as well.

Unfortunately Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate. The first of our three series (the Folwell Series) was plagued with no wind, too much wind, and downpours. Over thefour weeks five out of eight races were either DNS or DNF. George Madel took the series. Heinz Kornmann placed second.

The Miller Series opened on a similar note; no wind, just another day to sit on the beach. The next three weeks we actually got to sail. At the end of the series Heinz Kornmann was declared the winner. George Madel took second.

The Baron Series started out with two good weekends of sailing. The third weekend was cancelled due to no wind. With one weekend (two races) to go George Madel was only 1.25 points ahead of Heinz Kornmann for the club championship. Unfortunately for Heinz, George took first in the first race and third in the second race to take the series and the Club Championship.

We close tour regular season with the Lorimer Brown Cup. This is a one-day regatta where the skippers crew and one of the regular crew skippers. As regular skippers, we pray for light wind. This year we had a little more than light wind, which led to some frightening moments. However, we all managed to stay upright, had lots of laughs, and a great time. Cathy Schneider, skippering Heinz's boat, took the trophy.

Once again we held the PA Governor's in late September. We had light winds, but managed to get all five races in the two-day regatta. There were 21 very competitive boats. Dick Hallagan managed to squeak by last year's winner, Bob Bush, by one point to win the regatta. Sandy Huntsman was one point behind Bob to take third. Joe Buczkowski placed fourth and Mark Schneider fifth. Hope to see everyone back again next year. This regatta was reported in Flashes.

So ends another year of Lightning racing on Lake Wallenpaupack.

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

Fleet CaptainColleen H. Wright Fleet Secretary/TreasurerJ.J. McDonnell * James J. McDonnell Blue Mac's 9332 * Douglas Reid

	& Ken Reid	Moxie	9402
	Colleen Hawks		
	& Charles A. Hodges		10156
	Ernest R. Walker		12234
	Lyle T. Barkhymer		12601
*	Marnie Tolerton	Fledermaus	12614
*	Doug Reid		13162
	Heinrich Kutschke	H.E.K.	13605
	Kathleen Kane		14311
*	Gordon S. Black, Jr.	Daisy	14341
	Marjorie Lord Westphal		14524
	Don Todd		14593

No Report.

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

Fleet SecretaryRobert Clover Jay & Helen Limbaugh (Life) Robinson Joslin 10585 11055 John Green * James T. Young * James T. Young 11531 11777 Robert Curry 12049 * Franklin L. Terry Mellow 12287 * Robert Clover Wind Thief 12551

KODELL CLOVEL	wind finer	12001
John Collier		13189
John W. Timmermeister		13741
Judy Creamer	No Fear	13747

No report.

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

Fleet Captain		
* Hank Hitpas		8671
* Donald T. Okner	Tomato Sloop	11448
* John Marx	Ariba-Ariba-Andele	11565
Jim Di Paoma		11772
Stephen T. Nichols		13211
William M. Beveridge		13373
* Perry L. Anderson	Dreamer	13381
* Josef M. Holbien	Meister Eder	13820
John L. Miller		
* Robert H. Graham		14061
William Warren		14198
* Richard T. Miner	Hawkeye	14607



1998 Fleet Champion Rich Miner and crew Gail Miner

The year 1998 marked not only the 60th anniversary of the Lightning but also the 60th anniversary of the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club. As can be seen from our Fleet Number 25, we are one of the oldest fleets in the ILCA and we are committed to being around as long as there is an ILCA and Lightnings to sail.

Our kick off for the Spring Series was the Gabor Cup Regatta, held on May 24, 1998 and was run by our Lightning fleet. This is a handicapped event open to the entire Lake Mohawk community held annually on Labor Day weekend. The regatta consisted of two races in which nine boats participated. The winds were out of the west between four and seven knots. Lightnings were skippered by Bob Graham, Joe Holbein, Rich Miner, and Don Okner with Perry Anderson performing his usual excellent job as our Race Committee. Despite formidable competition by a Thistle and a swarm of Lasers, the Lightnings prevailed with Bob Graham is first place followed by Joe Holbein in second place, and Rich Miner in third place.

On May 31, 1998 we hosted Brian Hayes of North Sails who ran a sailing clinic for us. Brian videotaped us on the water and then did a critique of our performance. Seeing your own mistakes is always a humbling experience but Brian was careful to also point out our strengths so that none of our fragile egos were bruised. We all picked up some helpful pointers which we were able to incorporate into our racing during the rest of the season.

For our Spring Series the winds on Lake Mohawk were typically shifty and sometimes light, but the "September in July" weather was great and many of our days were picture perfect. The Lightnings sailed a total of fourteen races with seven races needed to qualify. Nine of our skippers participated throughout the series but only three ultimately qualified. The final positions were as follows:

Lightning Fleet and crew at 1998 Awards Dinner Dance



First Place: Rich Miner - Crew: Gail Miner and others Second Place: Joe Holbein

Crew: Monika Holbein & Dee Dee Holbein Third Place: Don Okner - Crew: Jim McMahon & Vinny Kunz On Independence Day the LMYC held a family picnic which was organized by Dee Dee Holbein and Joan Hitpas. Commodore Hank Hitpas and Snipe skipper Jeff Urbanski manned the grills and the event ended with a first rate view of the fireworks. On the following day, the holiday festivities continued with our Marine Base Regatta which was run by the Snipe Fleet. Once again, our Lightnings prevailed with Bob Graham and Rich Miner in first and second place respectively and Jeff Urbanski in his Snipe with a very competitive third place.

The Fall Series was heralded in by calm days which resulted in cancellations on August 2nd, 16th, and 23rd and only one race on August 9th. However, the winds began to pick up on August 30th, allowing two races in which Perry Anderson and Rich Miner went head to head and Bill Warren served as Race Committee. Perry and Rich swapped places for first and second thus causing the event to end in a draw. On the following weekend, the long awaited wind began to blow.

September 6th was the day for our annual Commodore's Cup Regatta, another handicapped event in which thirteen boats participated. Lightnings were skippered by Rich Miner, Hank Jelinek and Don Okner. Bob and Pat Graham served as Race Committee and set a course which consisted of two triangles and a windward leg for the finish. We had a strong breeze out of the south with some hefty puffs and managed to sail two races with a lunch break in between. Rich Miner took honors for first place followed by Hank Jelinek in second place, Jeff Urbanski (Snipe) in third place, Hank Hitpas (Laser) fourth and Don Okner in fifth place. The day ended with a cocktail party at the Lake Mohawk Country Club which was hosted by Commodore Hank Hitpas and his wife, Joan.

October 11th 1998 marked the official end to LMYC's 60th year of racing on Lake Mohawk with the wind having been much better for the second half of the Fall Series which had eight boats participating but only three qualifying and finishing as follows:

First Place: Rich Miner - Crew: Gail Miner and others Second Place: Perry Anderson

Crew: Margaret Anderson and Gary Oeters

Third Place: Don Okner - Crew: Jim McMahon and others The LMYC's final event of the year was our annual awards dinner dance which was held on November 21, 1998 at the Lake Mohawk Country Club. Connie and Bill Warren did an outstanding job organizing this affair at which trophies were presented. Top honors in our fleet once again went to Rich Miner who capably succeeded in defending his championship with wife, Gail as his key crew member. Crew of the year went to Don Okner's crew, Jim McMahon and Vinny Kunz. Congratulations to all whom participated and helped to make this a good year. *Don Okner*

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

	Fleet Captain	John Te	eigland
	Fleet Secretary		
	Fleet Champion		
	Robert Kenny Jody D. Robinson Little Egg Harbor Yacht		6929
*	Jody D. Robinson	Procrastination	10768
	Little Egg Harbor Yacht	Club	
		Swampy Skunkbuc	ket 11124
*	John Teigland, Jr.	Cirrus	11666
*	John Teigland, Jr. Franz K. Schneider, Jr.	Hornet	14348
×	Caroline Hoedemaker	Phantom	14634
*	Mark Schneider	Redemption	14840



Awards Day at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club

There was a full program of club, inter-club, and regatta sailing for the Lightnings based at the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club this past summer.

In addition to this, a special effort was made to interest the teenaged sailors graduating from our Optimist Pram program in the Lightning. On several Saturdays, these young people raced Lightnings on our senior course. They had their own start with the E Scows and Cat Boats. One strong adult went in each boat to help in case of an emergency. The kids really managed quite well, even in winds well over 15mph.

In late July Dwight Hutchinson donated his Lightning 11124 to the club for use in the Junior Training Program. It was a very welcome addition to the fleet and should see even more use next season.

There were thirteen boats from eight different clubs at our Invitational Regatta on the weekend of August 15th. The weather was clear and sunny with winds between 10 and 15 mph. Mark Schneider, representing the host club, won the series with 1, 1, 4 finishes. One point behind in second place was last year's winner, Steve Warren from Surf City Yacht Club. John Haiges, representing the Riverton Yacht Club fleet, finished third, one point ahead of Little Harbor's Caroline Hoedemaker.

In addition to the racing program Lightnings were also used for the youth cruise to Tuckers Island and the ladies Thursday evening sailing program.

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

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

Fleet CaptainEric Brandt Fleet Treasurer/SecretaryRalph Zimmer

*	Donald R. Schregardus		0
*	Ralph D. Powless		8234
	Peter Burge		8559
*	Charles Matthews		9498
	David Racine		11899
*	Dennis W. Pope		11930
*	George K. Hodge G	one With The Wind	11982
	Kirk Smith & Madeline Smi	th	12046
*			12580
	Andrew J. Sehulster		
*	& Ralph Zimmer I	adv Be Gooder	12787

Don Friswold * Ralph D. Powless * Jamie Diamond		12797 12895 13063
* Eric Brandt		13855
* Kurt Andrews	White Heat	13935
* Thomas H. Varley, Jr.	Afterburner	13979
* Carl R. Clipp		14104
* Paul Howald	My Obsession	14395
Edmund G. Redman		14575
* Daniel R Hertzer		14848
* Kurt Andrews		14897

1998 was a great year for Leatherlips Lightning Fleet 27. Lightning members were very active in keeping Leatherlips a great place. We traveled extensively competing in away regattas, nationals and anniversary events. But, the number one important thing, we all had fun with our boats, crews and families.

Fleet member Dan Hertzer served as Vice-Commodore of Leatherlips for 1998 and will be Commodore for 1999. Dan worked very hard around our club with the help of fleet members doing club improvements. Some of the improvements the Lightning fleet participated in were breaking up old concrete steps and laying new cement walkways and steps, contributing to efforts for docks in and out, trimming trees, repairing outside lighting, and volunteering time to teach sailing. We certainly work hard and play hard.

Our sailing season opened with the famous Spring Classic hosted by Pymatuning Yacht Club, Mothers Day weekend. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Kurt Andrews, Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer, and Tom Varley. The Windshift Regatta hosted by Leatherlips Yacht Club was the second weekend of June. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Tom Varley taking 2nd place, Kurt Andrews taking 6th place, Eric Brandt, Carl Clipp, Dan Hertzer, Paul Howald, and Christina Hedrick. The next event was the Ohio Districts hosted by Pymatuning YC the last weekend of June. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Kurt Andrews, Dan Hertzer, Eric Brandt, and Christina Hedrick. The Pymatuning group really know how to throw a party. We had a great time with excellent weather.

The next event was the 60th Lightning Anniversary hosted by Skaneatelas Yacht Club in Skaneatelas NY on the 4th of July weekend. Leatherlips members who attended were: Kurt Andrews, with crew: Zach Austin, and Mike Mirarchi, Christina Hedrick crewed for Don Johnson from Iowa, Dan Hertzer with crew Don Schregardus, and wife and crew Marti Hertzer, and the Varley's-Tom, Kay, Jon and Karla all raced at this event. Associate Leatherlips member and Lightning Class Secretary Karen Johnson skippered with crew: mom, Edna Johnson, dad, Kirk Johnson and youngest sailor at the event Karen's son, 3 and _ year old Evan Johnson. Karen placed 4th in the classic boat class. Karen's parents traveled from their home in San Diego CA to Columbus, OH and onto Skaneatelas, NY for the race. This once in a lifetime event was well represented by Leatherlips sailors. Family members also came along for the fun. Zach Austin's wife, Susan, Sue Shregardus-Don's wife and not yet one year old Aaron Hertzer also attended this event. It was a great time and we are looking forward to the 70th!

To continue on with the sailing season, the next event was the Nationals at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Point Abino, Canada about an hour from Buffalo, NY in the middle of August. Leatherlips skipper Kurt Andrew with crew: Zach Austin and Mike Mirarch competed. Christina Hedrick crewed for Judith Walker for the Women's the first week and crewed for the Buchkowsky's from Michigan the second week of racing. It was very interesting racing with one day of the wild weather Buffalo is famous for. We had a lot of fun and Buffalo hosted a fantastic event.

The next event for the Leatherlips sailors in the Ohio districts was the Stumpbuster Regatta at Indian Lake Yacht Club during the middle of August. Leatherlips skippers were: Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer placing 3rd,and Tom Varley placed 2nd. The Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Yacht Club was the middle of September. Leatherlips skippers who attended were: Kurt Andrews placing 3rd, Eric Brandt, and Tom Varley taking 1st. The weekend after was the 3rd annual Bare Bones Regatta hosted by the Mansfield Sailing Club. Leatherlips skippers who competed were: Kurt Andrews placing 3rd, Eric Brandt, Dan Hertzer placing 2nd, Paul Howald, and Tom Varley took 4th. The Snowball Regatta was the first weekend in October and was hosted by the Buckeye Yacht Club. Leatherlips skippers who attended were: Kurt Andrews placing 2nd, Dan Hertzer, and Tom Varley. Finally, the last Ohio regatta was the Fall In Regatta hosted by the Cowen Lake Yacht Club in the middle of October. Leatherlips skippers who attended were: Kurt Andrews taking 4th, Eric Brandt, Paul Howald, and Tom Varley placing 5th. As you can surmise the Leatherlips fleet are very much road warriors when it comes to competing in Ohio Regattas.

Karen Johnson, and Christina Hedrick represented fleet 27 crewing at the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville, TN the first weekend in November. Attendance was a little lower than usual but it was still a fun regatta.

Almost the whole fleet sailed locally. This group of skippers includes: Kurt Andrews, Leatherlips Fleet Captain, Eric Brandt, Carl Clipp, Christina Hedrick, Dan Hertzer, George Hodge, Paul Howald, Harry Minick, Don Schregardus, Tom Varley, and new members Ralph Zimmer, Jamie Diamond and Rick Ward.

Kirk and Madeline Smith moved to Massachusetts with their Lightning and Leatherlips additionally welcomed new members Kay and Dennis Pope to the fleet. We are hoping to welcome lifelong Lightning sailor, David Racine and wife Shirley Gallops to our fleet in 1999. Kurt Andrews purchased a brand new boat and Don Schregardus sold his boat. The Varley's won the Ohio Governor's Cup for the best scoring in Ohio District Regatta competition. Also, as usual with sailboat people many repairs and updates were performed on our beloved Lightning's in 1998.

The crews, who are almost never mentioned but are the most important persons on the boat and certainly should be mentioned were: Zach Austin, Mike Mirarchi, Jim Thompson and daughter Stephanie Thompson, Charitta Clipp, Kevin Jehl, Lightning Class Secretary Karen Johnson, Ken Hartlaub, Sandy Gill, Debbie Cook, JP Clowes, David Racine, Marti Hertzer, Karla Varley, Don Schregardus, Sue Mantey, Lisa Meadows, George Hodge, Christina Hedrick, Kay Varley, Jon Varley, Kristen Ossa, Hillary Kissel, Ralph Zimmer, Judy Diamond and 2 year old son Joey Diamond. I know I probably left some persons out – sorry.

Thanks to all for a great 1998 sailing season! Christina Hedrick

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

1998 Fleet Captain .	Me	errill Bales
	Richa	
	ElectGa	
	Joan	
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	Hank	
Fleet Runner-Up	Me	errill Bales
* Jack Beal		0
* Larry Niswander	X Spurt	197
Gerald J. Forthun		1661
* Richard E. Stanbridg	e	8381
Philip Reynolds		
& James Reynolds		9650
* Dave Chambers		10291
Robert Douglas Carl	isle	10871
Jim Walz		11664
* Peter C. Paullin	Go Blu	11951
Richard B. Young		12051
* Hank Hodgson		12121
Clyde J. Brasher	I Delight	12345
* Gary Marzolf		
* & Richard Foster		12506
* Hank Hodgson		12607
Dennis Marsh		12777
Dana Compton		13021
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Robert E. Doyle		13767
Charles L. Smith	Sorry Charlie	13891
* Jeffrey W. Clemes	www.?.com	13959
* S. Maxwell Smith	Hay Bales	14090
* John D. Folwell, Jr.		14260
* Merrill Bales	Hay Bales	14301
Jay Dunwell		
& Amy Dunwell	Mighte	14449
* Hank Hodgson	TCB	14510
* Richard F. Elwell	Hot Flash	14540
Harry Teets	Over Easy	14618
* Bruce Goldsmith	Model Citizens	14649
* Dan Norton		14774
* Jeff Maludy	Adrenalin	14810
* David Laidlaw		14830
* Dan Norton		14884

Sure hard to think the sailing season is over already. Seems like it just began. We started with our Jack Tibbs Memorial Day Series. Dan Norton showed everyone which way to go, with 5 wins in 5 races. Our next series was the Stay At Home Series. This is when most of the "Good Guys" are out of town to regattas or at the Michigan Districts. Unfortunately Hank Hodgson stayed home and won this series with 4 - 1st and 1 - 2nd & a 3rd. I was second & Harry Teets was third. Next came the Fourth of July Series. Again Hank sailed a good series with 4 - 1st & 1 - 4th. Dave Laidlaw & I tied for second.

On Friday July 10th we had a fine turnout for our annual night race. After a cook out, six boats with at least four people per boat sailed two races. It was a perfect night with good wind. We saw the sun set and then the full moon rise, (Good planning by the Fleet Captain.) John Folwell & I each won a race, so we had to sail another race to determine the winner, John won this sailoff.

I would like to especially thank Curt Baldwin & Katie Chambers for running the races for us every time we race.

Our next outing was the Round the Lake race. This is for fun with several ideas for keeping the fleet together. Some of which do a 180 turn, drop your sails & wait for a boat to pass, drop your sails & do a 360. I think you get the idea. Dick Elwell received first. His first race after hip replacement. (Committee felt sorry for him, I didn't get a vote.)

For the Fleet Championship, which is sailed all season, Hank Hodgson is first with 27 points, Merrill Bales is second with 33. Dave Laidlaw is third with 44 points. John Folwell is fourth with 60 points. Harry Teets if fifth with 89. Foster/Marzolf/Magee are sixth with 103 (thirty some each). Hank showed us all which way to go and how fast. It was great to see ten boats out for the last week of this series. Sorry to see Dave Chambers do a deep six, but we've all been there. Congratulations to Dick Elwell for a great last week. (Good winds for the fat boys.)

Next series was the Captain Commodore race. In this race we split the fleet by our finishes in championship. Top boats sail the Commodore & rest in the Captain. This series was won by Dave Laidlaw with Hank Hodgson second. Harry Teets won the Captain series. Our last series was Labor Day. We sailed five races with Hank (again) being first. The Fleet voted on the balance of our trophies. First Mate was Judy Bales. Board of Governors to Ron Griffith. Sportsmanship awarded to Merrill Bales. Best Crew went to Elisa Wyatt. Novice to Foster, Marzoff & McGee. Most improved to John Folwell.

Our 55th annual regatta was held on September 19th & 20th. We had 25 Lightnings turn out. Saturday we had to postpone 'til 1:30 to wait for the wind. This race was sailed in 0 to 5 MPH. Colin Park was first with Bruce Goldsmith 2nd, Craig Gabel 3rd, and Dan Norton 4th. After the race beer and soft drinks were enjoyed by all. Followed by a great buffet at the club.

Sunday started much better with a decent wind. We sailed 3 races back to back. Colin Park won the second race with Sean Fidler winning races three & four. Craig Gabel sailed aconsistent series with three threes and a two to win the regatta. Dan was second and won the club trophy for the fleet boat placing the highest. Everyone had a great time as "THIS ONE'S FOR FUN".

1998 was a great year for the fleet. Thanks to all who made it happen. Best of luck to Dick Foster our '99 Fleet Captain.

Merrill Bales, 1998 Fleet Captain

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

Fleet Secretary	Greg	Gray	
Fleet Secretary	Jerome Se	ppelt	
Fleet Champion	Dale Jac	ackson	
Dave Mendenhall	Wood Work	8586	
Chuck Suter	Lime Light	10425	
* Clem B. Shriver	Red III	11123	
Carol Mendenhall	Me Ma's Folly	11904	
* Gregory Gray	Windebeast	13594	
* Ierome Seppelt	Nittany Lightning	13989	
* Jerome Seppelt* Dale Jackson	White Lightning	14075	

The International Lightning Class Association's 60th Anniversary Regatta celebrated at the Skaneateles Country Club was well represented by Fleet 33. Fleet 33's number one draft choice, Joe Dissette, from the Saginaw Bay Fleet matched his Lightning named Carousel #33 with his new honorary Fleet #33 and sailed to first place at the 60th Anniversary Championships. Joe Dissette's honorary induction into Fleet #33 took place on a beautiful autumn afternoon at Joe's home in Midland, Michigan. The Dissette home is a showplace of Lightning Class history and gracious hosts they are.However, this honorary induction is not final until Joe visits Fleet #33 at their island on the Great Turkeyfoot Lake.

In the meantime, at the Turkeyfoot Lake Regatta our 1998 Lightning Champion is once again Dale Jackson. Following as usual but this time in second place was Jerry Seppelt, Dave and Mother Carol Mendenhall. Chuck Suter and Clem Shriver enabled Jerry to take 2nd by not racing. And, finally, Greg Gray qualified and, thus became our 1999 Fleet Captain by coming in last. Thank you Greg, we knew you were holding back for a reason.

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

Fleet Captain	Dave Ruiter
Fleet Secretary	.Jim Carson
Fleet Champions Ryan Dunn & Mike	Buczkowski
Fleet Runner-UpJoe	Buczkowski

*	George B. Francis		0
	Carol H. Kern	Zig Zag	6557
*	Robert E. Cowan	Certiorari	7082
	Metedeconk River YC	Club Tub	9852
	Robert G. Savarese		10952
	David Magliaro		11122
*	A. Richard Thomas, Jr.	Miss Fitt III	11411
*	William C. Bogardus Jr.	Yankee Doodle	11800
*	David S. Ruiter		
	& Stephanie Ruiter	Love It	11894
*	Michael Hnatt		12209
	Mitchell Hnatt		13084
	David K. Holland		13359
	Craig Dooren		14029
*	Greg Kinzel		14008
*	Robert Lynn		
*	& Jarrett Lynn	Sunshine Daydream	14450
*	Bernie Beegle		14514
*	Ryan Dunn	Root Down	14525
*	Michael Buczkowski		
*	& Joe Buczkowski, Jr.	Hakuna Matata	14550
*	Brian Taboada	Jesus Built My Hot R	od14589
	James G. Carson (Life)	Fuzzy Logic	14595

[*] Keith Taboada	Roadmaster	14597
[*] Frank Conway	Crusader	14642
[*] Paul F. Gelenitis (Life)		14684
[*] Donald Brennan	Serai	14692
* Djoerd Hoekstra (Life)		0

With the mixture of seasoned veterans and an influx of former juniors the future of Fleet 34 is bright! And, Fleet 34 sailors still dominate the Central Atlantic District. Although our attendanceat the Districts was down slightly, Brian Taboda, Paul Gelenitis, and Keith Taboda swept the top three positions. Brian also won the Atlantic Coast Championship. Keith Taboda led a 3 boat contingent with a ninth in the Long John at Monmouth. Co-skippers Jim Carson and Kevin Dunn were first and newcomer Mitch Hnatt second in the Bay Head/Metedeconk Tuneup. Mitch took sixth at the Little Egg Harbor Invitational. The team of Mike Buczkowski, Ryan Dunn, and Paul Gelenitis took top honors in the ten race Barnegat Bay YRA series with Jarrett Lynn second and Joe Buczkowski third.

Our Fleet members were also active on the fall circuit with Joe Buczkowski the most active and Annapolis the most popular. Joe capped off the year with a win in the Pumpkin Bowl atBarnegat Light beating out Mitch Hnatt in the final and deciding race. Jim Carson excelled at the States in Surf City with a third. Joe was 4th in the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Lake Wallenpaupack, 10th in the Riverton Fall Regatta and the States before leading the five boat Metedeconk contingent at the Frigid Digit with a fifth. Jim Carson and Ryan Dunn also sailed the Borderline Regatta.

On the river, co-skippers Kevin Dunn and Rich Eytel won the Spring Series, Greg Kinzel the Fall, and the team of Mike Buczkowski and Ryan Dunn placed first in the Fleet Championship.

Although five skippers went to Buffalo, only Brian Taboda (13th) made the blue fleet. The others, led by Paul Gelenitis' eighth sailed in the green fleet. No yellow fleeters!

Not to be forgotten are our Juniors who traditionally do well and often end up getting their own boats. Dave Ruiter and Jim Carson, now assisted by George Francis and Dick (the younger) Thomas continue teaching/coaching an advanced group of juniors on Thursday evenings. From this group come 90% of our new members. This year was an "off" year as a Metedeconk boat did not win the Junior States although Ryan Bradley and Rich Eytel took third and fourth respectively. Ryan went on to place seventh in the Junior NA's.

Looking forward to 1999, we'll miss Ensign Joe Buczkowski who expects to sail in Florida where he will be based. However, we'll welcome Michael Hnatt with a refurbished Lippincott and Greg Kinzel's new (to him) Nickels purchased from Bob Adams this fall. We should see more of Billy Bogardus now that he's finished law school and Dave Magliaro threatens to finish rebuilding his Lippincott. Maybe George Francis will let Don Brennan steer his own boat for a change. Perhaps Dick Thomas will be more visible and Dave Ruiter will come out of retirement more often. JGC

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

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion Runner-Up	Ar John Wa	Ardis Good ohn Waskom IV	
 * Spencer McGowan Randy Jancyk Ron Keimer R. John Davis Carl E. N. Takle 		$10014 \\ 10069 \\ 10211 \\ 10275 \\ 10285$	
* Ardis Good		10811	
* John B. Waskom IV	Hard Tack	10959	
Henry Hermann		11046	
Henry Hermann Ralph Bilnoski		11118	

Rodney L. Wallace	11311
Southern Methodist University Sailing Club	12545
Wayne B. Catoe	12975
Hank Hermann	13223
Bob Wenning	13248
Mark Alholm	13341
Ignatius Urbanek	13644
* John B. Waskom IV Peter McDonnell	13722
Peter McDonnell	13781

The '98 sailing season for Fleet 35 was a challenge of skippering skills. We were used to skippering around small obstacles in past seasons – stumps stuck in the mud. This season we learned to sail around large obstacles – the ever-present obstacles associated with the dredging of our lake – namely a large pipeline used for moving mud from the bottom of the lake to a pit several miles south of Big D, a large dredge and other small equipment. All well worth the inconvenience. We are amazed at the fact that all the governmental hurdles were jumped and that the job was completed in early fall – months ahead of schedule. Our lake is cleaner, deeper and we are now rediscovering areas of the lake we had lost over the decades to silt. And, contrary to all wild speculations, there were no bodies at the bottom of the lake – a lot of other stuff but no bodies.

Our racing season seemed to be one of weather extremes. We experienced a "rain delay" at the beginning of our racing series and then sailed through the 2nd hottest summer on record. All and all, the heat wasn't unbearable as we did seem to have good breezes and got our races in Saturday mornings before the mercury topped the century mark. The drought here did take its toll in late August as we watched the irony of the dredge at work out in the lake and dry land under our davits. A good heavy rain soon got us back in the water. Skippers participating this year were Ralph Bilnoski, Hank Herman, Jim Kennedy, Spencer McGowan and John Waskom, IV. At the end of the season in November, John Waskom IV sailed away with the Fleet Championship followed by Hank Herman who faithfully sailed almost every race as runner-up. So closes another season for Fleet 35. If you're visiting Dallas,

So closes another season for Fleet 35. If you're visiting Dallas, give us a call and come sail on our beautiful lake – no need to worry now about dragging the centerboard.

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

Fleet Captain	Scot Werley
Race Chairman	Victor Maras
Elect Secretary/Treasurer	Janis Gamer

* R. Scotland Werley		
* & Karen Werley	Caledonia	6133
* W. Terry Patrick	Swift Justice	8635
* Edward Werley	Kyushu Gypsy	9375
* Victor Maras	,	
* & Marilyn Maras	Changes of Attitudes	10527
* Lud Lekson	la Biche IV	11278
* Ralph Meacham	Wingtips	11618
* Tom Dressler	Natural Born Killers	11768
Greg Ferree		11868
* Thomas S. Petroski	Purple Moose	12884
* David Palmer	Chaos	12972
* W. Timothy Borland	Agent Orange	12973
* Martin Powell		
* & Deborah Powell	Grey Ghost	13181
* Janis Gamer	Recess	13240
June Maltbie	Hot Canary IX	13465
* Bridget Frymier		
* & Matt Frymier	Relax	13608
* Donald P. Courtsal		
& Frances Courtsal	Grace	13771
* Jonathan Dean	Sysygy	13905

*	Herbert Jestel	Smile	14020
*	Leonard Ciccione	Rigmarole	14143
	Garry Condon	Sight Unseen	14222
*	Frank Thompson	Enticer	14285
*	Denis S. McLaughlin		14340
*	William H. Weihe, Jr.	SOB	14343
*	W. Terry Patrick	Second Childhood	14412
*	Dean N. Caley	Greased Lightning	14420
*	John Werley	0 0	14422
*	John P. Borland	Change of Luff	14513
*	Thomas S. Petroski	Purple Moose II	14523
	Victor Maras	1	
*	& Marilyn Maras	Hakuna Matata	14546
*	John Woodall & Sarah Woodall		
	a Salah woodah		14573
*	Scotland Werley & Nedra Lewis		
*	& Nedra Lewis	Arete	14579
*	David E. Werley	Barometer Soup	14657
	Robert G. Ruhlman	1	
*	& Abby Ruhlman	Touch of Grey	14751
*	Don Courtsal		14914

Fleet 36 had a very busy 1998 sailing season starting with our annual Spring Classic held May 9th & 10th. A total of 29 boats registered for the event from as far away as Canada, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Michigan. John and Bertie Werley did a great job organizing the event with the help of rescue team Keith Custard, Gordon McCarty, Steve Hidell, Ed Casey, and Keith Patrick; race committee Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton, Joel Ridge, and John Barkett; and all the Lightning Fleet 36 members.

The winners of the regatta were Jack Elfman, Jim Allen, Sean Fidler, Jody Lutz, and Dick Hallagan. The top PYC finishers were Rob Ruhlman, Dave Werley, and John Werley.

This year, Fleet 36 and Pymatuning Yacht Club had the honor of hosting the Ohio District Championship 50th Anniversary Regatta on June 26, 27, and 28. District Commodore Bridget Frymier and Anne Borland were co-chairpersons and after months of planning, numerous phone calls and daily e-mails, the end result was truly memorable.

A total of 41 boats registered for the event and from the greetings at the Welcoming Tent on Friday and Saturday to the trophy presentation on Sunday afternoon, a great time was had by all the participants.

The winners of this year's Ohio Districts were Matt Fisher, Skip Dieball, Dan Dressel, Sjoerd VanderHorst, and George Fisher. The top PYC finishers were Rob Ruhlman, Jim Sears, Tom Dressler, and Dave Werley.

As we put our boats away for the winter, Lightning Fleet 36 is already anticipating the 1999 sailing season. Our fleet is looking forward to four new boats on the lake belonging to Dave Palmer, Martin Powell, Bob Harrison, and Don Courtsal.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our regattas and social functions. Have a safe winter and we're looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Classic on May 8 & 9, 1999.

Janis Gamer

All photos next page by Janis Gamer

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

Fleet Captain/SecretaryJay Anderson

* Michael B. Pike	Irish Mist	10796
David Petelinz		11431
Edward Garber		11578
Jim Zambito		12873
William Muth		12912
* Jay H. Anderson	Skidaway	14182
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No Report.

Fleet Reports



Race Committee Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton Jack Elfman and Skip Dieball at the 50th and Joel Ridge Ohio Districts

Bridget Frymier and Anne Borland at the 50th Ohio Districts trophy presentation

Matt Fisher, Dan Moriarty and Rick Bernstein accept their 1st place trophies at the 50th Ohio Districts



Fleet members Pam Petroski, Gordon McCarty, Amy Borland and Scot Werley



Lud and Helen Lekson prepare for another Bob Harrison with son Rob and their newly Fleet Captain Scot Werley with crew purchased Lightning Sunday race

Karen Werley and Nedra Lewis



Irena Patrick, Helen Lekson and Marian Weihe serve a snack on Old Lightning Lane during the Traveling Tavern and Trailer Tour



Vic Maras, Bob Frymier, Greg Maras, and Keith Patrick enjoy some liquid refreshment at the Traveling Tavern

Rob Ruhlman with Jerry Balestrino, Garry Condon and John Dunne provide the enter-tainment at the end of our Traveling Tavern and Trailer Tour



Fleet members Gloria Thompson and Eleanor Hawn

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

	Fleet Contact	Jim	Davis
	Fleet ChampionJim		
	Fleet Runner-Up	Jeff Ha	gman
*	Aaron Stange		9099
*	Becky Ganues		10024
*	Ernest Dieball		10291
	Dennis Dieball		
	& Skip Dieball	Wimpy-12	10638
*	Rick Rothenbuhler		10000
*	& Craig Koschalk		10798
	Jeff Kasper		10956
	Brent Amburn		11806
*	Robert Rishel		13640
	John J. McNulty		10010
	Chris Snyder		13928
*	Stephen H. Thomas,		107 10
*	& Mike Thomas,		
*	& Bill Thomas	The Happy Boat	14148
*	George Sipel	ine inappy bout	14249
*	Josh Kerst	Instant Karma	14519
*	Bruce Goldsmith	motune rearing	1 10 17
*	& Derek Gauger	Model Citizens	14649
*	Jeff Maludy	Adenaline	14710
*	Jim Davis	Flash Over II	14779
	Britt Wadsworth	r aon o ver n	14818
*	Jeff Hagman	Bud Lightning II	14824

No Report.

* George Fisher (Life)

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

Fleet Captain		George	Fisher
		Marty	
*	George Fisher (Life)		10860
	Dr. Karl Kumler		13250
*	Matt Fisher	Ladies Choice	14045

Fleet 43 is very proud of Matt Fisher winning the North American Championships for the third time. He also won the Ohio Districts at Pymatuning – which were the two times he sailed all summer! Tain't fair. His dad, George, won the Masters this year and brother Greg was second at the NA's last year!

14345

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

Fleet CommodoreDave Nasca
Vice CommodoreDave Cpoestick
Fleet SecretaryLora Grinder
Fleet TreasurerCraig Nobbs
Fleet ChampionMark Grinder
Runner-UpDave Nasca

* Bill Neal		6983
Iav Hackemer		7398
Jay Hackemer * Scott DeGolyer III	Just Say No	7949
Roger Slade	5	8004
Iovce Nash		9620
* Michael T. Humphrey		9739
* David Nasca	Chase	9845
Ira Johnson		10318
* David A. Copestick		12688
Kathryn Lyons		12984
John Ádrian		13628
* Paul I. Malone, Ir.	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd	The Judge	13948
* Mark W. Grinder	The Judge Speedy Devil	14672
* Mark O. Humphrey	1	
* & John B. Humphrey	Illusion	14719
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This was a great year for Silver Lake Yacht Club – new members, new Race Committee boat, new (and visible) buoys, and a real sense of renewed enthusiasm for racing.

Once again we began the year with a "Party at Grinders" in May and tried to get ourselves organized – with some success! We had competitive series on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and club championship races many of the other Sundays. Results are as follows:

Memorial Day	1. John Humphrey
	2. Dave Nasca
	3. Mark Grinder
Labor Day	1. Mark Grinder
	2. John Humphrey
	3. John Adrian
Club Champion	1. Mark Grinder
	2. Dave Nasca
	3. John Humphrey

In addition to our regular home racing schedule, our boats traveled to Keuka, Cuba, Newport, Chautauqua, and BCC. Of course, the highlight of the racing season was the 60th at Skaneateles – 6 of our boats (and many non-sailors as well) made the trip. We all had a great time and appreciate all the efforts of the 60th committees. Our own awesome dude, Scott DeGolyer finished 2nd in the wooden boat fleet!

It was good to see the young ones in our races on Silver Lake this year. Almost every boat had children crewing at some point during the summer, many on a regular basis. Some are third generation Silver Lake sailors!

Our annual Harvest Regatta drew people from all over Western and Central New York, Toronto, and even new friends from Vermont and Montreal. Tom Allen, Jr. won the regatta. Carrying on the family tradition. Hope to see even more of you there next yearthe winds are always "interesting" and the World-famous cocktail party is not to be missed. *Lora Grinder*

Photos next page by David Sprague

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

Fleet Captain	Da	ve Pyle
Fleet Secretary		
Fleet Treasurer		
Fleet Champion	Frank Ga	llagher
Fleet Runner-Up		
Tim Rinaman	Windhawk	7294
Joe Warren	Flamboyant	9383
James Connerton	Hawkeye	10215
Tim Elam	Speculation	10643
David Menotti	Bon Joy	11088
Justin Morris	Many Excuses	11369
Harry Keith, III	Thunder	11767

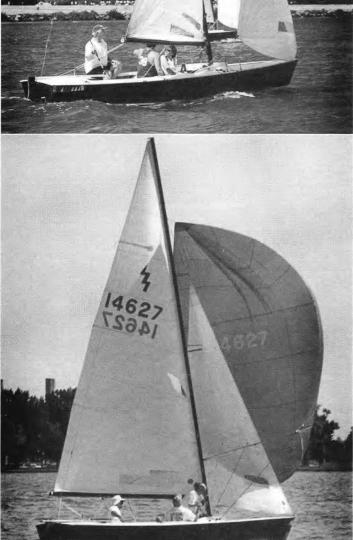
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Fast Forward	14470	
	14037	
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Puff White		
Greenwing		
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Breedabeat	14592	
No More Excuses	1462/	
	Swill Dog Moon Shadow Fast Forward Hold the Mayo Puff White Greenwing Breedabeat No More Excuses	12126 13740 13897 14019 Moon Shadow 14100 Fast Forward 14470 Hold the Mayo 14037 Puff White 14207 Greenwing 14266 14479 14592

Doc Gilbert (Life)





Top: Fleet 50 Champion, Frank Gallagher, at the Leukemia Cup Lower: Fleet 50 Runner-Up, Jim Dillard, at the Leukemia Cup

The 1998 Fleet 50 Championship was captured by Frank Gallagher with Jim Dillard a close runner up. Bobby Astrove proved a fierce competitor. Two of our newest members Roger Theis and Nabeel Alsalam participated regularly and are showing great promise. This year we were blessed with some very good crews who are potential skippers, Ernie Heinricks, an avid Windsufer, Kay Vakery and Martin Jeffrey Howell, transplanted Interlake sailors, and Patrick McGee, a seasoned 505 racer. Other enthusiastic participants were Connie McCulley and Karyll Thomas. Dick Hallagan and Jack Jones from Central New York District provide much competition racing against us in our invitational regattas.

The season began in February with our annual meeting and a PRSA party fundraiser to replace the committee boats.

In March, Harry Keith, Dave Pyle and Joe Anderson traveled about 3000 miles to participate in the southern circuit. We were shocked to see the sun disappear shortly after crossing the Florida State line. Heavy winds and storms blew throughout the races at Miami and St. Pete over the next two weeks. The first race in Miami saw 19 capsizes and two broken masts. Phil Grotheer, of the Severn River fleet, broke his mast the first day and Dave Pyle's main halyard parted on the way out to the second day of racing. After making repairs we finished the series.

Lightning caused cancellation of the first day of racing at St. Pete. Hospitality of the St Pete Yacht Club, one of the best in the nation, was superb. Lesson learned: install "twings" and carry at least one "orangutan" in your crew if you expect to fly your spinnaker on Biscayne or Tampa Bay without capsizing.

POTOMAC CUP (First Weekend in May) The Potomac Cup Regatta, attracted stiff competition from our East Coast fleets. Twenty-one boats participated. Dick Hallagan, of New York, won again this year with Dixon Duffet of Severn River, second. Justin Morris finished highest among Fleet 50 skippers at 5th, Bobby Astrove finished 9th, and Frank Gallagher finished 10th.

SPRING SERIES: Potomac River Sailing Association (PRSA) sponsored sixteen races over a six-week period. Participation was sporadic with Gallagher, Astrove, Dillard, Alsalam, Lamb, and Kiss appearing on one or more Sundays. Poor weather was definitely a factor.

In June, we invited Coach Kelly to the Washington Sailing Marina. Our Fleet now has tape recordings with his commentary on the racing tactics of two of our newest members, Nabeel Alsalam and Roger Theis. The action took place off the docks in the Lagoon.

On Memorial Day weekend, several members went to Solomon's Island at the mouth of the Patuxent River. Our newest fleet hosted the Dixie Districts championships. Frank Gallagher, Joe Anderson, Jim Dillard, Stuart White, and Red Fehrle enjoyed some spectacular racing. We have added a copy to our fleet library of Coach Kelly's video recording with interesting comments on sail trim and tactics.

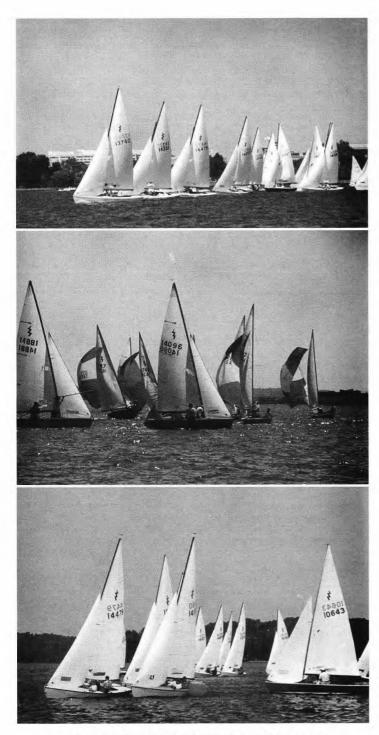
Over the 4th of July weekend, Nabeel Alsalam, Bobby Astrove, Jim Dillard, Dave Pyle, and Harry Keith traveled to Lake Skaneateles, one of the New York Finger Lakes. We were among the 180+ Lightnings that helped celebrate the sixtieth Lightning Anniversary. North Sails conducted some highly effective seminars on Friday. Bobby Astrove posted the best Fleet 50 finish with an overall 8th place finish. Jim Dillard with Justin Morris as his crew finished 2nd in one of the races and was right behind Bobby in the final results.

PRSA SUMMER: A few members showed up for some informal Wednesday evening Lagoon racing off the docks. The weather was beautiful and the winds light for racing in the Lagoon: Nabeel Alsalam, Roger Theis, and Dave Pyle participated.

We started September with the Leukemia/President's Cup. Our Lightnings, thanks to our friends from the north and south, won the President's trophy for the largest fleet turn out with 19 boats. Frank Gallagher turned in the best performance for the Leukemia Cup and Phil Grotheer from Severn winning the President's Cup. Roger Theis and crew Connie raised over \$200 for Leukemia.

PRSA FALL SERIES: Sixteen more races were held off Haines Point. Great weather and favorable northwest winds surprised us all. Participation increased during the six-week fall series ending with 7 boats in the final race. Dave Pyle and Stuart White attended the Solomon's invitational and the Boarder Line Regatta in North Carolina.

Dave Pyle and Jim Dillard helped the Georgetown Sailing Team prepare for the Collegiate Nationals held in November. Twelve col-



Action at Fleet 50's Leukemia Cup. Top: A start. Middle: Windward mark - Nabeel Alsalam temporarily ahead of Phil Grotheer Lower: Windward mark - Stuart White rounds on the outside while Tim Elam approaches on port Photos courtesy Nabeel Alsalam

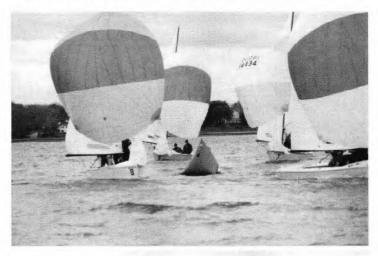
lege teams competed in Lightnings at the Gross Point Yacht Club. The Georgetown sailors won second place, loosing by one point to Charleston College.

The season ended on November 7th with five Lightnings sailing five short, informal races in the lagoon off the Washington Sailing Marina. Frank Gallagher won four of the five races that were punctuated with shifty, puffy northwest winds. On the first leg of the first race all skippers incorrectly followed Frank around the reaching mark. (The winds were so shifty is was hard to tell which was the windward mark.) All followed Frank while he corrected his mistake. A hot "chilly" party followed.

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

Fleet CaptainPaul Nagel	Ċ.
Fleet ChampionTom Vickers	
Runner-UpRobert Brower	•

*	Paul J. Nagel & Mark E. Nagel	Excellent.	
*	& Mark E. Nagel	Estralita	835
*	Robert E. Lee	Bolt Walker	12178
	Richard R. Kretschmar	Cold Pizza	13488
*	Paul I. Nagel	Lithium	13571
*	Paul J. Nagel David L. Piech		14042
*	Ioe Romer	Traf	14436
*	Richard Rothenbuhler		14419
*	Michael Delano		14543
	Peter Wenzler		14590
*	Robert G. Brower	Hole-In-One	14652
	R.C. Thomas Vickers		14474
	Michael D. Williams	Assisted Suicide	14856
*	H.J. Cawthra (Life)	XI	
	Richard Drew, Sr.	Nokomis	





Fleet 51 hosted the Collegiate Sloop Nationals on Lake St. Claire

For Fleet 51, the 1997 season was a tough act to follow. Thanks again to all those who attended the North American Championships here last year . . . it was our pleasure to be host to you. However, it was nice to return to "normalcy" in 1998.

1998 proved to be another strong year for our fleet. We continue to grow in participation numbers and enthusiasm. We are proud to have had the largest turnout of any Michigan District fleet at the 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles. Our fleet traveled to Pennsylvania, Florida, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Ontario, Indiana, and other Michigan locations for Lightning racing this season. With the Michigan District's blessing, our annual "light air" Father's Day regatta was moved to early October. Our sincere thanks to all of the participants who made it possible, especially to the "wind gods" that make planing a square boat a most enjoyable experience. Detroit Brew Factory congratulations to Tom Allen for narrowly pulling off a close one here, just barely squeaking past evenly scored Sean Fidler in a tiebreaker.

evenly scored Sean Fidler in a tiebreaker. Rear Commodore Tom "Don't Talk To Me When I'm Driving Unless I ask You To" Vickers has retained his position as Fleet 51 Champion, with Bob "Lisa, had me another Labatt Blue" Brower nipping at his raw heels. Tom also won two of the three fleet series, with Bob winning the other.

Fleet 51 closed our Lightning season when the ICYRA held the 1998 National Collegiate Sloop Championship series at CSYC. The event was held during the first weekend of November, and all of the participating teams competed in Lightnings. Past winning skippers have been Gary Jobson and Tim Healy. Our sincere thanks to the boat owners who donated their beloved square boats for use during this regatta.

Looking toward 1999 *Paul Nagel*

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

Fleet Secretary	Kevir JameGeorge Kevir	s Reach Nickels
* Ronald J. Soyka	My Sally	6499
* Shawn M. Farney		8590
* George F. Siegle	A1A	11205
* John R. Lefevre		11520
* Bob Rufli	Waverunner	11854
* Bob Rufli		13808
* Carl Pohly		14242
* George H. Nickels		14448
* David Nickels		14741
* George H. Nickels		14743
* Kevin Nickels		14899

* James Reach

Lake Fenton Sailing Club enjoyed the addition of new members for the 1998 sailing season. Shawn Farney and Bob Rufli joined the I.L.C.A. and brought their boats to Lake Fenton. While Dave Nickels did not participate in the 1998 sailing season, his boat was sailed by his daughter ChristyNickels and her fiance', Tim Coles. Some of the Nickels expertise for sailing on Lake Fenton has apparently rubbed off on Tim.

The Michigan District Team Races again utilized a format where teams were handicapped and assembled during registration. A team consisting of Kevin Nickels, John Garrison, and the middle boat from every bye team ended up winning the regatta. Due to the increased competitiveness of this format, it is anticipated that future team racing regattas will continue this handicapping system.

Lake Fenton is planning the installation of a hoist which would further assist the launching and recapturing of boats during crowded regattas. Modifications to the dock arrangement have also improved docking and launching. The dock frames and boardsections are in the process of being modernized and rebuilt on a section by section basis. It is anticipated that changes and improvements will continue during the 1999 sailing season.

James Reach

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

CommodoreDan House
Vice CommodoreEd Woods
Rear CommodoreBill Ziegler
TreasurerLouie Nickels
SecretaryJoyce von Drehle
Fleet CaptainBob Meyer

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*	Joel Thurtell		5885
*	Hank Callahan	Flip	7959
	Bruce T. Lessien	1	8479
*	Edward A. Diakow		9393
	Gregory I. Harris		9584
	Gregory J. Harris Eugene U. Bego		11065
*	Robert Kramer		11107
*	Joel Humphrey		11138
*	Joel Thurtell		11520
*	David Novak	Girls Rule	11537
	Ronald R. Newman		11844
*	Joel Thurtell	Mean Time	12548
*	Gordon N. Gotberg		
	& James H. Peterson		12612
*	Ronald G. Palmer	Apres Ski	12708
	Melvin G. Bleitz	I	12756
가	Eric S. Heller		
*	& Beth Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
*	Max Clixby	Wee Heather	12959
	Beth Groesbeck		12961
*	James W. Furlong	Pier Pressure	12977
	Gerard A. Dunn		13107
*	Ralph G. Hashoian		13121
*	William Roberts	EIB 1	13283
	Michael Mitchell		13378
*	Ronna Ross	Flash Dance	13451
*	Stephen R. Braski		13468
25-	John Crowther		13606
	lames Prokup		13859
*	Dennis McCarthy		
	& Gary Stephens	Lane Lady	13937
*	Norman Burns		13985
*	Jack F. Ensroth	DI	12005
**	& Paul T. Von Oeyen	Phantasy	13995
	Dennis Hefley	CI	14031
* *	Diana Fernando	Chaos	14049
14	Trish Szydzik	NL CI	14054
**	Edward G. Woods	No Clue	14097
25	Gregory Tarrant	Cutting Edge	14105
*	Gerald Engelman	Blitzen	14117
*	James M. Mick	0 : 1 6:1	14126
	Bruce J. Finsilver	Quick Silver	14144
*	Gerard P. Gray		14177
*	Jim Zwolensky	Terre	14215
	Mark Whatley	Jean	14220
*	Andre R. Dubel	Ditto Head	14280
*	Bruce Henderson, M.D.	Summer Wind	14282
*	Dennis McCarthy Kevin Lewand	Lane Lady In he Groove	14333 14390
*	Stuart M. Feldman	Ultimate Answer	14390
*	Michael Roualet	Oninate Allswel	14439
*	Joe Lapalme	Lightning Bug	14457
*	Thomas Klaban	Allegro	14464
**	Buzz Brown	Shenandoah	14477
*	William B. Noll	ShehanuOan	14515
*	Bob Padilla	Thunder	14563
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* Ted Flack	Maior Obsession	14567
	Major Obsession	
* Wallace P. Smith	Gator	14601
* Salo J. Korn	Rosinante	14604
* John Garrison	Stupendous	14637
* William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	14641
* Dr. James McCoy	Dr. "J"	14690
* John Greenstreet	5	14724
* Paul Sobotka		14746
* Bonnie K. Nickels		
* & Louie Nickels	Double Nickel	14755
* Robert W. Shaw	Emissions Control	14760
* Richard F. Beaubien	Renaissance!	14767
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha!	14778
* James R. Bowers	Excelsior!	14789
* Jon Bennett	Fly Honey	14800
* Jim Allen		14807
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14841
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14851
* Richard Bukowsky		
* & Traci Bukowsky	Sizzlin'	14854
* Robert H. Mathers	Evergreen	14870

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

Fleet Captain		chmiege
	Larissa	
* Calvin H. Schmiege (L	ife) Sea Porsche	13944
* Judith Walker * Bob Starck	Vampira II	14291
* Bob Starck	1	14371
* Calvin H. Schmiege (L	ife)	14580



Fleet 59 at the 60th.

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

Fleet Captain									•	.Chris	Wynne
Fleet Secretary										.John	Marion

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

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

Fleet CaptainJohn Esser
Vice Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerDana Blumberg
Fleet ChampionDennis Bersch
Runner-UpDoug Schelwat

	Robert G. Quinsey		3621
	Clyde Taylor		10310
	George Miller		11415
*	Dean S. Cady	Rampage	11442
	Wavne E. Babler, Ir.	Rampage Firebird Suite	11888
	Ronald J. Darling		13225
*	Sue Herzfeld	Second Wind	13430
	Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.		
	& Clare L. Fiorenza	Vita Brevis	13794
*	Thomas M. Slater	Quarencia	14162
	Walt Kramel	·	14388
*	John H. Esser	Sans Souci IV	14400
*	Amy Simonsen		
	& Robert A. Franke	Reality Check	14555
	Stephen W. Bailey		
*	& Margaret Waltz		14621
*	Doug Schelwat		14737
*	Doug Schelwat William G. Faude		14740

After dropping down to only three boats at the end of 1997, Fleet 69 has seen a renewed interest in fleet racing. Now with nine active boats in the fleet we expect to revive the participation that we have enjoyed for over fifty years. In fact we expect an additional 2-3 boats for next spring.

How did we do it? We changed a few things.

Our ongoing season series was moved from Saturdays to Wednesday evenings. This allowed skippers and crew with other weekend family obligations to still get out racing a few hours each week. It also allowed the die-hard district racers to attend weekend regattas without losing valuable points in the season series championship.

We also changed the racing format. Gone are the huge triangles that turn into drag races after the first beat. This year we sailed windward-leeward (twice around) with short legs. Starting sequences were 5-3-GO, and no race took more that about twenty minutes. This allowed us to get 3-5 races in each Wednesday evening. (Even with weather blow-out days, we sailed 33 races) This put an emphasis on starts, boat handling, and tactics, and deemphasized total boat speed, thereby allowing newcomers to be relatively competitive while they learned to tune their boats over the summer. In fact, the top three places went to skippers who bought boats last spring.

Results 1st Dennis W. Bersch, Jr. 2nd Doug Schelwat 3rd Walt Kramel Dennis Bersch

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

1998 Fleet Captain: . Fleet Secretary / Treas Fleet Champion (Best		led Duffy luntsman luntsman
* Frank Mergenthaler		0
John F. Holian		2674
Mary Sue Rogers		3686
Michael Plosica		9539
*"Cary Scott Zackman,	Sr. C. Nimbus	9984
* Wolfgang Haugh		10249
* William Jaeger	Blesk	10626
Kevin J. Kelly		10769
* Monmouth Boat Club	Club Boat	10787
Pat Payton		11753
Eric Coznoski		12714
* Patrick F. Corr		
* & Patrick E. Corr	Leprechaun	13386
Frank Kingdon	1	13673
* Dale Barney		13743
Edward Landis		14043
* Edward Duffy		14175
* Jack Huntsman		14342
* Henry O'Hern, III	Joker	14482
* David Watts	3	14492
Dennis Nitka, Jr.		14492
* Alfred C. Morton	Blue Haven	14539
Paul Jeka		14624

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ROCKY RIVER FLEET 71
Ohio District
Sailing on Lake Erie

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Sailing on La	ake Erie
Cleveland Yacht Club,	Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain		Walter Sellars	S
Fleet Secretary		James Cunninghan	n
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*	Mrs. Jani	s Stevens Mue	eller (Life)	G.A.M.E.	9653
*	Walter Se	llars, M.D.	Newfie		14191
*	Bill L. Bu	ckles (Life)			0

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Paul Jeka

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Wolfgang H. Haugk Jack Huntsman Ralph F. Wilson

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

Fleet SecretaryPhilippe Jacob

*	Rudi Salmang	The Flying Mustard	12829
*	Richi Salmang	, 0	12829
*	Dominique Rodriguez		13432
*	Rafael Esguerra		13990
*	Mauricio Valenzuela		14085
*	Philippe Jacob	Jubilee	14536
*	Jochen Raute	5	14704
*	Juan Carlos Uzcategui		14704
*	Juan Carlos Uzcategui Luis Felipe Castillo		14805

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

* Richard Chamblin		11218
* William Stringer	Tanstaafl	12974
* Garv Peck		13726
* Robert W. Ohlsen	Bobs Last Boat III	14012
* Doug Flovd		14205

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

Fleet Captain Joan Hurban Fleet TreasurerBob Sengstacken Fleet Recording Secretary Howie Rinehart Fleet Corresponding SecretaryJim Morris Fleet Champion Bob Sengstacken/Paul LoGerfo

* Ceaser Lipert		7248
* Daniel Parietti		8252
* James P. Wolfe	My Three Esses	10224
* Lawrence Decker	My Three Esses	10620
* David Surman	Flashpoint	10784
* Daniel Parietti	Shamrock	11143
* Jed Kwartler	Shannoek	11416
* William Donelan	Grease	11583
* Richards Jarden	No Frills	12045
* LD Mann	NO FIIIIS	
* J.P. Mann * Ceaser Lipert		12166
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* Christopher Kelly	Suntag	13832
* Gary S. Hurban	His	14073
* William G. Cook	Fat Chance	14140
* Mark Keane	Thumbs Up!	14363
* Michael Shasho	Little Crunch	14384
* Joan A. Hurban	Hers	14482
* & Dawn Sager		
* Stephanie Mayo	Special Effects	14484
* & Willard Mayo		
* George McDonnell	White Lightning	14565
* & Arthur Spielvogel	0 0	
* Chris Sprole	WA	14631
* Kathryn Connell	Ruffian	14714
* & Paul Connell		
* Judy Hanlon	Thistle	14781
* R. Robert Sengstacken		
* & Paul Logerfo	DOG	14888

The fleet continues to grow. Looking at the yearbook, we seem to be one of the largest in the world. Our regular season runs from the first of May to the end of October, and we had an average of ten boats on the line, for the year. One regular race saw 17 participants. The Magnus Pedersen Regatta in late May drew 24 boats, and 31 attended the Last Blast, in October. A total of twelve of us sailed at sixteen different away regattas.

Kathy Connell had a very good year, winning the Women's North American Championship, in addition to our Fall Series, and finished third for the year, just a half point out of second. She and husband/crew Paul were also intimidating before the start, known for their prowess with the water-launcher! Bill Cook worked hard on the Race Committee and managed to capsize in no wind, apparently out of boredom. The Sultan of Swim kindly loaned his boat to our Fleet's representatives at the Junior North American's. Larry Decker and wife-crew Jan renamed their boat from "Just Married" to "Still Married," and are talking about replacing her - the boat, that is. They attended their first away regatta, with 180 other Lightnings; that will be a tough act to follow. Judy Hanlon's is the Lightning named "Thistle." Unfortunately, she seemed to be on Race Committee more often than she was on her Lightning. She did show up enough to get third in the Fall Series, and to win the "B" Fleet for the year. Nicely done!

Gary Hurban managed to hold onto second for the year, even though he also put 3874 more miles on his trailer. His crew reports that, on one of those trips, he did finally see over the edge of the earth, hitting a really extreme corner at Southampton, NY. Joan Hurban (Fleet Sparkplug) arranged seminars by Dave Dellenbaugh, Dave Curtis, Steve Benjamin and Brian Hayes. Plus, she actually still has insurance coverage! Wouldn't you think it would be easy to find a red-bottom boat, when it was floating with the mast straight down, even on Lake Erie? All's well, by now. Chris Kelly kept his sense of humor, even after a last-leg automatic tack capsized him. Mark (Pain Killer) Keane kept his battery operated blender in gear, and proved that good newspaper coverage needn't be related to finishing position. He did confess to decorating a visitor's boat with toilet paper, also implicating Denise Hurban and Jamie Perkins. Irwin Kwartler tackled the task of upgrading the Safety Patrol.

In his first year with a Lightning, Thistle sailor Paul LoGerfo sprinted up the learning curve, crashed into a visitor's boat, took third in the big Last Blast Regatta, and co-skippered to a close second in the Fall Series. During J.P. Mann's first year with a Lightning, the spinnaker got stuck at the top, and he sailed in to the hoist hugging it to the mast. He fixed that: it later refused to stay up at all. He came in a respectable third in the "B" Fleet. Stephanie Mayo and hubby-crew Bill had another good year, taking second in the "B" Fleet. Ron McCormack celebrated his tenth anniversary sailing with Bill Cook, and with soggy lunches. (How?!)

George McDonnell organized another excellent Opening Day, and sailed well, again. His co-skipper Art Spielvogel also had a good year on the water, but is moving to Vermont. They won the "B" Fleet Summer Series, and we'll miss them both. Jim Morris retired from skippering, and found that the front of the boat has plenty of room for a large cooler of Bud. He made great trophies, again. Dan Parietti co-chaired the successful Last Blast, and trained the most crew this year. Howie Rinehart always kept enough refreshments onboard for his crew Jim, and together they had a spectacular first in a Magnus Pedersen Regatta race. Craig & Rita Roundtree joined the fleet and practiced crewing.

Bob Sengstacken was the luckiest guy most of us know. First, he got to use Paul Logerfo's brand-new Allen nearly all year. Then, he won two of the three series, and co-skippered with Paul to second in the other, clinching the Fleet Championship. He also took 4th in the Atlantic Coast Championships. Nice luck! Mike Shasho earned a third in the Summer Series and coordinated having our scores posted on the Internet. He sailed in all club races, for at least the second year in a row; you know, attendance does count! Chris Sprole, perennial top contender and Fleet Champion multiple times, won the prestigious Guy Moulton Cup for the best performance in any class in the Club, in the fourth of July regatta. He also took second place in both the Spring and Summer Series. Unfortunately, he is moving to Southern New Jersey; we will miss him. Art and Rita Stahl organized another good Awards Banquet, in a new location.

Peter Steckler kept the Patrol in practice!

Come sail with us on the widest part of the Hudson River, the Tappan Zee, off of Nyack, New York. *Bob Shapiro*

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

Fleet Captain	John Atkins
Fleet Secretary	Howard Stickney
Fleet Champion	McReynolds Family
Fleet Runner-Up	Richard Hallagan

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	Lori Foster		0
*	Lisa Stephens	Willow	470
	Marc H. Schieber	Willow	11050
	Dale Hamilton	Quest	11050
*	Ray Chapman	Captio Past	
24-	Howard P. Stickney	Cookie Boat	11074
25-	Wilmer R. Wright	\mathbf{D} \mathbf{C}	12215
	David N. Eckler	Droopy Sloop V	12313
	Andy Smith	Windswept	12400
	James I. McIntosh	Misty	13080
	Richard Doherty	Irish	13081
	R. Neal Smith	Stealth	13082
	Richard Leonardo	Blue Crew	13651
*	Daniel J. Koretz	Honky	13697
	Alan R. McReynolds	Obsession	13815
*	& Logan McReynolds		
*	Leland G. Atkinson III	Comfortably Numb	14185
	Todd Schumacher		14210
	George Sereno	Spar Trek III	14277
*	Mark C. Sertl	Lucky Too	14298
	Philip Lange	Mamo Wa	14367
*	John H. Atkins	Plan B	14397
*	& Chad H. Atkins		
	Daniel Pope	Madame X	14520
	Robert Crum	Holy Cow	14522
*	Dr. Robert L. Jamison	White Cap II	14605
*	Richard W. Hallagan	mine oup it	14655
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It's that time of the year, the boat's been washed, cleaned, covered and placed in the garage for the Winter. We can only wait for Spring, the Southern Circuit, some early out-of-district regattas and the 1999 sailing season. As I look back I find the past year to have been interesting, frustrating and rewarding. With a Fleet of 24 Lightnings, we were only able to get 15 boats racing during the year.

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1998 Fleet 77 Champions McReynolds Family: Logan, Alan, Erin



Top: Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney (right) accepting Award for Years of Service to the Fleet from John Atkins. Middle: Landy and Ryan Atkinson and Charlie Courtsal accepting the Tip-Over Trophy. Sandra and Bob Weatherup receiving the Rookie Trophy. Photos by Sally Atkins.

washed out of his boat and as a result took home the Tip-Over Trophy. Logan McReynolds (age 12), with father, Alan, and sister, Erin, as crew, continued from where he had left off last Fall and won the Spring Series in a closely contested battle between John Atkins, with sons Chad and Matt, and Dick Hallagan with his never ending list of crew. The number of boats on the line for the Summer Series fell to 4 boats per race. After the spinnakers had dropped, Dick Hallagan had won the Series; Bob Jamison, with regular crew Marcia Mepham and Ray Schmidt, finished second and John Atkins third. The Bay Series (morning races only - when the power boat traffic is at low) was won by John Atkins with Logan McReynolds in second and Dick Hallagan in third. The Fall series saw Al McReynolds (tiller time for dad) in 1st, with Dan Pope finishing second and Dick Hallagan third. 38 races were held through the year with the Fleet Championship being won by the McReynolds Family, Alan, Logan and Erin. Second place was Dick Hallagan and third was John Atkins. It was great to see Bob and Sandra Weatherup and Marc Schieber join in the racing. Bob won the Rookie Trophy this

year and Marc raced #470 with wood mast and cotton sails. Maybe next year we can give Marc a handicap to make him more competitive. Landy Atkinson sailed most of the morning races with wife Deb and son Ryan (age 5) as crew and Neal Smith was a regular with his boys Neal and Kevin Gray. It was encouraging to see the young family members sailing.

Alan McReynolds chaired the 24th Annual Newport Invitational Regatta on the first weekend in June, with 27 boats and four out-ofdistrict skippers (thanks Mark, Tom, Dave and Dave). Three races were held on Saturday followed by the now annual Pig Roast and a live Band in the evening. Races were cancelled on Sunday as there were Tornado warnings for the county. This proved to be a wise decision, as about the time of what would have been the start of 1st race, high winds arrived from the west, not a Tornado but bad enough to do damage if we had tried to race. Dick Hallagan won the 1998 Newport Invitational, with the sister/brother team of Jean Palm/Peter Hallagan placing second and Dan Pope taking third.

Fleet 77 supported the 60th Anniversary Regatta with over 50% of the fleet attending, Atkins, Atkinson, Doherty, Hallagan, Koretz, Lange, Leonardo, McIntosh, McReynolds, Pope, Schieber, Sertl, N. Smith and A. Smith. Most had at least one if not two family members as crew. Mark Sertl finished 2nd with Dick Hallagan 4th in the Blue fleet. The McReynolds Family, with Logan at the helm, finished 3rd in the green fleet. Marc Schieber in #470 sailed in the Yellow fleet.

Newport also made use of the ILCA Coach Program, hosting both a Junior clinic and an Adult clinic. The Junior clinic was attended by 21 youth, most of whom had not sailed a Lightning before. Thanks go to John Atkins, Alan McReynolds, Andy Smith, Howard Stickney and Mike Healy (of Sodus Bay) for loaning their boats for the day.

The Fleet also did its usual amount of travelling in addition to our district regattas. Dick Hallagan traveled the furthest, with trips to the Southern Circuit, Finland for the European Masters (1st) and European Championship (4th) and the Masters and NA's in Buffalo along with a host of other regattas. Lori Foster traveled with Dick to Finland. Logan McReynolds with sister Erin and Billy Stuart sailed their 1st Junior NA's finishing 12th and with Alan and Erin sailed the NA's. Chad Atkins sailed the NA's and Pan Am Trials.

I wish also to thank Howard Stickney, Fleet 77's perennial secretary/treasurer, for his tireless work in keeping the track of the finances of the fleet and especially the weekly updates of the racing scores.

John Atkins

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

	Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary Fleet Treasurer Fleet Champion Runner-Up	Franz E Lori I Franz E	dson Davis dson
	Gary Davis		0
	Tim Healy		0
	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.	Baby "Makes" III	7170
	Lester J. O'Brien	Luff Song	11474
•	Barry Buehler	Ugly Fuzzy	11784
	William A. Sebestyen	0, ,	12069
•	Paul O'Neill		12786
	Christopher J. Vann		14055
	Gary Woodruff		14189
	Tom Emch	Chao	14289
	Donald R. Barrett	Imp Baby	14417
	Franz R. Edson	Hazardous Duty	14419
	Theresa Colantuono		14619
	Bill Shore		14765

1998 was another great year for sailing on beautiful Niantic Bay. The emphasis has been gradually shifting to regatta and Holiday weekend sailing over Summer weekend fleet sailing, but with a growing group of youth sailors at our club, that trend should begin to reverse.

The season started for several Niantic Bay sailors at the Southern Circuit. Tim Healy sailed all three regattas, finishing third overall and winning St. Pete. Dave Peck sailed with Ched Proctor in Miami, and got a chance to hone his swimming skills, and Tom Emch sailed with George Fisher.

The next stop was Red Bank, with Tim Healy again representing Niantic Bay.

Fleet racing began with the windy Memorial Day series, which was won by Fleet Captain Franz Edson. Chris Vann was close behind, followed by Don Barrett sailing with seven year old daughter Adrienne.

Following a few weeks later, the Governor's Cup Regatta, held at NBYC, typically provides solid 10-20 Knot south westerlies. Unfortunately, this year was the exception, as the 18 teams only completed one race. Dave Peck won and Tim Healy came in second.

The Independence Day Series was won by Tim Healy. Franz Edson came in second, and Chris Vann third.

The CT/RI District Championship was held at Cedar Point this year, five teams from Niantic Bay competed. In a very tight group, Franz Edson, Chris Vann and Don Barrett all qualified.

Niantic Bay junior sailors Evan Barrett, Jim Condon and Kip Wyllie competed in the Sears Cup, winning the ECSA eliminations and coming in third in the Area B series.

As a warm up for the North Americans, Tim Healy sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championship held in South Hampton, Long Island, where he finished second.

Don, and Tim Healy (who didn't have to qualify) continued on to Buffalo for the NAs, both qualified for the Championship Fleet. Sailing with fellow Niantic Bay sailor Mike Breault, and Matt Reynolds, Tim finished third in the Championship Fleet. Don, sailing with George Weiderman and Gary Meyer, also qualified for the Championship Fleet. Tom Emch also sailed at the North Americans with long time friend George Fisher.

The last event at Niantic Bay this year was the Labor Day Series. Taking advantage of arch rival Franz Edson's absence, Chris Vann walked away with the series, followed by Don Barrett, sailing with Franz R. Edson, Fleet Captain son Evan and wife Donna.

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

	Fleet Captain	Matthe	w Henley
	Fleet Secretary		
	Fleet Treasurer	C	liff Harris
	Fleet Champion	Matthe	w Henley
*	Clifford K. Harris	Panique	7606
*	Matthew Henley	Panique Rocket	11645
*	R.H. Pearce	Liisa	13289
*	George McLaughlin		13685

After a bit of a wet start, the weather cleared off, giving us one of the warmest and dryest sailing seasons in many years. I think I

didn't wear shoes for almost two months - thank you El Nino! The main fleet activity continued to be the Thursday evening series, which runs from April to September. We had anywhere from two to four boats on the line in each race.

Matthew Henley won both the fleet and KYC overall handicap championships, which he credits to perfect attendance, fabulous crew (Lorna and Peter), and excellent on-board catering.

Other fleet highlights included travelling down to Portland for a clinic with coach Kelly, and Bill Rimmer lapping the fleet at the small boat regatta held in conjunction with the Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival.

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

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

ames C. Cosmas	Duct Tape	11705
Dan Murphy	Dr. Pepper	12923

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

	leet Captain	
Mike Boswell & Fred Chandler	Seafever	11373
Bert Winther Mike Boswell	Well Greased	13117
& Fred Chandler		13467

Bruce Yaeger Wendell W. Harter Paddlin' Madelyn 4 14263 The racing began with the California Lightning Circuit which was hosted by the Mission Bay Lightning Fleet in San Diego. The

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only Fleet 102 participant was Wendell Harter sailing with Paddlin' Madelyn III. Just prior to the California District Championships Wendell

acquired Lightning 14263 from John Lyon, named it Paddlin' Madelyn IV, and has been racing it since then in King Harbor events. Soon thereafter Mike Boswell and Fred Chandler purchased Warren Gross's Lightning 13467. Fred and Mike are trading off in racing this boat in events at King Harbor YC, Redondo Beach, and Richmond YC, which is on northern shore San Francisco Bay.

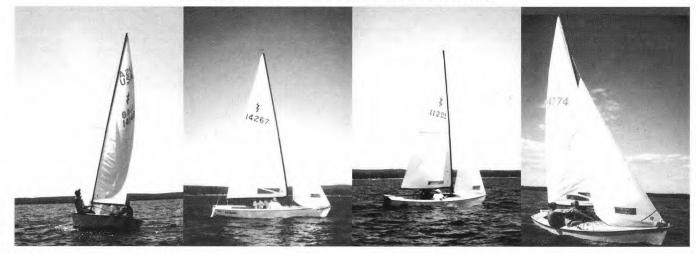
The result of the new acquisitions is that Lightning participation in King Harbor YC races has been improving. Dick and Mike Brewer sail with us when they are not sailing with the Mission Bay Fleet. We expect to see Bruce Yaeger sailing more this coming year now that he has joined the King Harbor Yacht Club. Bert Winther has been working on his boat and doing things to improve its performance. So we are looking forward to a more active racing season in 1999.

The Lightning Christmas party was held at the Manhattan Beach home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter. Our fleet will be hosting the California District Championships at KHYC June 12 & 13, 1999 Wendell Harter

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

Fleet CaptainChris Larsen
Fleet SecretaryBill Dacosta
Fleet ChampionCurt Morton
Runner-UpPeter Scott

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110 REGATTA



Mike Thomas in The Happy Boat

Larry Koster in Fubar

George Siegle in A1A

Tom Vickers' new Ticket



Action at the offset mark

Downwind

Close racing downwind



Close quarters at the pin-end start

The Race Committee keeps an eye on things



George Nickels and crew sail downwind

Jim Allen eyes the weather mark

Team Decker sails downwind

* Harold Koehler	Puck	9539
John Comer		10771
* G. Wm. (Bill) Gerold	At Last	10988
Pete Williamson		11119
Charles Heuschkel	Lightning Rod	12055
* William E. Dacosta	Elusive	12957
* Robert F. Hoffman	Fuzzy Blues	13710
* Dr. Robert T. Morrow	Men-At-Work	13782
* Ronald K. Kiss	No Excuses	13897
Anthony Ventimiglia		
& Eugene Ventimiglia	Spirit	13955
Christian Larsen	Peggy	13965
* John C. Morton	Gunsmoke Too!	14539
* William A. Scott	4-Carat Diamond	14635

The enthusiasm of our sailors continues to run high as reflected in the good fellowship, cooperation, and high spirits seen on the water as well as in the yard before and after racing. A bit disappointing this year was the number of qualifiers for the summer championship series, our premier series. A potpourri of circumstances, among them family obligations and the like, kept a number of our sailors from competing in a sufficient number of races to qualify. Although boasting a 17 boat fleet only 7boats were able to make the cutoff and 5 others were among the non-qualifiers.

Curt Morton was the clear winner of this year's championship series. Curt sailed brilliantly during the summer and deservedly captured the fleet championship.....Way to go Curt!! The lead was hotly contested throughout the 10 weeks of the series which led to some very interesting and enthusiastic racing. The wind gods smiled on us this season as well with all races sailed...and none cancelled or abandoned. The competition for the second spot was even keener with Peter Scott and dad, Bill going toe to toe with Ron Kiss. Peter ultimately prevailed in securing the runner-up spot. Ron finished third overall on the series. Joining in each week were Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, a past fleet champ many times over who finished in the fourth spot, Bill "Mr. Lightning" Dacosta finished the season in the number five berth. Sixth and seventh place finishes were secured by Chris Larsen and Bill Gerrold, respectively.

Non-qualifiers were Dr. Bob Morrow, a three time fleet champ and Pete Williamson our newest fleet member who sailed with wonderful enthusiasm. Also completing the season as non-qualifiers were Harold Koehler, Bob Hoffman, and Matt Reiser.

The sailors were on the water and the wind gods smiled favorably but, of course, without the enthusiasm of our race committee each week we sailors would be "...all dressed up with no place to go!" Our terrific race committee headed by Vice Commodore Chris Malzone set some great courses and ran a smooth and exciting series. Of course Chris could not have done it alone and as always we Lightning sailors at LYC owe a significant debt of gratitude to those who worked with Chris including Barbara Jost, Trudy DiFrancesco, Eve Allison, Peg Larsen, JoyceJohnson, and Joyce Rodgers. Good radio communication between the race committee and the club house as well as the patrol boats is of critical importance for the safety and smooth running of the whole show and again our hats off to the folks who run the radios from the clubhouse including Mary Ann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertakos, and Penny Hahn.

Our racing program would not function as well as it does were it not for the folks who also give of their time and effort to patrol the courses so we racing sailors can do our thing in safety. The Lightning sailors of this fleet say a special "THANKS" to Andy Johnson, Jack Henderson, and Ray DiFrancesco.

If memory serves, the only race that had to be rescheduled was the annual Commodore's Race sailed on Labor Day (not part of the championship series). This race is a special "fun" race sailed each year on a "course" designed by the commodore (George Schreyer this year). It's a blast each year as the sailors wind their way around the marsh islands immediately adjacent to the LYC clubhouse! It typically makes for some interesting happenings both on and off, or I should say in and out of the water!! This year however a squall line came through the area like a freight train and forced cancellation of the race. But, not to be deterred, it was rescheduled and sailed on September 27th at the Fleet's annual picnic which itself was a rousing success. Bill Dacosta was the lucky Lightning skipper to win this year's race. The picnic was a great success owing to the organizing effort of Bobbi Schreyer. The 55 sailors and family who attended went away well fed and warmed by the fellowship of this wonderful group of folks who comprise Fleet 104.

As 1998 goes into the history books we look back on another great year of Lightning racing and look forward to another perhaps even better year in 1999. If you are ever down this way come sail with us on Barnegat Bay. Please join us! *Robert T. Morrow*

GREAT SODUS BAY FLEET 108 Central New York District Sailing on Sodus Bay Sodus Point, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary	Mike Healy
* Michael Healy	12764
* Jed Dodge	14520

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain/SecretaryJohn N. Dent

* Scott D. Carman		2138
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr.	Bohica	9102
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr.		10025
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr.	Go Dog Go	11185
* John N. Dent	0	12784
* Scott D. Carman		13999
* John N. Dent	Deck-A-Dent	14021
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A small but dedicated group of sailors continue to keep Lightnings sailing on Higgins Lake. While our numbers have dwindled, we are still promoting sailing and specifically, sailing Lightnings. We think we are making progress. Also, we are traveling a little more that in the past; searching for larger fleets and the camaraderie and competition that is Lightning sailing.

Higgins Lake was in fact, represented at the 60th Anniversary Regatta by Peter Morley, Jr. He and his wife, Susan, and Stan Dent made the trip to Skaneateles.

They sailed *BOHICA* (9102) in the Classic fleet and did quite well, finishing in third place overall. I understand it was a real spectacle and I'm sorry I missed it. Maybe next time.

tacle and I'm sorry I missed it. Maybe next time. As always, the highlight of our season at Higgins Lake is our annual invitational regatta. This event was held on August 1st and 2nd this year. It was fairly well attended as 15 boats traveled to our Treasure Island location. It's always good to see our old friends again, but even better to see new races. The competition was closely contested as some of the best sailors in the district were in attendance. It was also cleanly contested as there were no protests; thank you. When the dust finally cleared on Sunday, Jim Allen and crew had outdueled Colin Park's team to win the regatta. Dave Decker finished in third place followed by Mike Thomas in fourth. Fifth place was won by George Nickels over Tom Vickers in a tiebreaker. Thanks again, to all of you who made the trip to Higgins Lake. To those who didn't, we hope to see you next year. You don't know what you missed.

Jim Dent

Photos previous page courtesy John Dent

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

President
Vice-President/SecretaryBrian Grahovac
TreasurerJohn Evans
Race Committee ChairmanSteve Adamski
Fleet Champions

......Mike Faugust, Bill Dean, David Jansch Runners-upTerry Phelan, Rick Evans, Mari Martin

 * Jim Hopkins Doug Olson * Phillip J. Sanders * Kevin Hart 	Puzzle	9634 10439 10680
* Kevin Hart * & Brian Keller		11307
Pat Masse		13565
* Frank A. Wood	Confusion 3	13568
Peggy Himmel		13695
* Terrence Phelan	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	
& Mari Martin	Surprise	13817
* Brian Phelan		
* & Steve Adamski	Just Friends	13818
* Brian Grahovac		
& Caly Havill	Flounder	13901
* Michael B. Kulkoski		
* & Bruce Heida	Birken Bot	14106
* Michael J. Merkatoris	Kg Skipper	14130
Jim Mercatoris	0 11	
* & Jim Hertel		14193
* Bill Dean	Rock N' Roll	14568
* Jim Gagnon, Jr.		14705
* Ed Coleman		14911

The Green Bay Sailing Club enjoyed a long, wonderful season in 1998. It started on February 28th, when unusually warm weather allowed Brian Grahovac, Rick Evans, Steve Adamski, Kendall Kissel-Sloat, and Nick Wood to launch at the mouth of the Fox River. Sailing in February, in Green Bay, is a real treat. It even made news in the local newspaper. Spring clean-up in May, was well organized by Doug Olson. The launching pier received some reinforcing cement and the dock hut got a face lift on the inside and out. The Sailing season started on Monday, May 18th. Little did we know then, that out of the 31 races scheduled, we would sail all but six of them. The weather could not have been better for a great sailing season.



Bailing out Doug. Photo Brian Grahovac

Fleet #112 hosted the annual Evans Regatta, with Ched Proctor from North Sails providing early season tuning help, and on the water guidance. We forced in four races on Saturday and two heavy weather races on Sunday. Several boats lost control on Sunday and ended up losing gear. Doug Olson endured the most. With half of his spinnaker wrapped around the mast, he managed to get to shore. But once at shore it required a 2 ton wrecker, with a winch, to get the boat out of the water. David Stix took the 26 boat, Evans Regatta, by 4 points, over the ever charging Paul Wurtzbach. Terry Phelan took 3rd, Bill Faude took 4th, and Brian Phelan took 5th.

The Fleet championship went to a different skipper this year. Mike Faugust won President Cup honors over 2nd place - Terry Phelan, 3rd Place - Brian Grahovac, 4th place - Steve Adamski/Brian Phelan, and 5th place - Doug Olson. Good boat speed and good, consistent crew work made the difference for 14582.

Fleet #112 continues to grow. Although we have lost some boat owners and skippers this year, these members remain very active in the Fleet. We have also picked up a few new boats and members this year. Ed Coleman is new boat owner and member, as well as Tim Monday. Jim Hopkins decided to trade in "Puzzle" - #9624 for a newer boat. Kip Hart sold his boat to one of his crew members and plans to buy a new boat in 1999. The continued growth of fleet #112 will make for some very exciting and competitive racing. We plan to raise our 10 boat per race average, up to 12 or 13 next year. As always, we just keep having more and more fun.

Brian Grahovac- Fleet Secretary

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

	Skip	
* Mark Mueller	Black Magic	10008
Lance Chaffee	Austerity	11175
* Lawrence Older	Red Baron	11766
		12228
Jim Griffin * James A. Maguire		13609
* Greg Buckley	Ole Blue	13890
* Michael D. Kane		13911
* Mike Lafrate	Cure For Pain	14108
* Skip Wilday		14725

The 1998 season was a wonderful one for the Lightning sailors on Cuba Lake. Many of our sailors raced on a consistent basis and we have welcomed some new faces to the fleet. We are excited about getting these new sailors into Lightnings of their own.

The annual Bolde Mothers Snipe/Lightning Regatta was held on August 1-2. We had a very impressive showing of 11 Lightnings and 23 Snipes. Saturday saw two races under low wind conditions, but the frustration of the course was tempered by a lovely cocktail hour followed by a pig roast. Sunday started out looking like Saturday but a spanking breeze came up late in the morning. We were fortunate to get in three races total. The Lightning finishes were as follows:

Third Place - Cuba's own Skip Wilday

Second Place - Mark Grinder from Silver Lake

First Place - Paul Coleman with his brother, Peter, as crew On the regatta circuit, Mike Kane won the Cornball Regatta in the beginning of June. Skip Wilday traveled to the Lake Erie Districts and the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake.

The summer of 1999 will see us hosting the Lake Erie Districts sometime in July. Details will be forthcoming. We hope to see many people there.

Valerie Kane

* Nick Abraham

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

Fleet Captain	.Keith MacDonald
Fleet Secretary	.Paul Eichenberg

* Larry MacDonald, Sr. (Life)

* J. Paul Eichenberg	Cha Geill	12443
* Scott Warrener	Fun II	14134
* I. Paul Fichenberg	Cha Geill	14476
* David Wood	Bunch Of Weenies	14599
* Larry MacDonald, Ir.		14834

Larry MacDonald, Jr.

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain	Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Secretary	Patrick McCormack
Fleet Champion	David Sestini
Runner-Up	Lon Sherman

* Russell Crawford	Phoenix	10479
* Alfred Martin	Kaboom	10857
* Patrick Gallagher	Shark Byte	11150
Joseph Puleo		11215
* Mark Windt	Healing Over	11640
David Clark	6	13206
Anton Becker		13249
* Winthrop Snow		13517
* Winthrop Snow Joseph Peterson	Eclipse	13642
David Sestini	O'Mon	14154
* John Hughes* Patrick McCormack		14275
* Patrick McCormack		14547

* Leonard Pratt (Life)

Fleet 121 had an exciting season that featured many races that were very close. The beginning of the season featured plenty of rain, but come July the sun finally showed through. The races were extremely competitive with the Fleet Championship being decided by tie-breaker! Congratulations go to David Sestini our Fleet Champion, and Lon Sherman, our runner up. They both demonstrated how exciting and challenging racing can be. Winford Snow had a consistent showing all season, and came in third overall.



Fleet 121's David Sestini chasing Lon Sherman towards the jybe mark. Photo by David Gallagher.

Some of the highlights during the season featured Lon Sherman taking first place in the Chet Young Memorial Regatta and Patrick McCormack/Alan Lavender taking home the Brian Hughes Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to everyone who sailed in Newburyport, and who represented Fleet 121 at away regattas. We are already planning for next season and will be looking for all of you on the water!

Patrick Gallagher

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

leet CaptainBob Martin	
leet SecretaryTerry Frimmet	
leet TreasurerRichard Thackaberry	
leet ChampionGianni Cuccio	
leet Runner-UpSteve Wexler	



Cedar Point Yacht Club A great place for Lightnings! Photo courtesy Kathy Thackaberry

* Iody Lutz		0
* Jody Lutz* Maria White		7552
* Gavin Watson	Cygnus	11097
Dick Price		11381
* Richard Thackaberry	Ol' Blue	11385
* Bud Titsworth	TNT	11486
* Rod Ratcliffe	Loligo	11570
* Rod Ratcliffe	0	11752
* Robert H. Martin, Jr.	Flexible Flyer	13056
* Iames DeCesare	Fester	13708
* Terence D. Frimmet	String Theory	13821
* John Cuccio	G.T.O.	13871
* Christopher Miller	Helter Skelter	14030
* Steven Wexler	Lloyd On Acid	14238
Tom Glynn		14630
* Charles Proctor	The White Boat	14821
* Jim Crane		14900

Cedar Point Yacht Club continues to provide outstanding racing for the outstanding Lightning Fleet on Long Island Sound.

Fleet 126 had a busy racing schedule this year. We began our season with the Early Bird Regatta held in May on the still frigid waters of Long Island Sound. It was a beautiful weekend, and "local boys" Ched Proctor and Gianni Cuccio led the way around the course.

The Lightning Coach spent the weekend with the fleet, and although the weather did not cooperate, we learned how to tune and test our speed against each other and, therefore, how to sail faster.

The regular season got under way, and we were READY. Our fleet sails two races every Saturday afternoon from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition, we sail three-day regattas on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Gianni Cuccio and Dick Thackberry placed first and second in all three regattas. The team of Titsworth and Titsworth took third on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our intrepid Fleet Captain, Bob Martin, finished third on the Fourth of July.

In July we hosted the CT/RI Districts and 23 boats sailed for the privilege of going to Buffalo. Always a competitive group, our District is the home of Jim Crane, Jody Lutz, Tim Healey, Gianni Cuccio, and Ched Proctor. In a very competitivefleet, Ched sailed to first place, followed by Jim Crane, Peter Hall, Jody Lutz, and Theresa Colantuono.

Participation was up this year. We qualified one more boat this season. Next year looks even better. We expect to shake things up a bit, as our fleet continues to sail faster and smarter. Dr. Wexler edged out Dr. Thackberry for fleet runner-up this year, and has set his sights on Gianni. Chris Miller continues to improve and has gotten outside experience on the Southern Circuit, the Frigid Digit, and at Nyack. Bob Martin traveled to the famous Southampton Pig Roast (and regatta) and now has his boat sailing FAST. The fatherson team of Bud and Greg Titsworth proves that two heads are better than one, as they sail up through the fleet. Terry Frimmet has returned to the fleet after missing most of the season and will need to be reckoned with nest summer. Rod Ratcliff continues to improve.

We all had a serious lesson in seamanship, namely, "how to sail a Lightning in 65 knot winds" as our season came to a stormy conclusion on Labor Day. Thankfully, all fleet members passed the test. We are all now older and wiser.

In addition to our "old timers", we have at least three new Lightnings joining Fleet 126 for the '99 season. In addition, we hope that Tom Glynn will return from maternity leave to sail his new boat. We look forward to a great year!!! Come join us!!! Our Early Bird Regatta is sailed the weekend before Memorial Day, May 22-23, 2999. See you then!!!! Kathy Thackberry

SAVANNAH FLEET 127 Southeastern District Sailing on the Wilmington River Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Full Monty

John M. McIntosh, Sr. (Life)

. Wallace Aggett (Life)

John Porter

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No Report.

MADISON BEACH CLUB FLEET 129 Connecticut/Rhode Island Sailing on Long Island Sound Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	James Deep	phouse
Fleet Secretary	Tim M	lillhiser
	John Su	
* James R. Deephouse	Early Times	11207
* James R. Deephouse* J. Michael Sulzbach	Rosie	11933
* W. Harmon Leete	Moonshine	13230
* Timothy Millhiser	S.S. Oshpoodle	14342
* Katherine Lee		14441
* Terry Zanes		14765



Fleet 129 Champions: John Sulzbach, Sarah Davidson, Michael Sulzbach, and Tom Davidson

1998 was a good season for Fleet 129 with 10 boats in the fleet and 8 boats regularly on the starting line. Windward-leeward courses produced tight racing, and any race could have been won by any of 5 boats. John Sulzbach had a particularly good season, winning the season championship, the Baylis Trophy, and the Fisher Trophy. The Fisher is a pricey win because the victor is obliged to fill the very large trophy with champagne. The season runners-upwere Terry Zanes, Steve Adkins, and Tim Millhiser. Erin Reilly led the Pape Race (skippers change boats) until the end of the sixth leg when Tim Millhiser finally got by her. One of the best things about Madison racing is the number of talented young racers; they include skippers John Sulzbach, Erin Reilly, and Scott Howard, and crew Rorry Coster, Liz Davidson, Lilly Millhiser, Ashley Sakmar, Ryan Sakmar, Taylor Sakmar, and Robert Simmons.

Madison looks forward to hosting the Districts in 1999.

LAKE WASHINGTON FLEET 132 **Pacific Northwest District** Sailing on Shilshole Bay Seattle, Washington

Fleet SecretaryEric Lindahl

* Eric Lindahl

No Report.

MOBILE BAY FLEET 135 Southern District Sailing on Mobile Bay Mobile, Alabama

Fleet SecretaryL.M. Bohnenkamp

	Denis Hermecz	Robt. Jeffcott	8365
	John Kern	5	8704
	Thomas Perrine	Sunday's Child	10980
	Tony Chavers		11085
•	Dr. É. Russell March, Jr.		
+	& Barney March, III	Bigeminy III	13060
-	Joe Wacker	0 ,	13158
-	Joe Wacker William Culberson	Dulcinea	13200
+	John M. Bohnenkamp & L.M.(Mitch) Bohner	Bohdacious	14136
+	& L.M.(Mitch) Bohner	nkamp	
•	Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.	Enigma	14736

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Hurricane Georges was the big event of the year in Mobile. It not only caused the cancellation of the Wadewitz Regatta at Fairhope but also caused the destruction of Bob Borneman's Lightning 12956. We had eight feet of water over normal high tide at the Buccaneer Yacht Club, which caused extensive damage to our docks as well as the boats in them. We hope for a better '99. Robert Bernhardt was repeat District Champion, Barney March was runnerup, and Johnny Wacker was third – all from Fleet 135. Congratulations guys! *L.M. Bohnenkamp*



Fleet 135's Bob Borneman's Lightning #12956. Bye Bye! Result of Hurricane Georges

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 137 Michigan District Sailing on Gull Lake Richland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary Thomas Peter Hudson

* David J. Decker	Bingo	14474
* Thomas Hudson	Be Calm	14712

The Lightning activity was not active on Gull Lake for the 1998 season. Tom Hudson and his wife did represent the Lightning fleet as part of the race committee for the 1998 Snipe Nationals on Gull Lake. Dave Decker and Tom Hudson were periodically seen on the regatta circuit from Higgins Lake, Skaneateles, to Indianapolis. You could see them on their own boats and/or racing on other individual's Lightnings.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET 145 New England District Sailing on Lake Spofford Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	Alex Gemmell
Fleet Treasurer	.Patrick McQueen

*	Raymond Fitzpatrick		0
25	Alex Gemmell		10254
2	Frederick Turner, Jr.	Smurfin Along	11210
2	Fred H. Hamblet	Gail	11346
25	[•] Randall Locke		12362
2	David H. Fitch	Three Cheers	13835
25	[•] Paul Henkel	Sunshine	14072
25	Fred H. Hamblet		14446

No Report.

TORONTO BAY FLEET 146 Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Ontario Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	Davi	d Sprague an Curtner
P.E. Sulman * David Sprague (Life) * I.R.G. Bleasby (Life)	Pampero In Lieu	$11177 \\ 14174 \\ 0$

Toronto Bay had an interesting and long year. We started with racing at the Southern Circuit by David Sprague and his crew of Megan Sprague assisted by various others at Miami and St. Pete. Megan got a bye at Savannah as David took pictures, but got to experience a swim at Miami when they dumped and then great ride in St. Petes.

In the spring, the Spragues with Daniel Sprague and Stephanie Kelly started their campaign towards the Pan Am trials by sailing in Pymatuning in May. The spring series in the LED followed and sailing at the Boulevard Club on Tuesday evenings started. A good number of new Lightning sailors were introduced to the boat as Brian Curtner's boat was pressed into service. As well, Mike Legressley's boat was out and we all had fun sailing around learning how to make the boats go.

Toronto was represented at the Canadians in Gimli Manitoba and at the North Americans at the BCC. Dave Sprague and crew were the only ones to travel in the early summer but a junior crew joined the ranks after the NA's. They were Matt Simpson, his older sister Jessica and Daniel Sprague. They traveled in the fall to regattas in Buffalo, Nyack and Annapolis before going off to Salinas, Ecuador where they placed 7th overall with a pair of 3rd 's on the last day at the Junior Worlds.

The junior crew was assisted in its preparation by a number of new sailors to the fleet and we hope they will be sailing with us next year. They were wonderful in that they were out sailing with and against the kids even with water and air temperature near freezing. Thanks again to them all!

As I write this there is snow on the ground and I have just got my shots from Ecuador back. I can not believe that a week or so ago we were at the Junior Worlds in great weather and wonderful conditions. Well only a few more months to the Circuit - see you there. *David Sprague*

SÃO PAULO FLEET 147 Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet CaptainPeter 2	Zacher
* Christian Susemihl	6591
* Peter Zacher Irema	11710
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Abuelo	12513
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente	14170
 * Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Abuelo * Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente * Claudio Biekarck Phreskura 	14203
* Mario Buckup Meia Noite 8	14378
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Phoenix	14498
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente Phoenix * Fernando Ricardo Hackerott	14596

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.

^{'99} Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto Alegre - RS.

Manfred Kaufmann, Jr. Secretary / District Brazil

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB FLEET 150 Ohio District Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain	fom Varley
Fleet SecretaryWilliam	Woodrow
Fleet Champion	Fom Varley
Runner-Up	

* Mrs. Thomas J. McDermott (Life)

* Mark Staton	Stardust	1232	
* Chandler Stevens	o tur u uot	6944	
* Mark Shaw		8235	
Hank Geary	Windart	9581	
* Charles Shaw	Merrimax	10047	
* Daniel Cropper			
* & Alexander Vucelic	Wiki-Wiki III	10444	
* Tom Varley		10680	
Lark Bales	Patience Too	11161	
* William Woodrow	Wiki-Wiki IV	11912	
Christopher Clarke	Close To The Edge	13485	
* Mark Shaw	U	13907	
Bruce Cummins		13928	
Quazi Ahmed		13929	
* Tom Varley	Afterburner	13979	
Sean Dillon	T-Bird	14421	
* James L. Stone	Shifty Characters	14424	
* Rick Fox		14643	
* William E. Schamadan	Write Aweigh	14808	
* Augustus Bales	A Smooth Emergence	14875	

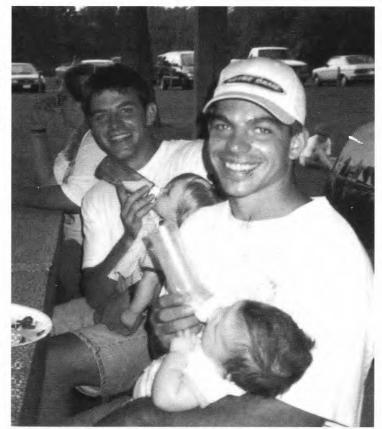
1998 saw Fleet 150 continue to grow and prosper. New skippers Alexander Vucelic, Dan Cropper and Christopher Clarke came into the fleet, and veteran skipper Jim Stone also joined us.

Several of our skippers competed in various Ohio District Regattas, plus the District Regatta at Pymatuning. Two of our skippers, Tom Varley and Alexander Vucelic made the trek to Skaneateles for the 60th Anniversary Regatta.

Our Fleet Captain, Tom Varley, successfully defended his Ohio Governor's Cup Championship, and won it once more, clinching it at the 1998 Cowan Lake "Fall-In Regatta" in October. Tom has been a great help to our fleet by sharing his expertise in race tactics and sailing in general.

We were fortunate to have had a clinic presented by the ILCA traveling coach, Kelly Williams. Our fleet benefited greatly from the drills Kelly put us through, and also the videotape (of us) he sent following the clinic. The clinic, and the continuing assistance from Tom Varley and Jim Stone, has greatly sharpened the competition within our fleet, and the resulting confidence obtained by ournewer skippers has helped increase our club race participation.

Our various club Lightning Fleet race champions are as follows: Memorial Day Weekend Series: William Schamadan, M.D. Fourth of July Weekend Series: Sean Dillon Labor Day Weekend Series: Thomas Varley Sunday Morning Series: Jon Varley Wednesday Evening Series: William Schamadan, M.D. Fall Series: Thomas Varley Lightning Principal Series: Thomas Varley Mansfield Sailing Club Overall Champion: Thomas Varley



The Next Generation of Fleet 150 sailors! Photos courtesy Bill Woodrow

The Mansfield Sailing Club 1998 Championship Regatta sailed on September 19-20, between the top three skippers in each of our Lightning and Flying Scot Fleets, saw Tom Varley, Sean Dillon, and Augie Bales finish first, second, and third respectively in the six race series. This is the third consecutive year that the Lightnings have been the dominant boats in this championship competition. (Sean Dillon edged out Augie Bales for second by 1/6 of a point!). It was a beautiful weekend including a great Saturday lunch served to all by our indomitable social committee.

Other Lightning Fleet awards for 1998 presented at our Mansfield Sailing Club Trophy Dinner were:

"Best Lightning Crew" awarded to Jon Bell

"Butts-On-The-Line" Award (for sailing the most club races) went to Bill Schamadan with 42 club races sailed.

"Tom McDermott Most Improved Skipper" awarded to Augie Bales

Our aforementioned club Social Committee sponsored excellent "feeds" for the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends, and a great Fourth of July Champagne breakfast.

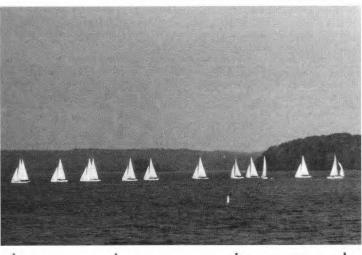
In August, we enjoyed our Annual Sunset Sail, followed up by some adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship on shore.

The Third Annual "Bare Bones" Regatta was held on September 26-27. We had a good turnout and very good winds on both days. Fifteen boats participated from four different Ohio District Fleets; (Leatherlips Fleet #27, Mansfield Fleet #150, Atwood Lake Fleet #212, and Cowan Lake Fleet #303). Tom and Kay Varley hosted their annual "Bonfire Party" at their home in "Varley Valley" on Friday night, complete with hot dogs, marshmallows, a d a keg of suds. A number of skippers & crew camped at "Varley Valley" during the regatta. The Bonfire Party was a fitting prelude to the great weekend of racing to come.

With winds ranging from 12 to 25 MPH on Saturday and 11 to 31 MPH on Sunday, Steve Weeber from Cowan Lake #303 won the regatta by sailing to 2 firsts, a second, a fourth, and a seventh place.

Dan Hertzer, (Leatherlips #27) took second place by finishing in one of the top three places four out of five races.

Kurt Andrews (Leatherlips #27) started great by winning the first race, and sailed very well in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th races, but an





Fleet 150's Bare Bones Regatta: sailing/packing up Photos courtesy William Woodrow

unfortunate capsize in the 2nd race spoiled his bid and netted him 3rd place. Tom Varley (Mansfield #150) placed 4th.

There was an additional capsize on Sunday, and there was a "whole lot of bailing going on" in the rest of the regatta fleet, testimony as to the winds for this regatta weekend. It seems as though all the participants had enough "breeze" to suit them.

Fine lunches at the lake on Saturday and Sunday were provided by our staff of chefs during the regatta. On Saturday evening following "Happy Hour", all hands enjoyed a "grill you own steak and chicken" dinner with all the trimmings. It was a real sociable evening.

After the Sunday races, and following the awarding of the "Bare Bones Regatta" plaque to Steve Weeber and his crew, Donna Weeber and Brett Balliet, and plaques to Dan Hertzer, (crew Karla Varley – Don Schregardus), Kurt Andrews, (crew Zack Austin – Mike Mirachi), Tom Varley, (crew Kay & Jon Varley), and a few door prizes to others, the happy combatants loaded up their "beloved square yachts" and drove off into the sunset. Everyone had a smile on their face, so we felt that the 3rd Annual "Bare Bones" was a big success.

Fleet #150 enters its 46th year in 1999. The good publicity we've enjoyed in recent years is creating renewed interest in sailing in our area. In 1999 our club will embark on a Junior Sailing Program, aswell as an Adult Sailing Instructional Program. If successful, we hope to expand the membership even more so in the future.

In the meantime, we enter into another Ohio winter, contemplate the makeup of our fleet in 1999, and look forward to another season of association with this unique fraternity.....the Lightning <u>Class</u> sailors.

William W. Woodrow

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB FLEET 151 New England District Sailing on Ipswich Bay Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet SecretaryAllison Peter

* Georges Peter, M.D. Mouette

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WAWASEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 154 Indiana District Sailing on Lake Wawasee Syracuse, Indiana

 Fleet Captain
 Craig Cobbum

 Fleet Secretary
 Bill Allen

 Fleet Champion
 John Nixon/Craig Cobbum

 Runner-Up
 Douglas Schmahl/Jeff Schmahl

*	Stephen C. Miller		10134
*	Dale E. Fulkerson		11181
	John R. Nixon		13001
*	Virgil L. Snyder	On The Verge	13851
*	David Tranter	Late Edition	13860
*	Douglas A. Schmahl		
*	& Jeffrey A. Schmahl	Brandywine II	13895
25	Bill J. Allen	Golden Harvest	13910
*	Virgil L. Snyder	Divine Wind	13975
*	& Alan Fox		
*	Stephen C. Miller	Millers Merry Manor	14125
*	John R. Nixon		
		Why Not?	14475
*	Edward Bradley Wagnon	Wolf Cookies	14600
*	Alan Fox	El Zorro	14835

The summer of 1998 will be remembered for light wind and extremely competitive racing. A number of weekend races were canceled this year due to a brutal midwestern weather pattern. On the water, this year's season series was one of the tightest in the history of the Wawasee Yacht Club. Our Memorial Day series stated with co-skippers John Nixon and Craig Cobbum finishing first, Bill Allen second, and Brad Wagnon third. The annual Independence Day series found Doug Schmahl in first, Alan Fox, second, and Nixon/Cobbum in third. The exciting Labor Day series was captured by Nixon/Cobbum, Doug Schmahl finished second, and Bill Allen third. Craig Cobbum along with crew Jim Wellington and Peggy Lehman took first in the Indiana District races in Indianapolis.

The Lightning Season Championship was not decided until the final race of the Labor Day series. John Nixon and Craig Cobbum along with crew Jim Wellington repeated as champions by less than three boats. The Schmahl boat finished a close second for the coveted prize. Doug Schmahl helmed the boat for a good part of the season. The duo of Jeff and David Schmahl combined to capably fill in the blanks. Bill Allen finished a strong third. Virgil Snyder won the Commodore Cup.

The Hoosier Regatta was one week later this year due to the addition of the Crescent Regatta. The weather was picture perfect again this year (for golf!). One race was sailed on Saturday afternoon. Sean Fidler drifted to first place in race one. The wind finally arrived on Sunday morning. Two races were sailed in light to moderate wind with Sean Fidlerfiring two more bullets. Sean Fidler finished first for the regatta,, Colin Park a solid second, Bob Franke third, Tom Hudson fourth, and George Nickels fifth. A great time was had by all, with sailors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin enjoying the hot cider and fireplace atmosphere of the Wawasee Yacht Club. We are looking forward to great sailing with good friends again next season. *Craig Cobbum*

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB FLEET 164 Central New York District Sailing on Cazenovia Lake Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Secretary/Trea		e Bull Futtle
	Mark Les	
* Kathleen King		9109
* Joe Homola		11010
Sam Woods		12004
Mark Jenner		12929
* Federico Meira	Manolete	13675
* Richard H. Ryczek	Trivial Pursuit	13933
* David K. Bull	No More Bullship!	14369
* & Federico Meira	a the state of a matterial for	
* Clay Murphy		14418
* Richard P. Tuttle	Motion	14465
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Our fleet was pretty involved this past summer. All eight of our racing Lightnings participated in at least a couple races.

At our club, we had 19 fleet races (77 finishers in total) and 9 handicapped multi-class races. We hosted our regular June regatta, the Caz Flash Bash and in September, the Caz-One-Day. We participated in eight other regattas around the Central New York District including the mother of all regattas – the 60th. The most participation we had in any single fleet race was six but seven of us were on and, in one case, in the waters at Skaneateles. We also welcomed an eighth Caz boat at Skaneateles. It was a 15th year reunion of former junior members/sailing school directors – David Grogono, Leslie DiTrani, and Pam Murphy. They medaled in the green fleet.

For our fleet championship, we score the best ten races. That way extra participation can only help results – not hurt. Dick Tuttle handled District Commodore duties but he also participated in the most local fleet races. He got ten bullets to win the championship series. Clay Murphy was our most consistent high finisher in all the



Fleet 164's Caz Flash Bash: Fun on and off the water

district regattas. He was fleet runner-up. Federico Meira, in recent years, was our multi-time fleet champion. This year he moved forward in his boat, giving the tiller to his son, Mark Lesinski. Mark came in third.

On Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend, we hold our Charter Members Cup race. This year Dick Tuttle with daughter, Leslie, on board edged out Dave Bull, last year's winner.

The Jack Tuttle trophy is named for one of our fleet's charter members (Dick's Dad). It is awarded to a sailor who doesn't win one of the other trophies. This trophy, awarded on the basis of performance and participation, went to the whole Woods family.

For 1999, the Central New York District is making a special effort to encourage junior racing. Our fleet will be an important part of that effort with the leadership and participation of Anya, Campbell, and Marisa Woods, Susan and Alex King, Robin Ryczek, and ringer, Mark Lesinski. We hope to recruit juniors from other classes at our club, as well.

All in all, this year was an active one but we have very high hopes for 1999.

HELSINKI FLEET 166 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Finland Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary	Kimm	o Aromaa ri Aromaa
* Raimo Aromaa	Kesaheila	Life
* Tuomas Ollila		
* Taimo Huusko		
* Kaarlo Jaskari		
* Lauri Hemming		13136
* Panu Jalas	Kvarkki	14430
* Kimmo Aromaa	Masi V	14534
* & Terho Aromaa		
* Kari Koskinen		14559
* Olli Muroke	Gamma	14638

Kulunut vuosi 1998 oli historiallinen Lightning-luokalle Suomessa. Ensimmäiset veneet rakennettiin maassamme 50 vuotta sitten. Keväällä 1947 Ralph Vogt näki amerikkalaisen artikkelin Lightning-purjeveneestä, ja pian hän sai veneen valmistusohjeita ja piirustuksia. Ensimmäinen vene valmistui Helsingissä loppukesällä 1947. Sen numeroksi tuli 3226 ja nimeksi *Lorita*. Aktiivinen toiminta alkoi 1948 ja Suomen Lightningliiton perustava kokous pidettiin Helsingissä 31. tammikuuta 1949. Liiton syntymän myötä perustettiin Helsingin laivue numero 166. Laivueen alkuperäinen nimi oli vuoden 1949 vuosikirjan mukaan Nylands Lightning Fleet, ja se on ensimmäinen Eurooppaan rekisteröity laivue. Kaudella 1998 Helsingin laivueella ei juurikaan ollut toimintaa.

Kaudella 1998 Helsingin laivueella ei juurikaan ollut toimintaa. Aktiivisten purjehtijoiden määrä on pieni, eikä Helsinki.ole nykyään erityisen sovelias paikkakunta pienvenepurjehdukseen. Aromaan veljesten *Masi V* osallistui kauden pääkilpailuihin Tuusulanjärvellä. Euroopan mestaruuskilpailuissa sijoitus Kimmon kipparoimana oli kuudes.

Masters-kisassa sijoitus Terhon kipparoimana, Mikan ja Kimmon gastatessa oli seitsemäs. Viimeisen lähdön kaatuminen jiipissä pudotti sijoitusta hieman. Lauri Hemming ja Olli Muroke innostuivat taas ja sijoittuivat lainaveneillä Euroopan mestrauuskilpailuissa kahdeksanneksi ja yhdenneksitoista.

The year 1948 was a special year for Finnish Lightning sailors. The first boats in Finland were built 50 years ago. In Spring 1947 Mr. Ralph Vogt saw an article on Lightning and soon he had also drawings and detailed instructions for building the boat. The first boat was finished late Summer 1947 in Helsinki. The boat had number 3226 and was named *Lorita*. Activities began in 1948 and Finnish Lightning Association was founded in Helsinki 31. January 1949. The first fleet, Helsinki Fleet 166, was organized in 1949. The original name was Nylands Lightning Fleet. Nyland or Uusimaa are names for the province that covers a third of Gulf of Finlands coast. The Fleet 166 is also the first registered Fleet in Europe.

During the sailing season 1998 the Fleet 166 had little activity. The number of active sailors is small, and Helsinki is no more a particularly good place for small boat sailing. The most active boat was Masi V. The boat participated in the main events in Tuusulanjärvi. In Europeans the boat was skippered by Kimmo and finished sixth.

In Masters the boat was skippered by Terho, Mika and Kimmo were crew. The result was seventh, and capsize in last race probably cost one position. Lauri Hemming and Olli Muroke sailed in Europeans with borrowed boats. Lauri was eighth and Olli eleventh. Jari Aromaa

LAKE DAVENPORT FLEET 167 **Midwest District** Sailing on the Mississippi River Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain	Rick Kuebler
Fleet Secretary	.Jean Steffenson
Fleet Treasurer	Mike Higgins

35	Wesley L. Johnson	Kasara	6033
*	Brandon Holton	Off Like A Prom Dress	11456
	Jim Flick		12732
	Steve Elliott		12817
	Perry Hansen		
	& Mike Blaser		12843
*	Henry L. Strieder	Moxie	13202
	Mike Higgins	Southern Cross	13611
	Ron Taber	Bodacious	13991
*	Donald L. Johnson	Stinger	14720
*	Charles E. White	Irrational Exuberance	14831
*	Michael Steffenson	Mermaid	14857
	William Lovewell		14859
*	Rick Kuebler		14885

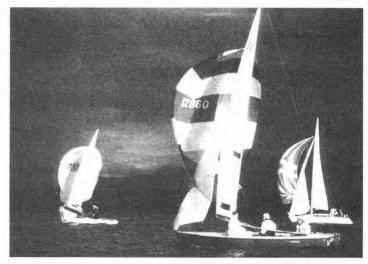
The 1998 sailing season for Fleet 167 was a non-event with more sailors going to regattas or busywith business or family commitments that sailing at home on our stretch of the Mississippi River. Rick Kuebler took his new boat to Sheboygan to check out the competition on Lake Michigan, and Don Johnson made a trip to Devil's Lake in Michigan to try his hand at small lake sailing. The most memorable sailing experience of the season was had by Brandon Holton and Don Johnson as they traveled to upstate New York and took part in the Lightning Class 60th birthday party regatta. Fleet 167 was the recipient of our sailing club's Club Activities award that recognizes the contribution that the fleet members have made to the clubhouse painting and spruce-up project and for the valuable onshore assistance that Fleet 167 members provided to the club's C-Scow and MC-Scow Polar Bear Regatta in October. We certainly hope to be more active on the water in 1999.

Jean Steffenson

LAKE OF NEUCHATEL FLEET 169 Switzerland District Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	Jean-Pierr	e Monnier
Fleet Secretary		
 Claude Lambelet Gilbert Despland Jean-Claude DuPasquier Pierre Grandguillaume Jean-Pierre Monnier Thierry Monnier Anne-Lise Paul Alexandre Perret 	Garoupa Chiloe	12860 13840
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Annika Vuithier-Lambelet



Gaston and Garoupa during the handicap race on Lac de Neuchâtel

This year was unfortunately not an especially good year concerning the regatta participation of our Fleet 169.

Chiloe SUI 13840 made the trip to Sempach Lake but the wind didn't make the trip.

Chiloe again with old-timers Gilbert Despland, Claude Lambelet, and Jean-Pierre Monnier traveled to Porto San Giorgio on the Adriatic Coast of Italy to participate at the Italian Championship. It was a beautiful week, with good wind and beautiful weather and lots of fun. The old-timers didn't race at their best and finished behind.

3 Lightnings SUI 12860 Garoupa, SUI 14530 Gaston, and SUI 13790 Meltemi, raced the Semaine de Joran Lourd, a handicap race sailed June 7-12. Meltemi finished first, beating all the others, Lightnings and keelboats. Gaston was 4th and Garoupa 6th of 14 entries. The wind each day was puffy and very strong.

In October, as each year, Garoupa and Chiloe did race in the Regate Fondue. The wind was quite puffy and the 2 Lightnings capsized and broke their mast in the shallow water.

- Here are the results:
- 1. 13790 Meltemi
- 2. 14530 Gaston
- 3. 14664 Kahru
- Graf, Heusser, Brandle 4. 13161 Tartaruga
 - Merz, Brugger, Briker
- 5. 13840 Chiloe
- Despland, Pantet, Pantet
- 5. 12860 Garoupa Lambelet, Monnier, Balzli

Wyler, Bechler, Durr

Perret, Perret, Pellaton

Saturday we had the annual meeting followed by the traditional Cheese Fondue with good Neuchâtel wine at the Yacht Club of the Cercle de la Voile de Neuchatel.

Our Commodore, Jacques Perret told us that the European Championship will be sailed in 1999 in Switzerland on Lac de Morat. Claude Lambelet



Gilbert Despland and Chiloe at the Regata Fondue

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB FLEET 173 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Pete	r Pierce	
	Jeffrey Carson		
Fleet Champions	The Re	The Reitingers	
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* Jeffrev L. Carson	Old Age And Tre	acherv13809	
* Jeffrey L. Carson* David W. Long	Skal	14059	
* Jeff Herrick	Num E Nuf	14120	
* Carl Reitinger	Verbal Abuse	14325	
 * Jeff Herrick * Carl Reitinger * & Glenn Reitinger 			
* I. Edward Serrill	Ouakers	14660	

Sailing at the Brant Beach Yacht Club (BBYC) was terrific this past summer. The weather could not have been better. It did not rain once during the weekend racing schedule and with few exceptions the conditions were excellent. The lightening fleet was very busy hosting BBYC annual regatta, Central Atlantic District Championships, Junior Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Championships and visits by Greg Fisher from North Sails and the ILCA Coach Kelly Williams.

The summer opened with the BBYC annual regatta in June. Greg Fisher gave a Friday night lecture on sail trim. He was on the water Saturday for racing and videoed the racing. After the races, he provided commentary on what he observed.

The Central Atlantic District Championship took place on July 10-12, 1998. There were 30 Boats competing in four very competitive races. The championship was won by Brian Taboada, Dave Vought, John Feist (10 points). They were closely followed by Paul Geleni (11 points) and Keith Taboada (11 points) The top BBYC boat sailed by Ed Serrill, Barbara Serrill, Bob Seybold finished 5th with 31 points. The regatta was chaired by Jack and Sue Jurechko and race committee was led by Jack Politt. The Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Junior

The Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Junior Championships were held the following Monday after the adult races. Four boats competed. David Essig, Justin Guerrera, Clay Shaner from Barnegate Light Yacht Club were first followed by BBYC's juniors Bobby Reitinger, Eric Reitinger, and Josh Carson.

BBYC junior team of Reitinger, Reitinger, and Carson also competed and won the quarterfinals Sears Cup. Unfortunately they were eliminated at the semifinals with a third place finish.

Coach Kelly Williams came to BBYC to observe club racing in July. He provided expert commentary of the races during a work-shop at the end of the day and sent copies of video tape to the club as well.

The clubs local racing was once again dominated by the BBYC's commodore Glen Reitinger and crew Carl Reitinger and Beth Reitinger. 70% of the races counted and Reitinger3 won with 7 points. Ed Serrill led the campaign of the second place boat (19 points). He had expert crew from Barbara Serrill and a number of others including Bob Seybold. Jeff Herrick led the 3rd place boat (24 points) and continues to demonstrate improving skill. His crew included Joanne Herick and John Cogan. Franz Schneider joined the racing each Sunday sailing down from LEHYC and finished 4th. His crew included wife Sheila Schneider and junior Eric Reitinger. Jeff Carson, Josh Carson and Pete Pierce completed the racing fleet (36 points). Pierce continues to train newcomers Carson2. Josh (age 14) continues to gain valuable experience skippering half of the races. Jeff Carson, Fleet Secretary

SHREVEPORT FLEET 175 Southern District Sailing on Cross Lake Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain/SecretaryGay Griffith Means Fleet ChampionDavid and Christine Wasner Runner UpWill Bittick

* Gay Griffith Means * Jim Wasner	White Lightnin'	6116 9281
* Gay Griffith Means* Will Bittick		$10987 \\ 12699$
* David Wasner * Will Bittick	Just'n Time	$13220 \\ 14629$

Fleet 175 sails on Cross Lake within the city limits of Shreveport, Louisiana. We have four normally rather active sailors – Jim Wasner, Gay Griffith Means, David Wasner, and Will Bittick. The two major events of each year are Holiday In Dixie Spring Regatta traditionally sailed in late April and a part of the overall Holiday In Dixie festival and the Super Derby Regatta otherwise known as the Karen Askew Memorial Regatta, a benefit to the American Association of Kidney Patients. Holiday In Dixie Spring Regatta participants numbered a total of five out of town sailors. Normally this has been a major attraction but the weather prevented our usual participation.

Our weatherhas been extreme this year with very heavy rains in the early part of the year, then very high winds, and then a very hot, hot summer and a drought. Only now at the date of this writing in early December has the weather become absolutely beautiful for sailing. *Gay Means*

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET 178 Long Island District Sailing on Great South Bay Amityville, New York

Fle	CaptainAlan Pearl	man
Fle	SecretaryWilliam W	eiss
Fle	TreasurerElizabeth Bre	ewer
Fle	ChampionAlan Pearl	man

BullsHit	10260
	10690
Partners Choice	11219
Alevai	11774
Partners Choice	12480
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With a rise in activity, we held a Fleet championship this year; it was won by Al Pearlman. We want to extend a warm welcome to Joe Turecamo. *Elizabeth Brewer*

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 180 Lake Erie District Sailing on Conneaut Lake Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Commodore	Skipper Ragghianti
Fleet Captain	Mike Mercatoris
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Linda	a and Blake Ragghianti
Fleet Champion	Skipper Ragghianti

* Jonathan S. Dearment 11063 Chad Waldschmidt 11563 * Charles S. Good Hied Aweigh II 11747 13506 Lawrence Levine Michael Mercatoris In Between 14041 Ronald Ragghianti Cool Breeze 14146 Kenneth Pote 14444 Bud Lightning * Charles S. Good 14711 Edward J. Benevent 14750 Chad Waldschmidt 14763



Fleet 180 Commodores: (left to right) Bob Hollister 1950, Charles Good 1979-80, Skipper Ragghianti 1981-82 and 1997-98, Chad Waldschmidt 1995-96, Mark Prather 1977-78, Dr. Duane Good 1958, Ed Benevent 1989-90.

Conneaut Lake Yacht Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary this past year. The season started with the Spring Banquette at the Oakland Beach Golf Club. The racing schedule had two series; the Holiday Series, consisting of 12 races and the Championship Series with 24. With the conditions being favorable all Spring and Summer, almost all races were scored. In mid-July, Sailing Coach, Kelly Williams, Jr., visited the club and taught sail trim and tactics to the racing members helping everyone go faster.

The Labor Day Banquet and Awards meeting was held at the Iroquois Fishing and Boating Club. It was attended by fifty-four members. Recognition was given to all past Commodores and Secretaries from the past fifty years.

The racing trophies for the Holiday Series went to: First Place, Skipper Ragghianti; Second Place, John Andrews; and Third Place, Jeff Taylor.

The Championship Awards were given to: First Place, Skipper Ragghianti; Second Place, Ed Benevent; and Third Place, Jeff Taylor.

The Trezona Award for special effort and dedication to the club was given to Skipper Ragghianti.

The Sportsman Award went to John Andrews for his willingness to teach beginners how to race and enjoy sailing.

Mike Mercatoris was awarded the Upside-down trophy and unanimously voted Commodore of the 1999 season. We all know he can lead Fleet #180 into the next fifty years.

Ronald Ragghianti

SHEBOYGAN FLEET 187 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain:	Dan Reichel	sdorfer
	Dr. Bruce Vandon	
	Michou	
	Rich Reichel	
Runner-Up	Erik Sin	nonson
* Iames Hanson	White Caps	10363
* James Hanson* Timothy J. Lorenz	a second second second	11622
* Lindsay Vogel	Second Chance	13224
* Eric R. Larson	Virtual Reality	13862
* Jay Hogfeldt * & Bruce Van Dom	Think Twice	
* & Bruce Van Dom	melen	13872
* Michou J. Braun	Zorch	13930
* Daniel Reichelsdorfe	r Silent Movie	13994
* Paul Reak		14005
* Christopher Graf		
* & Hans C. Graf	I Saw Elvis	14007
* Jason Bemis		14142
* Erik C. Simonson		14234

Fleet 187 enjoyed another big year of club racing, and a changing of the guard. Averaging 11 boats on the line on Tuesday nights, we enjoyed a competitive series. At the end of it all, Rich Reichelsdorfer took Fleet Champion honors, with Erik Simonsen close on his heels for Runner-up. Perennial champions Ric Larson and Dan Reichelsdorfer were also in the running.

This year, we had 5 boats that traveled consistently to the District Regattas. Fleet 187 also hosted the District Championship this year in June. Sheboygan's own Ric Larson was crowned District Champion, with Dan Reichelsdorfer coming in fourth. The annual Brotz Regatta was well attended, and exciting, with the San Juan North Americans being held the same weekend, plus a great storm on Saturday!

Two Sheboygan boats trekked to Buffalo Canoe Club for the 1998 North Americans. Ric Larson and crew Eric Larson and Amy Lundeen qualified in the Blue Fleet, and Dan Reichelsdorfer, with crew Michou Braun and Tony Orlebeke sailed in the Green.

1999 is going to be another busy year for our fleet. The US Sail Adam's Cup Women's Sailing Trophy is being sailed in Lightning's this year, with Milwaukee Yacht Club hosting the Championship. Sheboygan has been selected to host the Area K Sail-Off, which will be held June 28 and 29, 1999.

Michou Braun

MARBLEHEAD FLEET 189 New England District Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean Marblehead, Massachusetts

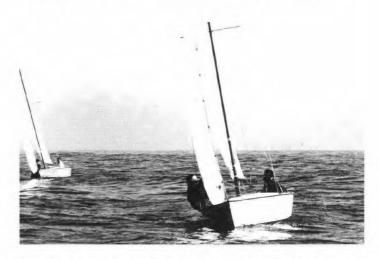
Fleet CaptainRick Humphrey, Jr.

Ed Wolfe Wolf Pac 9779 * Donald R. Humphrey, Jr. Fog Horn Leg Horn 12706

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MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 194 California District Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean San Diego, California

Fleet CaptainSteve Ross	
Fleet SecretaryAl Poindexter	
Fleet ChampionKirk Johnson	
Fleet Runner-UpSteve Ross	



Fleet 194 Champion Kirk Johnson sailing in the Pacific Ocean off Mission Beach

	Warren Gross		0
*	Christopher Barclay	La Salle	6613
*	Michael Brewer	Excalibur	8966
*	& Richard F. Brewer		
*	Jerry Kane	Chloe Girl	10794
*	Scott Finkboner		11138
*	Jim Milstead		22232
	& Anne Land	Code Bleu	11404
*	Al Poindexter		11514
	Joel Vann	Direct Access	11603
*	Mike Poltorak	Daddy's Mistress	13475
*	Eric Swayze	Flipper	13819
*	Mark Zimmer	1 mp p or	13842
	Steve Ross	Taxi	13938
	Kirk Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
*	Edna Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
*	Carl M. Eichenlaub	Algonquin J Calhoun	14473
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*	& Richard F. Brewer		1.1010
*	Scott Finkboner		14904

As I review the 1998 yearbook articles, I am reminded of how lucky we are here in San Diego, California. We have several lakes in the area, two distinctive bays and the Pacific Ocean, plus we get to sail 365 days a year. When we join forces with our friends up north (Los Angeles and San Francisco) we are treated to even more variety and great sailing waters.

Although we don't have a very large fleet, we manage to keep it going with six to fifteen boats participating. Warren Gross (NM-45) and John Lyon (E22) and Carl Eichenlaub (NM46) have moved on to other sailing fleets and have sold their Lightnings. We will miss these long time Lightning sailors, but with the help of Mike and Dick Brewer and Scott Finkboner we have added some new boats and will continue to rejuvenate the fleet.

Our premier event is the California Circuit, which is sailed on Easter Week. The Circuit is composed of four events, which utilize all of the local waters and includes the Marathon Sail from South San Diego Bay, around Point Loma to Mission Bay. This year's Circuit was won by Steve Ross, with our District Champion (Scott Finkboner) coming in second.

Since we sail all year, our Fleet Championship consists of a variety of races scattered over twelve months, but does not include the TNTs which is sailed every Thursday evening during the summer. We also break down the cumulative scores of the major regattas and local events. This years winners are:

Fleet ChampionKirk JohnsonTNT ChampionSteve RossRegatta ChampionSteve RossClub Race ChampionKirk JohnsonAl Poindexter, Fleet Secretary, and Edna Johnson

SURF CITY FLEET 196 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Manahawkin Bay Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain/SecretaryRich Warren

* Donald A. Green		10420
* Charles N. Howe	Streak In	12454
* George Schmidt		
* & Steve Warren	Punch Too	14068
* Timothy G. Robinson	Triple Threat	14131
* & Andrew Temme		
* & Frank Temme	Triple Threat	14131
* Richard M. Warren		14300
* John Williams	Kids' Stuff Too	14431
* Jack Elfman	Rip City Express III	14739
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CHAUTAUQUA FLEET 198 Lake Erie District Sailing on LakeChautauqua Chautauqua, New York

Fleet SecretaryJames Neville

* James D. Neville		10922
* James D. Neville* Candy Neville	Joss	13222
* James D. Neville	Bacarat	13922

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MACATAWA BAY FLEET 204 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa Holland, Michigan

* Bob Garlinghouse		11078
* Scott Visser	Right Design	12604
* Brian Huckabee	Walt	12939
* Marvin Hoekstra	It's Not Easy Bein' Green	14531

The 1998 sailing season was exciting for us in Holland, Michigan. We welcomed two new boats and doubled our fleet size. The weather this year allowed a variety of sailing conditions for Thursday night club racing. Kelly Williams, the touring sailing instructor for the Lightning Class, visited us in July and hosted a racing clinic that was well attended by our fleet and others in the area. In July, the Macatawa Bay Invitaional was held with eight boats participating. Sailing conditions on Lake Michigan were optimal and everyone had a fun time. Congratulations to Diana Fernando and her crew on the 1st place finish. Next year, we are working hard to expand the size of our fleet and look foward to hosting the Michigan Districts in 1999.

Brian Huckabee, Fleet Secretary Fleet #204

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS FLEET 206 Argentina District Sailing on Lake Olivos Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet Captain Osvaldo Bordino

* Luis Miguel Bordino		
* & Osvaldo Bordino	Flamingo V	11043
Pablo Bordino	0	11649
Pablo Bordino		12622

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NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB FLEET 209 Southern District Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet CaptainBuck Ballatin

* John A. (Buck) Ballatin SB No Report. 9696

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ATWOOD YACHT CLUB FLEET 212 Ohio District Sailing on Atwood Lake Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Secretary Stephen Jolly

* Carl W. Hummer, Jr		6886
* Stephen Jolly	Yellow Jacket	11508
* Stephen Jolly * Carl W. Hummer, Jr	. The Gray Fox	12845
* David M. Gall	,	14445

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ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET 215 St. Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lake St. Louis Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet SecretaryPeter Hall

* Russel C. Scrim (Life)		0
* Jean-Francois Simard		13927
* Anthony Staples		14176
* Jacques Trottier		14354
* Alain Boucher		14591
* Peter Hall	Krista Too	14768

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SAGINAW BAY FLEET 216 Michigan District Sailing on Saginaw Bay Bay City, Michigan

Fleet CaptainTerry Hart	
Fleet SecretaryChris Jacobson	
Fleet ChampionJoe Disette	
Runner-UpChris Jacobson	
Michigan District ChampionJohn McCree	

Hanns Heil	Wind Swept	4090
* Terry Hart	The second s	5437
George F. Ascherl, Jr.	Megs	7153
* Matthew D. Princing	DOF	9705
* Matthew D. Princing	Dinosore	12512
* James Peters	Halcyon	13385
* Rick Allen	Flicky Wick	13758
* Terry Hart	Hart Beat, RIP	14009
John E. Johnson	Teko	14022
Blair Moulthrop		14048
Larry Peters, Jr.		14077
* John Waechter	Score One!	14087
* Clark Howell, Jr.	Zipper	14103
* John McCree	Sleeper	14323
* George M. Peet	Hot Dog Man	14503
* Chris Jacobson	Fastidiots	14577
* Matthew D. Princing	Scars & Scrapes TN	G 14603
* C.A. Pinkerton	1	14616
* Joseph C. Dissette	Carousel XXXIII	14703
* James Schofield	Shuss Boomer	14775
* Colin Park	Comedy Central	14780
* Tom Niles Robert Hafford	MAL	14819



Fleet 216 Champions Joe Dissette sailing out to Saginaw Bay. Photo Ann Dissette

The 1998 season for Fleet 216 is now in the history books. It was one of ecstasy and tragedy.

Fleet racing was again very competitive this year. Only one point separated first place from second place. Weather this year was for the most part mild. We didn't cancel any racing this year due to weather conditions and ended the year with 49+ races completed. With the championship on the line the last week, Joe Dissette surpassed Chris Jacobson's one point lead to become 1998's fleet champion. Following Chris in third was perennial champion and Michigan District Champion, John McCree. Fourth and Fifth were Jim Schofield and John Johnson, respectively.

Perhaps the only blemish on Fleet 216's season was a storm that blew through the area at the end of May. This storm, with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour, did considerable damage to the State of Michigan and to numerous fleet boats. The most damage was suffered by Terry Hart's Hart Beat (RIP) 14009, which was so extensively damaged that it was considered a complete loss. Four other boats were damaged but repairable. Terry and Matt Princing either borrowed an older boat or put an older boat together to finish the season.

The Clamso Capsize Award was won for the first time by the Fleet's longest belonging member, Joe Dissette. In all his years of Lightning sailing, Joe has capsized only three times, this one obviously being his most proud because it earned him an award. Other awards this year include the Crew Award, given to the crew of George Peet's boat, the covetedDuct Tape Award, given to Jim Schofield, the Cry Baby Award, given to Chris Jacobson and Fleet 216's Most Improved Award went to John Johnson and his crew.

The annual Fleet 216 regatta held on beautiful Saginaw Bay went off without a hitch. We had 15 boats on the line for what was close racing. Colin Park was this year's winner followed by John McCree, George Nickels (Fenton), Mike Thomas (North Cape), and Chris Jacobson.

The Hooter's Cup was won by Chris Jacobson and the Annual Family Fun Day was won by Joe Dissette.





Left column: Start of race #1 at Bay City Yacht Club's Annual Regatta. Downwind on Saginaw Bay. Tornado wrecks part of the fleet. Fleet 216 Championship crew: Grant Hilger, skipper Joe Dissette, Steve Martin.

Above: crew Jim Schofield, skipper Joe Dissette, and crew John McCree receiving 1st Place Trophy in the "Green" Fleet at the 60th Anniversary Regatta.

Photos courtesy Chris Jacobson and Ann Dissette

This year was another successful year on the road for Fleet 216. John McCree won the Michigan District Championship, and Joe Dissette won in Skaneateles at the 60th Regatta.

Fleet 216 is already looking to the 1999 season. 1998 brought one new member and one new boat, 1999 will start with at least one new member and four new boats. Justin Dey, Joe Disette, Terry Hart, and Matt Princing will turn up at the hoist next year with new boats. Smooth sailing.

Matt Princing

HENDERSON HARBOR FLEET 225 Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario, Henderson Bay Henderson Harbor, New York

									Jack Jones
Fleet Secretary									.John Treadwell
Fleet Champion									Jack Jones
Fleet Runner-Up)								.John Treadwell

Leonard Phillips		13011	
Richard A. Matarese	Fata Bella	13232	
John Boxberger	The Pit	13834	
John Boxberger Bradford A. White	White Lightnin	13894	
John H. Treadwell, II Richard C. Grissinger	Runaway	14192	
Richard C. Grissinger	Footloose II	14254	
Jack Jones	You Bet I'm Chicken	14321	

This year we officially moved our Fleet to a new location – Harbor View Marina, and we had 9 Lightnings making use of our newly installed launching facilities. Special thanks to Dick Grissinger for not only funding the hoist motor, but also overseeing the installation of the pad and the crane, and getting it wired up. We also had many donations from many thoughtful people, helping to make the season a successful one. We welcomed several new additions to the Fleet this year - Jean Palm, Blaise Gallahue, and Len Phillips.

Our racing sea	ason was busy and	d well attended.	The results are:
Appleblossom	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Spring Series	1 Leonard	2 Jones	3 Boxberger
Thursday Series	1 Skinner	2 Grissinger	0
Barnes Memorial	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Captains Cup	1 Jones	2 Treadwell	3 Gallahue
Trophy Race	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Bezner
		4 Grissinger	5 Leonard
Stoney Race	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Fall Series	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Frostbite	1 Jones	2 Treadwell	3 Leonard
May's Trophy	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	2 Leonard
		4 Jones	5 Grissinger
Junior Racers	1 Boxberger	2 G. Leonard	3 Skinner

J. Jones Memorial John Boxberger

We also hosted the District's Jr.-Women's-Masters and had good local results as John Boxberger won the Juniors, Jean Palm won the Women's, and Jones & Treadwell placed 1-2 in the Masters. Jack Jones and John Boxberger also competed in the Master NA's and Junior NA's respectively, and as this is being written, John Boxberger is in South America racing in the Jr. Worlds.

Hope to have even more boats next year.

BISCAYNE BAY FLEET 226 Florida District Sailing on Biscayne Bay Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet CaptainRandy Clee	
Fleet Secretary	
Fleet TreasurerAlix Shaw	
Fleet ChampionJohn Rouse	
Runner-Up Larry Ames	

	Monk Terry		2342
*	Frank Atkinson Jr	Ant Farm	8330
	Eric V. Stibitz		9975
*	Sam Septembre		2210
*	& George McCullough	Sam I Am	10700
*	Cameron Carlin	Sum Francis	10944
	Dean R. Gosslein	Folies A Trois	11171
*	Larry J. Ames		
*	& Stuart Anderson (Life)	Glockenspiel	11702
*	Michelle Duplaga	Gioenenspier	11/02
*	& Kelly Bayer		12050
	Steven Getzoff	L190 Octane	12064
*	Stuart deLisser	Dead Sexy	13010
	Ben Sadler	Jalapeno	13466
*	David Holland	Lizzie	13592
	Ted Kapustka	Bibble	13748
*	David S. Brayer		10/10
	& Jonathan Katzen	Eclair Bleu	13779
	Eric Sheeder	Olivia	13858
*	Randy Clee	Hi-Voltage	13861
*	Onofre Torres	Rumrunner	13983
*	Steve Witherspoon	Traini uniter	14001
*	Michael Broderick	Fighting Irish	14062
*	Dominic Marsden	Bloody Hell	14066
	John Rouse	Turbo Dog	14084
*	Wanda Cooper	1000 2008	1.001
	& Walter Cooper	South	14178
*	Jeff Shaw	South	111/0
*	& Alix Shaw	Steam Driven	14212
*	Jon W. Ewing	Free Beer Yesterday	14374
*	Fay Regan	Booby Trap	14708
*	Eamonn deLisser	Main Squeeze	14809
*	Bill Mauk	Mach II	14866
*	Walter H. Beckwith, Jr.	Travell II	11000
*	John Cookhong		

* John Gochberg

Wow! Lots of good stuff happened in Fleet 226 since our last yearbook publication! New boats, new skippers, new "road trippers", and we are proud to be the home of the ILCA's Junior North American Runners-Up, Sam and Danielle Septembre!

While you were snow skiing last February, our John Gochberg invited Greg Fisher down for a Lightning/Snipe clinic. The weather intefered somewhat, but those who attended learned a lot. Later that month we had a freak storm which blew many of the moored boats up on the seawall and knocked over several Lightnings. 11425, 12050, 14084 and 14708 all suffered damage, although Fay's was the only boat that went completely airborne. (Is it light??)

We loved seeing you all at the Circuit! Bill Mauk, Frank Atkinson, and John Gochberg left homes, jobs and families to join this Lightning travelling show for the entire week! Others of us sailed Miami and St. Pete only. And special thanks to those of you who used Miami crews. Three have since purchased Lightnings, after experiencing the fun of a "big" fleet, as well as getting some amazing rides mixed in with a capsize or two!

Our Districts were sailed in April this year. While several of us trekked over to Tampa Fleet 502, we "visitors" were bested by Steve Hayden, Fleet 461, and Jeff Linton of the host fleet. Frank Atkinson, Randy Clee, and Eamonn deLisser were in the trophies, but Bill Mauk missed out this time. Heid have his moments of glory later on.

Our first "Sail Away To A Sandbar" party was hosted by the fleet captain in June. After a perfect low tide arrival, Randy barbecued for the party-goers who blew in on 9 Lightnings, 6 Sunfish, 3 Scots and miscellaneous other water craft. With the rising of the tide, the charcoals were extinguished gradually, but not until all had eaten. At the time, we called it the best ever, but wait . . . we had another sandbar party later in the summer which was the all time best ever!

In August we drew 48 (yep, we counted 'em) boats and over one hundred people. Randy, aware of the impending tides, arrived prepared with stilts added to his barbecue grill! This time we had Optis, Lightnings, Scots, PHRF boats, and almost anything else you could think of. Eamonn and Heidi deLisser supplied an amazing Jamaican rum punch concoction and lots of other beverages were on hand for adults and kids alike. Pool toys, beach umbrellas, you name it, we had it!

Carol Ewing, ILCA VP, has been elected Rear Commodore at Coral Reef Yacht Club. We are so proud of her, and we look forward to her eventual progression to Commodore.

So, back to Bill Mauk. With his crew of Cameron Carlin and Jason Timmons, he returned from the NA's with 15th in the Qualifying Series which earned him a place in the Championship fleet as well as the McDermott Trophy for the most improved from last year. And how about those Septembre kids? Nice job, y'all! Danielle is already skippering in fleet races, now that her brother has aged out of Juniors. Look for her next summer!

Fleet 226 sent two teams to the Pan Am Trials: John Gochberg with Kim Logan and Danielle Septembre, and Bill Mauk with Cameron Carlin and April Richards. Kim's fingers are healing nicely after she caught them in the centerboard trunk trying to rescue their capsized boat.

Bill won our 1998 Chris Young Memorial Regatta with Randy Clee second. The Coral Reef Yacht Club Annual Regatta was also won by Bill, with John Rouse 3rd and Jon Ewing 4th. Both regattas are part of our District Triple Crown. Then it was on to Tampa for the final regatta in the series over Thanksgiving weekend. After all the numbers were lined up Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor won the Crown with Bill Mauk 2nd.

Some of our boats got shuffled around this year as you can see by our fleet roster. Bill Mauk has a brand new boat (14866) and, moving up from crew to owner, Dominic Marsden is doing well on 14066. Steve Witherspoon is back with us after 20 years, with son Kevin and 14001. Stuart deLisser's *Dead Sexy* (13010) is getting out of the garage and on the race course as we speak. Eamonn deLisser "moved up" to 14809, leaving John Gochberg temporarily boatless. 12050 was recently purchased by Kelly Bayer and Michelle Duplaga, and 12064's new owner is Steven Getzoff. Welcome to our new fleet members, and we all look forward to seeing you in Miami.

Florida Fay Regan

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET 227 New England District Sailing on Lake Bomoseen Bomoseen, Vermont

	Fleet Commodore		
	Fleet Secretary	Jennife	r Bagley
*	Arden M. Hayden Bruce M. Atkinson		2456
*	Bruce M. Atkinson		8330
	Bruce M. Atkinson		11137
*	Cassius Tillman IV	Not On Call	11212
*	Arden M. Hayden	Sojourner	11393
*	Fred Bagley	,	13497
*	Bruce M. Atkinson		13859
*	Raymond Harrington		14056
*	Raymond P. Harrington	n, Ir	14056

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RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 228 Central Atlantic District Sailing on the Delaware River Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain .	John Haiges
Fleet Secretary	Caroline Hoedemaker
Fleet Treasurer	Hugh Hutchinson

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* Hugh J. Hutchison	Enterprise	8616
* Mark L. Keene	and the second second	8690
* Paul L. Alberti	Discovery	9628
* John G. Haiges	Syncopation	10494
* Gary Swangler	Zone	10956
* Maury Benbow	Smidge	11519
* Josh McCaully	Daisy	12140
* Gary Birnhak	Rumble Seat	13624
* Richard Moyer		13792
* Seth Hunter	Kestrel	14139
* Hugh J. Hutchison		14214
* Paul I. Hecht	Mighty Aphrodite	14360
* Caroline Schneider-Hoe	demaker	14634
* Robert C. Bush		
* & A. Sterling Bush	Ambush	14654
* Allan M. Crew	Toodle-Oo	14699
* John G. Haiges		14771
* Mark C. Schneider		14840
* Peter R. Denton		14890

It was another successful year of sailing at Riverton. In January we met and slightly changed the format of our racing slightly to emphasize our Wednesday series more. Since Riverton is located in an urban area right outside Philadelphia, sailing during the week has been very popular. Come join us if you are in the area. The club is located on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware River, and is housed in an old passenger steamer station sitting out in the river just north of the Tacony Palmyra Bridge.

The next time the group met was down at the Southern Circuit: Bob Bush and Caroline headed South with their boats. Allan and Hugh showed up in St. Pete's. Its key to note: nothing came home broken! And, the group must have had a good time because two "new" boats were purchased. Caroline brought hers back double decked, and Bob's boat was held for ransom, until he attended Pymatuming's spring regatta.

The fleet traveled to 16 different regattas over the season: from Cedar Point Connecticut, to Rochester New York, to Kerr Lake North Carolina. In addition Bob and Sterling represented us at the WNAs and NAs, Bob, Caroline and Gary Swangler went to the 60th Anniversary Regatta, and as noted above, Bob and Caroline sailed Southern Circuit. Frequently there were at least three of us at the same regatta, which has led to some friendly interclub competition between Nyack and RYC. Nyack seems to have won a most "beautiful" clock this past year, maybe when we win it back next year it should become a "loser's" trophy?!?

We had four weekend events planned: a Spring Regatta, a coach weekend, the club's Governor's Cup, and our annual Fall Windup regatta. The Spring Regatta had a great turnout, but I think we got our entire summer's wind allotment in one day. It had to be cancelled, but we'll try again next year. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the learning when the coach visited. The video taping was fantastic. Bob our light air specialist, won the Governor's Cup followed by John and Caroline. And the Fall Windup was a much better success than the Spring Regatta. Not only did we have manageable conditions, but also the weather was much warmer, warmer than ususal. Caroline won this, followed by Allan. There were 12 boats, but we missed some of our usuals.

With all the travel and weekend activities the focus on the four Wednesday night series worked well. The results demonstrate the strong competition within the fleet. Seven different boats won the top three places in the various series: Maury, Dick, Caroline, Bob, Allan, John, and Mark. Nine boats out of fourteen on average participated, and we hope newcomer Seth Hunter will be back again to join us.

Caroline Hoedemaker

CHINOOK FLEET 229 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir Eugene, Oregon

F	Fleet Secretary	John Maho	nes
F	-leet Champion	John Maho	ney
* Wa	ally Jones	Caledonia	6061
* Ca	rol Mullens Slegers	Wandering About	9495
* Ver	rson E. Pandian	Royal Rover	13811
* A.	Morrie Craig	Green Eggs And Ham	13942
* Joł	nn J. Mahoney	Thump	13956

What a season! While it is fun to read about large successful fleets like Pontiac and Buffalo, the Chinook Fleet seems to be at the other end of the spectrum. From a fleet of over twenty active racers in bygone years we are down to three day-sailors who might sail one day a year, four good skippers with good boats who could sail but almost never do, and two guys who race most every Thursday night, often singlehanding. Maybe Mahoney and Jones need breath mints or a semester or two at some charm school.

If it were not for the presence of the active and supportive Vancouver Lake Fleet to the north, our fleet would probably have lost the faint pulse it had years ago.

The high point of this season was the Pacific Coast Championship held here in September. Sun, good wind, and good racingshowed us how it should be. Thanks to the boats from Portland and California for making this event memorable. Special thanks to the California boats for making such a long journey. We'll have to come down your way soon. Where in San Francisco will we park the blue school bus the keg sits by? In spite of our meager numbers, WE WON'T QUIT! Now, if fif-

In spite of our meager numbers, WE WON'T QUIT! Now, if fifteen or twenty of you from Buffalo or Pontiac wanted to move west over the next year or so.....

Wally Jones

SEMPACHER / HALLWILER / VIERWALDSTÄTTER / GREIFENSEE FLEET 250 Switzerland District Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwil, Luzern and Greifen Zürich, Switzerland

*	William Lingg		0
	Hubert K. Stocker	You Never Know	10463
*	Heinrich Leimgrubler	Csardas	10467
	Jacob Blickensdorfer Rudolf Herzog	White Star	12306
*	Rudolf Herzog	Joy III	12571
25-	Christof Luthy	Domi-Nike	13099
*	Silvio Merz		13161
25-	Ernst Beyer	Cezanne	13705

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SALAMIS FLEET 251 Greece District Sailing on the Bay of Phaleron Athens, Greece

	N. Carageor	
A. Lagathas * Christos Bonas	Mesis	4636
& Stelios Bonas	Clockwork Orange	10966
 * Nickolas Dimou * & Alexandros Dimou * Theodore Tsoulfas 	Renata	13968

The members of our fleet participated in the Pastrikakia race. We look forward to 1999 so the new caders will have the opportunity to compete in more Lightning races.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET 252 Central New York District Sailing on Keuka Lake Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Secretary/ Treasu Fleet Champion	Brent Gi rerEileen Loh-Fo Peter Cunning Brent Gi	ntier ham
* Leon A. Fontier	Purple Haze	9249
* Barry Brogan	Acrew Aweigh	10490
* Don Tylor	Tippecanoe	12702
* Rowland Stebbins, III	7-11	12711
Ron Anderson		13514
David Brace	Cherry Bomb	13541
* Paul Schnipelsky	The Other Woman	13816
* Brent S. Gillette		14119
* Blaise Gallahue		14202
* Peter M. Cunningham	Ballyhoo	14221
* James E. Staunton	Mangy Moose	14256
* Michael N. Kalinich	07	14368
* Robert Cole	Thumper	14416
* Clyde L. Rathmann	Grumpy Old Men	14426
* Leon Fontier	17	14431



Fleet 252 Crews David Cunningham and Robin Crist Photos courtesy Eileen Loh-Fontier

This season was a mixed bag for our fleet. Spring had started early in our area this year, and we were all stirred up by the sunshine and warmth. We began the season as usual with a good turnout of boats for two days of club races on Memorial Day weekend, followed by weekly club races every Sunday. The month ended with our annual Champagne Regatta, that was also the Central New York District Championship. Twenty-four boats participated. The wind gods favored us, and we all hadlots of fun. The following weekend Pete Cunningham, Jim Staunton, and Leon Fontier took their boats to Skaneateles for the 60th. Debbie Koop, crewing for Jim Staunton, accurately described the event as "the Woodstock of Lightnings". Pete, with daughter Elise and father Dave, placed 5th in the Green Fleet.

After a good season start in June, club racing declined in July & August. Part of this was due to the weather. For those who like to lie on the beach it was perfect: hot & sunny. However, it was mostly also windless, at least on Sundays when we were scheduled to race. We also lost a few skippers for a variety of reasons. Barry Brogan & crew (wife Roseanne) had a baby in the oven (baby Joe arrived in August) Vasco Raposo sold his Cherry Bomb (new owner David Brace crewed some, but didn't feel ready to skipper yet this year), and Jim Staunton was obliged to follow doctor's advice to take a break from his favorite sport for the remainder of the season. We thought that Bob Cole had gotten his priorities back into proper order when he showed up for the Champagne Regatta, but he was more often absent than present for the remainder of the season. Don Tylor & Clyde Rathmann, who co-skippered Grumpy Old Men regularly last year only made occasional appearances this season. The 3 or 4 remaining skippers who show up regularly each week, hoping for wind were sometimes rewarded for their persistence, and the other times they decided that anyhow, Keuka Lake is a beautiful place to sunbathe & swim & there's always good company at the club.

The season did have a great ending for Brent Gillette and Leon Fontier, who decided to finish the season participating in the Frostbite Regatta hosted by Fleet 484 on Cayuga Lake. There was no lack of wind for that weekend! We thank our friends in Ithaca for the good time we had there.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB FLEET 253 Dixie District Sailing on the Susquehanna River Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet SecretaryFred Bush

* CarolPark	Conversations	?
Keith Dietel		9474
Stephen D. Tiley		9897
Bud Mover	Jack Tar	10391
Courtland Dunn		11329
Holly Miller		
& Walt Poyck		11582
Richard Willey		
& Roy Wells		12137
* Starling H. Mikell, III	Deb Star	12941
* Kenneth C. Kuzdro	Sneak Attack	13218
* Frederick S. Bush	Double Whammy	13813
* Charles F. Noble	Starthrower	14156

The big news for Fleet 253 in '98 was the arrival of the Sea Scouts. The assistant leader of a Lancaster County Sea Scout Ship joined Susquehanna Yacht Club in April and asked at a club meeting if there was any way the club could help his scouts get some sailing experience. So Fleet 253 generously came to the rescue, signed up all the scouts as racing crew and had a ball with enough bodies in every boat for lots of spinnaker flying in our revitalized Wednesday night races.

Not sure who had the most fun, the scouts or the skippers. Also, not sure who won the most races (we're kinda relaxed about record keeping), but it was probably Star Mikell. We think it was because he grabbed the Scout Ship leader as crew. We welcomed Craig and Becky Cassel to the fleet, sailing golden

We welcomed Craig and Becky Cassel to the fleet, sailing golden oldie Fort Knox. Hope to see more of them in '99 if Becky doesn't take time out again to have a baby in the middle of the sailing season.

Star, Ken Kuzdro, and Charlie Noble represented the fleet at the Lightning 60th. It was the biggest group of travelers from SYC since the 60' and 70's, when we sent big delegations to the famous Quantico regattas of blessed memory.

Looking forward to '99, hoping for more wind, more scouts, and more fun on the scenic Susquehanna.

Fred Bush

BURT LAKE FLEET 254 Michigan District Sailing on Burt Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Commodore .		m Anderson
Fleet Vice-Commodo		
Fleet Secretary/Treas	surer	Ann Swayze
Fleet Champion		
Runner-Up		
Jim and Sally Fraser		12890
Jim and Sally Fraser Gary Street		13969
Tom Hanson		14023
Stuart F. Cheney	Spirit	14505
Clark E. Swayze	0000	14770

The 1998 winds on Burt Lake left our fleet alternately floating listlessly and running off-course in raging squalls, barely in control. August 7 will surely go down in club history as one of the wildest races of all. On that day we were all drifting slowly towards the jibing mark when a squall hit from behind with virtually no warning. The carnage was significant, but fortunately in the end the masts pointing skyward out-numbered those pointing towards the bottom. We do all hope that Tom Hanson's pending sale of his lightning is not related to his upending in early August! In spite of his August DNF Tom finished in 3rd place for the season, displaying some of his best sailing since joining the fleet. The 1998 fleet runner-ups were our newcomers Jim and Sally Fraser who proved to be very competitive in Lightning #12890. Welcome to the fleet, Jim and Sally! The fleet champion was Clark Swayze—Swayze captured the blue ribbon in 2/3 of the fleet races this season, and especially show-cased his sailing skills by both staying upright and taking first places in the two August races that were hit by powerful squalls.

In contrast to the wild winds experienced in several of our fleet races, the BLYC Annual 4th of July Daggerboard Regatta took place in very light breezes. Our Commodore Jim Anderson won the regatta championship in his brand new race- ready Sunfish. Jim was followed closely by Eric Swayze, visiting Burt Lake from the Mission Bay Lightning fleet in SanDiego; and by Eirc's dad, Clark Swayze. Other visiting sailors this season included John Beery in Lightning #13909. John returned to Fleet 254 from his new home in Chicago to walk away with 1st place honors in the first Burt Lake race of the season.

As the 1998 season ends Fleet 254 sadly waves good-bye to Bob and Diana Garlinghouse in Lightning #11078 as they move their sailing activity from Burt Lake to the Holland, Michigan, area. On a happy note we welcome Jim and Sally Fraser in Lightning #12890, and Jeff and Lisa Leland who purchased Lightning #14023 at season's end. Good luck to you all in 1999!

Ann Swayze

CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET 257 Southeastern District Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake Augusta, Georgia

Fleet CaptainRobert E. Harkrider Jr. Fleet SecretaryRichard F. Mayne

	Gilbert Klemann		2381
*	Howard David Estroff	Pandora's Box	9398
*	Nancy Klemann Sproul	Hot Flash	9468
*	Thomas L. Schroeder		10810
*	"Robert E. Harkrider, Jr."		12489
	Gilbert Klemann	Intrepid	13190
*	Richard Mayne	No Excuses	14127
25	Sharon Harkrider	Boonoonoonoos	14532
*	& Robert E. Harkrider,	Jr.	
*	Iames A. Harris Driving	Blind, Deaf & Dumb	14701
*	Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.	Boo Too	14889

The Clark's Hill Fleet had little change in the number of fleet boats, and no fleet sailing. We did do half a dozen Wednesday night sessions where we did sprint races to sharpen up our skills and give non Lightning club members a chance to sail a Lightning. Had participation on the circuit, with the Bob Harkrider, and Jim and Connie Harris making most of the circuit races and finishing second and third respectively.

Augusta also held the second scheduled Regatta on the circuit April 25-26, 1998.

Saturday's first race opened up with a 3-5 mph wind. Bob Harkrider and crew took the early lead with Bill Sloger in "Slim Green" a close second. A major wind shift (the first of several that day) caused the race committee to change the course in the middle of the race and the old sly fox that he is (that's Bill Sloger I'm referring to) caught the change and Bob to finish first. Jim Harris finished right behind Bob, rounding out the top three.

With a new course set and the wind picking up (5-8 mph) Jim jumped off the line and never looked back. Bob, Bill and Terry Tyner rounded out the top four. With the wind starting to die the RC decided on a third race. Just after the start the wind died completely and we all sat. When the new wind came in (from a different direction of course) the fleet was scrambled. It made no difference how you started. It all depended on where you were. Yes, Connie Harris called it right and the "General" lead the way to his second first place finish for the day. I was too far back to see how everyone did, but the race results show Tom "I don't abuse my

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Team Smokler enjoys the party

Carter Utzig, Barbara and Cully Ward enjoy the ice cream Saturday night

Team Hempel

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crew" Wynn coming in second followed by a fast closing Terry Tyner third and Johnnie Pelosi fourth.

Sunday morning we started in a light northerly breeze.

Josh Putnam had a great start at the pin, took a header and crossed the fleet. He ultimately finished fourth which is a great showing for one of our up and coming juniors. You guessed it, General Jim started where he left off Saturday with a first, with "the Bill and Bob show" coming in second and third.

After the completion of the fourth race a new and stronger wind appeared (15-20 mph from the west). Get ready to hike up wind and plane down. Bob, Terry and heavy air artist Johnnie P found it to their liking to round out the top three. Big Boy" General Jim and his crew of giants (total crew weight 398 lb) paid the price and staggered in fourth. Final results had Jim with 10 points, Bob with 14, Terry with 19 and slipping ahead of Bill with 21 (for some reason the "grey fox" has a problem with math and can't count to five and didn't sail the last race).

			Race			
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
Jim Harris	3	1	1	1	4	10
Bob Harkrider	2	2	6	3	1	14
Terry Tyner	4	4	3	6	2	19
Bill Sloger	1	3	5	2	10	21
Tom Wynn	6	6	2	5	5	24
John Pelosi	7	8	4	7	3	29
Josh Putnam	8	9	7	4	10	38
Carter Utzig	5	5	9	10	10	39
Gil Klemann	9	7	8	8	10	42

Bob Harkrider was our only delegate at the NA's sailing in the middle of the President's Cup fleet

Richard Mayne

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB FLEET 262 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Old Hickory Lake Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain	Mary Ann Smo	kler
Fleet Secretary	Joseph Cunningh	nam
* Chandler Owen		9055
* Joseph Cunningham	Siocain	9211
* Harry K. Whitver		10191
* Harry K. Whitver		10691
* Bill Killebrew		11480
* Chandler Owen		11609
* Chandler Owen	Doc Gilbert Express	11737
David Ausbrooks	The 7th Habit	12511
Joseph F. Hunt	Whoppersnapper	13212
* Brian Smokler	Feather	13666
* Mike Osborne		13769
* Chandler Owen		13917
* Bruce Richards	Airborne	13957
* Bradford Currie	Chance	14000
* Cully Ward		
& Kat Ward	Kat's Kradle	14116
* Fred W. Beesley, Jr.	Reprise	14533
* Robert G. Hempel	Wildebeest IV	14571
* Jerry Fertig		14588
* Dr. Robert Cotton	Airborne	14645
* Bill Killebrew	Z Z Top	14680
* William Hofmeister		14706
* Frank L. Kelly, Jr.	Spirit	14748

Another year sailing Lightnings. Life's tough isn't it? Actually, sailing our beloved square boats in the Mid-South was a little more difficult than usual. Always fickle, the winds this year were much lighter than usual and the Fleet on Old Hickory got a lot of experience in light air racing.

Due to the light air, it seems much of the fleet action took place away from Harbor Island Yacht Club, beginning the year with the Southern Circuit. Bill Killebrew and crew participated in the entire circuit, while William Hofmeister joined them for the St. Petersburg leg.

The Lightning season at Harbor Island officially began with the 35th annual Tennessean Regatta in April. Seventeen dinghies competed in weather that most of us would love to forget -very rainy, very cold, lots of current, and no wind. We must have used up our wind allocation for the month on the tornado that passed through downtown Nashville and only a few miles from Harbor Island. Rumor has it that at this race it was decided that Harbor Island has the "best fireplace" of any Lightning fleet. Paul Wurtzebach from the Chicago area took home first place in the Tennessean. Those of you considering coming to Nashville for this one, be assured we have already placed an order for better weather in 1999.

The summer Sunday series provided clear weather but very light winds. While the faithful prepared to race each week, the final count of races turned out pretty low. HIYC fleet members have learned that if the wind doesn't come to you, you to go the wind; therefore, a group of representatives traveled to the 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skanteateles over July 4th weekend, and several boats traveled to the North American Championships in Buffalo in August. And the end of summer just wouldn't be the same without a September trip to the Cotton Pickin' Regatta in Hernando,

Mississippi. Fall brought with it some nice windy weekends (along with warmer than usual temperatures) - just in time for the McDougall Regatta at Harbor Island. Bill Killebrew and Mike Osborne shared skipper responsibilities to take first place. Finally, the 33rd annual Bluenose Regatta drew thirty-five boats this year, who enjoyed a decent first day (weather-wise) and a second day that proved too light to race. Dennis Dieball took top honors. Of course, everyone had a great time at the keg parties and steak dinner!

The Lightning Fleet camaraderie at Harbor Island makes sailing fun no matter what the conditions, and because picture speak louder than words, we've included a few from the year.

Come visit our web site at www.hivc.org. Brian Smokler

YACHT CLUB LA PUNTA FLEET 265 Peru District Sailing on Callao Callao, Peru

Fleet CaptainAugusto Navarro			
* Augusto Navarro	Camotito	13367	
* Emilio Levaggi Tocci	Curumbo	13471	

No report.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 266 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Carlyle Lake Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain	Terry Burke
Fleet Vice-Captain	.Dan Moriarty
Fleet Treasurer	
Fleet Champion	.Dan Moriarty
Fleet Runner Up	Terry Burke

* John R. Barrett		5345
* Jerry Valli	Chaos	8144
* Jerry Valli William Perozzi		1711







Sailing at Fleet 266's Mid-Continent Regatta Photos courtesy Terry Burke

* Mark Paoli		11044
* Steven G. Bailey	Frances	12029
* Rob Zerban	Gumby	13273
* Greg Florian	D.F.	13308
Bill Kesler		13598
* Barring Coughlin	Swallow	13836
Marc Schillebeekx		13870
* Linus J. Portman	Misty Lee	13892
* Arthur Merdinian	Warlock	14089
* John Huhn		14114
* Daniel Moriarty		14118
John Abramson		14165
* Glenn Grummon		14204
* Matt G.S. Burridge	Liquid Diet	14229
* Tobi D. Heisler	Snakewake	14636
* Terry Burke	Top Flash	14766
* Eric Bernstein	F	14798
* Dr. Tom Aquino	Absolutly	14828
* Gerry Paoli		14901
* Robert G. Burridge		- 17 0 1
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This year started with great enthusiasm with the advent of three long time crew members / boat borrowers John Huhn, Tobi Heisler and Dan Moriarty getting their own Lightnings. Along with Rick Bernstein and Gerry Paoli both buying new boats and the Marc Schillebeeckx family buying their first Lightning, the fleet was off to a good start! We feel with that kind of growth the future of fleet 266 is great! As a fleet we are very excited and are looking forward to hosting the 1999 North American Championships! Many plans are under way to make that a great event.

Now lets get to the sailing! In April four fleet 266 boats went to Nashville for the Tennessean Regatta which is hosted by HIYC. We all know they put on great events and this one did not disappoint. Saturday was a bit cold and rainy but nothing the great fireplace at the yacht club couldn't remedy. Sunday proved to be a good morning of racing with Rick Bernstein getting in touch with his new boat by winning both races. With that we all drove home feeling tunedup for the Mid-Continent. This group is planning on attending this event again in '99.

The Mid-Continent once again had great weather and a growing turnout with 19 boats. With our friends from Philly, Bob & Sterling Bush getting the award for coming the furthest not to mention taking home the 2nd place trophy after sailing a great regatta but not quite as good as our own Matt Burridge who took home the first! We hope to see even more boats next year with our fleet holding the 1999 North Americans. What a great way for folks to see what our club is all about! The first weekend in May (perfect weather in the Mid-West) hey you people in the northeast break those boats out early and come see us!

Next Carlyle Sailing hosted the Mississippi Valley Lightning Districts. Once again about 20 boats attended. The regatta had great breezes on Saturday with our crack Race Committee cranking out 4 perfect races. After Saturday's racing, Matt Burridge lead, Dan Moriarty was in 2nd, Bill Hoffmeister in 3rd with Terry Burke and Arthur Merdinain 4th and 5th. Sunday looked like it would be a true test of brawn with the wind blowing 20 - 25+ and storms in the area. But when it came time to race time the powers to be decided to call it a day and the positions stayed right where they were after 4 races. No one seemed to mind not racing cause most of us could still feel the party from Saturday night. Next year's Districts are in Memphis. Be sure to attend; with the N.A.s in our district in 1999, the district can send extra boats, but you must attend the Districts. See you there!

Î must take a paragraph and talk about Rick Bernstein and our goal attaining the North American Championship. We teamed up with Matt Fisher from Ohio starting with the Ohio Districts at Lake Pymatuning in Western Pennsylvania. It was lake sailing and I must say a fun place to sail, the people were great. Winning that, we set our sights on the North Americans at the BCC. I have been sailing in this class along time and being on a Winning North American Championship team has been a life goal of mine since the beginning. It was an intense experience, one that I will never forget. I would like to take this time to thank everyone I have ever sailed with before, and you all know who you are! You all gave me the experiences that it took to reach one of my goals. THANKS! Fleet 266 hosted the US Pan Am Trial Regatta in October. The Class sent the best to Carlyle and our lake and club showed its best side. Six races in great breezes and plenty of local fun. Andy Horton & team won the event and we wish them luck next summer at the Games.

In the Fall Series Gerry Paoli ran away with it by kicking his new boat into high gear and stringing together 3 early bullets which made him virtually unbeatable. It was down to the wire though in our Fleet Championship series with the last 3 or 4 weeks telling the tale between Terry Burke and Dan Moriarty. Dan was able to edge out Terry in the end for the Championship. Gerry Paoli edged out Aurthur Merdinian for third. For the results of our whole season and lots of regatta reports along with information about the 1999 Lightning North American Championships check out our web site at http://home.earthlink.net/~topflash/

We will see you all at the 1999 North Americans if not before!!! Dan Moriarty

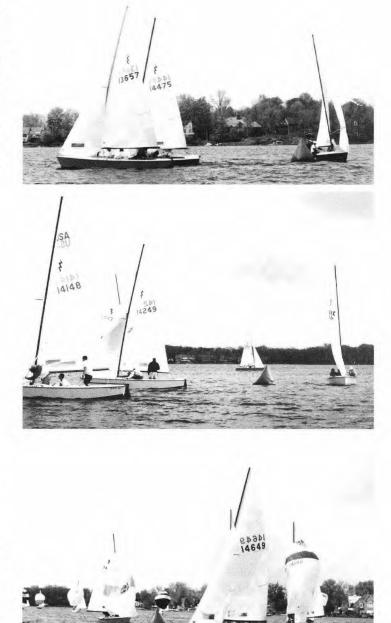
INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB FLEET 270 Indiana District Sailing on Geist Reservoir Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain	Elizabeth Foster
Fleet Secretary .	Michael Franceschini
Fleet Treasurer	Kenneth McGinity

* Andy Harmon	Weirdly Manor	8679
* John B. Leath* Kenneth D. Woods	No Excuse	9050
* Kenneth D. Woods		11203
Norm Cubellis		12896
Lamar Michael		12963
* Steve Hayes	Sundance	13489
* Michael R. Franceschini		13657
* John B. Leath	L'eclair Rouge	13954
* Edwin Fineberg	Make It So	14349
* Joseph A. Lassaux	Sundance II	14359
* Joseph A. Lassaux* Walter B. Tinsley, Jr.		
* & Paul Vos	Win-Some	14537
* Kenneth D. Woods		14610

Sailing and competitive racing begin early on Geist Reservoir in Indianapolis each year. 1998 was no exception with Indianapolis Sailing club beginning in mid-April.

On May 1st & 2nd, we again hosted the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta for the 37th consecutive year. The number of boats was down to 14 this year as more Midwest boats opted for a





Sean Fidler, winner of the 1998 Indy Open

Indy Open sailing on Geist Reservoir, home of Fleet 270. Photos courtesy Ken McGinity

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competing venue at Lake Carlisle In Illinois, the site of the 1999 North American Championships.

For the Open weekend, we were blessed with steady winds which enabled the Race Chairman, Frank Hiatt, to complete 3 races on Saturday and 2 more on Sunday morning. Sean Fidler from Michigan moved up from 2nd in '97 to win this year.

The rest of the sailing season was very pleasant with fir winds for most of the Sunday Fleet races. The Club experimented with 2 shorter races sailed back to back with a shorter starting sequence and shorter courses. This change was favorably received.

Our Fleet #270 shares some of the same growing problems as the Class nationally. Current Fleet members are getting older and few young sailors are replacing them. Two young sailors who bucked the trend were Pete & Moira McGinity sailing Sundance I. As we plan for the '99 season, it is clear that the Fleet's top priority will be to get more Fleet members to travel to away regattas where they can feel the fever. With the North Americans less than 200 miles from home, A wonderful opportunity is open for everyone in the Fleet.

Our Fleet in '98 also hosted the Indiana Districts in June and the ILCA Coach's Seminar by Mr. Kelly Williams on July 26th. John Leath, our Fleet Treasurer traveled to Skaneateles, NY for the 60th anniversary regatta on July 4th where he placed 4th in the "wood-ie" division.

Finally, congratulations once again to our Fleet Champion Joe Lassaux! He has earned this honor for a number of consecutive years.

Ken McGinity

LAKE MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB FLEET 273 New England District Sailing on Massabesic Lake Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet SecretaryGordon Geick

* Gordon Geick	Mongoose II	9390
* Kenneth Deyett	8	9829
* Walter Buchwald		11327
* George Devett		11400
* Michael Adams		
* & Ronald G. Adams	Sunday Punch	11401
* Walter Colantuono	River Blues	11740
* Nick Mercier	Annie Oakley	11885
* John K. Webb	Banana Split	12455
* John Dika	Glory	12723
* Joe Ray	Bloody	13602
* Maurice L'Heureux, Jr.	Quick Silver	13828
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick	Shenanigans	14060
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick* Joseph P. Celia	0	14180
* Norman G. Devett		14273
* William Berry	Amarcord	14442
* Kenneth A. Carlson		14553
* Thomas H. Chase	Sally	14584

No Report.

DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 274 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet Captain	Rebecca P. Winsett
Fleet Secretary	Roy Robbins
Fleet Champion	
Runner-Up	Batton Kennon

*	Ken Davis	Garfield	9791
*	William N. Baxter, III	Disco Lemonade	11999
	Richard R. Ranta	Metrognome	12082
*	Carl Batton Kennon, Jr.	Between Silence & L	
	Herbert Cochrane	Wet Paint	13258
	Michael D. Porter	Coyote	13700
*	Clay Jones	Wild Cherry	13703
*	Max Shelton		14149
*	Roy W. Robbins	Sho Boat	14270
*	Lynn A. Iones	Leap Frog	14338
*	W.N. Baxter	1 0	14357
*	Crit Currie	Rebel Devel	14666

Every sailing season is a great one and 1998 was no exception. William Baxter, Rich Hall, and myself (Herbert Cochrane) kicked off the season with a road trip to Nashville for The Tennessean. Every year we seem to spot celebrities such as Karen Johnson and Paul Wurtzebach on the race course. This year we arrived to a city of destruction. Several twisters had torn the Hermitage area apart the day before but Harbor Island appeared to weather unscathed. Boy did we get a deal on candle-powered hotel rooms!

Our spring regatta the Hernando Desoto was well attended by our neighbors from Nashville. Their attendance was quite evident in a photo taken of the top five boats. In no particular order the photo included Bruce Richards, William Hofmeister, Cully Ward, Bob Cotton, and Roy Robbins.

The 1998 District Championship was held in Carlyle this year. Once again I took a road trip with my faithful crew Rich Hall and Kevin Marbury. We set off for corn-country, Carlyle that is. It was virgin country for the whole lot of us. One half-hour out of Carlyle we were welcomed to the site of funnel clouds and twister reports abundant in metro St. Louis. The greeting party at Carlyle welcomed us with a few words of advice and high tailed it to the clubhouse. I believe their advice was something to the effect of "Welcome pilgrims, keep a weather eye to the sky." We were persuaded to secure our boats to the aircraft hooks and head for the clubhouse. Sound advice it was. A great time was had by all. I think we won the party!

Meanwhile back on the ranch, we continued to rattle off fleet races all summer long. We had plenty of water and a few fresh faces on the race course this year. Crit Currie Jr. became active with Fleet 274 this year. Dr. Clay Jones was out with his new boat and David Cretcher joined us as well. Our overall Fleet standings for the year are as follows: 1st - William N. Baxter III, 2nd – Batton Kennon, 3rd- Frank Bermel, 4th- Mickey Porter, 5th- Bill Baxter. In September we held the annual COTTON PICKIN' REGAT-

In September we held the annual COTTON PICKIN' REGAT-TA. Once again we had grand attendance by our friends from Nashville. I must first congratulate Jim Ward for almost beating the pants off his dad Cully overall. It seemed that during every finishing leg Cully would yell upwind to Jim something about his allowance. Good job Jim Ward!

The top five places for the COTTON PICKIN' were as follows: 1st Place...Cully Ward

2nd Place...Bob Cotton

3rd Place...Jim Ward

4th Place...Bill Killebrew

5th Place...Bill Baxter Sr.

Winding down the season we went to Nashville for the Bluenose. Our annual pilgrimage to the Hermitage. Posey Saunders and I (Herbert Cochrane) crewed for Little Bill (William N. Baxter III). Upon late arrival we found captain Bill three sheets to the breeze after early arrival with his trusty co-pilot Batton Kennon. It was at this time that Crit Curries' crew and I went to a lake house that appeared to belong to Bob and Ann Cotton. It was there that we had the good fortune of a fireside chat with Bob's houseguest Bruce Goldsmith.

Crit Currie Jr. also took a boat to the Bluenose this year. His faithful crew Tim Ryan (R.T.) joined him as well as Henry Grosvenor from Memphis. Batton Kennon crewed on a boat from Ohio and Rebecca Winsett sailed with Bradford Currie and Dan Busher both from Nashville. Also, great job on the long-sleeve T-Shirts Jan !

I look forward to seeing all MVD members at the 1999 DIS-TRICT CHAMPIONSHIP in Memphis during the second full weekend of June, in order to qualify for the 99 NORTH AMERICANS at Carlyle.

Herbert Cochrane

CLEARWATER BAY FLEET 277 Central Canada District Sailing on Lake of the Woods Clearwater Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Catpain Fleet Secretary		
 * Jim Richardson * Brent Bottomley * Gus Campbell * Malcolm Crooks * Steve Wells * Charlie Burns * & Mike Couture 	Rootin' Tootin' U-Bet Bluenose IV Flying Toaster	10917 11711 14451 14516 14612

Fleet 277 re-born!!

After a lengthy hiatus, fleet 277 is back on the waters of Clearwater Bay and growing. The fleet's legacy goes back to the era of two Lightning fleets on Lake of the Woods and a strong sailing contingent in Manitoba. The stage is set for more boats and more sailing in the mid-west.

The inaugural year saw a number of exciting events, building local awareness in and sharpening every ones sailing skills. The season kicked off at Falcon Lake with two days of racing. Many thanks to Peter Hall who traveled from Montreal to show us all how to really move a Lightning around in shifty winds.

Évening races were held each Wednesday at Gimli (site of the 1999 Pan Am Games) with the Lightnings showing the keel boaters how to start and what true class racing is. Many an envious big boat skipper looking forlorn as the Lightnings showed there stuff in all conditions. Mike Couture and Charlie Burns did a great job of promoting the Lightning to the local Icelanders.

Fleet 277 was well represented at the Canadian Midwestern Districts held in Dryden. Congratulations to a third earned by the team of Joe Hilldies, Mike Couture and Charlie Burns. Steve and Tracy Wells went well, shaking the kinks out of their new boat. Temple reef sailors be warned, irons gonna start moving west.

The Zig Zag open (home of the 277's or more affectionately the Zig Zag Zeroes) was held in July. One day of moderate wind and another of big wind. Hats of to Gus Campbell, Collin and Brent who won the event in close fashion. They showed big wind tight reach, white sails faster than colored.

The Canadians were held in August at Gimli, a pre Pan-Ams event. Great racing had by all with a fantastic showing by fleet 277. Every boat finished in the top 20, an enviable feat considering the tough competition. Welcome back to Jim Richardson and crew, a great inaugural performance with Rootin Tootin. Also at the event, Colette Pelerin wins kudos as the nicest crew, Malcolm Crooks as the grumpiest. Brent Bottomley was again making friends with the Wind.

This winter will see social events to try and build up the fleet's momentum and get more boats on the water. Using the Pan Ams as a spring board we are going to do our best to get more boats in play and re build the Lightning fleet to its former glory. A great boat for the prairies!

Malcolm Crooks

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB 279 Central Canada District Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Seci	retary	Mark Sar Donna Suth Bria	erland
* Iames W. C	Colauhoun		7270
James W. C Jim Mikuli J.V. Bailey	nski	Speculator	9871
[*] I.V. Bailev		Zamboanga Too	11009
* Mark Sand	berg	0	11387
[*] Vic Miller	0		12597
* Richard Wa	alsh		12755
* Russell Goi		Moonshine	12826
[*] Bob Maki		Natural Gas	13115
[*] Kurt Broll		Frenzy Free	13180
* William Ev	ans	Blue Max	13267
* Brian Cox			13587
[*] Innes Mart	in	Zugzwang	13589
* Bob Walsh		The Bonbo	13591
[*] Julia Charle	es		14013
[*] Jim Camero	on	TBA	14507
 Julia Charle Jim Camere Ross Bailey 	,	Nellie	14612

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CHEQUESSET FLEET 280 New England District Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain/SecretaryChristine J. Sorensen Fleet ChampionChristine Sorensen Runner-UpEric H. Cutting

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	Robert Cutting		
*	& Eric H. Cutting	Winds Will	9714
*	Anne Tredick	Yasu	10765
	Robert Dickens Smith	C Cleff	10795
*	Stafford Frazier	Nike II	11096
*	Christine Jones Sorensen	Muma Works	11249
*	W. Stuart Nickerson		11379
	Albert Preston Moore	Scruples	11751
	William Currier	1	13947
*	Robert Cutting		
*	& Eric H. Cutting	Cutting Wind	14310

The Wellfleet group started our season over the 4th of July weekend with the coveted Commodore's Cup. Three boats competed in a rainy, light northwesterly breeze. Christy and Peter Sorensen nosed ahead in the shifty breeze to take home the Cup. Only one other day of fleet racing occurred in July, largely due to our fleet member's participation in other regional Lightning events. Cheers to Bobby Smith who traveled to the Districts this year.

August also started out with a gusto. August 8-9 we hosted our annual Wellfleet Regatta for which we had 9 participants. Five fleet members sailed along with four visiting boats, one from as far away as St. Louis, MO. Stu Nickerson, co-skippering with Nick Mercier won the 5 race series with 5 bullets. Christy Sorensen edged out Eric Cutting in a tie for second place. Wellfeet is known for a great party, featuring steamed clams and steak tips, with a breath taking view (this year a full moon rose over the harbor).

The pace kept up through August, with Lightnings racing one day of each weekend. With greater participation in August, the Cup races are lined up through the month. The Fox Cup was won by Robert Cutting in a light southerly wind, with his son Will as crew (one of Will's first days of racing). The Frazier Cup was won by Christy Sorensen in light south/southwest breezes with another young sailing enthusiast, Gregory Rheault, as crew.

Labor Day weekend's Cutting Cup was sailed in the only heavy air conditions of the summer. A strong northwesterly wind caused a cancellation for the first day of racing. This year, Eric Cutting made extra strides to rig up 9714 which hadn't been raced all summer. He also brought in a ringer crew member Maria White. And, for the first time in the nearly thirty years of sailing for the Cup, 9714 wrapped up the one-day series with 3 bullets. Quite a memorable occasion. Overall, the July series was won by Christy Sorensen, the August series by Eric Cutting, and the Seasonal Trophy by Christy Sorensen.

We all look forward to a super 1999 season. Lightning 10415, donated to the Chequessett Club last year, is being refurbished by David Jones (former fleet member) and will be available for use by juniors and other members next summer. We hope its use will help to foster interest in Lightning sailing. We encourage one and all to stop by to sail with us.

Christine Sorensen

COLUMBIA FLEET 283 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and on the Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Sandra Neuburger
Fleet Secretary	John DeBenedetti
Fleet Champion	
Runner-Up	John DeBenedetti

	Gerald M. Champney	Lillia May	7111
*	John A. Sanford	An' Son	8497
25-	James McAllister	Thunder	9690
	William Croyey		10541
	Michael hemel		10693
*	Gary Kokstis		10731
	Douglas Sheehan		11133
	Arthur La France		11433
*	Kevin Stravers		11879
	Robert Wallin		12056
	Cathy Miles		
	& Matt Miles		12219
*	Colin Walker		12426
	Dan Martin		12990
*	James McAllister	Jalapeno	13046
*	Dave Mountford	5 1	
	& Chris Mountford	Orangutan	13476
*	Dave Webber	Brain Donkey	13680
	Gerald Neuburger	Whelp A	13788
	Don Bewley	1	13837
*	John DeBenedetti	Foam Heads	13896
	Randy Anderson		
	& Brad Klein		13949
*	Terry Busby	Sly	13961
*	Roger Hicks	Roaring 40's	14040
*	Douglas S. Hickman	Hippo Thunder	14079
*	Philip F. Parshley H	umahumanukunukuapua'a	14288

1998 was a great year for Lightning sailing here in Portland. The level of competition was keener this year due to the growth of our fleet. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated core group, we saw an increased number of boats at the start of races both on the road and here at Vancouver Lake. Not only were members traveling far and wide in search of boats for interested skippers but others were recruiting and training the crew needed to sail the new boats.

The first regatta for a lucky few of us was the California Circuit. This year Fleet 283 was represented by three boats in San Diego. John DeBenedetti, along with crew Dave Webber and daughter Allison Webber sailed *Foamheads* to the best results with a First in the Mission Bay series, third place in both the Coronado series and the Ocean series, and a Third place overall. Their great sailing allowed Allison to win the Susan Arnold Perpetual trophy for the highest placing woman crew in the circuit. Also making the trip down were: the crew of Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, & Bruce Harrington sailing *Roaring 40s*; and a crew of myself along with my brothers Chuck and Ron Artigues sailing a charter *Ship of Fools*. David Mountford, taking advantage of spring break, tagged along with John hoping to find a ride once he got to San Diego. His wish was granted and sailing with Michigan sailors Joel Humphrey and Mark Allen in a charter boat got a respectable fifth place overall.

Back home in the Northwest the great competition continued throughout the season with old timers being challenged by the new skippers in the fleet. Top Honors in '98 go to the ever dominant Jerry Neuburger . Despite pressure from a number of other skippers Jerry managed to collect wins at the Pacific Coast Championship, and by consistently good finishes all year becoming both the 1998 Fleet Champion and the winner of the Northwest District Regatta Circuit.

Other fleet notable were:

Roger Hicks was often seen out on the lake tuning the boat and training his crew and parleyed great teamwork and an aggressive style into wins at the Northwest Districts and the second annual around the island race. One particular incident really demonstrates his gung ho attitude. It seems John D. had him pinned to leeward and was taking Roger beyond the port layline when Roger came up with a brilliant new strategy for this frustrating position: tack and sail right on through the right of way boat. With the speed he was going at impact it might have worked too except John was driving one of his "brokerage" boats, and older Clark I believe that has one of those bulletproof metal rub rails which makes such a symmetrical crescent shaped hole in the front of the offending boat. Roger must have forgotten who held the 1997 award; for this and other bungles he was awarded the 1998 Broken Rudder award.

Long time fleet members The Parshleys fielded a team at the PCC's and brought home the Wendell Harter trophy for highest finish by an all family crew. Sailing with Philip at skipper were his father Phil Sr. and daughter Lois.

Our youngest skipper Kevin Stravers, was constantly harassing the old farts all season. He seemed to take a perverse joy in slam dunking any of the old timers and even was observed tacking into a header in order to do it! Kevin had a strong showing at Klamath Falls and as top first time finisher at the districts won the Sandbagger award.

Jim McAllister, kept crew turn over to a minimum and sailed his green boat well enough to receive the Most Improve Sailor award.

John DeBenedetti, apparently having used up all his good fortune kicking butt down in San Diego wasn't able to repeat as champ and was awarded the Fleet Runner Up trophy.

Non sailor Jan Stravers won the Mary Kay DeBenedetti award for all the hard work she put in during fleet activities all year long.

Perhaps the best news for us this year was the great increase in the number of Lightning sailors at VLSC. Over the last couple of years we had seen new faces in the crew ranks and this year some of them finally decided that they wanted to be the yeller instead of the yellee. John DeBenedetti, our very own 'Father Lightning', did some excellent work matching skippers with boats. Not only did he travel hundreds of miles around Oregon in order to find the best available boat for Juniors Kevin and Matt Stravers, but he actually went all the way to Michigan to procure a boat for Don Bewley. Not satisfied with going all that way for only one boat and perhaps dreaming of starting a west coast Lightning brokerage to rival Joe Dissette, John purchased a second boat and shipped it back to Portland, later to sell it to longtime crew Brad Klein and Randy Anderson. Other former crew turned skippers were Colin Walker who did a great job upgrading the rigging on #12426 and Gary Kokstis who we saw out skippering more often this year after purchasing and repairing #10731 last season.

Luckily for all the skippers we had sufficient crew for all the boats through out the season. Our Junior Skippers enticed friends to come out and try crewing and "the kids" not only sailed with their friends but also filled in with the veterans as needed. Early in the season Ruth Abney came out to the club to crew on a FJ and was quickly grabbed up by an astute Lightning Skipper. Ruth, a novice sailor, persevered through an early season capsize in her first Regatta (only her fourth time in a lightning) to be voted 1998 crew of the year! Terry Busby, notorious around here for causing numerous crew to make the leap to boat owner, was lucky enough to be short one person on the night that Molly Hopkins dropped in to find a ride. Molly, a long time Lightning crew from the Green Bay fleet, recently relocated to Portland and Sailed through out the season with Terry. Various other new and veteran crew allowed us to fill all the boats during what has to be one of the more successful seasons we've seen in years.

Roger Artigues

PARTHENON FLEET 286 Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay The Yacht Club of Greece, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet Captain	George Andreadis
Fleet Secretary	Andrew Sinopoulos
Floort Observations	Costas Merentitis

* Akis Tsarouhis		
* & Martha Paraskevako	ou Carolou	9963
* Andrew Sinopoulos		7569
* Stratis Andreadis	Crinis V	11334
* Alexander Andreadis	Alexander	11459
Nicholas Brantounas	Drosopoulos	11634
Nicholas Cralis	Crantonelis	13801
George Vardaxoglou		
* & Nicholas Vazakas		
& Marious Paraskevas		
& Markos Raptis	Goumas	13981
* Andrew Sinopoulos		
* & Costas Limberakis	Potamianos	14211
* George Andreadis	Crinis VI	14264
* Costas Merentitis		
& Michael Coulianos		
& Elias Manolakis		
& Stelios Sotiriou	Vlagalis	14377
* George Andreadis	C	
* & Štratis Andreadis	Crinis VIII	14544

Members of our fleet, including skipper Costas Merentitis with crew Elias Manolakis and Michael Coulianos, and their coach Stelios Sotiriou, traveled in November to Salinas, Ecuador to win second place at the Youth World Championship.

Thanks to our coach Stelios Sotiriou, the number of our Lightning Sailing School has increased to forty-five members. Andy Sinopoulos

DOLPHIN FLEET 287 Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay Hellenic Naval Academy, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet CaptainVice Admiral P. Caramanolis, H.N. Fleet SecretaryLt. (n) D. Bikakis

Evros	14685
Zefiros	14687
Apiliotis	14688
Skiron	14689

Members of the Dolphin Fleet participated in the yacht race Pastrikakia, organized by the Yacht Club of Greece and the Yacht Club of Athens. *Andy Sinopoulos* LAKE CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET 301 New England District Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain Colchester, Vermont

Fleet CaptainPatrick Zachary Fleet SecretaryBill Fastiggi Fleet ChampionKurt Kling Runner-UpBill Fastiggi			
* Peter Tourin * David Lansky	Wind Harp Thesis Interruptus	7829 8033	
* Edward Guild Tom Moody	Two Boys	$10846 \\ 11158$	
* Sean Carroll Todd Cox	Ant Farm Rainbow Rider	11754 12366	
Stanford White * Patrick Zachary	Nightmare II WhatNow	$13156 \\ 13888$	
* Mark Gardner Edward J. Ziemer	The Big Scream Zoom	$14050 \\ 14297$	
* Robert Smith * & Lea Ann Smith	Robert Y Lea	14438	
* Kurt Kling* Richard Fastiggi	Apple Ciao	$14446 \\ 14480$	
* Don Brush* Michael Huffman	Wild Goose Creature of Habit	$14640 \\ 14644$	
* David Gorman* Ianice Lange	Blind Faith Southern Cross	$14758 \\ 14876$	
* Bill Fastiggi* Andrew Horton	Mach 5	14878 14926	

Our fleet started off the season with three new boats: A brand new boat for Janice Lange after her boat was badly damaged in a highway accident last fall, a newer competitive boat for Patrick Zachary, and (finally) a boat for Mark, Lynn and Bretton Gardner.

Three of our boats - Dave Gorman, Sean Carroll, and Bill Fastiggi traveled to the Southern Circuit last winter to hone up on their heavy air skills! Bill with crew Tim Ambrose and Heather Rowe finished a respectable sixth overall, qualifying for the Pan Am trials, and Sean and Doc each having a few bright moments.

The traditional season opener for the New England District is our own Lake Champlain Spring regatta, which was won by Bill, Heather and Tim. Peter Hall, Alain Boucher, Stu Nickerson, and Ray Harrington rounded out the top five.

Our fleet racing this season saw 11 of our 13 active boats participating with some very competitive, tight racing. Kurt Kling won the series, with Bill Fastiggi, Mark Gardner, Pat Zachary, and "Doc" Gorman all close behind. Ed Ziemer, Janice Lange, Bretton Gardner, Heather Rowe and Pat Zachary also participated in the Thursday evening series. Kurt Kling won the Bob Sidle trophy for the overall fleet championship.

Many members of our fleet spent some time on the road this summer, with fleet 301 members attending the Maple Leaf classic at Bomoseen which was won by Bill, Tim and Heather with Robert and Lea Ann Smith and Don Brush finishing fifth. Pat Zachary and Kika Bronger finished 4th at the Wellfleet regatta and made it to the 60th Anniversary regatta in Skaneateles.

The highlight for fleet 301 this year was our combined performance at the District Championships on Lake Massabesic in NH. Andy Horton and his Soling crew Andy Herlihy and Drew Buttner dominated this predominately windy and shifty Districts. Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose and Heather Rowe ended up second. Our fleet really dominated the 35 boat event, with other fleet members having great performances. Kurt Kling, Peter Kling (11 years) and Kate Brush (13 years) who would have easily been in the top 5 except for a capsize in one race. They were leading the windiest race at the first windward mark, and had all other finishes in the top ten. Mike and Meg Huffman sailing with Kip Hamblett, missed the offset mark in race one which they were leading, and withdrew from the race, costing them a certain top three overall finish. Don Brush, Dave Halsted, and Paul Gutwin also capsized dropping them down to 7th out of the top five. Sean Carroll finished 8th and won the most improved award. Each race was won by a member of our fleet, and except for one race someone from our fleet was leading at every first weather mark. Lynn Gardner and Kika Bronger even lead the part Saturday night start to finish!

The day before the Districts, Massabesic YC also hosted the Women's, Juniors, and Masters championships which were all won by fleet 301 members. Congratulations to Heather Rowe, Sean Carroll, and Doc Gorman for their respective wins.

Our fleet participated in the North American Championships in Buffalo with Sean Carroll finishing third in the Junior NAs, and qualifying to represent the US at the Youth Worlds in Ecuador this November. Janice Lange crewed in the Women's NAs, and Doc Gorman competed in the Masters. In the NAs, Andy Horton, Sean Carroll, and Mike Huffman, all qualified for the Blue fleet, with Andy finishing well enough to qualify for the Pan Am trials and the Worlds in Ecuador next year. Bill Fastiggi ended up third in the Presidents cup, and Doc Gorman was seventh in the Governors cup.

In October, Andy, Bill and Heather teamed up to win the US Pan Am trials in Lake Carlyle, near St. Louis. They will represent the US in the Lightning in the Pan Am games next summer in Winnipeg.

Finally, over Thanksgiving, Sean Carroll won the Youth Worlds in Salinas Ecuador. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we're all very proud of him.

All in all, our fleet had a tremendous season. We look forward to more enthusiastic sailing again next year.

Bill Fastiggi

COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 303 Ohio District Sailing on Cowan Lake Cincinnati, Ohio

	Fleet Champion	Steve W	eeber
	Ron Ferguson	Red Alert	9489
	Robert Staab, Jr.	Gypsy	10013
*	Ron Millard	We're Here	10687
	Richard Niemeyer	Blue Thunder	11368
*	Paul S. Back		11144
	Jim Young	Entropy	11507
	David Boehm	Lincopy	12321
	Don Bruck		12412
	Chris Mercer	Exodus	13236
	Bill Landis	Litouus	13275
*	Clark Shingledecker	Starlight Express	13502
*	Bill Young	Coot	13719
*	Dick Pugh	0001	10/1/
*	& Jeff Pugh	Figment	14110
*	Kenneth J. Irwin	Adrenalin	14216
*	Stephen A. Weeber	Phoenix	14287
*	Michael Kemp	Joker's Wild	14867
	Michael Brock	Joker & Wild	11007
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* James Taylor

The 1998 season was a great one forthe Cowan Lake Lightning Fleet. We have gained three new members. They are Jim Taylor, Mike Brock, and Don Bruck. Mike Kemp bought a new boat and has been campaigning it on the regatta circuit with Jim Taylor. Mike Brock has been active racing his boat at Cowan and has decided that he too needs a new boat. He has already sold his old boat and will be ordering a new one as soon as he decides what go-fasts to put on it.

The Cowan Lightning Fleet has a history of racing at a lot of regattas. And this year was no different. The "Road Warriors" of Fleet 303 went to off-lake regattas 18 times this season. The two highlights of the season were the 50th annual District Championships, which had forty boats attend, and the 60th Anniversary Regatta. The fleethad a great deal of success collecting silver this year. Dick Pugh and the Kemp-Taylor team both finished in the top ten at Districts and qualified to the North American Championships. Four different skippers from the Cowan fleet won regattas this year. Dick Pugh won the Indian Lake Regatta with Luke and Clark Shingledecker crewing for him. This is the fourth time that a Cowan boat has won the regatta in the last seven years. (Other past winners are Bill Young in '95 and Steve Weeber in'92 and '97.) Steve Weeber won the Mansfield Regatta and for the second year was runner-up in the Governor's Cup, which is the District season championship trophy. Bill Young won the season ending regatta at Cowan with both of his sons crewing for him. Jim Taylor and Dick Pugh made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the fleet at the regatta. Earlier in the year Jim Taylor introduced himself to the club by easily winning the Hornich Cup and becoming the C.L.S.A.'s men's champion. Jim had never sailed an MC-Scow, which was the boat used for the series, until the morning of the championship.

The fleet is looking forward to next year where we hope to continue our success with fleet growth and on the race course. We will host the District Championship at the end of June. The fleet will be led by past C.L.S.A. Commodore Ken Irwin who was elected Fleet Captain at the end of the season. Steve Weeber regretfully stepped down from the position.

Steve Weeber

OULU FLEET 307 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Bithnia Oulu, Finland

Fleet Secretary	Simo Koski		
* Lasse G. Hammar	9436		
* Lasse G. Hammar	13505		
* Markku Paloma	14269		

No Report.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET 314 Dixie District Sailing on the Sassafras River Maryland

	Fleet Captain	Howard	Edson
	Fleet Secretary	Dave	Horne
*	Robert B. Horne	Doc's Boat	9391
*	Robert B. Horne	Great Pumpkin	12381
*	Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	12710
*	John D. Farquhar F. Thomas Hopkins		12964
*	F. Thomas Hopkins		13926
*	Howard S. Edson	Etc.	14218
*	F. Thomas Hopkins	Sassy Canary	14648
*	Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	14651

Although we only averaged five boats each weekend of racing, we had a total of eleven different skippers racing at one point or another throughout the summer. Of the eleven skippers, seven of them won at least one race. Not bad competition! Next year's goal is to get all eleven into boats at the same time. What stood out however, were the results of some of the "back-up" brothers (skippers). Jim Ganley, Jr. wrestled the tiller away from brother Ted for the first two races of the summer and came away with two first places. Doug Hopkins filled in for brother Jim for four races and finished 2-1-2-1. Even more disturbing however; Doug was sailing the boat singlehanded for the first two of those four races. What was I saying earlier about the competition?

Jim Ganley, Jr. won the Doc Walbert Cup for his win in the first race of the season and Al Mast won the Buss Neff Cup for his win in the fifth race. The Summer Bay Race was won by Al Mast with Tom Hopkins in second and Howard Edson in third.

The second half of the season included similar names. Al won the Skipper's Cup in the ninth race and Jim Hopkins won the Commodore's Cup for his first place finish in the thirteenth race. The Fall Bay Race was exciting in that just about every boat was in or near the lead at one point. Howard held on to win, with Jim Hopkins and Al Mast finishing second and third, respectively.

Al Mast won the sixteen race series, with Jim Hopkins second, and Ted Ganley third. Al also won the James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Award for his overall performance throughout the entire summer.

After not coming up with a winner last year, three people vied for the coveted Butt Award. What was ironic however, was that two of the individuals are in the same family and both got wet in their effort to win. Although Jim fell overboard during a race (while skippering), we just couldn't resist giving the award to Ann Ganley for 'jumping' overboard after the race into what she thought would be only a few feet of water. Rumor has it that it was so deep, it took her quite a while to re-surface.

Let's hope the racing is as fun as ever in 1999 and that more boats make it out to the course each and every week. David Horne

ALGORRABO FLEET 318 Chile District

Fleet Secretary		.Juan Arcos
Jorge Salgado Jorge Ruben Salgado		$11040 \\ 12654$
luan A. Arcos	Red Witch	13039
Eric Velasquez Beltran	Linda Chica	14295
Iose Manuel Horwitz F.	Pampero	14307
Ignacio Bazaure	Tifosi	14791

No Report.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 325 **Dixie District** Sailing on Rehoboth Bay **Rehoboth Beach, Delaware**

Fleet Captain/Secretary	David Racine
rieer Oaplain/Secretary	

* Rehoboth Bay Sailing	Bobo	9527
* James W. Greenwell		10226
* Carl Robinson	Liberty Call	11028
W. David Racine, III	Pisces	11899

No Report.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET 326 Michigan District Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay **Traverse City, Michigan**

Fleet SecretaryPaul Davis

* Michael Fisher		7007
* Mike Dow		13493
* Paul C. Davis	Holey Cow	13932
* R. Garret Demarest, III	Spirit	14460



Fleet 328 Champion Samppa J Salminen with crew Ilkka Virtanen in front and Tero Kotimäki in the middle training for the European Championships. Photo courtesy Samppa Salminen

JYVÄSKYLÄ FLEET 328 **Finland District** Sailing on Lake Paiijanne Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet CaptainIlkka Lilja
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Champion
Runner-Up

Timo Lehtinen	Old Lady	6838
* Antero Westerlund	Melanie	12479
Timo Järvinen	Lola	12908
Vesa Purokuru	Mafalda	12918
* Samppa J. Salminen	Nikea	14364

For our fleet, this season was like the others in previous years: Samppa with his crew Tero Kotimäki and Ilkka Virtanen took part in both ranking-regattas and Championships. Other fleet boats concentrated on cruising regattas.

Our sailing season started traditionally in the middle of May by trailering the boat south to Lake Tuusulanjärvi. Despite the early spring the weather was very warm and sunny. After very equal competition Samppa and his crew finished 5th with two boats behind. This was very good practice for the coming European and District Championships which were held together on the same lake.

At the end of June four boats from our fleet took part to the Keitele-regatta: Vesa Purokuru, Virve Lilja and Ilkka Virtanen with Mafalda, Timo Järvinen, Pekka Lehtinen and Esko Lehtinen with Lola, Jukka Lehtinen, Timo Lehtinen and Anssi Lehtinen with Old Lady and Samppa J Salminen, Tero Kotimäki and Keijo Tulomäki with Nikea. The regatta is 35 miles long and is divided in three legs. The first two legs are sailed in the first day. The last leg is sailed next day after overnight on an island! The winds were rather mild and once again it showed that never give up before you have passed the finishing line! After very severe sailing the final results where: Nikea 1st, Mafalda 2nd, Lola 3rd and Old Lady 4th.

It was time for the Europeans. When we arrived to the club we were very happy to see Mr. Dick Hallagan from USA and his crew Lori Foster and Craig Thayer on shore preparing there boat for the competitions. After two days we had problems with our tiller and I would like to thank Mr. Craig Thayer of his useful tips and help to get rid of that problem! Everybody was a little bit worried that would we have enough wind at the end of June on the lake. The wind was excellent all the time and we had very much fun sailing the Europeans. The Tuusulanjärvi fleet #456 made excellent work to organize marvellous championships. Nikea with Samppa, Tero Kotimäki and Ilkka Virtanen finished 9th in the Europeans and 6th in the District Championships.

Our Fleet Captain Ilkka Lilja with Kari Elivuo and Anssi Lilja borrowed Nikea for the first European Masters Championships. They finished 10th among 13 boats and showed their talent during the race making it better and better after every race!

During the Championships Lola and Old Lady took part in the Lake Päijänne Race. That is a long distance non-stop race of 65 miles. There were also two other Lightnings: *Adler* skippered by Mika Hyrylä and Uikku skipped by Kimmo Heikkinen. The regatta was perhaps one of the most equal races ever sailed on Lake Päijänne: time for the winner Lola 15 hours 22 minutes and 25 seconds and the last boat Uikku 15 hours 39 minutes and 42 seconds!

Samppa J Salminen, Secretary Jyväskylä Lightning Fleet 328

SEVERN RIVER FLEET 329 Dixie District Sailing on Chesapeake Bay Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet CaptainPhil Grotheer

* William H. Buckley (Life)	0
* Gregory C. Swartz	Lone Pine	8516
Jim Bielefeld		9665
* C. Eric Olsen	Fission Chips	11628
* Harry H. Keith, III	Thunder	11767
* Marty Huppert	Jaberwock	11871
* Dustin Romey	0	12743
* Doug Heussler	Ant Farm	13312
* Peter Luria		
* & Jon Guth	Pain Killer	13740
* Jonathan I. Lange* James (Jamie) B. Brickell,		13856
* James (Jamie) B. Brickell,	, Jr.	14028
* Steve Palmer	Spike	14217
* Dixon Duffett	Sakajo	14278
* Eric C. Coffin	Yankee Clipper	14433
* Mike Beaver		14566
* E. Joseph Friebele		14581
* Philip Grotheer	Bitchin Camaro	14881

We're on a roll! Thats the best way to describe whats been happening over the past two years for our Annapolis Fleet. We have been on a mission since the spring of 97 to host a major event (2000 North American's) and triple the size of our fleet in the preceeding years up to the event. We have progressed since then with 9 members and 4 or 5 that actively sail to 14 and 9 respectively. We have 5 or 6 definites for joining over the winter/spring which are all active sailors, giving us 19 members minimum for the 99 season. There are also 5 to 10 others who have expressed serious interest in joining in anticipation of the 2000 NA's. Not only did we succeed in winning

the NA's bid but we also got the Atlantic Coast Champs for next season (99), a 50 boat regatta near the end of July with attendees from Canada to Florida. Our 2nd successful season of Tuesday evening races has spawned a "Trial" Sunday series. The Sunday thing will be more serious in 99 as more boats get on the line, and allowing for more total sailing days for prospective members to participate in.

New Fleet Officers have just been voted in for the next year to help manage the activities of all these upcoming regattas. Its been a while since we've had several "official" offices but we felt it was nec-essary to have a Fleet Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chairperson and PR/Fundraising Chairperson. All of these positions will be crucial to running a tight ship and we thank everyone ahead of time for the work about to be done.

Work has already begun on the NA's planning. In particular, we are talking to local merchants about housing, parking, catering, dining and sponsorship. It is clear that money will need to be raised so we're working on a Logo graphic for merchandise to sell. We also plan to get a booth at the boatshow next year so some cash will need to be raised to pay the bill. The boatshow will probably pay for itself by selling fleet merchandise and scaring up more fleet members - a great event for marketing ourselves.

The following is a collection of articles over the season covering individual regattas and general activity:

TESOD (Tuesday-Evening-Sailing-One-Design) (June 9th)

If you are the kind of sailor that waits for only sunny days when it's blowing 10-12 out of the south, you're missing out on some good stuff. Last night we had one of the best TESOD's ever. Yes it started out a little drizzly but it mostly held off while three boats sailed 4 or 5 short windward leewards. Myself (Phil Grotheer) sailed with Susan Berry and Jared Ackers, Sean Carrol sailed with two J-world buddy's and Eric Olsen got the Lippi out with Marcus Frank. Phil, Sean and Eric all took some bullets while we had several tacking and jibing duels.

Oh yeah, and the good part was the Clipper Cantina afterwards where we cashed in on the wooden nickels given out by John Potter (Alden Bugly). They can be cashed in for any rail drink (beer, vodka tonics etc..). John gives the nickels out as you finish your first race for the evening.

Steve and Barb Palmer were getting the new boat ready and didn't quite make the races but were able to run through some boat rigging/tuning. We'll see you out this weekend and following Tuesdays. Jonathan, Doug & Barb Heussler, the Brickells, Dixon and Joe are all regulars who just couldn't make it last night. Wait til the next few Tuesdays when we will all be sailing together in one of the biggest weekday Lightning fleets in North America.

TESOD (June 23rd)

We had the season's best turnout last night with 6 Lightnings. And there were still several others that usually show up, which would have made 9 or 10 boats. Keep on coming down people. The breeze had a bit to be desired but the spirit sure was there. About 4 races were held. We missed the first two so I'm not sure who won but I think Sean Carroll and Eric Carlson were up there. Eric was sailing Dixon Duffetts boat (thanks Dixon for lending your boat). Sean won the 3rd and we were leading the last when the breeze ended.

I am very proud that this many people have been coming out on Tuesdays to sail these great boats of ours. I would like to have some more very strong showings over the next few weeks until our next regatta on August 1 & 2.

The Fleet list server is now days from being in service according to Alex Pline who is setting it up for us. It will allow anyone in the fleet to send or reply emails to the entire fleet. Here are some benefits 1) All Skippers can post a quick note whether they will attend each TESOD or weekend regatta. Everyone will know who is coming. 2) Post a note if you need crew, or 3) Crews can send a note if they need a ride. Then they won't get a million calls after they have a confirmed ride. 4) Bounce around certain issues involving the fleet (North American's topics, weekday sailing, meeting dates etc..) Keep it up people and see you next week, TESOD (July 21st)

Predictions for this evening in plain English are from the south around 10 knots. Sounds like a beautiful end to a really hot day. I'd like to see all of you duking it out on the starting line tonight. Someone else will probably be sailing my boat tonight while I will be on Jamie and Susie Brickell's boat. There will also be some available crew (Jen Beam has sailed with Bob Wardwell and Brian Hung is just starting out in the fleet - Both will be down to jump on a boat).

If you are planning on being there, please send a quick note on "LightningSSA" so we know who will be there.

I am still looking desperately for a good used boat for Marty Huppert, who will re-join SSA and the fleet as soon as he finds a boat. Be prepared to talk about this later.

See you tonight,

MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S CUP, June 13,14

What a great weekend it was for sailing. The Gov Cup at SSA was one of the best in years with 12 boats and plenty of new faces. Saturday the wind was a little trying. We got one race off Saturday in a dying breeze. This was some of the tightest Lightning sailing I've seen in Annapolis in years as several clumps of three boats at a time would battle near the finish line. Sunday started out with a breezy 12 to 16 knots out of the west-northwest. The breeze slowly diminished as the day progressed but plenty of downwind action. Your's truly (Phil Grotheer) took first overall, local hero Joe Friebele took 2nd, beating out Tucker Thompson who sailed a borrowed boat from NJ. See the rest of the results on the SSA webpage. Others attending were Brickell, Carlson, Carrol, Guth/Lauria, Keith, Lange, Olsen, Anderson & Beaver. If you don't recognize some of these last names its time for you to come down to sail more and meet these great people.

SSA SPRING FLING (August 1,2)

What an incredible weekend we had for our 2 day Spring Fling at SSA. Two days of the most perfect summer sailing conditions I've ever seen on the Chesapeake Bay. The feeling people usually have when a cool north easterly comes thru for a weekend is "better enjoy it while it lasts". Not only did the 8 to 12 knots last for two straight days but the heading of 50 also held steady for days. This allowed John Potter and Race Committee to bang off five races on Saturday and three Sunday. The race format which allowed for five races Saturday was a windward leeward with start/finish line in middle of the course and they used a three minute sequence with horn blasts. Each fleet (Solings, Tempests and Lightnings) had their own sequence which was given warning by short horn blasts a minute beforehand which gave four minutes total to set up a start. This also allowed them to immediately restart each fleet as soon as they finished. Boy did this work to keep us busy sailing all day. I think everyone who sailed was in favor of this new format, especially when multiple fleets are sailing. Several new sailors came out this weekend to try out their new boats. The three newcomers to SSA were Dustin Romey from Crofton, MD, Nabeel Alsalam from Northern VA and Carl Robinson from Newark, DE. Congrats on all three for coming out for your first SSA regatta. We hope to see you alot in the future. We'll see you all out tonight for Tuesday sailing. We plan to have about five boats on the line. Also next weekend is the Annual Fishing Bay Regatta in Deltaville, VA. They plan to have a bunch of fleets and over 100 boats total. I know I won't miss it.

SSA FALL REGATTA (Sept 19,20)

Two days of beautiful conditions on the Chesapeake were had at the SSA Fall Regatta. This was actually our lowest attendance regatta all year with 10 boats, not bad huh? The teams showed up from as far away as Newark, DE. Four races were sailed on Saturday and three on Sunday. Joe Friebele was smoking this weekend with smart sailing and took three bullets. A near tie going into the last race on Sunday was had until we won the final race. Joe is fast becoming the most feared boat on the bay again with his smooth style. Jamie Brickell took third place and won the third race on Saturday. These Annapolis guys are really stepping it up as we move toward the end of the season. Please come on out for our Frigid Digit on October 17-18. Attendance seems to be up this year again for this season finale.

FRIGID DIGIT (Oct 17,18)

Please look for the Frigid Digit Article in the *Flashes*. Basically 29 boats, winner was Matt Reiser from NJ, second was Rob Wardwell, third Gianni Cuccio and 4th Bob Wardwell.

Phil Grotheer

SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332 New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain								Wally Ackley
Fleet Treasurer								Bob Sengstaken
Fleet Secretary								.Teresa Sengstaken
Fleet Champion				•	,			Allan Whatley

	Bob Hanson	Junge	7944
*	Brad Eaton	5	8268
*	Robert W. Sengstaken, Jr.	Mountain Thyme	10320
*	Dwight Gertz	Jumbo	10555
*	David D. Closson	Go-Mo-Shun II	10732
	Bill Elmore		12509
*	Jack Russell		12859
	Gerry Grossman		13101
*	Gerry Grossman Wallace E. Ackley		13382
*	Ed Michaels	Banana Boat	13620
*	Allan Whatley	DC	14033

Fleet 332 crossed the 1998 start line in traditional fashion with the Memorial Day Weekend organizational meeting at the Sengstaken Sandwich summer camp with junior crew Katy and Bobby serving delicious goodies while Bob performed secretary/treasurer duties. With dues collected including Regatta fees, and weekend responsibilities assigned, we were ready to sail.

This year we welcomed two new skippers, Bill Elmore and Gerry Grossman. Both purchased boats within the fleet as we continued our efforts to keep boatsfor sale on the lake. Prospects for additional boats, both short and long term, are improving as several crew persons consider buying boats and the Squam Lakes Association's new sailing programs train juniors, facilitate private lessons and sponsor weekly Sunfish races (with thanks to the efforts of fleet member, Jack Russell.)

The winds of July blew steadily and favorably for Allan Whatley (or could it have been his sailing skills?) who took first place and the Blair Cup for the July Series. With Bob Sengstaken finishing second followed by Dave Closson.

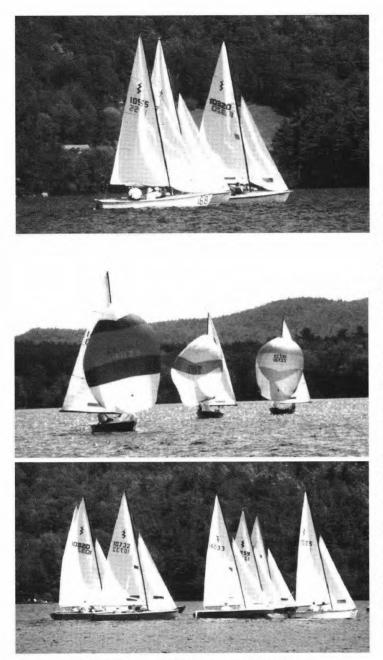
The August series brought out the full compliment of fleet boats and was highlighted by our regatta on August 22 & 23 and lowlighted by a windless and therefore winless Around The Lakes Race.

The regatta, an international event with the entry of Tony Staples from Montreal, provided the locals with some additional excitement and a few pointers in expert seamanship. Three races were held on



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Above: 1999 Regatta Winners - Dave Closson 5th, Allan Whatley 3rd, Dwight Gertz 4th, Tony Staples 1st, and ken Deyette 2nd Photos courtesy Teresa Sengstaken and Wally Ackley



Sailing on Squam FLake, home of Fleet 332. Photos courtesy Teresa Sengstaken and Wally Ackley

Saturday in medium wind punctuated by the famous Squam Lakes wind shifts. Sunday started with clear sky and zero zephyrs and ended with thundering skies and torrential rain. The good news is that in between the weather extremes two races were held, a lively social hour enjoyed with the prizes awarded. The cars started to leave the parking lot just as the first drops of rain fell. Tony Staples took first place honors followed by Ken Deyette, Allan Whatley, Dwight Gertz, and Dave Closson. Each paid homage to their stellar crews.

The August series was won by Allan Whatley with Dwight Gertz second and Dave Closson third.

The season closed with the annual pot luck dinner, a lively affair with fleet and family members, ages 1 to 80, sharing the season's stories, congratulating the winning sailors and making plans for next year. The Colossian Cup based on the last three races was awarded to Dwight Hertz. The Wood Cup was awarded to Allan Whitely and steady crew Chris Whitely as fleet champion for the year, Bob Sentstaken and Dave Closson took second and third place honors. The final award, the Fleet Spirit Skipper Award was presented to Chick Acklley for her devoted efforts in "skippering" the various social gatherings.

We look forward to seeing you at our 1999 Regatta on August 21 & 22. Wally Ackley

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB FLEET 335 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Barnegat Light Yacht Club

Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

 Fleet Captain
 Justin Monnig

 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer
 William Clarke

* Justin Monnig		0
* Justin Monnig* Paul B. Wood	Talisman	10526
* Alex Cano		11189
* David P. Kunz		11221
* David P. Kunz		11550
* David P. Kunz		12556
* John Demming	Sig3	13772
* Hal Pote	Rastamohican	13876
* John Faus	Knotty Dread	14350
* William S. Clarke	Hot Pepper	14489
* Paul B. Wood		14650
* David P. Kunz		14850

The most notable thing that happened at Lightning Fleet 335 in 1998 was that Paul Wood replaced *Talisman* (10526) with a later Lightning (14650). He was all set for a really great year of sailing with his boat, sails, and crew all set to go.

Well, Paul had a good Summer of sailing but I think the rest of us let him down a bit. Participation was really poor at Fleet 335 this summer. While we did get off a series of around 20 Saturday afternoon races, each week more boats sat in the lot than were in the water. I contributed to the problem when my daughter Marci (and a former crewperson with me) was married in the middle of July in New Hampshire to Mark Crowley. A lot of the people from the Fleet attended and shot that weekend for sailing. It's hard to say what happened the rest of the weekends, but participation was disappointing.

Never to be discouraged, we are looking forward to an active sailing season next summer. John Demming was elected Fleet Captain in September and is making vast plans for an active Summer of sailing. Our thanks go to Justin Monnig for his three years as Fleet Captain, however, his term of office was up. Justin is now in the market for a new boat and is going to concentrate on sailing next Summer rather than administrative duties as Fleet Captain. We appreciate his efforts and contribution.

Rumors are all around about new boats and crew buying boats and new members with boats. We will just wait and see

William S. Clarke

GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338 Central New York District Sailing on Galway Lake Galway, New York

Fleet Captain Fleet Secretary Fleet Champion Fleet Runner-Up		es Millard Im Millard
 * Harold B. Hansen Maury Gardner * James Dickson * John S. Orton Ken Buhrmaster * Dale H. Brown 	Rocky	7123 9844 12115 12130 12573 12636
Willard Kohler * R. James Millard * John Korkosz	Eng_neer Huggie	13251 13655 14328

The 1998 season was marked by light air, for the most part, accompanied by constant and major wind shifts. John Korkosz rejoined the fleet and was neck and neck with Jim Millard throughout July, each passing the other several times within each race. John, being a veteran Snipe sailor, was very fast upwind but had more than a few unkind words for his chute off the wind. Despite losing a rudder and almost a mast during the season, Jim's crew of Andy and Becky Gaudreau pulled him through.

A spirited contest for third place saw Willard Kohler edge Dale Brown with a strong August series. Hopes are high for next year with the purchase of boats by John Orton and former Lightning sailor Fred Lyngard. Additionally, some of our "Cat" sailors are also giving serious consideration to joining the Lightning fleet. We may have ten boats on the line in 1999, the best in twenty years.

LAKE LANIER FLEET 348 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Lanier Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet SecretaryDavid Smith

* Tenn Dinne	Dolly The White L	ahtning 0570
* Tapp Rinne* Edward Heller	Live Luff Laugh	12849
* David S. Smith		14067
	Nemesis	14622
* Terry E. Tyner		
* Robert S Skorupski		14902

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HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET 353 Ohio District Sailing on Hoover Reservoir Columbus, Ohio

Gar	y Babin	Endeavor	9338
* Gre	g Fisher	Still Crazy	10860
* Ehn	nann Miller	The Goldie Marie	12015
* Sjoe	rd-Jan Vanderhorst		0

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FLOTTE MURTENSEE 358 Switzerland District Sailing on Lake of Murten Switzerland

* Daniel Fischlin	Damafimo	10899	
* Hans-Peter Schmid	Milan	13692	
* Urs Wyler	Meltemi	13790	
* Jacques Perret* Peter Graf	Gaston	14530	
* Peter Graf	Karhu	14664	

Nachdem die Fruhlingsregatta in Sempach aus Windmangel und die Regatta von Murten aus Termingruden ausfielen, bereiteten sich die 2 Boote Meltemi und Gaston an der Semaine du Joran auf dir Europameisterschaft in Finnland vor. Diese endete trotz der knappen Vorbereitung mit einem grossen Sieg von Meltemi, der 6 der 10 gesegelten Laufe in einem anspruchsvollen und tuckischen, aber sehr schonen Segelrevier gewinnen konnte. Gaston wurde sehr guter 7. 3 Boote unserer Flotte beteiligten sich im Herbst an der Distrik, eisterschaft in Neuenbuurg. Diese endete mit einem dreifachen Sieg unserer Flotte durch Meltemi, Gaston, und Karhu. Bravo!!! Unserer ubertragen. Diese wird vom 29. Juli bis am 4. August 1999 in Murten stattfinden. Wir setzen alles daran, dass diese Meisterschaft fur alle Teilnehmer zu einem unvergesslichen Anlass wird und hoffen auf eine grosse Beteiligung.

Walter Durr

CATAWBA YACHT CLUB FLEET 365 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Wylie Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet CaptainRichard Lake Johnson

Richard Lake Johnson	Sarah	9085
Tom Smiley		10086
Ronald K. Wright	Sleuth	11241
Richard Lake Johnson	Kushy Butterfield	11553
William C. Campbell, III		11897
Wayne Ingersoll		13941
Carr Boyd	Buckwheat	14620
	Richard Lake Johnson Tom Smiley Ronald K. Wright Richard Lake Johnson William C. Campbell, III Wayne Ingersoll Carr Boyd	Tom Smiley Ronald K. Wright Sleuth Richard Lake Johnson Kushy Butterfield William C. Campbell, III Sassy Wayne Ingersoll

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OKANAGAN FLEET 368 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Okanagan Lake Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain/SecretaryBob Bazett

Bill McIlroy * Robert Bazett	It's About Time White Shadow	$\begin{array}{c} 12376 \\ 13477 \end{array}$

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET 372 California District Sailing on San Francisco Bay Point Richmond, California

Fleet CaptainElissa Hall	
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerMichael Molina	
Fleet ChampionScott McBurney	
Fleet Runner-UpMichael Molina	

* Michael A. Mo	olina	9169
⁺ Elissa Hall	Elusive	12337
⁺ Dave Larz And	lerson Crusader Rabb	
[*] Bruce B. Arnol	d Peppermint Pa	tty Too 13783
* Elissa Hall	Too Elusive	. 13869
Mark D. Patty	Raggedy Ann 4	4 13943
* Michael A. Mo		ness 14305
[*] R. Scott McBu	rney Jamaican Bobs	led 14481

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DOUGLAS LAKE FLEET 374 Michigan District Sailing on Douglas Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

Mer_Sea

Shrub

Fleet Captain/SecretaryDavid O. Peters

John G. Young David O. Peters 10198

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LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET 387 Michigan District Sailing on Lake Lansing Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Secretary	Matt Larry Matt	Koster
Dave Vietti * George Siegel	Baka A1A	$10366 \\ 11205$
* John LeFevre		11520
Ron Seely	Orange Crate	12561
Dennis Dudley	Do-Rite	12888
* Mike Moody	Omits	13254
* Neil Harrison	Sukevay	13279
* Blaine Severin	Pi-Rat	13344
John Fishbeck	Evergreen	13730
Bob Chronister	Bananas	13903
* Terrell L. Kleiman		13736
* Matt Dahline	Fastidiots	14133
* Fred Hull	Hull Speed	14147
* Larry Koster	FUBAR	14267
* Larry Koster* William S. Davidson	Shibumi	14294
* Ron Marshall	Ohm	14447
* Terrell L. Kleiman	Bliiksemstraal	14468
* Patrick Dolan	Imagine	14511

The 1998 sailing season began with Matt Dahline and his *Fastidiots* winning the first two races of the Spring-Fall Series. George and Ann Siegle, with Gil Chesbro, aboard *A1A*, won the next-to-last race on Sunday, October 11th. After the lunch break,



Rounding the leeward mark, Lansing Sailing Club Fleet 387, October 1998. Photo Bob Crawford.



Fleet 387 Lightning crews, October 1998 Photo Bob Crawford

the *Pi-Rat* crew of skipper Blaine Severin, Julie Pierce and the fuzzy faced old guy won Lansing Sailing Club's last race of the year.

The Spring-Fall Series amounted to 10 races in each session for a total of 20 races. Matt Dahline, sailing 15 of these races, took 9 first place finishes and 4 second place finishes. Ron and Jane Marshall, with Bob Hill, won 2nd place for the series. The Siegles, with A1A, placed 3rd. *FUBAR* with its various crews placed 4th. A newcomer to the Lightning fleet, Pat Dolan with his *Imagine* (14511) took 5th place for the series.

The Summer Series, with a possible 28 races, was won by Matt Dahline, many of which were crewed by Andrea Schmidt and Frank Northrup. Of 16 races sailed, the *Fastidiots* won 12 of the races and one 2nd place finish. The Marshalls with Bob Hill, aboard OHM, also sailed 16 races with 5 firsts and 8 second places. And by sailing 24 of the 28 races, counting only the 11 best races after throwouts, this year's newcomer Pat Dolan moved into 3rd place for the Summer Series. The 1997 newcomer, Mike Moody, sailing 18 races, claimed 4th place. The fuzzy faced old guy, gone most of the Summer, vacationing for 3 weeks, attending 3 regattas and the Masters at Buffalo Canoe Club, sailed only 10 of the 28 races, but hung onto 5th place.

Fleet 387 is pleased to report that 5 of our skippers traveled to Michigan regattas and two participated at the District Championships in 1998. Dahline's *Fastidiots* sailed in 4 regattas and the Districts. Koster's *FUBAR* sailed in 4 regattas and the Masters at the Buffalo Canoe Club. LSC was represented by two boats and crews at Fenton, the Michigan Districts, Saginaw Bay, Higgins Lake, Pontiac's Whitecap and Devils Lake. North Cape Yacht Club and Crescent Sail Yacht Club regattas were visited by Matt Dahline. Pat Dolan sailed at Pontiac's Whitecap and closed out the season with his *Imaginr*, with Mike Moody and Jolene Johnson, at Nashville's Bluenose regatta.

Lansing Sailing Club, celebrating their 35th Anniversary, held its annual Lightning regatta June 6th and 7th. Tom Klaban of Pontiac Yacht Club, with son Eric and LSC's Tom Rasmussen, won 4 of the 6 races to win the regatta. Diana Fernando, also of Pontiac Yacht Club, with brother Eric Fernando and Jennifer Day, placed 2nd. Matt Dahline with Rachel Mills and Frank Northrup took 3rd place honors and won the "Ye Olde Silver Platter" award which goes to the highest placing LSC skipper.

Do join us June 5 & 6, 1999 for Fleet 387's 33rd Annual Lightning Regatta. On Saturday noon we start with first of two short races. We come in for a delicious chicken barbecue lunch break following the second race. Then we sail two more races. At 10:00 AM on Sunday we start the first of the final two races. If 6 races are sailed, we throw out your lowest score. Awards are presented to the top 5 skippers and crews.

Larry Koster

SALINAS YACHT CLUB FLEET 405 Ecuador District Sailing on the Pacific Ocean Guayaquil, Ecuador

* Roberto Campoverde	El Abuelo	8513
* Miguel E. Plaza, Ir.	La Ratonera	11928
* Miguel Plaza Merino	Desencuentro	14099
* Iuan Carlos Plaza P.	Culilla	14145
* Francisco Solá Medina	Samuel	14150
* Carlos Andres Plaza	Gato	14150
* Sebastian Meira T.	Saudades	14379
* Paco Solá Tanca	Zorro Loco	14541
* Santiago Romero Barst	Pepto Bismol	14673
* Jaime Santa Cruz Vial	Marraqueta	14674
* Carlos Lecaro	Garufa	14676

Como todo niño malcriado, EL NIÑO dañó los planes que teníamos preparados para los primeros meses de 1998, desde Diciembre, todo fué llover y llover, así que parte de la flota se refugió bajo los paraguas, destapó sus cervezas y se puso a navegar Santa Barbara.

Pese al niño, programamos todo un calendario de eventos bajo el auspicio de Diners, con Campeonatos de Sábados y Domingos cada 15 días, lastimosamente solo se pudieron realizar dos.

Finalmente el sol salió, las aguas descendieron y para el 6 y 7 de Junio corrimos el primer Campeonato del Verano 98. Los resultados fueron en el siguiente orden: Lecaro, Parker, Meira Jr, Santos, Solá, Meira Sr.

Mantuvimos la actividad en Salinas con torneos mensuales, siendo uno de los mas importantes, el organizado por la Armada del Ecuador, en Julio, en las ya famosas regatas "Glorias Navales". Las posiciones fueron: Lecaro, Parker, Santos, Santacruz, Meira Jr., Tito Plaza Jr.

En el mes de Agosto, nuestro Distrito estuvo representado en el Campeonato Norteamericano en Búfalo por Carlos Luis Lecaro, Jimmy Pazmiño y Sebastián Meira quienes terminaron 8 en President's Cup.

A nuestro Distrito le correspondió la organización en conjunto con la Federación Ecuatoriana de Yachting de los Juegos ODESUR, los mismos se realizaron en Salinas con la participación de tripulaciones de Chile, Colombia, Perú y Ecuador, el ganador fue Tito Gonzalez, los nuestros Santos y Lecaro, terminaron 4 y 6 respectivamente. En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY,

En el mes de Octubre se realizó el Campeonato Nacional FEY, los resultados fueron: Santos, Lecaro, Tito Plaza Jr., Santacruz, Meira Jr., Parker Los Juniors, Sebastián Meira y Tito Plaza, tuvieron un entrenamiento muy fuerte en los meses Septiembre y Octubre, al final se les unió Juan Carlos Vidal y así nuestro distrito estuvo representado por tres botes en el Mundial Juvenil de Salinas, al final luego de un gran Campeonato, con mucho viento y sol, el ganador fué Sean Carroll de EEUU, los nuestros se ubicaron: Meira 6, Plaza 10, Vidal 16.

Esperamos en el 99 retomar la Copa American Airlines, la misma que fue suspendida este año por el niño.

Nos vemos en Salinas en el Mundial 99.

Paco Solá

HIGH ROCK FLEET 415 Southeastern District Sailing on High Rock Lake Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet SecretaryCindy Booke

* Buddy Hedrick	Carpe Diem	10152
* Aldred K. Warren, III	1	10386
* Nathan Varner		10728
* William W. Pleasants		12336
* Ionathan Smith		
* & Thomas R. Smith	White Lightning	12730

Nicholas Reid	S'nick'r
Pell Kennedy	
Frank Mills	Patricia Ann
Richard Simpson	Blitzen
Sam L. Booke III	
Carter Utzig	Maybe
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LA PINTA FLEET 424 Peru District Sailing on Bay of Callao, Lima, Peru

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Fleet Secretary	Sergio Levag	gi Tocci
Sergio Levaggi Tocci	Narkosis	12514
Francisco Ayulo	No Speaking	12825

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GREATER CHARLESTON FLEET 429 Southeastern District Sailing on Charleston Harbor Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet ContactLeonard Krawcheck

* Milt Rhodes		10039
* William R. Sloger, S	Sr. Wasabi	11771
* Leonard Krawcheck	Got It	14519
* Kenneth C. Krawch	eck	

No Report.

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB FLEET 430 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet SecretaryJohn Parker

* John J. Parker * Howard M. Solomon	Flower Child	13380
* Howard M. Solomon		13649
* Erik T. Hostvedt	Blue Streak	14014

No Report.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 431 Long Island District Sailing on Shinnecock Bay Southampton, Long Island, New York

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John V.H. Halsey James G. Hull Tim Rumph Tim Rumph John Lewandowski Richard E. Warren Bruce Hendry No Report.	Windy Too Bonny Blue Fulmen Seahorse Outrageous	11071 14032 14157 14339 14551 14560 14679

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB FLEET 435 Texas District Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	Scott Ar	nderson Idredge
* Richard C. Guinan, Jr. (Li	fe)	
* George R. Hatfield (Life)		
* John S. Schneider (Life)		
Sylvan Newman		10397
Vernon R. Goldberg	Andros 3	13228
Vernon R. Goldberg		13266
Robert Thomas	Pandora	13311
Sylvan Newman	rundoru	13622
Patrick Moseley & Jeff H	erron	13806
Patrick Moseley & Jeff H * Jennifer Gandy Eldredge	Ciula	13870
* Jennifer Gandy Eldredge	Some Girls	
* Scott Anderson		13953
* James Alman	Vertical Smile	14428
* Scott Anderson		14817

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FOND DU LAC FLEET 442 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Winnebago Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain/SecretaryMike Elmergreen

Tom Drews	Fan-T-Sea	13280
* Sue Dorscheid		
* & Michael Elmergreen	Escape	13617

No Report.

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES 446 Argentina District Sailing on the Waters of Rio De La Plata Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet SecretaryRoberto Ricoveri

Roberto Ricoveri * Hector Longarela Diego Perroto	Gaucho Negro	11037 11649
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SAN PABLO FLEET 447 Ecuador District Sailing on Lago San Pablo Quito, Ecuador

Fleet CaptainJaime Martinez

* Olaf Dyck & * Lars Dy	vck Samuel	11365
* Jose M. Perez		12221
* Jose M. Perez	Speedy	12338
Jaime Martinez	Nirvana	14389
Érnesto Martinez F.	Buscapleitos	14558
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MARSALA FLEET 449 Italy District Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Fleet Secretary	Giovanni Pe Giuseppe Reina Marino	e Valenti Stefano
* Giovanni Pellegrino	Wanted I	12027
Vito Bonanno		12061
* Giuseppe Valenti	Trepepe	13345
Vito Pernice	Ho Hell	13349
* Antonio Marino	Raimbow	13402
Giuseppe Giacalone	Dove Vai?	13478
Giuseppe Giacalone * Giuseppe Alagna * Vito Tripoli	Wanted III	13481
* Vito Tripoli	Lily Bay Tan	13706
Giuseppe Rallo		14045
Roberto Crucitti		14102
Stefano Reina	Maranna	14197
* Gaspare Buffa	iviaranna	14361
* Mario Noto		11301
* & Marsala Societá Ca	nottieri	14731

During the season our fleet carried out an intense schedule. The most important success was the Italian Championnship in Fermo on the Adriatico Sea, organized by the Club "lega Navale Italiana." Our Fleet Captain Reina Stefano and crew Tripoli Giuseppe and Tripoli Pietro, of Club "Circolo Velico Marsala", and 2 other teams were right at the top. Unfortunately we were unable to participate in the European Championships in Finland.

The Clubs that help us carry out our activities are the Circolo Velino Marsala and the Societá Canottieri Marsala. It is important to remember the help of our builders Pellegrino Giovanni e Antonio De Vita, who allow our fleet to win with their wonderful, beautiful wood boat.

Giuseppe Valenti

FLOTTE DEL TRASIMENO 453 Italy District Sailing on Trasimeno Lake Perugia, Italy

Fleet Secretary	Sergio	Rustichelli
Sauro Scarpocchi Sauro Scarpocchi Giovanni Rosi Matteo Balestrero Franco DeRegis Sergio Rustichelli Sauro Scarpocchi	Wind III	13348 13455 13462 13462 14316 14228 14228 14239

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TUUSULVANJÄRVI FLEET 456 Finland District Sailing on Lake Tuusulvanjärvi Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Captain							.Waltteri Karhusaari
Fleet Secretary							Maija Pyy
Fleet Champion							Martti Lähteinen
Fleet Runner-up							Niko Lappalainen

* Lauri Hamalainen		0
* Pentti Laitinen		0
* Iuha Siilin		12482
* Juha Savela		13130
Matti Leppänen		13348
* Pertti Pvv		13413
* Matti Leppanen		13438
* Niko Lappalainen	Poiju	14018
* Rainer Korhonen	Porkkana	14179
* Leo Korhonen		14274
* Olli Lahteinen	Shark	14331
* Juha Siilin	Sini	14352
* Pertti Pyy	Amarillo	14406
* Heikki Hamalainen		14491
* Iuha Hamalainen		14494
* Antero Punttila	Snow White	14535

Greetings from Lake Tuusula Fleet to all Lightning sailors! Year 1998 was a very busy season for Fleet 456. The European Districts, the first-ever European Masters and the Finnish Districts were all hosted by our home club, Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland. Needless to say we had our hands full right from January.

With the 50th Anniversary Regatta being the top event for us, and for Finnish Lightning sailors, I shall concentrate on the week's events in this report.

The 50th Anniversary of Lightnings in Finland was celebrated on July 17-26, with the 1998 European Championships, the Finland District Championships and the first-ever European Masters Championships. The regatta was sailed on Lake Tuusula and hosted by Tuusulanjärven Purjehtijat sailing club. A chronicle on the 50 year history of Lightnings in Finland was made public at the 50th Anniversary Gala that was held after the prize-giving ceremonies of the Europeans and the Districts (won by Kari Huusko of Kemi, with Pentti Järvinen from Valkeakoski coming second, and our fleet's Olli Lähteinen coming in third). For those of you who want to improve your skills in Finnish, copies of the 100-page chronicle can be obtained by contacting the Finland District board members :-)

The racing format for the Europeans and the Districts was something new for most Lightning sailors: new courses and a lot of them! 10 races were held (out of the planned 12) mostly on windward-leeward courses with gates at both ends. More "traditional" Hellerupcourses were used in only a couple of races. The new course-type and the race format - many starts, close to the shore - received a lot of positive feedback from the sailors. The race committee also did an excellent job by setting-up good, square courses and by following the set schedule closely.

Lake Tuusula showed its best sides during the regatta: enough wind (at times even a little too much wind), plenty of sun (ie. not too much rain) and the ability to follow the races from the club. The racing itself was quite tight, with several crews competing for the sought-after yellow race-winner T-shirts. Switzerland's Urs Wyler, with crew Gilbert and Walther Dürr, took home the race-winner shirts by winning the last race, bringing their total to 6 wins out of the 10 races. Needless to say that Urs also took home the Europeans title, but despite what the results may show, the title came after a tough battle with Finland's Kari Huusko, Pentti Järvinen and USA's Richard Hallagan.

The Open European Masters was started after a picnic trip to Suomenlinna Fortress in Helsinki on the lay-day, with 13 boats on the starting line. Richard Hallagan had gathered more and more speed as the Europeans progressed and continued his good form in the Masters. Switzerland's Jacques Perret and Finland's Leo Korhonen and Kaarlo Jaskari challenged hard for the title, but in the end Richard, with crew Craig Thayer and Lori Foster, took home the Open European Masters title and the yellow race-winner T-shirts by winning the last race.

The European Championships will be sailed next year in Switzerland with several Finnish crews already making plans to take part in the regatta. The Masters will also be continued next year in Switzerland, so it would seem that a new tradition has been started in European Lightning sailing. A tradition which will hopefully attact Lightning sailors not only from Europe, but also from the Americas, to meet old Lightning friends, share memories, and - not to forget - enjoy competitive racing on the water in the future.

At the time of writing this report (needless to say on December 1st :-) there is a couple of inches of snow on the ground and Lake Tuusula has started to freeze over. Our boats are safely locked away for the winter and waiting for the coming 1999 season. Now we can concentrate on Christmass, but come February and the 1999 Boat Show, the fever will start rising again ...

Wishing you all a great 1999 sailing season, Waltteri Karhusaari, Fleet 456 Captain

NORTH FLORIDA FLEET 461 Florida District Sailing on Lake Eustis North of Orlando, Florida

Fleet SecretarySteve Hayden

*	Fisk Hayden		2
*	Christopher (Kip) Hamblet	FOB	11346
*	Christopher (Kip) Hamblet	FNB	14446
*	Hans Birkholz	Like A Monkey	14698
*	Steve Hayden		
*	& Fisk Hayden (Life)	Calvin	14752

Fleet 461's home club sailing on Lake Eustis has finally taken over residence of its new sailing facility. The larger property, with new docks and boatramps, will be fully operational in time for the February Washington's Birthday Regatta.

The Hayden family's newest addition made his arrival just in time for the Southern Circuit. Jeffrey Fisk was born on March 11. Steve's team of Barr Batzer and David Hood managed to finish 5th at St.Pete. The same team also three-peated the Districts held in Tampa in April. Fisk won the District Masters Regatta and finished 3rd at the Masters NAs in Buffalo. Steve's team finished 7th in the top fleet at Buffalo.

Kip Hamblet continues to threaten to bring his boat out racing on a regular basis and Fisk has added another boat to the fleet -Number 2 is being restored, hopefully before anyone needs fireword. Hope to see everyone on the Southern Circuit. Sail fast.

Steve Hayden

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE FLEET 462 Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet SecretaryPer Olov Hornell

* John Julio Jansen * Heloisa Barro Uelze	Sale Prove	11693
* Heloisa Barro Uelze	Goiabada	11721
* Nelson Freire De Carvalh	0	12524
* Thomas Buckup	Viking Ii	13008
* Claus Bromberg	Waikiki	13405
* Eduardo Magalhaes	Meia Noite Vi	13406
* Renato Michado De Alme	eida	
13657		
* Nelson Small Schmitt		14071
* Manfred Kaufmann Jr	Just'n Time	14101
* Iens Cristiano Ruschmann	h Flying Cloud	14168
* James Sumner	Viso	14330
* Nelson Small Schmitt		14353
* Nelson Small Schmitt		14504
* Michael Anthony Norris	Flash Rider	14602
* Nelson Small Schmitt	Xamego V	14633
* Per Olov Hornell	Clone Rider	14845
* Michael Anthony Norris		14845
* Caio Seabra		14894
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Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.

⁶99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto Alegre - RS.

Manfred Kaufmann, Jr., Secretary / District Brazil

LAKE WACCAMAW FLEET 463 Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Waccamaw Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet CaptainVivian Hollinshed	
Fleet SecretaryPaul R. Jueschke	
Fleet ChampionJ.M. "Dick" Coburn	
Runner-Up	

Neal Turner		11898
* Paul R. Jueschke	Celebrate!	12125
* Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.		14247
* J.M. "Dick" Coburn	Strings Attached	14252
James Taylor	0	
Allen Smith		
TID TI MUTIL I		

* H.B. Toby Wells, Jr.

The 1998 season was a year of contrasts, with either bright sunny days or hurricane weather with Bonnie paying us a visit the end of August. Fortunately with very hard work by all the club members we were only off the water for one weekend and no lightnings were damaged other than due to leaves and light debris working under covers. Several cruisers on kegs didn't fair as well after breaking lines.

Our September district regatta was attended by 14 entrants and won by Bob Harkrider in his *BooNooNoos*, or was that *Son of Boo*, defending the title for the Clark's Hill Fleet 257, Augusta, Ga. The Sunday morning race was started in a lifting pea soup fog after an extended delay. Almost had to use the Braille method to find the line.

Dick Coburn finished strong 1st for the season fleet championship with Paul Jueschke keeping the pressure on by winning several of the season ending races. We should have two additional boats next year as Steve Dawson is rebuilding an older Lippencott and Jay and Joan Cotton are looking for a competitive boat to skipper, changing from a Flyer. We are all looking towards next year with an early April start of racing activities and the great camaraderie of Lightning sailors and more boats on the water.

Y'all come on down for some good 'ol Southern Hospitality!! See Ya next year!! Paul R Jueschke

FLOTTA DEL CONERO 466 Italy District Sailing on the Adriatic Sea Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy

Fleet SecretaryR		lenao Bozzi	
Ivano Brolli * Bruno Roccheggiani * Giovanni Sorci Giorgio Curzi * Paolo Poletti Fabio Giuliani * & Carlo Jommi	Bibir	13037 13346 13445 14239 14243 14245	

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VALKEAKOSKI FLEET 468 Finland District Sailing on Lake Mallevesi and Vanajavesi Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet SecretaryPerti Jalonen

* Aimo Jokiniemi	12992
* Aimo Jokiniemi	14403
* Pentti Jarvinen	14352
* Pentti Jarvinen	14761

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CEDAR FLEET 478 Florida District Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River Fort Myers, Florida

Fleet SecretaryLiz Lombardo

* Elizabeth Lombardo		0
* James T. Bush		1949
* James T. Bush* Ralph Suhm	Mysti Blue	8822

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WAKE FLEET 481 Southeastern District Sailing on Kerr Lake Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain	Ed Michels	
Fleet Secretary		
Douglas King	Plummer	11900
Worth A. Lutz, III		12773
Michael & Deer	Adronalin	12077

Michael S. Rees	Adrenalin	13877
Pierce P. Barden		14190
David L. Francis	Too Fast	14332
James E. Nutt	Hallucination	14376
John W. Pelosi	Anubis Leisure So	ciety14396

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ITHACA FLEET 484 Central New York District Sailing on Cayuga Lake Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain Assistant Fleet Captair Fleet Treasurer Fleet Champion Runner-Up	n	Anderson sse Miller sse Miller
 * Byrne O'Brien * John B. Rudd Terrill Moore * Glenn S. Wilcox * Aage Larsen * Stephen Little Carlo Montemagno * Jesse W. Miller * John B. Rudd * Bill Anderson * Edward Seyerlein 	Whisper Allegro Anna T. Das Boot Skudder Photon Hot Flash	$10113 \\ 10705 \\ 11347 \\ 11960 \\ 13124 \\ 13372 \\ 13787 \\ 13934 \\ 14240 \\ 14628 \\ 14713 \\ 14713 \\ 10705 \\ 1070$

The masts have come down. Windexes hang in a safe spot. We've already had a few flurries and the days are growing shorter. Fall colors have quickly passed to the grays and browns of early winter and



Fleet 484's Frostbite Regatta Photos courtesy Glenn Wilcox



Fleet 484 at rest

our beloved flat bottom boats have found their way to garages, barns and other dry places of winter rest. Time to warm up the sail simulator, crack open Stauart Walker, study those new rules, reflect on the past season and dream about the spring.

Lightning Fleet 484 is alive and well. The past two years could not have been a better time for the Ithaca fleet. We have grown from three boats to nine and hope to carry this momentum throughout the coming year. Are there any converts? I think we've shown the keel boaters how competitive, fun and challenging lightning sailing can be. And with the competition only getting better I would say that it's a matter of time before we see a few more of us on the blue waters of Cayuga. The only problem is, where will they fit!?

We capped off a splendid season with our one-day regatta – the Frostbite. With a late season regatta you can sometimes count on rain, sometimes sun, sometimes even snow. And sometimes we get all three in a matter of minutes. One thing you can always count on is wind. This year's Frostbite was no exception. Under mostly overcast skies with a backdrop of dazzling fall colors 12 boats raced in a steady 15-20 knot breeze. By the end of it all Dick Hallagan had taken first from Kirk Reynolds with a stellar tacking dual in the final leg of the final race. So the myth goes that it was 18 tacks before Kirk and his exhausted crew could tack no more and eventually broke off to give Dick the win. I might add that we were graced by the presence of 6 away boats. This is the most we have had since the Cruising fleet asked us to join them in their frostbite tradition 3 years ago. See you next year!

I'm sure if you ask an Ithaca lightning sailor what they look forward to all week it would have to be our Thursday night race series. The series runs from early June to early September and is the series that determines our fleet champion. This season we were able to run 14 races with low-point scoring determined by a boats best finish in 9 out of those 14. For the top two spots the competition was very

close. So close that it was a tie between last year's champion the Anderson Family (Bill, Maggie and CJ) and Jesse Miller (Ginny Miller, Frost Travis, Nicole Epp, the beautiful Anca Trandafirescu and others). After the final race they were tied at 10.5 points each. According to fleet rules the best finish in the last race determined the champion. Congratulations Jesse and crew for a great series. Look out you guys – there are some new boats in town! Series Final: 1)Miller 10.5, 2)Anderson 10.5, 3)Seyerlein 21.75, 4)Rudd 22.0, 5)Wilcox 33.75, 6)Larson 42, 7)Little 46. I'm sure we would all agree that the best thing about Thursday night racing, besides the racing of course, is the beer and the genuine camaraderie off it's not difficult to see why our fleet is growing.

It is not just an old block of wood and it is not just a beer can that someone found in the dusty corner of a garage. It's not what you think. Or maybe it is? Was it divine intervention? Was it an act of genius? Or was it a couple of beers and a mild case of mid-winter boredom. For whatever reasons an individual among us, who shall remain nameless, (for protection) was inspired. And in an impassioned gesture, well he did have to plug the glue gun in and wait for it to heat up, bonded the two detritus into what is now Fleet Reports

know as the coveted BUSCH trophy. The BUSCH trophy is awarded to that sailor who in their own moment of glory makes us all look good. Makes us say, for once, I'm from Ithaca Lightning Fleet 484 and damit I'm proud of it. The BUSCH trophy is awarded to the fleet sailor with the best finish in an away race. And this year is a fine example of the genius of that award and the recognition that one deserves through its acceptance. I'm getting vaclempt here. Wooo. Envelop please. And the winner is Ed Seyerlein for his 7th place finish in the first race of the blue fleet at the 60th anniversary regatta. This was a 72 boat fleet mind you. Ed beat the likes of Dick Hallagan and Mark Sertl and a whole hell of a lot of other boats. Well done Ed and we all know it had nothing to do with that shift.

It's been a fine time sailing with y'all. And darn it I wish spring would hurry up and get here or it could at least snow a little so we can break out the skis. Now lets see... there is that rigging I have to do - got to move that back stay control - put that wire on deck ... then theirs the cover...would somebody get me some decent crew! Hmmm... maybe another trophy...

Glenn Wilcox

VALLEY FLEET 486 Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Alton Lake Machens, Missouri

http://www.geocities.com/SouthBea	ch/Marina/9604/
Fleet Captain	.Gerald Wnorowski
Fleet Secretary	Mark Nash
Fleet Champion	Rick Conaway
Runner-Up	

	C. Graeme Wilson	Chaos	8664
	Sea Scouts		10291
*	Mark Nash	Woodstock	11125
	John Voelker	Ziggy II	11598
	Jerry Chapman	007	
	& Brian Roberts		11637
	Sea Scouts		12033
	Rich Nieman		12891
	Jack Selbert	Mud Runner	12892
	Don McNabb		13232
*	Stephen Wyers	Top Secret	13379
	Boeing Employees' Sailing	Club	
	0 I . 0	Summer Lightning	13627
	Rick Conaway	Fascination	14088
*	Rick Conaway Gerald L. Wnorowski	Can't Believe It!	14233

Fleet 486 started off slowly again this year with a flood, but finished with a bang! Our two regattas had the best combined wind since 1984, and offered excitement aplenty.

Governor's Cup, Oct 3-4, 1998, 41 Boats, All Classes: by Steve Wyers

The weather for the Governor's Cup was much better than forecasted. We had a few showers and 5 to 12 mph E winds on Saturday, and nothing on Sunday but wind, and lots of it at 12 to 20 mph NE! The classes entered were Mutineers, Misc. Monohulls, Comets, Lightnings, Misc. Catamarans, Hobie 16's, Cruising Class Big Boats, and Racing Class Big Boats, sailing on the same course, with seven starts. It really was a great sight to see so many sails at once. There were no major collisions, no capsizes, and only one protest, in the Cabin Boats, of course! The courses set were a triangle for everyone on Saturday and a W-L for the cabin boats and triangle for the rest on Sunday.. The wind direction allowed a windward leg down and across, with upstream reaches.

Jerry Wnorowski (14233) pretty well dominated the action in races 1&2. In the first race, Jerry ran away from the fleet to finish 1st by almost a full leg, not doing as well the second race and finishing 2nd. Rick Conaway (14088) had a time getting his speed sorted out but held on for 2nd in the first race, then swapping with Jerry for a 1st.. We (13379) got 3rd and 4th, trading places with Graeme Wilson (8664) and Brian Uhlmanseik (12891) taking 5th.



Fast sailing at the 1998 Muddy Rudder, from left: Steve Wyers, Diana Kinder, Becky Williams, Jerry Wnorowski, Norma Wnorowski, Jeff Portman, Jerry Chapman, Eric Waldschmidt, Brian Roberts.

Brian wasn't up to his usual form, not having sailed a square boat for 3 years. Graeme was sailing with crew Wayne Watson, a Lightning skipper whom we've haven't seen in the last four years.

Race 3 was my most memorable race of the year. We had good speed and pointing off the line, managing to gain enough lead on port to tack and cross Jerry, who was higher but astern, then tack again to cover placing us between him and the pin. Tacking at the layline, we rounded to see that all the boats from the two previous starts had sailed into a hole at the jibe mark, and were sitting there, perhaps 12 boats in all! We headed left out into the wind and found a shaft of air just above the mark, reaching back and rounding in what had now become a mass of boats, only to find John Mullen (Comet) square in our sights as a puff accelerated us! How we missed spearing him I don't know, but apparently the roll tack drills for the crew paid off because our bow was about 5 ft. from him when we crash-tacked! Tacking back to starboard we set the chute with Jerry in hot pursuit. The wind appeared to be off the quarter, so I elected to jibe the chute at the leeward mark, not realizing that a course change had moved the line! Imagine my surprise when I saw the finish line 75 yds. to port! Fortunately a fast leeward drop by daughter Becky and quick trimming of the jib by Diana allowed us to tack soon enough to barely hold Jerry off giving us a 1st. Jerry, of course was 2nd, Brian 3rd, Rick 4th, and Graeme 5th.

Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta Oct. 17-18, 1998:

by Steve Wyers

The only losers at the Muddy Rudder Oct. 17-18 were the ones who stayed home! The weather report wasn't good, but a check on the Internet showed that the Jet Stream was between us and a storm front in central Missouri and was likely to take all the storm activity North. We arrived at the harbor with high hopes and higher wind, 15 to 20 mph SE.

After swilling coffee and scarfing doughnuts for a jump-start, boatloads of hardy souls headed for the starting line across the Mississippi. Alton Lake Sailing Association (ALSA) was doing race duty for us, and had set a big course from the Illinois side across and downstream, then back and up for a big two-lap triangle. We knew this was going to be special when we jumped onto a plane several times on the way out.

We got buried when the flag dropped and tacked to port to clear our air. Off again, we rounded in 3rd with nobody setting a chute. Jerry Chapman, in 5th, got the nerve up and rolled us to move into 2nd, but couldn't catch Jerry Wnorowski who had it all the way. Jerry C. was 2nd, Rick 3rd.

In race two, Graeme Wilson took a DNS while he fixed his backstay. We were over early, along with Wnorowski and wound up trailing. Jerry W. was fast upwind, and had regained the lead when at the second drop disaster struck. As they dropped the chute a sudden big shift filled it and took him over. Jeff Portman was on the board like a shot and popped it up, but a puff knocked it down the other way, trapping Norma W. under the sail. Needless to say, she panicked, particularly since she doesn't swim. We, watching as we

approached, were concerned because we didn't see any heads! We bore off to check them out and by then they came out and the safety boat was on the way. I was pleased because I wasn't relishing the thought of anchoring for a swim in those winds! We headed up to take a 3rd with Jerry C. 1st and Rick Conaway 2nd. Jerry W. finally got the boat up and finished.

At lunch the winds were 24 to 31, but on the weather radio there was talk of 10 to 40 somewhere. Rick was fixing a block on his bridle system. After a conference it was decided to give it a try and display a red flag if we thought it was too much. Jerry W. wisely decided to pass altogether in the interests of family harmony.

In the higher winds we had trouble holding the boat down, as Jerry C. dominated with Rick 2nd and Graeme 3rd for the two afternoon races. Jerry had two skippers for crew, Eric Waldschmidt, and Brian Roberts, and their experience showed! Linda Coleman, with crew Jim Zehr and Jeff Susanj hung on gamely, finishing every race. We spent half the afternoon planing offwind and upwind, bearing off in the hopes of regaining some distance on the leaders. On one big puff, we jumped up so fast it almost knocked us flat! We planed almost the entire reach on one leg. We were thankful to have only two afternoon races because I was beat! Daughter Becky, trimming the jib was sprayed, and middle crew Diana Kinder was beat but in good spirits.

After the races many beverages were consumed and many tall tales told. We had to head home for a function, but the rest of the fleet headed to the Longshot Saloon in portage for dinner. Hated to miss that!

Sunday dawned gray but dry and fairly calm. The wind built while we were in Church, and was about 15 mph WNW when we arrived at the harbor. The first race Jerry W. was back in form with Jerry C. 2nd and Rick 3rd. We held onto 4th with Graeme 5th and Linda 6th. In race 2 the Wind had backed, and we tacked to port at the boat end, to lee of the fleet, and were able to get our bow out early, increasing our lead to the mark. Rounding first, we held on to the jibe, setting the chute for the second reach, and keeping it full during the gibe as the wind veered. A clean drop and we led all the way to the finish, with Jerry W. 2nd and Jerry C. 3rd. Rick, Graeme, and Linda followed.

It wasn't until we were on the way that Becky asked what that gave us, and I realized we might have a 3rd! The scores confirmed this; we had edged Jerry W. for 3rd by a half-point! Rick Conaway, with crew Greg Polanik and Randy Maier were 2nd, and Jerry Chapman, having sailed a strong, consistent series, got a welldeserved First Place. A few technical notes:

I modified my bridle this season to the new approved system with height adjustment. In heavy air it's great, allowing me to dial in the sheeting and keep my head out of the boat.

Jerry Wnorowski's crew, Jeff Portman, used a trick I discovered some years ago. (I'm the VSA capsize king.) After removing the bow line you attach it to the center hiking strap. This allows you to throw it over the side for a hiking line while you're out on the board to right the boat. Using this system, enough moment is generated that a person of average weight can right a Lightning unassisted, and even roll the crew up inside as they do it. It sure beats trying to stand three people on that tiny board!

	Govern	nor's Cup	Μ	luddy Rudder
Place	Sail No	Skipper	Sail No	Skipper
1	14233	Jerry Wnorowski	11637	Jerry Chapman
2	14088	Rick Conaway	14088	Rick Conaway
3	13379	Steve Wyers	13379	Steve Wyers
4	8664	Graeme Wilson	14233	Jerry Wnorowski
5	12891	Brian Uhlmanseik	8664	Graeme Wilson
6			13627	Linda Coleman
C+	aphan Wa	and		

Stephen Wyers

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLEET 488 US @ Large District Sailing the American West in the Waters of Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming

Fleet CaptainBill Cabrall



Fleet 488 at the Dillon Open in August 1998: Larissa Stoller, Bob Stoller, Monique Van Rhyn, Georgia Simpson, Bill Cabrall, and Joelynn Barclay. Photo courtesy Bill Cabrall.

*	Barry P. Olson		
	Tim McKenzie		
	Dean Lausten		5945
*	Bob Stoller	For Sale!	9957
	William F. Cabrall	Blue Moon	11457
*	Nancy Simmons	Prosit	11815
*	Fred Denny	Heron	13478
*	Martin R. Mulhern		13857
	Bob Stoller	North Star	14769

The Rocky Mountain Lightning Fleet continues to experience slow and (hopefully) steady growth. This year our ranks grew by 2 when Nancy Simmons bought Prosit (#11815) from the Muellers, and Tim McKenzie began repairing his boat, which is still upside down in the back yard at this writing. Bill Cabrall and Nancy Simmons also have boats in the garage in pieces for the winter (an annual ritual with Lightnings this old) and things are looking stronger for 1999.

In June Bob Stoller spied a familiar shape languishing in a storage yard off the Boulder Turnpike. \$250 later he was the owner of 2 Lightnings! This boat is a fiberglass, thin plywood sandwich (ie, no foam core) that is currently working its way through everyones spare parts box. It will be rigged, ready, and for sale/sail next season. We hope to repeat the cycle as a means of providing more boats so the fleet will grow.

On the water this year we participated in 9 regattas in addition to Thursday evening racing at Cherry Creek Lake in Southwest Denver. High points of the season were the Carter Lake Open, where we put 4 boats on the water, and specular weekends in the rockies at Ruedi Revivor and Lake Dillon.

The Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (SAIL) hosts a Dinghy Championship Tour each year, for the best combined scores at 8 regional regattas. This year Bill Cabrall finished 4th and Bob Stoller 5th out of 18 when the scores were totaled in November.

On the organizational side, Bob Stoller is putting in a 2 year stint as the Commodore of the Denver Sailing Association, and we will be supporting the regional Adams Cup qualifier next year (Lightnings have been selected by US Sailing).

We continue to grow slowly, with our greatest challenge being the wide open spaces and spectacular mountain scenery of the american west. Fleet members are widely spread out, and our traveling regattas often involve 3-5 hour drives and camping equipment. If you live here, it's not a big deal (In fact, thats probably why you came in the first place). We are working to establish a solid presence on several bodies of water, and are proud of the fact that we sail on the highest navigable water and claim the most square miles of territory in the United States and perhaps the world.

Bob Stoller

ACULEO LAKE FLEET 490 Chile District Sailing on Aculeo Lake Champa, Paine, Chile

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	Fleet Secletary	Ivianuel Gonzalez h	las
*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas	Ojo De Lince	11011
	Luis Herman		11023
	Angel Fantuzzi	Kings Brooks	11450
	Pablo Amunategui E.	Pocas Lucas	13650
*	Rodrigo Zuazola		14255
	Francisco Perez Spencer		14294
*	Rodrigo Zuazola	Cabello Del Algual	14307
*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas	0	14454
	Manuel Gonzalez Mas	Coballo Del Alguacil	14709
	Angel Fantuzzi	8	14791
	Francisco Perez Spencer		14794
*	Alberto Gonzalez Mas		14838
	Alberto Gonzalez Mas		14843

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LAKE NOCKAMIXON FLEET 491 Central Atlantic District Sailing on Lake Nockamixon Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet CaptainGary Bonner	
Fleet SecretaryBarbara Benson	
Fleet ChampionBrent Benson	

* James C. Lenahan, III	Black Flash	5083
* James Perkins	The Bolt	6378
* Charles S. Shoemaker	Esprit	9928
* Merritt Willits		10841
* Brent W. Benson		11444
* Alan Schragger		
& Louis Schragger	Gybe Ho!	12277
* James C. Lenahan, III	White Flash	12727
* Clifford H. Matson, Jr.		13399
* Gary Bonner		13720

Sailing conditions were particularly good this year at Lake Nockamixon. Our visitors regularly comment on how nice it is to sail in fresh water with no current or motor boat chop, and this year we had more wind than usual in the hot months. There were Lightnings on the line at all race days, though it was usually hard to get many at any one time.

The Cap-it-Off regatta in October had fierce light wind competition (previous years we had gales), with local Brent Benson edging out visitors Bob Bush and Gary Swangler.

Brent Benson

BOW LAKE FLEET 493 New England District Sailing on Bow Lake New Hampshire

* Edward E. Hinds, III	1	11440
* Michael S. Aversa		11579
* Robert D. Shapiro		14111
* Edward E. Hinds, III	Naut!	14296

This was a lean year for Bow Lake lightnings but the competition was keener than ever. Ned, Bob and Mike mixed it up in close racing over our eight week season. Bob got a new boat and newer sails for the season and was really going good all season. It wasn't until the Bluenose in Nashville that he decided to actually try to tune his rig so we all have to look out for Bob next year. Mike Aversa and daughter Jillian were most improved for the 98 season. Mikes competative spirit and determination combined with Jillians no fear, lets get 'em approach found them doing very well during the season. A great showing guys! Keep it up.

The winners were 1. Ned Hinds 2. "Rocket" Bob Shapiro and 3. "Mighty" Mike Aversa

The three of us traveled a bit this year too. We traveled to Lake Bomoseen and got drenched by the rains for 2 days. We showed up at the Districts and got our socks blown off in 30 knot winds. Bob said "the spinnaker runs were the most fun I've ever had with my pants on." Even more fun when he found out that he beat Ned by one point. Great sailing Bob. We went to Spofford for the annual fall regatta and drifted one day and had good breezes the next. The Massabesic Fall Regatta was lots of fun as usual. Lots of good people and shifty breezes. All in all it was a great season on the road for the fleet. We all wanted to go see Pat McCormick at Newburyport but it seems he must have looked at the wrong tide chart at the winter meeting.

Then there was the Bow Lake "Lightning Flash" one day regatta. It was postponed from last year because our launching ramp was dead. This year we had a brand new ramp, good breezes, a nice day and a fabulous dinner put on by Debbie Shapiro, Karen Hilton, Stacy and Pam Daigneault. Great job ladies. Thanks for making the regatta a success. Ten boats showed up, a great showing. The winners were; 1. Bill Berry 2. Ned Hinds and 3. Norm

The winners were; 1. Bill Berry 2. Ned Hinds and 3. Norm "Pappy" Deyette.

If you are intereste in see in pictures, stories and race results for Bow Lake go to:

http://www.clubnedusa.com/bowlake98.htm#Bow Lake on the web. The New England district web page is hosted by the Bow Lake fleet and can be reached by going to

http://www.clubnedusa.com/neld/neld.html on the Web. See you on the water after ski season. Regards, *Ned Hinds*

SWIFT CREEK FLEET 496 Dixie District Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir Chesterfield County, Virginia

Fleet Secretary	James	Richards
* James E. Richards	Macerator	14292
* Robert C. Wardwell (Life	e)	14485

No Report.

POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB FLEET 499 St. Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lac St. Louis Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain		David Browne
R.A. (Tony) McBride Andrew Allan	(Life)	14200
Rod Hayes & John Sauter	Flip	14443

No Report.

TENNESSEE VALLEY FLEET 500 Southeastern District Sailing on Loudon Lake Knoxville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain		omas Baer
* Thomas S. Baer * A. Jackson Woodall * Thomas S. Baer	Libra II	2854 10442 13105

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CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO FLEET 501 Colombia District Sailing on Tomine Lake Bogota, Columbia

Fleet CaptainRoberto Laignelet Fleet SecretaryJuan Carlos Recaman

*	Gonzalo Reyes Alvaro Acosta		$1366 \\ 6097$
*	Alvaro Sanjines	Cingara	7452
*	Fernando Venegas	Cingara	8911
*	Roberto Laignelet		8957
*	Alvaro Acosta		11660
	Fernando Diaz		11677
	Emilio Borrero		12570
	Leopoldo Gonzalez		13216
21-	Vicente Pinzon		13389
*	Jaime Lobo-Guerrero		13427
	Fernando Plazas		13428
	Alberto Prada		13446
	Andres Iriarte		13447
	Jose Leopoldo Gonzalez		14011
*	Hernan Salcedo		14057
*	Luis Pardo		14111
25-	Mauricio Mutis		14181
	Jorge Recaman		
	& Marcela Recaman		14132
*	Miguel Ribon		14135
*	Jorge Umana		14155
	Jose M. Acosta		
	& Manuel Acosta		14538
*	Hernando Ramirez		14552
1	Solmar Bermudez		14722
*	Mauricio Mutis	Norfalia	14801
*	Rafael Tamayo		1 1000
*	& Gustavo Tamayo		14802
25	Richard Deeb		14803
	Ricardo Seidner		14862
	Alvaro Bustos		14863
	Roberto Londono		14864
	Santiago Douat		14873

1998 was another good year for fleet 501: we keep growing year by year four brand new boats were added in 98. 29 boats is quite a fleet for such a small lake as ours, and we had a lot of participation in the regattas early in the year when we were holding trials for the upcoming international events. Then we stopped in order to prepare our sailing team for the Central American Games and the Sunfish North Americans and World Championships. With all the big regattas we never got around to sailing our own fleet championship for 98.

The success of the fleet is based on the participation of our youngsters we have 5 international level crews of very young sailors, Juan Camilo Bustos, Nicolás Deeb and Camilo Salcedo are 18 years old ranked 2nd in the country and they placed 3rd in the Junior Worlds in Ecuador, Solmar Bermúdez is 23 years old and won a bronze medal in the South American Games in Ecuador, Alvaro Bustos 19 with sister Ana María and Susana Salcedo both 17 are an up and coming hotshot crew, got their new boat in July and are already closing the gap with the top sailors, Paula Douat 18 is one of our two top female skippers with Felipe Ribon and Joe Abisambra also 18 as crew, Felipe Recaman with Tatiana and Carolina Plazas barely over 20 are a regular feature in every regatta, we miss Juan Carlos and Marcela Recaman now studying in Europe.

They all are top contenders or belong in the upper third of the fleet. Such an array of active young talent makes us look at the future of the fleet and the class with great optimism all of these kids already have international experience and most important of all they are not put together for junior events. They are full time crews who were encouraged to take over the boats of their elders, take responsibility for managing their team and compete on their own, which is definitely the way to go if we want the class to prosper.

We will organize the Lightning South Americans next February which awards 2 places for the Pan Am Games, so we expect another great year in 99.

Fleet Secretary: Hernan Salcedo

SUNCOAST FLEET 502 Florida District Based at Davis Island Yacht Club Tampa, Florida

	Fleet Secretary	Jeff L Sandy Sc Jeff L Rod	heda inton
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÷	Andrew Hayward	Enchalada Picante	10338
*	Diana Demby		11222
*	Dave J. Marsicano		12606
*	Clark T. Higgs		13285
÷	Rod Koch		13970
÷	William H. Meyer, III	Fired-Up	14006
*	John V. Ward, Jr.	Bazooka	14098
÷	Mark T. Taylor		14428
*	Donald W. Sherburne	Encore	14588
	Jeff Linton	2	14730
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Suncoast Fleet 502 continues to grow. This year we added John Ward, Sandy Scheda, and Tim Rumin to our ranks. Welcome aboard. We have a solid base of seven competitive lightnings, and during the Thursday Night Day Light Savings 27 race 3 series Races, we have fielded as many as five, and expect our recent new skippers to fill in the ranks.

Recent regatta results indicate that we have added quality as well as quantity to our fleet. Sandy Scheda, former Adams Cup finalist in Lightnings, won her first race in her recently purchased Lightning. In the tough ten boat Thanksgiving Regatta Fleet, Sandy showed Blue Fleeters Jeff Linton and Bill Mauk around the course. John Ward placed 3rd in Sarasota, and 5th in Coral Reef, and was in strong contention to place in Florida's Triple Crown three regatta series. Rod Koch, one of the nations premier sunfish sailors sailed his lightning through the whole 27 race program, placing 2nd in the Spring and Summer, and 1st in the Fall. Rod and Jeff raised their competition to a new level in Lightnings. Both are former North American Sunfish Champions.

The Thanksgiving Regatta had Jeff Linton in first, Rod Koch in Second, Dave Marsicano in Third, Bill Meyer in Fourth and Don Sherburn in Fifth. Dave Marsicano placed third in the Spring Series, but Bill Meyer held him and John Ward off to place 3rd in the Summer and Fall Series. The Fleet enjoys several outstanding crews: Mark Taylor and Amy Linton, Chris Gittens, Gail Meyer, Tim Rumin, and Christine Furgeson; Sara Brown, Tom Marsicano, and Arthur (The Russian); Andy Hayward, Mike Quinn, and Genoa Gilbert; Nate Vilardebo, and Slick (Dan). Many thanks to the outstanding contributions of the crews who make it all possible. The Triple Crown was won by Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor for the third year in a row. He was followed by Bill Mauk from Coconut Grove, and Bill Meyer and "Ragin" Johnny Ward from the home fleet.

Tampa has a severe tropical storm from time to time, and last March one lightning was destroyed, and another busted and bent. The wind toppled over larger dry sailed yachts onto them. The storm put a damper on Mike Maher's campaign as his mast is bowed with about 10 inches of prebend induced by the storm. Mike built the boat out of wood from scratch. Ouch!

Jeff Linton, Mark Taylor, and Amy Linton placed 12th in the N.A.'s winning the ThermisTrophy for best first time finish. He also competed in the Pan Am Trials. The news keeps getting better as we hear that Jim Alman of Texas, and Colin Park are moving permanently to the area. No wonder we are so optimistic for our future. Hope to see you all at the Midwinters in St. Pete.

Bill Meyer

LAKE CONROE ASSOCIATION FLEET 505 Texas District Sailing on Lake Conroe Conroe, Texas

Fleet SecretaryPatty Harris

* Bryce Mowbray		12239
* Chris Shipman	Portugee Jr.	12861
* Billy S. Bennett		13384
* Steven Harris	Kwitchersniveln	13717

No Report.

ORIENT YACHT CLUB FLEET 506 Long Island District Sailing on Orient Harbor Orient, New York

Fleet CaptainGeorge Koch Fleet SecretaryJohn Holzapfel Saturday Fleet ChampionGeorge Koch Thursday Night Fleet Champion ...Rachael Sorenson

Keith Cummings	Thunderstruck	8666
Derrick Cephas		10545
Orient Yacht Club	Janice Mount	10601
Rob Buchanan	5	11775
Fausto Monacelli		13050
* John Holzapfel	Tursiops	14025
* George W. Koch	Missy	14122
 * John Holzapfel * George W. Koch * Rachel Sorenson 	Spirit	14455

Along with the traditional Saturday races, the Lightnings participated in the club's Thursday evening races of Lasers and Optimist. Rachel Sorenson and her crew dueled with George Koch and his crew for first place and the championship on both Saturdays and Thursdays. The championship in each category was not decided until the very last day of competition with Rachael Sorenson winning the Thursday series and George Koch winning the Saturday series both by the very smallest of margins.

This past summer was filled with lots of opportunities for our Lightning sailors.

The Atlantic Coast championship was sailed at neighboring Southampton Yacht Club and three of our boats went over to compete and enjoyed a great two days of sailing with over twenty Lightnings in good winds.

Fleet 506 of Orient Yacht Club hosted the Long Island District which were held on the waters of beautiful Orient Harbor in heavy winds and was the districts were won by Bruce Hendrey.

We added two more boats to our fleet and our emphasis for this winter is to find a few more lightning sailors to add to our fleet. *John Holzapfel*

THE PRAIRIE FLEET 507 Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Chestermere Lake and Lake Newell in Alberta Canada and on Canyon Lake and Flathead Lake in Montana

Fleet CaptainKarsten Dalberg

* Reggie Good		10891
* Ian R. Taylor	Rhythm & Blues	13509
* Karsten Dalberg	and the second second	13713

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SOLOMONS FLEET 508

Dixie District

Sailing on the Patuxent River & Chesapeake Bay

Solomons, Maryland

Fleet Captain	.David H, Meiser
Fleet Secretary	Don Behrens

Vanessa Bloodsworth	
& Lindsay Bach	Spartina
Don Behrens	Team Sparkle
David II Maison	Ciultuiand

Don Behrens	Team Sparkle	10096
David H. Meiser	Girlfriend	10406
Michael Bayne	Wicked Wanda	11217
Jeff Kumke		11983

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The newly formed Fleet 508 was conceived in the spring of 1997 when two "not-so-new" Lightnings made their way to Solomons, Maryland. These boats were purchased by Don Behrens and Dave Meiser with the intention of participating in a new small boat program was being formed by the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA), a group whose emphasis in the past had been primarily big boat racing and cruising. The plan was to start small with a weekly Thursday night race series and two one day and a single two day weekend regattas. Since no one design fleet to speak of existed, the Portsmouth Handicap system was used and all centerboard boats under 20 feet were invited to participate.



Fleet 508 at home at Solomons Island

By the end of the year we were averaging 15 different boats on the line for Thursday nights and as many as 50 Portsmouth boats for our weekend regattas. There was obviously an interest in small boats in Solomons.

By the following fall we had 4 Lightnings in the fleet, as we discovered long time Lightning owners Lindsay Bach and Vanessa Bloodsworth in nearby St. George's Is., and another Lightning was purchased by L.G. Raley.

By the spring the number of Lightnings had grown to seven, as we added new/old boats by Mike Bayne, Tony Dole and Steve Cox, soon we had a actual ILCA Charter, plans to host the 1998 Dixie District Championships, and plans to include a Lightning class start in our fall Small Boat Invitational regatta.

The Districts, which were held in late May were a marvelous success with 21 boats participating. The winds were near perfect, the beer was both cold and plentiful and Solomons was finally on the map for the Lightning class. Bob Wardwell (Fishing Bay) won the Districts with Phil Grotheer (SSA) close behind. Many of the Lightning sailors left the Districts promising to return for the fall invitational regatta.

The Invitational regatta proved to be another outstanding success with 46 total boats attending, including 12 Lightnings. Phil Grotheer won this regatta with the help of ILCA coach Kelly Williams and Solomons local Kathy Sharkey.

We also held a single "Sunday Fun-Day" outing in late August where 6 of the 7 local Lightnings (including the most recent new owner Craig Bumgarner) all traveled to the lower Potomoc River and sailed and kinda raced in a "let's have some fun" regatta. t never really was clear who won or lost - but great fun was had by all. The real fun began afterwards as Lindsay and Vanessa had everyone over to their house for some good food, chilly beverages and lots of Lightning speak - an event we hope to see become an annual tradition.

Plans for the future of Fleet 508 include continuing to grow the fleet and encouraging fleet members to participate in some away regattas. In closing we would like to extend a special thanks for all the help and encouragement we received from Karen Johnson and numerous Dixie District fleet members who aided and supported us along the way. Without all your help the startup of Fleet 508 would not have been so successful or even possible.

Don Behrens

FISHING BAY FLEET 509 Dixie District Sailing on Fishing Bay Deltaville, Virginia

Fleet CaptainRon Bu	uchanan
Fleet SecretaryDebra	Cycotte

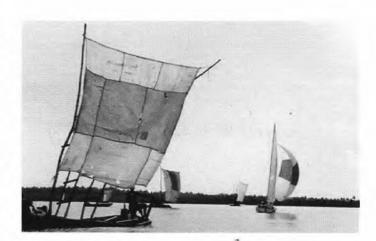
* Debra L. Cycotte	Thunderstruck	10009
* Ronald R. Buchanan	Toys 'R' Us	10767
* Robert C. Wardwell		14485

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LAGOS FLEET 510 Africa District Sailing Lagos Offshore and Inshore Lagos, Nigeria

Fleet SecretaryKevin O'Farrell

* Helmut Braun	Kiwi Magic	13523
* Kevin O'Farrell	White Star	13759
* Bob Hendry	Nuance	14392
* Brian Mounsor	Spellbinder	14549



Above: Lightnings sailing amongst the loacl sand-digger boats (which use discarded cement bags as sails) on Lagos Bay in Nigeria. Right: "T-56" is really a Lightning in disguise. Below: Trophy presentation at the firstever Lightning Nationals in Nigeria. Photos courtesy Helmut Braun.

Our class started its first year as Fleet #510 in style when we held our first ever Lightning Nationals in Nigeria where we managed to field 30 boats on the water for this two-day event on 9th and 10th May.

Our day's outing was a bit too windy offshore and everyone was rocketing along over very wavy conditions and I am glad to say survived for the booze up and



pasta party at the end of racing, a good time was had by all except for a few torn sails and busted masts and booms.

Overall results for our 1998 Nationals were as follows: 1st – Ed Lane, Stew Jones, Bob Hendry; 2nd - Helmut Braun, Jeff Daugherty, Andy McCloud; 3rd - Chris Logan, Mark Fisher, John Seward.

Our club, located at Magazine Point on the tip of Lagos Island by Five Cowrie Creek, offers one of the most attractive settings in the Lagos area. The club was founded in 1932 and provides sporting and social sailing every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. That provides us with a wide variety of courses which could be either in the large harbour, up the extensive creeks or offshore which provides some of the best sailing to be had in all of Africa. We are a very mixed bunch here mainly from Europe and Stateside and all over. We would welcome any visitors from other Districts for competitions or whatever. We will provide the boats, prizes, accommodations, etc. Our next Nationals are due to be held on 22nd May 2000 and we can arrange competitions anytime of the year since it is nearly always windy. So, we look forward to receiving some response to our invitation/challenge! to the far distance world of Lightning. *Kevin O'Farrell*

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