

## WASHINGTON, D.C. FLEET (50)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on the Potomac River

Fleet Captain .....	Chuck Sieber
Fleet Secretary .....	Mike Arnold
Fleet Treasurer .....	Wes Baxter
Activities Chairman .....	Frank Gentile
Newsletter Editor .....	Mike Arnold
Membership Chairman .....	Jim Dillard
Fleet Champion .....	Frank Gentile
Runner-Up .....	Dave Pyle
Third .....	Chuck Sieber
Division B .....	Mike Arnold

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
79	.....	Frank Hafner
527	.....	Dr. Stanley Talpers
2457	.....	John M. Crowley
2874	.....	Harvey Haines
2897	.....	Col. James Caldwell
3195	.....	Michael E. Boykin, M.D.
4295	Relampeago	Paul Donovan
4403	.....	Irene I. L. Siu
4968	.....	Horace Tabinski
5442	Chicken of the Sea	Robert C. Bosman
5964	.....	Jack Brayley
6213	.....	Reo E. Duggan
6317	Leprechaun	Carl Dry
6401	.....	Robert S. Ware
6614	.....	Peter D. Arrowsmith
7206	.....	Malcolm E. Arnold
7294	Celeste	Thomas G. Murnane
7324	.....	E. R. "Buck" Buchanan
7350	.....	Wm. R. Anderson
7537	.....	James L. Meeder
7605	Gamarye	Charles F. Sieber, Jr.
7611	.....	Josef D. Weber
7617	Cartouce	Leon Bielecki
7788	.....	Sea Explorer #638
7844	Syrena	George Z. Wachnik
8008	.....	John Harper
8202	.....	Lt. Leigh Dopris
8697	.....	Wes. E. Baxter
8715	Leatherneck	Barbara Fant
8960	.....	Don R. Reithlinghoeffler
9003	.....	Dr. Paul S. Pottinger
9110	Bay Leaf	Lester Shapiro
9155	Baby	Thomas T. Keane
9329	Luv	Robert W. McNitt
9729	Second Try	Edwin S. Belknap
9842	So Long	William Gehron
9843	.....	E. Teresa Ries
10063	By Lo	David A. Pyle
10104	Allegro	Wm. S. Alderson
10199	.....	Robert T. Stark
10201	Hot Mama	Frank Gentile
10258	J. Bones	Arthur Gatenby
10817	Big Green	James Dillard
11333	Ajac	Dudley W. Gill
11369	.....	Dr. S. R. Heller, Jr. & III
11405	.....	George Kuck
11590	.....	Alex C. Landsburg
11792	.....	Dr. Edwin M. Ortiz
11865	.....	Joe Anderson
Honorary	.....	Mrs. Wm. Lyons
.....	.....	Charles W. Sieber

Once again, Fleet 50 enjoyed good sailing in the shadow of the Capitol dome. Our activities stretched from the bottom of the Potomac (where Jim Dillard's anti-silt legislation should soon help reduce the mud), to the Bight of Banghok (where our former co-host, John Symons, is sailing a Lightning).

Washington sailors helped to host more than ten regattas and series this year. Frank Gentile got off to a good start by winning the PRSA Spring Series. Unfortunately, Frank was led astray by Doc Gilbert and Leon Bielecki in the Memorial Day Regatta—all three were disqualified, and Dudley Gill took home the silver.



*"Quick! Get out the anchor! We're going backwards . . . No! Wait! I think we just went ahead two feet."*

The next day, Mike Arnold barely squeaked to victory in the twenty-mile Downriver Race. The first NYC Summer Series was interrupted by Tropical storm Agnes, which flooded the Marina, and a neap tide that turned one race into a poling match. Leon Bielecki persevered and won. The second Summer Series set a new record for Lightning participation; the winner was Bucky Buchanan. Our big events of the season, the President's Cup and the Collier Memorial Regatta, were swept by Don Delorme of Fleet 329. The Fall Series was rough on boats and crews alike. Frank Gentile ricocheted to victory. Finally, we lost the Fleet 50-329 Challenge Cup in a scene of high winds and broken masts.

Despite all the excitement on the river, Fleet 50 had some memorable moments ashore. The tradition of informal dinner parties after the Collier and President's Cup Regattas was continued. A new tradition was begun with the first annual Boat Measurement Picnic. This picnic taught sailors about the specifications and helped George Wacnik ready a measurement team for the Dixie Districts. The Fleet also benefitted from technical lectures by Bill Buckley and Jim Dillard.

Fleet 50's success is largely due to people—our enthusiastic sailors, new and old; our patient wives on the homefront; our friends in the Potomac River Sailing Association and the National Yacht Club; and all our associates in the Lightning Class.

## CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

### Michigan District

#### Based on Lake St. Clair

#### Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	John W. Pettit
Fleet Secretary .....	James E. Haselwood
Fleet Champion .....	Dick Drew
Runner-up .....	John Lesesne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2046	.....	Dr. James McKenna & James Maples
4533	.....	Harvey R. Pickford
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
7614	.....	William Tily
8673	Go Go	Arthur Rautenberg
9814	Sandy	Chet Craft
10017	.....	John Pettit
10290	Snoopy	John Sherry, Jr.
10349	Blue Max	George Grenzke
10703	.....	John Lesesne
10881	Lollipop	Howard Gray
11115	.....	Harvey R. Pickford
12103	Lepricon	Dick Drew
12188	Red Baron	Bob Knop

In 1972 Fleet #51 suffered substantial losses. First, two of its stalwart members, Jim Kohls and Hank Cawthra moved to other parts of the state.

Later in the season, three of our Lightnings were lost to a fire in Crescent's harbor. The boats belonged to Fleet Captain, Chet Craft; Past Fleet Captain, Howard Gray; and Harvey Pickford. If this wasn't enough, another of our long-term members, Art Rautenberg, put his boat up for sale.

The season of '72, although being far from ideal weatherwise, was nevertheless, packed with activity. Two new boats were sported by Bob Knop and Dick Drew. The usual racing schedule, including Wednesday night and Sunday races, continued from mid-May through September, with Dick Drew the overall winner. The annual invitational brought twenty-five boats to the starting line in mid-June for three races. Hank Cawthra, Pete Paulin, and Garry Demarest were the top three finishers in that order. Jim Haselwood was welcomed to the fleet as a new member, and was properly initiated by being elected fleet secretary for the 1973 season.

Now that winter is upon us all, we are planning for next year's season. Now that Michigan has adopted Daylight Saving Time we are looking forward to many more hours on our beloved Lake St. Clair.

## LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Paul Militzer
Fleet Secretary	Dave Furey
Fleet Champion	George Nickels
Runner-up	Glen Anderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
655	.....	Jack Mason
1654	.....	Leonard Lippincott
6284	.....	Brad Hoffman
7060	Power Less	William Grant
7439	.....	Ron Black
7977	.....	David A. DeVoe
8594	.....	Francis Desormeaux
9965	Polution	Dennis Staley
	Solution	
10843	.....	Tech Sailors
11066	Black Blitz	Paul Militzer
11451	.....	Morris Gushen
11546	UPA UR AFT	Donovan Allen
11548	Sundance	Glen Anderson
11641	.....	W. N. Tavener
11664	.....	Donald Blessing
11793	Banana Split	George Nickels
11794	Super Wheel	David Nickels
11986	Demon	David Furey
12176	Summer Snow	Richard DeAngelis
12191	.....	John Kerr
.....	.....	Herman Nickels

We were saddened this year by the sudden death of Mrs. Margaret Nickels. Our fleet, our club and the regatta circuit, just are not the same without that fine lady.

Memorial Day week-end started our season with a six-race series to determine our teams for the Michigan District Team Championship, held annually on Lake Fenton. Eleven teams raced this year in the regatta, a record number. The competition was close, and Pontiac Yacht Club, trailing after 4 races, sailed a great final race to win by  $\frac{1}{2}$  point. All 5 of these regattas have been won in the final race, which makes them always exciting. The competence of our own fleet is shown by our teams taking 3rd and 4th and separated by only  $\frac{1}{4}$  point.

Our regular season was also close, with 15 boats racing and 8 winning at least one race. For the first time, we split the season into 2 series. Glen Anderson won the 1st half and George Nickels the 2nd. George was the overall winner, Glen 2nd and Herm Nickels 3rd. George also won the new Margaret Nickels Memorial Trophy, to go annually to our most improved sailor.

Away from home, George Nickels, Glen Anderson, Herm Nickels, Dave Nickels and Paul Militzer won trophies at regattas, and Paul Militzer and Herm Nickels qualified at the Districts to go to the North Americans.



*"Listen George, I don't care if Dave and Herm are your brothers—I still think you should tack."*

## PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Jim McCoy
Asst. Fleet Captain	John Corbett
Fleet Secretary	Frank Reschke
Fleet Champion	Jim McCoy
Runner-Up	John Seaton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
415	.....	James L. MacDonald
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
839	.....	Dr. James Henderson
5260	.....	S. Dibble
5428	.....	Duane Keith Cote
5518	.....	Donald Young
5793	.....	Robert Freeberg
6245	.....	Charles Cannon
7407	C. Lark	Alex Clark, Jr.
7700	B Girl	Robert Birney
7959	Flip	Leslie Huntwork
8145	Giao	Fred Cowin
8208	.....	Gordon Gotberg & Dr. George Berquist
8404	.....	R. J. Clarke
8668	.....	James D. Jolly
8744	.....	John H. Ostrander
9518	Kemosabe	M. D. Bleitz
9550	.....	John W. Getsinger

9626	Clarence K. Patterson
9681	Bob Dock & Robert Scott
9855	J. F. Enroth, M.D.
9964	Max M. Clixby
10020	Robert Lessa
10116	William Balman
10411	John Seaton
10428	Scott Barto
10515	Why Worry
10608	Ole'
10806	Jim Olson
10850	Kenneth Bell
10902	Victor Brooks
10905	Richard Patton
11015	Carl Marr
11033	Richard Beaubien
11065	Glenn Smith
11201	Eugene Bego
11208	George Bery
11255	Jack Griffin
11394	Floyd Miller
11452	Carl E. Jenkins
11520	Mr. Schneider
11545	Dave Scott
11641	George Heine
11743	Carl Marr
11795	Donald Fraser
11808	Richard Adamson
11813	Jim McCoy
11844	James Fryfogle, M.D.
11860	Roger Asbury
11863	Dr. Leo Wasserberger
11966	Dave & Frank Reschke
12046	Lou Zednik
12080	Thizzzzit
12122	Clarence Hollman, Jr.
	Robert H. Mathers
	Robert S. Ketchum

Pontiac Yacht Club had another good season. This year's schedule was full and competitive. But the highlight of the season for Fleet 54 had to be the introduction of a new sailing clinic. Chief Instructor Don Fraser and Assistant Instructor Gay Behler led over forty students through eight weeks of rigorous training in sailboat handling and racing. We feel this has to be one of the finest sailing clinics in the Midwest. Already the results are looking good. Our ladies team (comprised of students from the clinic) defeated an upstart team from Orchard Lake Country Club. We are anxious to start collecting more hardware when our trainees hit the circuit.

Not that competition is lacking at P.Y.C.! As always, this year we started early and Don Fraser began advertising for his clinic by winning the "Bug Out" series. After the "Bug Out" series, we began the Sunday Series. By August 27, after some 25 races, Jim McCoy proved to be the most consistent. He took the overall Sunday series trophy. Don Fraser was second and Jack Ostrander was third. Dr. McCoy also defended and retained his Club Champion status this year, by sailing well in all five of the Championship races. John Seaton was second, and Leo Wasserberger was third. In the Commodore series, Roger Asbury sailed to victory with Don Fraser and Jim McCoy finishing second and third respectively. The Challenge series rounded out the "Daylight Sailing Time" Schedule on October 15, finding Don Fraser first, Jim McCoy second, and Bob Mathers third.

P.Y.C. also has a good, competitive evening series. Each Wednesday night the hardest (often as many as 30) sailors in Michigan hit the lake and battled through gale proportion winds—gusting to 3 and 4 miles per. Seriously, some of the closest competition of the year can be found on Cass Lake Wednesday evenings. This year Jack Ostrander dethroned Bob Mathers (who finished 1st in 1970 and 1971). However, Mathers stayed close, finishing second and 17-year-old Sue Corbett sailed well, finishing third.

P.Y.C. has quite a lot to be proud of this year. We sponsored one of Michigan District's finest invitationals, the White Cap Regatta. Gary Demarest finished 1st, with Gary Cameron and Dave Peters finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

It may sound strange, but we didn't mind parting with so much hardware at the White Cap since we ran off with so much throughout the rest of the summer. P.Y.C. sent three teams to the Lake Fenton Team Racing series in early June and our number one team, Don Fraser, Jim McCoy and Mack Goodwin came home with first place



*"You'd better look for yourself Ed, but I think there's a chance we won't make it."*

honors. Also, Leo Wasserberger sailed very consistently in Traverse City this year to become the Michigan District Champion. When Fleet 54 wins, it wins big.

Congratulations go out to all the people affiliated with the club. We have the most active and competitive club in the Michigan District.

## BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB (56) Midwest District

Based on Lake Michigan, Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain ..... Jim Shelton  
Fleet Secretary ..... Stan and Katie Moore  
Fleet Champion ..... Brewster-Shelton-Smith  
Runner-Up ..... Stan Moore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
426	Carefree	Jim McNamara
851	XAIPE	Tom Brame
7547	Cavity	Stan and Katie Moore
8143	Liberte	Dick Mead
8545	Devant	Bob Calcagno
8590	Drifter	John Rosenthal
8611	Frith	John Rawley
8727	Firefly	Jim McGregor
8788	Amphion	Ken Thompson
8877	Rub-A-Dub-Dub	George Peterson
9077	Argo I	Jim Hutten
9549	Kennebec	John Brewster-Jim Shelton-Nick Smith
9654	Sarah Maria	Art Appel
9890	Saw-Sea	Joe Ballard
10316		Bill Lyford
11092		Andy Affrunti
12025		Ron Blair
12034	Argo II	Dick Anderson-Jim Teale
12133		Dave Lawson

There were no losers in Fleet #56. Bill Lyford's work at the Yacht Club gave small boat sailors a persistent voice in Club priorities. Nick Smith beat the bushes rounding-up Lightning owners from the Flashes. Stan Moore made sure our regattas were well run. Marilyn Shelton arranged our social activities. The Appels held our Winter meeting at their house where we ironed out our plans.

Using the Cox-Sprague system we gave our new boats a chance. The more you sailed and the bigger the fleet the more points you racked up. Eighth in an 8 boat fleet was better than 1st in a 4 boat fleet. Every Thursday and Friday the phones went crazy while we all tried to get crews for everybody. John Brewster's sailing class was a great source.

Ken Thompson's *Amphion* raced the 8 qualifying races and did very well, but due to small fleets she doesn't appear on the winning list. This is a fault of the scoring system. Bruce Thompson, Ken's

crew, sailed with new racers. However, *Arne*, sailed by Rich Warrington, picked up enough points by trying often to take 3rd.

Nick Smith is changing partners, John Brewster and Dick Meade are buying a new boat. Bruce Thompson is tearing up the frostbite fleet so we may recruit hot-shots from other Burnham classes looking for competition. Art Appel should sail with us next year, so we'll go back to normal scoring for the fasties.

We had a lot of partnerships this year. Tom Brame, wood boat lover, joined Moore and contributed a great deal to *Cavity's* success. George Peterson raced with John Rosenthal, as did Ken Thompson, which sharpened him up. Dick Anderson and Jim Teale brought in a new boat.

The pride of our fleet was our new sailors: Rich Warrington, Jim McGregor, John Rawley and Dave Lawson. They practically had their own series. Bruce Goldsmith gave us a talk last spring, which was a help to everyone. Our beginners are the future of our fleet, and next year we hope to find more. We have normal competition, but for fleet survival we have put our emphasis on cooperation, sharing sails, crews, and secrets, and Teale's Nico-Press.

The winners overall were: Brewster-Shelton-Smith's *Kennebec*, first; Moore's *Cavity* second, with a big assist from Brame; Rosenthal third. *Cavity* won the Spring Series, *Kennebec* second, Bill Lyford's *Saw-Sea* third. Rosenthal's *Drifter* won the Fall series, *Cavity* was second, and *Arne*, representing our back-packers, was third.

Wednesday nights were alternately rained or calmed out, but we did run a Fun series following each weekend race. *Kennebec* used these to train for back-to-back regattas and it must have paid off because she was 4th at the St. Joe Warm-Up and 5th in the Districts; moreover, she qualified for the President's cup at the North Americans. She won the Fun series, *Drifter* was second, and *Saw-Sea* third. Our Pest Trophy was won by *Kennebec*, *Cavity* was second, and *Saw-Sea* third.

Bill Lyford won Columbia Yacht Club's George Orr Regatta; Art Appel, making his only appearance of the season, took second; and Stan Moore, seen on a spinnaker reach hanging from the spreaders yelling "keep that chute full" was third. Dick Hinze came from Corinthian to win the Lake Front Festival in his orange glass *Frolic*. Only 3 of the 6 boats raced, but Moore's orange *Cavity* (née *Frolic*) tried to convince Dick he'd sold the wrong boat, but came in second. Rosenthal, with daughter Judy and wife Pat, was third. Bob Spitz won our Abe Jacob's Regatta, John Burke was second and Bob Smither was third.

We're all in this together—that's the idea at Burnham, and that's why, no matter where you place, you can't lose.

## HEWLETT BAY FLEET (58)

### Greater Long Island District

#### Sailing on South Shore Long Island at New York

Fleet Captain	R. Munkelt	
Fleet Secretary	N. Brown	
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3807	.....	Herman Hering
5406	.....	Harold Sutherland
7232	.....	Peter T. Neyland, II
8581	.....	Robert E. Munkelt
10052	.....	William L. Angerer
10298	.....	Norman J. Brown
11368	.....	Tony Baroni, Jr.
12114	.....	Raymond Harrington

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## NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, N.Y.

Fleet Captain .....	John Sullivan	
Fleet Secretary .....	Bob Stark	
Fleet Champion .....	Cal Schmieg	
Runner-Up .....	Curt Allen	
<b>Boat No.</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Skipper</b>
2930 .....		Kenneth R. Henning, Jr.
6345 .....		John Swanson
7815 .....		Richard Barr

8141	.....	Ken Rebman
8150	.....	W. E. McNutt
8830	.....	Theodore Sullivan
10002	.....	John Swanson
10008	.....	Kevin Farry
10098	.....	Harold Allen
10343	.....	Donald F. James
11398	.....	Richard Carrel
11555	.....	Calvin H. Schmieg & Robert B. Starck
11788	.....	Judy Walker

The Niagara Sailing Club sanctioned three Lightning series in 1972. Each was rather abbreviated this year due to too much or too little wind. In the Bowen Series, sailed to determine the club champion, only three of the scheduled five races could be completed, and Cal Schmieg won handily. Bill McNutt was second and Curt Allen, third. In the Wardell Series, a real battle developed between Cal Schmieg and Jack Swanson with the former garnering first by a scant point. Curt Allen again placed third. The final series, for the Jerry Blake Memorial Trophy, again saw Cal Schmieg emerge victorious with four wins in four starts. This time, Curt Allen took place honors and Judy Walker was third.

The members of Fleet 59 traveled near and far again this year in search of regattas. At least one crew represented the club at the Buffalo Canoe Club's Eby Series and Invitational, the Parkway Invitational, the Tri-Club Regatta, the Lake Erie Districts, the Silver Lake Invitational, the Erie Open, the Sandy Beach Haul Out Regatta, and finally, the North American's at Rehoboth.

Our annual Niagara River Lightning Championship was won this year by Stu Anderson. Last year's winner, C. O. Jones, the ILCA's current President, took runner-up spot. Twenty-seven boats, representing eight area yacht clubs, participated this year, and we certainly invite others to join us in '73. The top ten finishers this year were:

Stu Anderson, first, 77¼; C. O. Jones, second, 76; Andres Lisocki, third, 69; Ed Roseberry, fourth, 66¼; Bob Starck, fifth, 64; Tom Ward, sixth, 61; Curt Allen, seventh, 61; Jack Swanson, eighth, 60; Robbie Robson, ninth, 59¼; Bill Potter, tenth, 58.

## JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

### Central States District

#### Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain	Steve Robins
Fleet Secretary	Fritz Toussaint
Fleet Champion	Fritz Toussaint
Runner-Up	Bob Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1268	Robins' Egg	Steve Robins
1301	Sea Scouts	Lyle Johnson
4545	Screw Loose	Hall Bowling
6779	.....	Robert R. Pooler
7461	Prairie Nymph	Ralph Persson
7663	.....	Bill Patterson
8761	.....	Colby Hamilton
9025	Caro	Bob Sommers
9460	.....	Robert B. Perry
10154	.....	Fritz Toussaint
10330	Jayhawker	Bob Jones
10682	.....	Bill Merrillat

The 1972 season did not see as many boats at the starting line as anticipated. Prolonged repairs and excessive work schedules kept two prospective skippers from sailing this season.

Perennial fleet champion, Robert Jones, turned the tiller over to his twelve-year-old son, Marty. Under expert tutoring, Marty almost made fleet champion. The holiday series trophy, which Marty captured, is a very good consolation prize, though, for a first year skipper.

Crew "desertion" (son Chris got his own boat) and training a new crew kept Bill Merrillat out of the running. But there is always next year...

Steve Robins tuned old 1268 to perfection and placed first several times. We will miss him in 1973.



**PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB  
LIGHTNING FLEET (61)  
Central New York District  
Sailing on Lake Ontario, Pultneyville, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Tony Lyons  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dan Tomlinson  
Fleet Champion ..... Dan Tomlinson  
Runner-Up ..... Tony Lyons

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
588	C-Lark	Cathy & Winton Brown
617	Kismet	Jerry Walter
756	Julma	Coralee M. Manhave
2150	.....	Philip Bornarth
2153	.....	Lowell E. McCaw
2792	.....	Mark B. Smith
2850	.....	Lewis R. Thomas
2907	.....	Roy Dementint
4724	.....	Winton Brown
4879	Intrepid Too	Susan Peterson
6201	.....	Daniel W. Tomlinson
7300	Obie	Dr. Richard Arnold
7723	.....	Dr. Daniel Koretz, M.D.
9125	Tamar	Daniel W. Tomlinson
11350	Windfall	Cathy & Winton Brown
11766	Arethusa	John A. Lyons

Again Fleet 61 can report a good year with an early start. On December 18th, Cathy Clark and Winton Brown Jr. were married and in only seven months there was a new addition to the Fleet... #11350 acquired by Cathy and Win.

The year got off to a fast start with most of the boats getting in the water in May. Dick Arnold won both of the tune-up races on May 28th. Dan Tomlinson and his daughters went to Mayfield for the LSL and found it a delightful place. On June 17th and 18th, Arnold, Koretz, Lyons and Tomlinson traveled to Brockport for a team race with Hendrickson, Nelson, Pundt and Welch of Fleet 267. Brockport could not be stopped, but we'll try on our home waters next year!

The rest of the summer became hectic with fleet races and regattas. Arnold, Brown, Koretz, Lyons and Tomlinson—with Brian Smith, Susan Peterson and Mary Gwen Peterson crewing, made the Central New York District circuit. Eight Pultneyville boats sailed the 10 miles to Sodus for the Champagne Regatta.

By mid-July two additional boats had joined Fleet 61. Phil Bornarth had done a beautiful job of restoring #2150 and was in the water, ready to race. Roy Dementint had acquired #2907 and was learning the "do's and don'ts" of Lightning sailing.

With our usual mixture of light air, rain and heavy seas, we got in 6 races for the Summer Series. Three for the Night Series and five for the Fall Series. The Summer and Night Series were won by Tomlinson with Lyons winning the Fall Series. An "Old Boat" trophy was awarded for the best boat under #5000 in the Summer Series. Though the competition was keen between Brown, Peterson, Smith and Thomas, Susan Peterson won the trophy by a good margin.

Fleet prospects look good for '73. With the continued support of Earl and Millie O'Laughlin, our race committee, who have devoted so much of their time to our racing program, we should have another great year of Lightning sailing.

**SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET (62)  
Southern District  
Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain at  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Fleet Captain ..... Ross Allen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Tommy Allen  
Fleet Champion ..... Tommy Allen  
Fleet Runner-Up ..... Francis Favaloro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8606	.....	J. P. Mullally
9235	Gone With the Wind	Hampton C. Weiss
9455	Wild Goose	Ross Allen

9791	Pam	Francis Favaloro
11483	Super Mink	Juby Wynne
11712	Dutch II	Gil & Robert Whitworth
11990	.....	Paul & Annie Ferchaud
12053	Ticonderoga	Tommy Allen
Life Member		Gene Walet
Life Member		Gilbert Shieb

As the sailing season in New Orleans never ends, we arbitrarily assign the cut off date of this write up to correspond with the period normally covered by the Lightning Yearbook—Mid-November to Mid-November.

Going back then to early December, 1971, our Fleet championship was won by Fleet Captain Gil Whitworth in a three race series in light airs and 70 degree weather. The series went so well that this year's event has been scheduled for the same time slot and had not been run when this was written.

Between Christmas and New Year's Day, as usual, we held the Sugar Bowl Regatta. Also as usual, Bill Buckles made the trip down from the Northland to join us and won both races to take away another sucrose container. *Ticonderoga* with Tommy Allen at the helm took second in both races to get the second place hardware. Francis Favaloro with his boat *Pam* took both third places and got the third trophy—consistent sailing by all.

A month later, while most sailors were talking about the Southern Circuit, we sailed our Mardi Gras Regatta at the New Orleans Yacht Club. This series, I am sorry to say, was not sailed in 70 degree weather. In fact, it was cold and windy—just the conditions Buck Ballatin likes. He took the series with two firsts and a second. Tommy Allen was second with Greg Zettler third.

In the slight interval between the Mardi Gras Regatta and Southern Yacht Club's 124th Opening Regatta in April, our Fleet acquired two new boats: Paul and Annie Ferchaud and Tom Allen were the new owners. The Opening Regatta, if it showed anything, showed that new boats need tuning. Fleet Captain Gil Whitworth sailed away with the race in fine style. Tommy Allen was second with Juby Wynne third.

By the time the Fleet held its first invitational series, Tommy had his boat in tune to take the silver. Francis Favaloro was second with Greg Zettler third.

In the second invitational, better known as the Cajun Classic, Greg Zettler, better known as the Count, of the NOYC was unbeatable, taking all three races. In a series marked by high winds, turn overs, and broken masts, Trippy Tubbs took second overall, with Buck Ballatin third.

The Stratton Series, sailed in late May, was taken for the eighth time by Tommy Allen with Ross Allen finishing a close second.

Our Fleet was well represented at the Southern District Championships sailed at Shreveport, Louisiana, this year. Francis Favaloro took the Championship with Gil Whitworth third and Tommy Allen fifth.

The Fleet again did well in the Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championship sailed at Lake Charles, Louisiana. There Gil, Francis, and Tommy again took three of the five top spots.

The Fleet was glad to be back on Lake Pontchartrain in early August for the annual sailing of the Capdeville Memorial Regatta. The winds were light and all races were taken by Allens with Ross getting the first and Tommy the second two and the first place silver pitcher.

Tommy Allen represented the Fleet at Rehoboth in the Nationals and learned, as he usually does, that people from the Southland just don't go fast in northern waters.

The Fleet hosted, as it annually does, a Labor Day Series on September 2 and 3. This year's events had boats from near and far, but the winds favored the local group. Gil took the first race, Buck Ballatin the second, and Tommy Allen the third. In the final standings, consistent sailing paid off, and Buck carried off the big silver with Tommy Allen second and "Count" Zettler third.

Just as his father took the Fleet Championship earlier, Robert Whitworth copped the Ethan Allen Crew Championship in mid-September. Brad Kemp and Bill Favaloro, two other sterling crew, tied for second with Larry Beron getting third place. This win marked the second straight year Robert has won the championship.

One of the genuinely nice Regattas held in the deep South is hosted each fall by the Jackson Yacht Club in Jackson, Mississippi. Called the Hospitality Regatta, it truly lives up to its name. This year's Lightning Fleet had boats from all over Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The series consisting of three races was won by one

of our new members, Paul Ferchaud. Tommy Allen took second to give us a clean sweep of the silver awarded.

To ring down the curtain on the year's sailing, SYC held its 124th Closing Regatta on November 4 and 5. This race was taken by Trippy Tubbs sailing Tommy Allen's *Ticonderoga*. Paul Ferchaud, showing that his Jackson win was no fluke, finished second, with Ross Allen third.

As this is being written, boats are being readied for the forthcoming Fleet Championship and the near-at-hand Sugar Bowl and Mardi Gras Regattas before any thought is given to the Southern Circuit—so whenever any of you want to journey down, warm up and race—come on down to the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans—you're always welcome.



Fleet 69 champion, Don Casser, and his ladder of success.

1972 developed into one of our most active and competitive seasons in the quest for the fleet championship. In spite of rain, fog, and more fog, the fleet sailed 17 season series races. To do this, we scheduled several races on Sunday as well as our regular Saturday races. This, coupled with our Wednesday night races (2 short ones in the outer harbor), and the various regattas both at home and in the district, produced a bountiful summer of sailing.

Don Casser captured the fleet championship with Dean Cady and Guy Scrivner close behind. This year we divided our fleet championship series in half, with separate recognition given for the first and second halves of the season, with both halves counting for the over-all standings. Standings varied slightly between the halves, with a top three of Casser, Cady and Barrett for the first half, and Casser, Scrivner and Cady for the second half. The battle for third over-all in the Fleet Championship carried down to the last race of the season with Guy Scrivner topping Dave Barrett.

Division II for Centerboarders, the Club's annual Memorial Day Marine Handicap race (based on Portsmouth numbers) was won by Don Casser, with Dean Cady and Dave Barrett 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Fourth place was taken by Ron Meisner of Racine, in a Thistle, with Ensworth Reisner placing fifth.

Our 27th annual P & T Regatta, held on July 8-9, turned out 24 boats, with Bob Smither of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club's Fleet 5 taking top honors, with Don Casser second, and Bob Spitz of Chicago Corinthian, third.

The annual "Little Mackinac," a 14-mile handicap race (Portsmouth numbers) for centerboarders was won by John Esser, with Gordon Briner (Int'l. 14) second, followed by Sandy Cutler, Dean Cady, and Guy Scrivner in Lightnings. Our Wednesday night series was won by John Esser, followed by Al Rieselbach and Dean Cady. The Brill Series, our last event of the season, was won by John Esser, with Byron Roe and Dean Cady close behind.

Even with our active fleet activities, we managed to be well represented at the out-of-town regattas. Our best showings were John Esser with a second in the Districts at Green Bay, and Don Casser placing second at Sheboygan's Brotz Regatta.

We also are very proud of Skipper Linda Casser who, with her mother Carolyn and Nancy Trumpf as crew, placed second in the Adams Cup semi-finals held in Buffalo; and Dan McLaughlin and crew, Jeff Casser and Dick Milaege, who placed second in the Sears Cup quarter-finals held in Milwaukee. Linda Casser is also an instructor in the Club's junior sailing program.

In addition to a strong fleet program, many of our junior sailors are active in the Club's Junior Sailing Program, which is under the auspices of the Junior Committee headed by Dean Cady. The senior instructor is Lightning sailor, Mark Reisner.

With the 1973 helm in the capable hands of Fleet Captain, Byron Roe, and Vice Fleet Captain, Dave Barrett, we expect the quality of our fleet to continue to improve.

## MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)

### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain .....	Dean S. Cady
Fleet Secretary .....	Lois A. Cady
Fleet Champion .....	Donald G. Casser
Runner-Up .....	Dean S. Cady

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5953	Scarlett	David G. Mountain
6607	After You	Howard Frank, Sr.
7747	Alice Bee	Virgil J. Berry, Jr.
8889	Betsy	Robert J. Casper
9634	Bluefin	Byron K. Roe, Jr.
9655	Holy Smoke IV	Ensworth Reisner
10206	.....	Robert W. Krug
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
10387	Barb III	Guy Scrivner
10799	Ragtime	David M. Barrett
11077	Beauty and the Beasts	Martin J. McLaughlin
11442	Rampage	Dean S. & Dana Cady
11589	Ruddigore	Alexander M. Cutler
11888	Happiness Is III	Donald G. Casser
11903	.....	Robert C. Mahnke
12057	Hollow Log	Allen N. Rieselbach

## ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain .....	Pete Carsten
Fleet Secretary .....	John Horton
Fleet Champion .....	Wally Sellars
Runner-Up .....	Paul Auer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedy Too	John L. & John B. Horton
8650	Pip	R. Donaldson
9498	Bonnie Lass	Bill Summers
9580	Fede III	Paul Auer
9902	Lucky Starr III	Pete Carsten
10348	Heffalump	Charles M. Simpson III
10646	Sting Rea	John Rea
10785	Lollipop	Marge Christiansen
10790	Green Boat	George Palmer
10815	Nugget	George Copeland
10970	Groundpounder	Joe Lydon
11114	Gunga Din	Roger Wach
11511	Pink-In-Law	Bill Rudge, Ed Kennedy, & John Mueller, Jr.
11533	S.O.S.	John Zangerle & O. Eugene Wood

11538	Beaupre	William Kirby
11700	Ragboat	Jim Disch, Jr. & Sr.
11876	Aprthak Siddee	Ken Gilbert
11912	Blue Bird	Wally Sellars
11931	Oliver	Harry Hooker
12040	Scuppers	Dave Jeffries
12048	Pickled Fink	Jack Mueller
12049	Tickled Pink	John Mueller

What a year we had! The Adams Cup Races were hosted by The Cleveland Yachting Club and Lightning Fleet No. 71. Boats owned by Fleet 71 members were used in our Club eliminations and were then loaned to The Edgewater Yacht Club for The Adams Quarter Finals and again at C.Y.C. for The Adams Finals. Eight finalist crews representing the U.S.A. and Canada competed for The North American Women's Sailing Championship.

This year we inaugurated The Chinese Fire Drill Series. The trophy is a model of a Chinese Mandarin's Yacht with The Seven Gods of Good Fortune aboard. Invitations were sent to all C.Y.C. members, their wives, children, stink boaters or sailors. Any one of eight reasons was sufficient for eligibility: 1) You've always wanted to skipper a sailboat; 2) You used to have a sailboat; 3) You might want to own a sailboat; 4) Your doctor thinks you need the relaxation(???); 5) Your wife wants you to sail a boat; 6) Your wife doesn't want you to sail a boat; 7) Just for the halibut; 8) Any other reason you can dream up. Twelve guest skippers showed up and the boats were crewed by two of the regular crewmen. Commodore Al Mastics hadn't been on a sailboat for 16 years, but he won anyhow in a very close series. This Series is considered an outstanding success as we expect three of the contestants to join our fleet in 1973. The Chinese Fire Drill Series will henceforth be an annual bash!

Then we had this weird race. A 4.8 mile triangular course was set up in a 3-5 mile breeze. Fifteen boats (we think) started. As the fleet neared the first mark, the darned thing disappeared in a fog. Thick? We had to shovel our way through it! One crewman was suffering from a hangover and kept complaining about sharks and barracudas swimming overhead. We all made it around the first mark o.k. We lined up our compasses for the next mark "only" 1.4 miles away. We all rounded that one o.k. too because Eddy Disch ran into it with his power boat and called us to the mark via his loud speaker. Then we set a course for the 3rd mark. (Almost) all of us never found it. We sailed back and forth and round and round and Eddy Disch used his radar and depth sounder and fish finder and gyro-compass and even his eyeball and he never did find it. We think it dissolved in a mixture of industrial smog and water. We wanted to scrap the race but two spoilsports wouldn't let us. Doc Sellars claimed he went around all the marks so we gave him first place (he was born on George Washington's birthday). John Horton said he went around all of them too, so we gave him last place (mostly cause he's always so darned agreeable). The rest of us took a D.N.F. and crashed and banged our way back to port. That's when I decided to give up sailing for the year!

## INDIAN RIVER YACHT CLUB (72)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on Indian River, Oak Orchard, Delaware

Fleet Captain ..... Jim Mumford  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Purnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3481		Jim Mumford
7592	Capricorn	Ed Niemann
9527	Bo-Bo III	Bob Purnell
11597	Esprit	Bill Wainwright
11601	Avenger	Ken Pfister

Fleet 72 activity was very limited, with the annual CBYRA sanctioned regatta being the highlight of the season. It was the weekend of September 23rd and we again had much better than normal weather. The two races Saturday were blessed with nice medium wind. The third race Sunday looked hopeless with all the boats being towed to the starting line. After some delay, a light wind developed, and the race was sailed. There was a fair turnout of boats with seventeen arriving and sixteen in the races.

The top five places were Dave Racine first, Al Dutton second, Nancy Hastings third, Bob Purnell fourth and Arnie Schwartz fifth.

The Indian River Yacht Club apologizes for not having the usual cocktail party and other activities due to the club being under extensive reconstruction. This will all be completed before next season, so do come to next year's regatta when things will be back to normal, with a whole of a nicely improved clubhouse.

## DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

### Mississippi Valley District

#### Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain ..... Roger Miller  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dr. Bob Forbes  
Fleet Champion ..... Roger Grohne  
Runner-up ..... Bob Ohlsen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
464	Guam-Bear	Dick Price
1447	White Lightnin'	Greg Florian
2516		Keros Cartwright
2915	Laura	Dave Carr
3214		Keith Chesney & Irving Schwartz
6446		Steve Dodge & Dave Marshall
6633	Denis-the-Menace	Dr. Robert Forbes
7903	Blixt	Bill Wis
8091	Caution	Malcolm Forbes
9678	Intrepid	Roger L. Grohne
10700		Russ Marande
10100		Bob Ohlsen & James Lackman
10527		Roger Miller
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd Irish
11133		J. Parke Boyer
11880	Aeolus VI	Bill Buckles
12083		Welland A. Hause

Our Fleet's get-together at Bill and Barbara Wis' in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., after the U. of I. Basketball game last February was an enjoyable way of "jumping-up" the season. To those of you in the fleet who did not make it: try harder next year! We miss you; and you missed another good time.

By April most of us were in and going at the "Spring Series" racing with the determination brought on by Winter's effect of wishful thinking.

Our race director, former Lightning sailor Harry Hake, advised us that there was an average of 6 Lightnings at the starting line for the series.

The Spring Series faded quickly into commencement of the Summer Saturday and Sunday Series with the advent of our annual Memorial Day Lower Basin Cruise and Young Peoples' Camp-out. There were 5 or 6 Lightnings at anchor in our neighboring cove, in the basin across the low Lost Bridge. Some of our "newer" Lightning sailors found out how we "old-timers" used to live in the days of "wet-sailing". Navigation of yacht in crowded harbor areas will be a subject for this winter's meeting with the hope that a certain Venture sailor and party crew can attend. We understand that they were out collecting quite a few anchor lines on one clear star-lite night last May.

Our next group activity came in the shape of the Mississippi Valley District Championship held in Lake Carlyle, Ill. Decatur's fleet 74 was represented by: Bill Buckles, Dale Keltner, Lloyd Irish, Bob Ohlsen, Roger Miller, Greg Florian and Roger Grohne.

This regatta was held prior to our knowledge of a place in Belleville, Ill., having to do with "coal" and "bins" or buckets or something. Anyway, Decatur's representatives stayed pretty cool and came home with most of the trophies.

The trophies were really worth trying for with extra effort. They were beautifully handmade (from a broken Lightning rudder) by Joe G'Sell of St. Louis. He had constructed five half-hull Lightning models with full rigging, including the hiking straps. The sail on each of the five models carries the number 1972. Throwing modesty out for a moment, we wish to acknowledge that we are proud to display our trophy in a place of honor in our home. Thank you again, Joe, And a Fleet 74 thanks the sailors at Carlyle for putting on a fine regatta!



Another "highlight" of the year (seems like we have a lot of those doesn't it? Wonder if any other fleet parties as much as this one?) was the Commodore Decatur Yacht Club's Fourth of July Pig Roast. Weather was not too great but the party sure was. The Race Director for the Club set up a race course and a handicap system featuring a Team Race using one Snipe, one Thistle and one Lightning for each team. The fleet's start was held up as we were a Thistle short; now get this: We talked Bill Buckles and Mike Hagerty, who had just returned at noon from the regatta in Kansas into sailing Lightning 1447 (Greg Florian's) and to report to the Race Director that they were representing a Thistle boat to complete a team. This they did and needless to say they walked away from ALL of the rest of us. Wish they'd been on my team! The best remark heard on the beach after the race was Greg's dad asking Greg to repeat all the reasons Greg thought that he should have a new or newer boat. Looks like Greg will be sailing 1447 for at least another season or two.

Our C.D.Y.C. annual Invitational Regatta has been reported in *Flashes* so we'll not add anything to it now except to say: to you local Lightning sailors who did not enter, come with us next year. Be a greeter, loader or unloader, mast-stepper, man the registration desk, mop the head floor or something, to get to know the visitors and the racing fraternity. You'll never forget the associations and friends you'll meet!

Our Fall Series is now over and our trophy dinner is tonight (October 28th). Our docks and equipment have not yet been winterized but we'll get to it—next week, we hope. The ICE-BOATERS have been seen with a lean and hungry look on the grounds lately.

To our Lightning friends-by-name everywhere and to those we haven't met—YET: have a good winter, get the sanding, varnishing, and go-fasts fixed and new ones installed and make the yacht beautiful 'cause we have it on good authority that there will be a 1973 season; hope we're all here and ready when the 10 minute shape is hoisted! Oh, yes, and a great big thank you and a hug for Helen and the sailors in Worthington for doing their exemplary job.

Racing results follow (names listed in order of finish)—  
Spring Series: Dale Keltner, Dann Ohlsen, Roger Grohne.

Summer Saturday: R. Grohne, Lloyd Irish, Bob Ohlsen.

Summer Sunday (Championship heats): Roger Grohne, Jim Lackman, Jack Boyer, Lloyd Irish.

Handicap Series Lightning Pos.: R. Grohne, B. Buckles, L. Irish.

Fall Series: R. Grohne, J. Lackman, R. Miller.

## NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)

### Metropolitan District

#### Sailing on Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain .....	Bill Reeve
Fleet Secretary .....	Gary Hurban
Fleet Champion .....	Tom DeStasio
Runner-Up .....	Bill Day

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3108	Sugar Plum	Warren Schroeder
3322	.....	Mons Grinager
7545	Flame Glo	Keith Lyman
7616	.....	Rod Johnson
7633	Gremlin	Kenneth Pfleger
7675	.....	Curtis Koster
7852	Q.E.D.	Donald Mead
7971	.....	Ralph Bloch
8182	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
8272	Bateau de L'eau	Martin Low
8323	Wind Song	Howard Dexter
8612	.....	John Russell
8696	.....	Robert Cilette
9100	Madame Blue	Thomas DeStasio
9383	.....	Charles Brown
10225	Lady Bug	Bill Reeve
10862	.....	David Brown
10957	.....	James Dixon
11239	Avonti	William Day
11273	.....	Bob & Mark Graham
12066	.....	John Schneider
12166	Ro-Jo IV	Joe Hoffee



"Gee Tom, I told you we should bring the light air sheets."

Fleet 75 started its 1972 season on May 7th and enjoyed good sailing through October 29th, completing a total of 19 point races.

Results from our endeavors are as follows: Spring Series—Tom DeStasio, (2) Dave Brown, (3) Marty Low; Summer Series—(1) Tom DeStasio, (2) Bill Day, (3) Gary Hurban; Fall Series—(1) Tom DeStasio, (2) Dave Brown, (3) Gary Hurban; Guy Moulton Regatta (1) John Schneider, (2) Andy Low, (3) Tom DeStasio; Labor Day Regatta (1) Tom DeStasio, (2) Joe Hoffee, (3) Bill Day.

Wood Lightnings made a comeback at Nyack this year. The 1st and 3rd place boats in each series were wood. These boats were also among top contenders from Nyack at neighboring Fleet Regattas, which were as follows: Southerland Regatta (Fleet 41)—(1) Tom DeStasio, (2) Andy Low; Mid-Hudson Regatta—(1) Tom DeStasio; Shattemoc Regatta—(1) Dave Brown, (2) Joe Hoffee, (3) Gary Hurban; Tarrytown Last Chance Regatta—(1) Tom DeStasio, (2) Bill Reeve, (3) Dave Brown.

Tom DeStasio recaptured the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association Lightning trophy which he had won last year, by once again having the best cumulative point score in H.R.Y.R.A. competition.

We were sorry to see John Riegler and George Garrecht leave our fleet. On the plus side, we welcome our new members: Bob and Kim Gilette, Mons and Viva Grinager, Rod Johnson, and Curt Koster.

Our Dry Sailing Area was expanded and paved this year. This has taken a lot of the "oomph" out of boat pushing, and is a great asset at our Regattas. If you are in the area, stop in and try it! You'll like it!

## NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain .....	Russell Morton
Fleet Secretary .....	Ernest Brown, Jr.
Fleet Treasurer .....	Clippie Morton
Fleet Champion .....	Richard Doherty
Runner-Up .....	John S. McIntosh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
575	.....	George Gray
2105	.....	Charles & Patricia Donner
3608	Guppy	Ernest Butler
3667	Pixie	Michael Myerson



5875	.....	Dr. K. W. Piper
7087	Blue Jeans	Howard Sabin
7528	Edelweiss	Wm. A. MacDonald
7535	Cordelia	Raymond Mercier
7632	Allegro	Ralph Hamaker
8006	Windswept	Allan Perry
8322	Geneva	Eugene Wheeler
8755	Anemone	C. Edwin Howe
9386	Anwyl	Russell Morton
9813	Ghost	Ernest Brown
10096	Sparkle Plenty	Allen Hamilton
10487	Our Gal III	Paul & T. D. Jungjohann
10679	.....	Richard Zuegel
11050	Irish V	Richard Doherty
11051	.....	Albert H. Platt III
11074	Kopikat	Howard Stickney
11924	Tamar	Dr. Jakob Schaechter
12024	.....	Arnold & Steven C. Sals
12079	Blue Jacket VI	Dr. John & James I. McIntosh
12151	Zing	Anthony Orlen



Waiting for the start.

Our 1972 season started early in March with a "Racing Symposium". It was a five-week course covering the subjects of:

1. Starting tactics and rules, windward leg; 2. Things that happen on a Race Course—Some shouldn't; 3. Reaching and Running—Rounding marks; 4. How to do better in Light, Middle, Heavy air sailing; 5. Sails, Sail design.

It was a great way to get our skippers and crew ready for the Spring Series which started in mid-May.

The Irondequoit Bay was blessed this year with excellent weekend weather. Fleet 77 was able to offer 51 races to its membership. There is much to be said about "Practice Makes Perfect". Dick Doherty proved it by sailing 47 races and winning this year's club championship.

The highlight of our season was the opportunity to serve as the 1972 District Regatta host club. We were pleased with the entry of 43 boats, a record for a District Regatta we understand. There was plenty of enthusiasm and excitement. A line squall which blew

in from Lake Ontario cancelled the last race halfway around the course, but before the boats could make shore, competitors and spectators alike experienced some unusual thrills in boat handling expertise. Richard Hallagan's spectacular spinnaker run will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be watching.

Our Junior crews were out in full force this year, with races held Saturday afternoons. The young people had a great time learning sailing and racing techniques. They finished the season as follows:

1st, David Stickney; 2nd, Duane Perry; 3rd, David Jungjohann; 4th, Sterling Brown; 5th, Bill MacDonald.

The Sunday sailors finished this year's season as follows:

Club Championships: 1st, Richard Doherty; 2nd, John S. McIntosh; 3rd, Tony Orlen; 4th, Edward Howe; 5th, Howard Stickney.

The "B" Fleet Championship finished as follows:

1st, Allen Platt; 2nd, Ralph Hamaker; 3rd, Arnold Sals.

## SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

### Lake Erie District

#### Based on Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Gordon Compson
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jim Clement
Fleet Champion	.....	Tom Lafferty
Runner-Up	.....	Gord Compson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
276	Super-bolt	H. "Skip" Board
6217	Der Seiger	Bob Schmidt
6270	Chollie	Jack Robinson
7948	Boom Boom	Tom Lafferty
7950	Little Slam	Ted Kumrow
9064	Hi-Ball IV	Howard Compson
10482	Tom Tom	Tom Holmes & Tom Brown, Jr.
12230	Jelly Bean	Jim Walsh
12246	.....	Gord Compson
.....	.....	Chris Sprole

Better late than never. Last winter's hopes for improved fleet and regatta standings finally got off the ground, late in the season.

The season started with one added boat in the fleet instead of the expected three, but the weather was great and competition keen in the early series. With more boats travelling to regattas than has been our norm, and fluke weather at home, fleet activities came almost to a standstill until late August. By this time Tom Lafferty's new equipment was pulling him out to another Fleet Championship; Jim Walsh was learning to move closer in his resplendent yellow and purple (!) *Jelly Bean*, Gordy Compson had the itch (later satisfied) for a new boat to move beyond Fleet Runner-Up status, Chris Sprole wanted to turn in his good performances on a boat of his own, the Toms—Holmes and Brown—were really screaming, and the SBYC Handicap Centerboard Award, most improved sailor, went to Ted Kumrow in his second year of sailing.

We are happy to report that our post-season Fleet Meeting, after a somewhat lack-luster season, drew 24 Lightning enthusiasts including a potential of 6 new owners keenly interested in competitive racing. Plans were laid for full Fleet participation in 7 regattas plus some weekday "Fun" races for training purposes.

Actual fleet activities for the year were a real ball. Disasters included one flip in a 3 mile an hour gust (350 lbs. of beef on the lee rail and a 75 lb. monkey on the windward side), two broken stump awards—they claimed "fluke" and replaced the straight aluminum spars in kind, and one flip in the Old Timer's Race when the winds exceeded 20 knots.

Highlight of the season, of course, was our traditional Haul-Out Regatta. Sixty-nine boats, including 31 Lightnings, sought out the Upper Niagara River the fourth weekend of September to try their luck 4 miles above Niagara Falls in the autumn gales. Blessed as we are with area talent who enjoy coming to the Lake Erie District's fun club, it was great seeing Dick Hallagan upset Tommy Allen (first and second spots) and Cal Schmiede take that old pro Stu Anderson (third and fourth spots). Even the list of also-rans is great—Ed Rosebury, Immediate Past Commodore of the Lake Erie District was fifth, ever-present Jack Swanson was sixth, Andres Lisocki of Bogota, Colombia managed to take ILCA President C. O. Jones (seventh and eighth) and Ward Wilday of Cuba Lake (ninth) overcame the latest threat from the illustrious Bryant family of the B.C.C. Mark (tenth).

We are rebuilding our fleet at Sandy Beach. Wait 'til next year.

## SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB FLEET (79)

### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Michigan at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Richard Carlson
Fleet Secretary	John Devine
Fleet Champion	Robert Quinsey
Runner-Up	Tom Feller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1701	Extra Dry	John Devine
3621		Robert G. Quinsey
4853	Sea Gal	Thomas R. Feller
5479	Lisa	Phillip Darling
7505		Charles L. Blakely
7522	Snagglepuss	Richard Carlson
8999	Blue Chip	George Ashton
12109	Gotcha	John Nobel

Fleet #79 started the '72 season with a Spring Beer and Brats Bash held at Lisa and Phil Darlings. It was a potluck affair, the food delicious, the beer cold and the company delightful. Unfortunately, the weatherman did not cooperate, and after enjoying the food everyone moved inside.

The racing schedule was a full one with three series planned. On Wednesdays the South Shore Social Sailing Series were held with all classes competing on a handicap basis. Friday night was a "pick up" type race for Fleet #79. On Saturdays, South Shore Yacht Club sponsored a Season Series for Lightnings.

Out of a possible 30 races, only 17 were held. Fog and rain caused the 13 remaining races to be cancelled.

On the basis of 6 Wednesday, 6 Friday, and 5 Saturday races the Fleet Champion is Robert Quinsey in *W/rapid* and the Runner-up is Tom Feller in *Sea Gal*.

## BUFFALO YACHT CLUB FLEET (81)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Lake Erie at Point Abino, Ontario

Fleet Captain	Norman J. "Korky" Kantowski
Fleet Secretary	John F. Steve
Fleet Champion	Alan C. Coho
Runner-Up	Dr. Lawrence Beahan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1683	Jabberwock	Margaret Koegler
3629		R. William Larson
5300	Villain	Dr. Francis O'Donnell
7622	Lucky II	Richard M. Holcombe
8840	Spindrift	Cooper N. Lansing
9000	Shimmy	Rev. John F. Steve
9082	Tonnie II	Donald E. Gorey
9620	O.J.	Norman J. Kantowski
9705	Sun Dance	Dr. Lawrence Beahan
11456	Super Suds	Alan C. Coho
		James J. Macris

It was an active racing season at Fleet 81 with some tough competition and exciting finishes. Al Coho in *Super Suds* won the Spring Series, second went to Larry Beahan in *Sun Dance* and third to Don Gorey in *Tonnie II*. With *Super Suds* tuned, Al Coho with a super crew again took first in the Summer Series, followed by Don Gorey and third Larry Beahan.

Al Coho kept his championship form, and again won the Fall Series, with Larry Beahan second, and Don Gorey third.

Before the racing season began, Cooper Lansing capsized and lost his boat after a Lake Erie tug rescued him and his crew.

Our Fleet Captain sold his boat to Cooper Lansing and we are hoping Korky will sport a new Lightning next season. A total of 7 Lightnings actively raced this season. Excellent dry sailing facilities and easy launching promise to keep our fleet growing in the years to come!

Congratulations to Mark Gorey who won the "Skippers Only" race.

A special thanks to Margaret Koegler, R. William Larson, Dr. Francis O'Donnell and James J. Macris for their support of our fleet.

And last but not least, congratulations to Albert O'Donnell who crewed for Jim Crane in the North American Championships. We do have some top sailors in Fleet 81 and with our present Junior sailing program, we are looking forward to providing some real stiff competition in district and national events.

## NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85)

### Connecticut - Rhode Island District

#### Sailing on Long Island Sound at Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Charles Zaremba
Fleet Secretary	Barry Buehler
Fleet Champion	Nelson Hoffman
Runner-Up	Barry Buehler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
374		John P. Vann
5354		John Bauer
7170		Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
7880		Kenneth H. White, Jr., M.D.
7912		Barry Buehler
9053		Charles Zaremba
9093		John Bauer
9888		James D. Francis
10003		Thomas V. Moriarty II
10697		Elton P. Kelley
10801		David M. Peterson
10901		Nelson N. Hoffman
11603		Robert Polk
12005		Gary J. O'Brien

The number of boats actively racing in Fleet 85 doubled this season and further growth is predicted for next year.

Despite stiffened competition, Nelson Hoffman repeated as fleet champion. Bob Polk took first place in the three race Labor Day series. Gary O'Brien swam off with the fleet's DEATH WISH award for the second successive year by testing spars and fittings to destruction on several occasions. John Vann in #374 proved once again that an old boat with a good skipper can still move.

Our fleet is looking forward to adding at least two more boats next season and expects to expand the racing schedule by adding a spring series.

## VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

### Pacific Northwest District

#### Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Fleet Captain	Vince Loney
Fleet Secretary	Don Pudney
Fleet Measurer	James Gilley
Fleet Champion	James Gilley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7071	Fulmar	V. Loney
7106	Haietlik	George Dickens
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris
8337	Olympia	Lou Lanser
8465	Ipsus	Wm. Rimmer
8605		G. J. Lamble
9044	Esprit	George DeVore
9268	Pirkko	Dr. R. H. Pearce
9820	Five Belles	Jim Harrison
9853	Frolic	Geoff Ince
10231	Mahi	F. Astbury
10522	Jaoker	James C. Gilley
11426	Invicta	John Clayton
11574		Paul West
11645	Martini	Don Pudney

Fleet 90 started the year 1972 with an interesting and pleasant "in house" program before the wet sailing began in earnest. Three sessions during the first three months were attended by practically all fleet members. Tuning, rigging, and racing rules were discussed by the old hands for the benefit of the newer members.

We should take this opportunity to welcome to the brotherhood of Lightning sailors—John and Betty Lamble, George and Shirley Dickens, Dick and Joyce Pearce, Don and Ruth Pudney, and to bid farewell to George and Joan DeVore who have gone to the shelter of a cruising boat.

In May, when the winds are fresh and the sun warm, the sailing season really gets under way. The week-end series and the Thursday evening series were well attended and we had good turn-outs for the special events. Fleet 90 hosted the Pacific Coast Championships this year with representatives from California, Oregon and Washington States of U.S.A. and British Columbia, Canada competing. Geoff Ince (Fleet 90) with crew Carole Spooner and Dennis Lacey were able to hold off the strong pressure of the California boats to take top honors. Warren Gross was second and Stan Starkey was third—



"I wouldn't recommend heading-up any higher. That giant looks pretty seasick to me."

both of California.

Part of the fleet trailed and sailed to regattas throughout the district; trailed to Chelan, Eugene, Portland and Seattle and sailed across the Straights of Georgia to Maple Bay where we were joined by John Benedetti of Portland and Bill Elfindahl of Seattle who trailed up to help celebrate the revival of Fleet 64 at their Labor Day Regatta. The winds at Maple Bay which blow (waft may be a better word) around the mountains and through the channels of the Gulf Islands have to be experienced to be appreciated. Geoff Ince again did the best reading and took top spot. Our traditional stop-over at a little marine park called Tent Island, where we had a marvelous cook-out, campfire and sleep on the beach under the stars, was the highlight of the return trip.

We competed (that is to say we didn't win) in the annual fleet team races of the Pacific Northwest District on Lake Washington at Seattle and had as much fun as the winners. Maple Bay, last year's winner, just failed to hold off Seattle and had to surrender the coveted oak cask which has been around so long that it will no longer hold its two gallons of red wine which the loser must offer as tribute to the new winner. These team races have to be one of the most exciting forms of sailing competition and Fleet 213, with special mention to Bill Elfindahl and Rod Johnson are to be congratulated for their very fine effort.

With the fog and the rain returning more and more frequently to the Bay our thoughts turn to wood fires and plans to make the season of 1973 another good year for Lightning sailors.

## AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95) Metropolitan District Based on Greenwood Lake At Awosting, Hewitt, N.J.

Fleet Captain ..... Ronald Wulff  
Fleet Secretary ..... Chris Nearing  
Fleet Champion ..... Jack Sengstacken  
Runner-Up ..... Royal Sengstacken

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
762	Anntiki	Ronald Wulff
1378	.....	John Wilson
1788	.....	Fred Hohensee
2911	.....	Dennis Coymen
3380	.....	Ole Olsen
4870	.....	Jay Watnick
5990	.....	Nicholas Boon, Jr.
6003	.....	Wilson J. Cupides
6927	.....	John Pier, Jr.
9704	Banjo	John Sengstacken
10043	.....	Ben Fortmann
10215	Ho-Ho	Hans Holterhoff
10218	Chuclin II	Cher & Robert Howell
10229	Triton II	Milton Titon
10282	Tangerino	Royal Sengstacken
10405	Yellowbird	Walter Lane
10863	.....	Jack Morrison

Well, old Fleet 95 came out of hibernation a little late this year due to our long, wet spring season (you know that), but then rallied quickly and entered four boats in the Metropolitan District Regatta at Lake Wallenpaupac, Pa. Result: no hardware, but lots of fun and comradeship. After this, the attendance at home in our twice each week-end schedule of races just grew and grew—in both our "A" and "B" Fleet competition.

A short rundown on the "A" Fleet goes something like this: early in the season Chet Howell seemed to have that magic something as he crept away consistently from all comers. With son, Bob, and our pretty Fleet Secretary crewing, it looked as if he would "sew up" everything. Then came our 6-race Championship Series and Jack Sengstacken turned up his *Banjo* enough to drown out Chet's *Chuclin II* and cop the series. Then to make matters worse, Jack's brother, Roy Sengstacken put some spit on the bottom of his boat and ran off with the last two series. Chet was last seen polishing up his boat . . . for sale? . . . again?

"A" Fleet Firsts were: Secretary Series, Jack Sengstacken; Rear Commodore Series, Chet Howell; Vice Commodore Series, Chet Howell; Commodore Series, Chet Howell; Championship Series, Jack Sengstacken; Labor Day, Bob Sengstacken; Howell Memorial Series, Roy Sengstacken.

A summary of our "B" Fleet action parallels that of the "A" Fleet only a few yards back with newcomer Ole Olsen in 3380 running for what looked like a sure clean sweep for the season. Then Ron Wulff's *Anntiki* finally put it all together in the nick of time to grab away the Championship Series pennant and slammed the door in the Labor Day Event. Funny thing here, but Ole was last seen checking his bottom too.

"B" Fleet Firsts were: Secretary Series, Ole Olsen; Rear Commodore Series, Ole Olsen; Vice Commodore Series, Ole Olsen; Commodore Series, Ole Olsen; Championship Series, Ron Wulff; Labor Day, Ron Wulff.

Besides participating in the District Championships, our fleet sent boats to other regattas in the District — Lake Mohawk, where we played hide and go seek — Lake Wallenpaupac, where we placed two boats in the top five — and Hi Tor, on the Hudson River where we took *all* the goodies, man.

On a September week-end we hosted our annual Whiskerpole Regatta, entertaining 19 boats during which some hot-shot from Monmouth Boat Club (Sandy Huntsman) ran away with the spoon (3 Firsts) in some boom-swinging, mast bustin', capsizin' stuff.

To sum it all up, a very successful season was enjoyed by all who sailed, danced, cooked-out, refereed, and protested, - - protested? Oh well - - if you're reading this to see what goes at Fleet 95, let me say this to you: prospects for new members look real good as more Lightnings are turning up on our lake. Could it be the swimming? Fact remains, we *are* growing in number. Come on down, sail with us, old boat or new, there's a place for you. Try us, you'll like us!

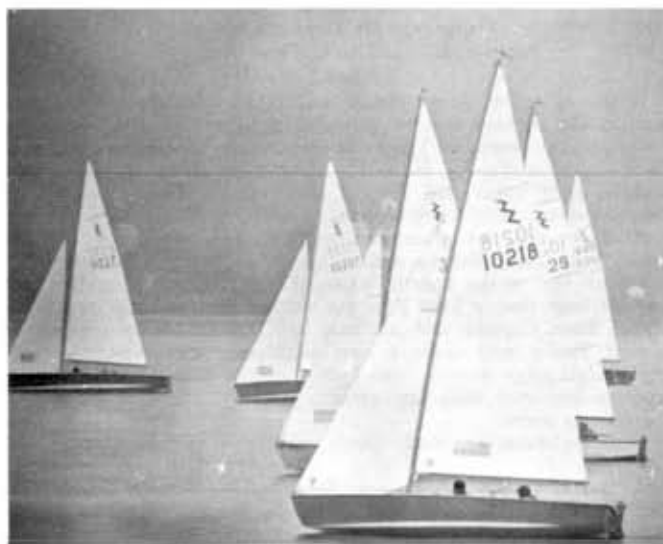


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"Ah, the gentle relaxation and tranquil peace of sailing."  
"Knock it off and play the jib—they just gained three feet on us."



# **NORTHPORT BAY FLEET (98)** **Greater Long Island District** **Northport Bay at Northport, New York**

Fleet Captain	Bill Jorch
Fleet Secretary	Bill Kirkpatrick
Fleet Champion	Walter Scott
Runner-Up	Ron Lange
No. 3	Bill Jorch
No. 4	King Lotz
No. 5	Ched Rogan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1732	Triton	Jim Longworth
4713	Jezebel	Richard Flick
5890	Escargot	Bill Kirkpatrick
6059	Aeolus	David F. & David F., Jr. Gebhard
6973		C. William Eilers, Jr.
7155	Mayfair	Gerald F. Sweeney
7851	Bo Peep	Pete Hannan
8118	Aquarius	Joseph Marino
8232	Marce	Al Davison, Jr.
8237	Cheetah	John Locascio & Dennis Crecca
8632	Stryx II	Lawrence W. Waters
8718	Phoenix	Walter Mitten
9076	Golden Eye	William D. Spiegel
9234		Marshall Cleland
9649	Quasar	Bill Carroll
9981	Helion	Jerome Schmitt
10033	Xanadu	Charles J. Dieges
10243	Tweedle Beetle	Ronald A. Lange
10260	Hull-a-Blue	Jack Heaviside
10339	Blue	A. Richard Holtz
10380	D.M.B.	Bud Reiss
10440	Princess "D"	Frank H. Sacken
10725	Spook	Walter Scott
10841	Henry II	R. P. Arleo
11248		Ched B. Rogan
11295	Winsome	Pat Murphy
11444	Conrail	A. King Lotz, Jr. & III
11958		Lawrence W. Milas
12004	Elixir	Anthony V. Curto, Jr.
12013		James P. Fulfaro
12170	Maid Marion	William C., William F., & Deborah Jorch

1972 was a big year for Fleet 98 and, although Walter Scott maintained a winning lead throughout the season, the competition for the Fleet championship was hard fought.

1972 will be remembered as the year of a very successful morning start program conceived by Bill Jorch Sr., and as the year of a most successful invitational regatta, ably managed by Tony Curto.

The better than average winds in '72 gave us a season where Fleet 98 skippers were able to sail and finish in more races than ever before. In addition to the regular Sunday schedule and the three holiday regattas, the 1972 season was topped off with an excellent Fall Series organized by Fleet Captain Ron Lange.

But all good things must come to an end and Fleet 98's 1972 season was officially closed at the Annual Awards Night on December 2. The ceremonies were graciously hosted this year by Ruth and Ron Lange at their home in Huntington where trophies were presented to Walter Scott as Fleet Champion, second place to Ron Lange and third, fourth, and fifth place trophies presented to Bill Jorch, King Lotz and Ched Rogan for their racing performances in the Summer Series.

Awards were also given to Bill Jorch as winner of the Fall Series and to Ched Rogan and Stephanie Schmitt who finished second and third in the Fall.

First, second and third place handicap trophies were presented to Jack Heaviside, Larry Milas and Tony Curto.

After presentation of awards the Nomination Committee presented the 1973 slate of officers to the assembled Fleet. The election of Bill Jorch Jr. to Fleet Captain, Bill Kirkpatrick to Fleet Secretary and Jim Fulfaro to Fleet Treasurer was by unanimous and enthusiastic acclaim.

The announcements by Walter Scott of his retirement from racing and by Tony Curto of his planned relocation brought the only unhappy moments of the evening. Their conspicuous absence from the starting line can only diminish the sport for the rest of us who recognize in Walter the qualities of a true champion and in Tony the truest competitive spirit.



*"My boat just never seems to point as high as the guys ahead of me."*

## **GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)** **Central Atlantic District** **Based on Great Egg Bay, Ocean City, N.J.**

Fleet Captain	Bill Clausen III
Fleet Secretary	Mary Anne Clausen
Fleet Champion	Art Hartford
Fleet Runner-Up	Jack MacCracken

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
741	Xis	Alexis Thielens
1723	Black Flash	Lester Asplundh
1885	Toddler	Jim Todd
2630	Seahorse	Bob Ericksen
3668	Allegro	Ed Walsh
4107	Tag	Donald J. Castagna
4220	Felicity	Armando J. DeFelice
5522	White Cap	Jim Hirsh
6001	Zorrita	Bob Leonetti
7518	Bee Jay	Dr. Paul Pettit
7705	Shaggy Dog	Jack MacCracken
9566	Passing Fancy	James Moran
10549	Come	Gordon Hanscom
10599		Robert Seidelmann
10849		David J. Castagna & Charles H. Eichorn
10895	Reject	William P. Clausen, III
11192	Sunbeam	Art Hartford
12155	Snufaluffagus	Robert Seidelmann

Fleet 99's future does not look too bright at the present time. We have been active since 1947, and have had many happy hours of racing on Great Egg Bay.

Two years ago a group of sailors left Fleet 99 for the Ocean City Y. C.'s Fleet 430. Without these members Fleet 99 could not pay the rent on their ground facilities and has let the lease terminate.

We did not have much local activity in 1972, but several of our members did travel and finished very well in local and national regattas.

Bill Clausen, sailing *Reject*, finished second in the Monmouth Boat Club's Annual Spring Series.

Bill Clausen and Bob Seidelmann teamed up for the season along with Karen Huntsman from Monmouth to win the Long John at Red Bank, take in all the major regattas on the East Coast and finish second at the North Americans at Rehoboth by a point to Jim Crane.

Bob and Bill will represent Fleet 99 at the World's in Buffalo next summer.

In the local races that were held, Art Hartford dominated Jack MacCracken and Bobby Leonetti in *Zorrita*.

We hope to find new quarters by next summer and again return to active local Lightning racing.





*Screaming across the finish line at "Hurricane Gulch."*

### SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102) California District Sailing on the Pacific Ocean at Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles Harbor

Fleet Captain ..... Mark Patty  
Fleet Secretary ..... Steve Stephens  
Fleet Champion ..... Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
673	.....	Dick Vianden
5960	Valkyrie	Robert Newman
6543	Raggedy Ann	Mark Patty
6877	.....	Leonard Campbell
7869	Paddlin	.....
	Madelyn	Wendell Harter
8020	.....	Albert Kolbe
8529	Shazam	Martin Wissner
8562	Wanderer	Jack Evarts
8748	Check Mate	Steve Stephens
9159	Inevitable	Bob Highstone
10792	Maverick	Jack Giverink
11373	Scafever	Mike Boswell

The year 1972 was a year of sailing in varied waters for Fleet 102 which included San Diego, Long Beach, L. A. Harbor (Hurricane Gulch), King Harbor, Del Rey, San Francisco and Lake Cachuma.

We managed to put together more than enough for a class in all local events and were represented in most of the out-of-town events.

This was also the year for almost every one to update his sails—as a result the boats were finishing a lot closer together and places changed frequently during a race.

Jack Giverink was probably one of the years hottest competitors, placing "in-the-money" in nearly all of the local regattas—but not without his wetter moments early in the season when both crew members went overboard (the old hiking strap failure trick) while rounding L.A. Lighthouse to windward in a 22 knot breeze. Jack recommends larger transom doors to hasten the bailing process.

Mike Boswell has been right in there "putting-it-all-together" and delivering dirty air to a lot of us.

Steve Stephens had a few moments of grandeur as he led the fleet a couple of legs in several races—he will do better and get less DSQs when he remembers the rules such as: it's a NO-NO to sail through the start-finish line in the middle of a race.

Mark Patty was the proud recipient of our now-famous "Hook" award for the most improved skipper.

... and as I always point out to my new crewman—"watch that yellow boat over there—that's the Fleet champion—he will patiently

sail along and watch for YOU to make THE mistake and he's gotcha, again." Wendell Harter, who else?

Again our annual "Hurricane Gulch Regatta" in October was a great success with five boats from San Diego showing. The day of fine racing was deliciously concluded with a steak barbecue organized by Kathy Newman with the help of all the wives.

An early Summer highlight was a family fun cruise from King Harbor to Marina Del Rey with lunch at the beautiful California Yacht Club. This also served as a fine occasion to toast our Fleet Captain Jack Evarts and his wife Joanne. Jack received a major promotion from his company but it necessitated a move to Chicago. So it was bon-voyage (inland). We will surely miss them both and will look forward to their return in the not-too-distant future.

Martin Wissner is also deserting us. His work is returning him to Colorado.

At the same time the fleet welcomed aboard three new skippers—Al Kolbe, Dick Vianden and Leonard Campbell—and at this writing three more new Lightning owners have promised to be at our fleet meeting next week.

So in spite of losing some boats, the interest in racing actually increased. We are especially encouraged by the development of some of the younger skippers and their "family" crews. Mark and Ann Patty did remarkably well—The Newmans, Bob and Kathy, showed great promise.

Everyone is showing the real competitive spirit—1973 should bring an even better season.



*Fleet Captain Chris Larsen demonstrates his skill at landing.*

### LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Chris Larsen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Jack Costanzo  
Fleet Champion ..... Charles H. Steinbacher  
Runner-Up ..... Fred Slovak

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
358	.....	J. Leslie White
657	One Shot	Dr. E. A. Zybulewski
2067	.....	Chris J. Larsen
7073	Jodi Bee	Jack Costanzo
9250	Puck	George Zabrycki
9369	.....	John J. Raggio
9484	Spook	Dave Hoff
9539	.....	Anthony M. Ventimiglia
10109	.....	Charles H. Steinbacher
10633	Star Dust Again	Fred Slovak & Aileen M. Meares
10702	Green Finn	Chris J. Larsen
12209	Flying Cloud	Dr. Ira Ross

Charlie Steinbacher won the fleet championship this year; interestingly enough, that feat was forecast in last year's racing season log. Dividing his leisure moments between Lightning sailing and flying his *Piper Woodpecker*, he just managed to edge out "Old Man Lightning," Fred Slovak, who placed second. Jack Costanzo slipped by Chris Larsen to take third place.

The Sunday Series was as closely contested this year as it has ever been. Almost every participating crew had an opportunity to celebrate a Sunday victory in the Club lounge and autograph the Rooster. This gave the Series an exciting dimension. The actual outcome was unknown until stormy weather compelled the race committee to cancel the last regular series race.

The Commodore's trophy is a special race at the Lavallette Race Club and marks the end of the summer sailing season. Dave Hoff, who couldn't put it all together all season long, sailed away from everyone in this race to collect the silver.

Next year promises to be even more of a scramble. Dr. Ira Ross, who sat out half the season waiting for a new boat, won the Sieder Cup near the end of the season and won the Fleet's Fall Series, put everyone on notice to watch out next year! Two new members—George Zabrycki and John Raggio show some signs of being able to reshuffle the Sunday standings, too. And then, of course, there's Fred—Fred, who was sure that Charlie would fade in the last race. What about that last race, Fred? What about the storm?

## GROTON LONG POINT YACHT CLUB (105)

### Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Fishers Island Sound at Groton Long Point, Connecticut

Fleet Captain ..... Frederick W. Berggren, Jr.  
Fleet Secretary ..... Mark Church  
Fleet Champion ..... Frederick W. Berggren, Jr.  
Runner-Up ..... Richard Froh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
35	.....	William Coldwell
5214	.....	Clement Deliso
5655	.....	Theodore Olmsted
7247	.....	Frank Conrad
7925	.....	Clement Deliso
9483	.....	Jamie Y. Black
9590	.....	Robert Jennings
9592	.....	Bruce Holstein
10435	.....	Frederick Berggren, Jr.
11395	.....	Jack Kingston

No Report.

## GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

### Central New York District Sailing at Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, N.Y.

Fleet Secretary ..... R. W. Hallagan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9956	.....	Hal Ekeren
11355	.....	Dick Hallagan
11537	.....	L. Tiedemann

We hosted the Champagne Regatta on very short notice. (Hurricane Agnes left Keuka Lake with high water that took two months to drain off.) So, the Sodus Bay location and the Pultneyville personnel put this regatta back in business. Thirty-six boats attended and the free champagne flowed and flowed. There is nothing nicer than a champagne hangover!

Dick Doherty, Dave Penfield, and Dick Hallagan were all tied up after two races. In the last race, Hallagan nosed out Penfield to take first overall; but Doherty was still blowing bubbles out his ears.

We'd like to say "see you all back next year," but this regatta was only "out on loan."

## GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

### Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay at Eagles Nest Marina

Fleet Captain ..... Paul Otto  
Assistant Captain ..... Genie Williams  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dick Vogels  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Rick Evans  
Fleet Champion ..... Lyle Bracker  
Runner-Up ..... Bill Hayes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1578	Moon Dog II	Fred Dorband

2508	Baby	Carl Witteborg, Jr.
2557	Tinker Bell	Patrick F. Gallagher
4711	Red Gypsy	Roger Baldwin
5952	Skyhook	Tom Phelan
7144	Old Tippy	Tom Beno
7375	Snafu II	R. G. Evans
8025	Avacado Jack	Quinn Adamski
8246	Ginny Lee II	Arnie Biebel
8350	Master	
	Confusion	George Bielefeldt
8644	Jenoria	Lyle M. Bracker
8749	Blue Too	Ken LaFond
9309	Old Hickory	William Couvillion
10178	Diana	Paul A. Otto
10395	S.S.L.	Raymond Kaercher
10459	Hay Seed II	W. E. Hayes
11953	Warp	Ken Brownell

It was a busy year for the Green Bay Sailing Club, home of Fleet 112. In addition to our annual Evans' Memorial Regatta, the club hosted the Midwest District Championship on July 14, 15, 16. The capricious mid-summer weather treated this year's racers to a variety of conditions in Green Bay's southern basin. Only 3 of the 5 scheduled races were completed. Former World Champion Bruce Goldsmith of Chicago was the overall winner posting a first on Friday in a wind-swept, rain-drenched affair; a fifth on Saturday in a drifter which featured 180 degree wind shifts; and a runaway first on Sunday under ideal conditions.

Our 1972 fleet champion was Lyle Bracker who won out in sea-saw competition which saw virtually every boat win at least one race. Other finishers included: Bill Hayes, 2nd; Paul Otto, 3rd; Ken Brownell, 4th; Rick Evans, 5th; and Ken LaFond, 6th.

This year, we incorporated into our schedule of events, several "fun" races and family outings which were enjoyed by racers and non-racers alike. These week-end events caught on with surprising results, the major comment being that more of the wives and children as well as other sailing enthusiasts were able to participate. We are planning more of these for next year and hope to be even more successful at blending the adventure of racing with the sheer pleasure and relaxation of sailing.

## ST. JOSEPH RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (113)

### Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at St. Joseph, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Frank Cergizan  
Fleet Secretary ..... Frank Cergizan  
Fleet Champion ..... William Beard  
Runner-Up ..... Bob Boyd

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6131	.....	Everett Creager
6379	.....	Frank Cergizan
7313	.....	Carl Goy
8490	.....	Dr. J. S. Schmidt
8567	.....	Redmond Sage
9001	.....	William Woodard
9685	.....	William Beard
10470	.....	William & John Campbell
11768	.....	Bob Boyd

No Report.

## SAN DIEGO BAY FLEET (114)

### California District Sailing on San Diego Bay at Coronado Yacht Club

Fleet Captain ..... Bernard Gross  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bernard Gross  
Fleet Champion ..... Warren Gross

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1841	.....	Kenneth Taylor
3673	.....	Robert Niemeyer
7833	.....	William Dorney
9172	.....	Warren & Bernard Gross
11802	.....	Manning H. Barber
		Don McKinley
		John Campbell

Life Member

No Report.