

## CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET (115)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Cuba Lake, New York

Fleet Captain	Don Cutler
Fleet Secretary	Bob Buckley
Fleet Representative	Ward Wilday
Fleet Champion	Ron Randall
Runner-Up	Joe Hughes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1342	'Some Day'	Bud Arnst
2987	Frolic	Bob Anderson
5290	Pageboy	Kingman Page
5851	NiteCap	Dr. L. Older
6274	Spindrift	Jim Meermans
6296	Jolly Green	Dr. Jim Doucet
6358	YMCA	Bill Thomas
6983	See Adler	Karl Fahrner
7744	SnoWonder	Bob Buckley
7828	The Bergreen	
	Lightning	Don Bergreen
8792	Blue Dolphin	Dr. Jack Godfrey
9150	Taob	Dudley Phillips
10120	The Mighty Oak	Bob Oakleaf
10556	Windsong 4	Paul Branch
11175	Wildfire	Bill McIntyre
11180	Ohop	Dr. Bill Hughes
11599	Go Go Bore	Don Cutler
11870	Windsong 5	Paul Branch
12206	Jennie Bell	Ward Wilday

The members of Fleet 115, once again, sailed more than 60 races this season on the sparkling blue waters of Cuba Lake. It was a shortened and varied season, starting with the Frost Bite and Red Flannel series in May and ending with the Labor Day weekend series.

We had one unscheduled race when the rains of Hurricane Agnes roared through and the majority of the boats of Fleet 115 sailed away on the resultant high waters. However, all the boats were rescued, fortunately with little damage and within a week all was back to normal.

As has been said before, you win some and you lose some. Our fleet hosted and won the Three Lakes Regatta in July. Competitors were from the two Chautauqua Lake Lightning fleets and the Silver Lake fleet. Ward Wilday of our club scored a first, Don Cutler a second, and Joe Hughes a third.

Previously Cutler, Wilday, and Hughes traveled to the Districts in Toronto, Ontario, where none placed. Coming back strong, these three, along with the Godfrey boat, entered the Corn Ball Regatta at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club. Joe Hughes sailed to a first, Don Cutler a second while Ward Wilday came in a close fourth.

Meanwhile, back home, Ron Randall sailed *See Adler* to a Fleet Championship followed by Joe Hughes in second place.

Our sailors attended several other regattas within driving distance of Cuba Lake. Don Cutler and his crew won the Mentor Harbor, Ohio Open and placed a respectable third in the Erie, Pennsylvania Open. Because the dam at Cuba Lake needed repair, the water was dropped on the day after Labor Day so Fleet 115 finished the season with several members traveling to Silver Lake's Harvest Regatta and the Sandy Beach Haul Out Regatta.

We are all looking forward to another great year in 1973 with fair winds, no motor boats, and a longer sailing season.

## ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (118)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

Fleet Captain	Lloyd Asch
Fleet Vice Captain	Walter Heaton
Fleet Secretary	Marg Wadeson
"A" Fleet Champion	R. Robson
"B" Fleet Champion	Wm. Hunter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4017	Zap	Tom Vollmer
6285		Charles Lenz
6851	Baleno	Harold Boyce
7441	Notus	Tom Robertson
8097	Calypso	Ross Hirschiber

8722	Abra-Cad-Abra	Walter J. Heaton
8903		Lloyd Asch
9043	Munzie	Eric Bentzen-Bilkvist
9915		R. E. Wadeson
10292		William J. Hunter
11734		R. J. Robson & Larry MacDonald
Life Member		W. E. Jocelyn
Life Member		John N. F. Robertson
	No Report.	

## RED JACKET YACHT CLUB (125)

### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Cayuga Lake at Seneca Falls, New York

Fleet Captain	H. Andrew Batty
Fleet Secretary	Beth Kennel
Fleet Champion	Andy Batty & Peter Bodine
Runner-Up	Barney & Geoff Smith

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2254		John Felton
7013		William F. O'Connor
7535		Frank L. Unbehaun
9429		W. B. Smith
9632		Thomas C. Kennel
10030		Peter V. N. Bodine
		& H. Andrew Batty
		Chester J. Abend

For the first time in a number of years Fleet 125 was not afloat for our Club's usual Memorial Day Series. Our late start was further extended by a very nasty lady named "Agnes". With her tears flowing so extensively, Cayuga Lake rose well above flood stage drowning out not only our docks but also our sailing until after 4th of July. We did manage to complete the balance of our season. Andy and Pete returned the fleet championship trophy to their mantle pieces stealing same from the Smiths—father and son. All is fair in love, war and sailing—the Smiths did the same last year.

The year saw the addition of Tom and Beth Kennel to our fleet. It also seemed to be a year to trade boats. Chet sold one, bought another and now has sold that one. We hope he keeps it up and stays in the fleet. Andy and Pete sold their new glass boat to return to the beauties of wood as so well expressed in Charade #10030. That makes the second time around they have bought her.

We look forward to a good year in '73. We would like very much to add to the fleet; so if there is anyone in the neighborhood of beautiful Cayuga Lake stop in and we will show you around.

## CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)

### Connecticut - Rhode Island District

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

Fleet Captain .....	Dr. Richard Thackaberry	
Fleet Secretary .....	Richard Price	
Fleet Champion .....	Wallace Lineburgh	
Runner-Up .....	Henry Brauer	
<b>Boat No.</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Skipper</b>
164	Apres Vous	Oscar Frick
7050	Anesthesia	Dr. Richard Thackaberry
7245	Mystic C	Dan Cameron
7337	Whiskaway	Richard Price
7945	Hy-Tail'n	Rowland Rundle
8342	Poco Loco	Richard Van Rhyn
8917	.....	Ernest Goodrich
9537	.....	Rick Eadie & Chuck Tauck
9542	HMS Pinafive	Howard Heintz
9545	Greased	Laurie Jackson
10551	Luff-in	Cynthia Shauer
10690	.....	Roger Maynard
10763	Tigrr	Buck Ramsey
10892	Kerry Dancer	Jim Hannon
11143	Gizmo	Art Grayson
11178	Jet	Robert Meyers
11190	Giannina	John Cuccio

11204	.....	Jack Lewis
11216	.....	Randy Browning
11220	Thunder	Richard Wagner
11221	Allegra	John Thompson
11222	Mister Natural	Adam Starr
11581	.....	Bill Webber
11775	Bloody Mary	John McManus
12036	Children's	
	Crusade	Henry Brauer
12041	.....	Wally Lineburgh

The sailing season at Cedar Point opened with a well-advertised "SPRING FEVER REGATTA" held on May 20th and 21st. A goodly number of boats from a wide area responded, the winners being: 1. Stuart Nickerson of Fleet 280 (Wellfleet, Mass.); 2. John Harmel of Fleet 134 (Noroton, Conn.); and 3. Bob Hutchinson of Fleet 70 (Red Bank, N.J.).

Throughout the regular season, participation in events by local fleet members was below normal due to a variety of reasons. However, the fleet welcomed a number of new members showing exceptionally high interest, including Henry Brauer, a formerly successful Blue Jay skipper, Buck Ramsey, Bill Weber and Roger Maynard.

In the Club's holiday week-end regattas, Randy Browning, Wally Lineburgh, and John Cuccio were the winners of the Vice-Commodore series held over Memorial Day. In the Commodore's Cup series held over July 4th, Wally Lineburgh, John Cuccio, and Laurie Jackson finished in that order. For the Rear-Commodore's Cup over the Labor Day weekend, our newer skippers showed their acquired skill with Henry Brauer, John Cuccio, and Buck Ramsay being the top finishers.

In the regular week-end sailing sponsored by the Club during June, July and August, Wally Lineburgh had the best score in the Saturday series, and Randy Browning in the Sunday series. On a combined basis for judging Club champion, Wally Lineburgh was the acknowledged winner, followed by Henry Brauer, Randy Browning and John Cuccio.

The final fleet event of the season was the annual Cedar Point Lightning Invitational held on the week-end of Sept. 16th. Twenty-six boats, from most north-east states, competed with good winds and ideal sailing conditions on both days. Jim Crane, North American Champion from Fleet 134 (Noroton, Conn.) placed first, with Stuart Nickerson of Fleet 280 (Wellfleet, Mass.) second. Both of these skippers scored identical points, but Crane had crossed the finish line ahead of Nickerson in two out of three races. Other winners were John Schneider of Fleet 75 (Nyack, N.Y.) and Alex Webb of Fleet 280 (Wellfleet, Mass.).

### SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127) Southeastern District Sailing on Wilmington River at Bradley Point, Savannah, Ga.

Fleet Captain	Robert F. Link
Fleet Secretary	B. B. Boyd
Fleet Champion	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
Runner-Up	John McIntosh, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6612	.....	Elmo Weeks
9398	Volunteer	Neff McIntosh
10354	Sea Pup II	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
10355	Aweigh We Go	Frank Burnett
11007	Gambler	Chuck McMurry & Bob Link
11017	Rosemary's	
	Bay	Charles Kilpatrick
11095	Scalaway	John McIntosh, Sr.
11336	Poticker	James L. & Betsy Daniell
11553	Why Bother	James Black
12055	Stepped-On	
	Caterpillar	Randy Brooks

Mother Nature was kind to us for the launching of the sailing season. A fleet has a certain amount of courage to have a national invitational as the initial event of the season. The fifteenth Deep South Regatta lived up to past reputation for variety with three different skippers winning individual races in the 52 boat fleet: Charles Kilpatrick, Don DeLorme, and Bruce Goldsmith—and yet the best overall was Bill Shore with 2, 5, 2, and Jim Dressell second.

Bruce was third and our own John McIntosh fourth. As we all know this was the final regatta for our friend Tom Fallon.

The fleet races for the spring followed past form, with John McIntosh on top. Summer and fall series were a "boat" of a different color. Bert Berry won the Diamond Trophy for summer and also captured the fall races, with John McIntosh second in summer and Charles Kilpatrick runner-up in the fall. Our crew of the year is Rosemary Kilpatrick and Fleet Captain Bob Link won the Yacht Club Sportsmanship Trophy.

The special weekends, Fourth of July, and 2nd Annual Invitational were well attended with John McIntosh taking first in Lightnings for the Fourth and Gordon Kellogg of Lake Lanier Sailing Club, winning in a 24 boat fleet at the Invitational.

As reported in "Flashes" we hosted area "D" Sears Semi-Finals. Randy Brooks qualified for the North Americans and finished 12th in the President's Cup.

Our fleet had a good record in the Southeast District Invitationals with some Fleet 127 boats attending all invitationals except one, and for the most part having some boats in the silver. Randy Brooks was third overall in the circuits.

We lost some good skippers this year. Frank Barnett gave up *A Weigh We Go* and Chuck McMurray with *Gambler* moved out of town. We welcome Jim Black to the fleet.

Our new officers for 1973 are Barron Boyd, Fleet Captain and Jim Black, Sec-Treas. May their leadership spur new life and growth for our fleet.



"Alright you guys, if you'd just stop being so pushy there oughta be room for everybody."

### MADISON BEACH CLUB (129) Connecticut - Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.

Fleet Captain	James R. Deephouse
Fleet Secretary	James A. Urner
Fleet Champion	John B. Johnstone
Runner-Up	Chris Deephouse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3283	Sita	Edward H. LaFarge
5946	Impersis	Madison Beach Club
5947	.....	DeWitt Barlow, Jr.
6585	Splash	Linda Baylis
7322	Hoya	Ernest W. Small
7368	Blitzen	James A. Urner
7640	Nookie	Dr. Robert P. Zanes, Jr.
7702	Tally Ho	Madison Beach Club
8580	Psychodelic	S. Tysen Goss
9703	Sis's Mink	Willard Ladd
10492	Prodigal	John B. Johnstone
10704	.....	Marie Birnbaum
11113	.....	C. O. Davidson
11207	Early Times	James R. Deephouse
11487	Malihini II	Richard Maxwell
11674	.....	Betty Gurnham
11773	Franste II	Jay W. Jackson

The sailing season at the Madison Beach Club was one of the most exciting in its history. Madison was the host club for Eastern Connecticut Yacht Racing Association regatta. The photo, as all sailors will attest, could only be that of a start during the three-day series.

We had one of our new club members, John Johnstone, join the fleet. He had the audacity to win the July Series, place third in the E.C.Y.R.A. Regatta, place third in the August Series, and walk off with the season championship. Our only consolation was in the G. B. Fisher Memorial Race on Labor Day. John was in second place on port tack heading for the final windward mark when the wind shifted; a 35 m.p.h. puff hit him directly from the starboard side; and he went over to windward.

Nancy Davidson won the G. B. Fisher Trophy; her father, C. O. (Pete) Davidson, placed third in the July series and third for the season; and Tom Davidson (Pete's son) not only won our Junior Series, but represented us in the Sears Cup Competition with crew members John Murphy & Brad Beecher. Some sailing family!!!

John Murphy's younger brother, Paul, represented us in the Midgets with his crew of Chuck Staley and Liz Ruse.

Steady Chris Deephouse just can't seem to get the extra  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point to grab the Season Championship. Chris put together a fine season with a second for the season, a second for July, a second in the E.C.Y.R.A. and first for the August Series. By the way, Chris' father has now been transferred to permanent crew even though his father owns the boat. Sister Debbie finished third in the Junior Series for the season. Sue McKinney was second.

The Roger Pape Memorial Trophy was given in memory of Roger by his uncle, Charles (Sandy) Poindexter some years ago. This year Sandy's son, Chuckie, walked off with the coveted prize by quite a margin. Our Commodore, Jay Jackson, was second and also finished second for the August Series.

Lastly, the lament of the wooden boats. Being Fleet Secretary allows me this final note—I own one. Last year we had 5 active wooden boats and 5 active fiberglass boats. Starting next year, we have 8 known, perhaps 2 coming and right now 2 wooden boats, the Baylis' boat and yours truly. Ted Baylis kept our heads held high as he took second in the G. B. Fisher Race, compliments of John Johnstone's wind shift.

Between the Davidsons' and Deephouses', our juniors are starting to mature. Our sailing program is coming back and the Adams Cup may see some young talent from Madison in the next few years.

## LAKE WASHINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

### Pacific Northwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Washington at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain ..... Kurt Seiffert  
Fleet Secretary ..... Rod Johnson  
Fleet Champion ..... Rod Johnson  
Runner-Up ..... John Stam

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9084	.....	Dave Smith, M.D.
9641	.....	John Brookes
10180	.....	Patricia Crockett
10364	.....	Vance L. Rogers
10498	.....	Stuart Cohen
10699	.....	John Stam
10945	.....	C. S. Howell
11141	.....	Harry Olsen
11147	.....	Robert Witherspoon
11470	.....	William P. Elfendahl
11482	.....	Earl P. Lasher III
11636	.....	Rod Johnson
11722	.....	Kurt Seiffert
.....	.....	Robert Don Clark

Fleet 132's sailing interest was divided into three programs, making a very active Lightning year. The social calendar was kept full by Margaret Johnson who organized 5 monthly meetings with social hours, beginning in March. The meetings were held at a different home each time and drew large and enthusiastic groups. As the summer progressed, a fleet picnic was held as well as several potluck dinners for out-of-town guests during local regattas. Our social year was concluded as Fleet 132 welcomed 45 out-of-town Lightning sailors for the annual Pacific Northwest District Team Races.

Our social events were second in popularity only to our two-phase racing program. Corinthian Yacht Club annually sponsors five racing series held on Lake Washington. Top performance over the series earns the first of two Fleet Championship trophies. This honor went to Rod Johnson for placing second in the Spring Frostbite series, first in the Spring Twilight and first in the Summer Twilight series. John Stam, a consistent top finisher, placed second with a 1-4-2 record during the summer. (John also placed high in the West Coast Championship Regatta—with a 5th in a 36-boat fleet.)

The second Fleet Championship trophy is based on a 5-race weekend regatta held in September. Harry Olsen put an impressive series together to win this coveted honor. (Harry finished in 4th place at the West Coasts for the highest-place finish of a Seattle boat.)

The second phase of racing revolved around the Pacific International Yachting Association regatta circuit. Throughout the summer, races were held in Eugene, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, B.C., and Lake Chelan in eastern Washington. Seven boats from Fleet 132 traveled to the various circuit regattas. Harry Olsen proved extremely consistent in varied wind conditions and unfamiliar surroundings to become the 1972 P.I.Y.A. Circuit Champion.

Seattle finished its racing season with victory in the annual District Team Races by narrowly defeating Mayle Bay Fleet 64. During the team racing weekend, Bill Elfendahl made a noteworthy organizational effort by starting 16 races without a hitch!

Fleet 132 anticipates continuing interest in local and regional racing with particular enthusiasm for the PIYA circuit regattas. There is even talk of several boats making the trip south for San Diego's California Circuit this March.

Sailing on Lake Washington is over for now but in January we will once again launch Fleet 132 into another year of sailing and social fun.

## HAWAII FLEET (143)

### Hawaii District

#### Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Fleet Captain ..... Lee Simmons  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dave Fergusson  
Fleet Champion ..... Fran Vaughan  
Runner-up ..... Chuck Gustin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1622	Mary Ann	Carl Meierdiercks
3261	.....	Howard Hole
3262	Auwana	Cliff Anderson
3263	Dwamiga	Hugh Duffield
4529	.....	Roy & Forest Bell
5198	Mart T	Eddie Anderson
6063	Gini Maru	Walt Shim
6907	Lulu Belle	Al Hyde
7056	Puff	Stu Lillo
7151	Ooffee	Joe Ebeling
9622	.....	Chuck Gustin
10783	"101"	Dick Holmes
10840	Red Baron	Chuck Kehl
10920	Protea	Dave Fergusson
10921	Nautilee	Lee Simmons
10981	.....	John Sanders
10982	U'Wila	Richard Day
11084	Horizon	Fran & Dave Vaughan
11729	Luana	Bill Heine
11786	.....	Bobby Edmondson
11798	Sock It to Um!	Smoky Hogan
.....	.....	Don Barrus

Another fine season here for Lightnings, with ten skippers sailing regularly through the season. We were sad to lose Don Barrus, who was transferred away, but pleased to see Tip Gilbert sailing a renovated #10783 at the end of the season. Chuck Gustin, who had bought Dick Day's beautiful wooden boat #9622, made an impressive showing in his first full season, with able assistance from first mate Dave Vaughan. His several good performances included runner-up in the Fleet Championship series. Dick acquired one of the reconditioned glass boats, long thought to be beyond repair after a disastrous journey from the Mainland.

Bobby Edmondson clearly dominated the season and carried home much of the silver. He might well have taken more but for





Photo by Polly Rosenberry

#### Gustin and Hyde on Kaneohe Bay.

a midsummer Mainland trip. Fran Vaughan also sailed strongly, as usual, winning her share of trophies, including Fleet Championship and Seasons Points. Bill Heine, another tough competitor, won three series. Smokey Hogan beat off competition from other clubs to win the July 4th Invitational and Lee Simmons won the Channel Race. Overall, competition was keen and many races close. No fewer than eight skippers won at least one race each.

A highlight of the season was the holding of the Area H. Adams Cup finals in Lightnings, on Kaneohe Bay. Barbara Vonnegut, who had beaten Fran Vaughan in the elimination for the right to represent Kaneohe Yacht Club, came in second, despite a capsized in the second race. Jerie Clark of Seattle was the winner.

Bobby, Barbara and Bill were selected to sail in the Club Eliminations for the Hawaii State Sailing Championship, and Bobby made it through to the finals, where he finished a creditable tenth out of 26 entries.

Toward the end of the season we held a team race which turned into a close event with the decision coming only as the ninth of ten boats crossed the finish line. This race was a prelude to our annual bash, a fine evening of Lightning sailors, crews, families and friends enjoying the usual hospitality to be found at Fleet Captain Lee and Nancy Simmons' home.

Another fine season . . . and prospects for even tighter competition in 1973.

### SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145) New England District Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain ..... Ed Daisey  
Fleet Secretary ..... Flip Hamblet  
Fleet Champion ..... Len Pratt  
Runner-Up ..... Bud Hamblet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6888	.....	Frederick H. Edwards
8308	.....	Edward L. Daisey

8339	.....	Frederick Turner, Jr.
8480	.....	Christopher B. Hamblet
9220	.....	William R. Nichols
9519	.....	W. R. Wynn
9713	.....	Robert F. Jones, Jr.
9715	.....	David H. Fitch
11079	.....	J. Wade Caruthers
11210	.....	George E. Holbrook
11288	.....	Robert L. Leonard C. & Craig Pratt
11346	.....	Fred H. Hamblet
12220	.....	W. R. Wynn

#### Weather!

Spring Series rained and frozen out.

Summer Series—again the rain and the lack of wind combined to dampen the spirits and activities of our fleet on home waters.

July 4th we began what was to be the most competitive Championship Series the fleet has seen in many seasons. The Pratt family which has held our perpetual trophy 16 out of its 23 presentations once again captured the Fleet Championship, but the margin was the narrowest we've seen. The points tallied even but Len had beaten Bud Hamblet the one time needed in our best of six series to break the tie and retain the trophy.

Congratulations Len!

Bud, maybe next year the tie breaker!

Thirdplace Dave Fitch wants part of the action! Look out 1st and 2nd with a new boat in the works, the Fitches will be tougher than ever.

At our annual regatta Spofford's masterful Len Pratt was the winner.

Winnepesaukee held the N.E. Districts. Bud Hamblet after tipping over in one of the races, righting, and finishing was still able to finish 4th overall. Len Pratt was 5th and Dave Fitch finished 10th to give Spofford another good showing.

Traveling to Lake Champlain, the air stayed at home. Welfleet on Cape Cod saw Kip Hamblet finishing 4th in this the State of Mass. Championship Regatta. At the N.H.-Vt. Championship, defending Champ Dave Fitch finished 4th. At the State of Mass. Dave finished 5th. Ending the season Wade Caruthers and Kip Hamblet traveled to Massabesic where they fought to stay upright in the frequent squalls. Adm. Caruthers finished 3rd and Kip 5th. The last jibe was a little hectic — a black eye and a swim!

Til next year — see you on the slopes.

### ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB FLEET (151) New England District Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain ..... Robert Cunningham  
Fleet Secretary ..... John R. W. Pear  
Fleet Champion ..... Robert Cunningham  
Runner-Up ..... Richard W. Mechem

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3440	Sandsar	Carter Fillebrown, Jr.
5987	Tedesco	John R. R. Pear
6655	Bat	Robert Cunningham
6705	Sanderling	Richard Appel
6707	Caliban	Rick Lordan
6758	Petrel II	Leonard Langer & Peter L. Floyd
9617	Sky Rocket	Joseph T. McNulty
10119	Yolanda	Stephen W. DeBlois
10409	Whirlwind	J. B. Kittredge
10804	Sky Spirit	Robert Marsolais
10925	L'Escargot	David Calder
11235	Sandlapper	James O. Willis, Jr.
11543	.....	George Miller
11688	Mouette III	Dr. Georges & J. Georges Peter

Despite less than spectacular cooperation from Mother Nature, the 1972 season in Annisquam was completed with only one postponement.

Race Committee Chairman David Mechem started the season in late June with a special series for the "Lighthouse Trophy" which

was won by Dick Mechem in *Monette I*.

The regular season began on the first weekend in July. The July Saturday series was won by J. B. Kittredge sailing *Whirlwind*. Bobby Cunningham in *Bat* was second.

First, second and third places in the July Sunday series went to Bobby Cunningham, Dick Mechem and J. B. Kittredge in that order.

Bobby Cunningham sailing *Bat* was first across the line on July 4th followed by Dick Mechem in *Monette I* and Georges Peter in *Monette III*.

Georges Peter left the friendly waters of Ipswich Bay in July for the Mass Bays which he won, and the New England Districts where he finished second to Lou Pocharski by only 1 3/4 points.

In August, Georges returned to Annisquam to win the Saturday series. Bobby Cunningham was second and J. B. Kittredge was third. The Sunday series was won by Bobby Cunningham, with Dick Mechem and J. B. Kittredge finishing second and third respectively.

During August, Georges Peter was on the road again, this time traveling to Rehoboth, Delaware to represent the New England District at the North Americans. With his wife Carolyn and Steve Harper from Lake Winepesaukee as crew, Georges sailed his *Monette III* to first place in the President's Cup.

The Cape Ann Chowder Races at Rockport, Annisquam and Eastern Point were all won by members of Fleet 151. Bobby Cunningham was first at Sandy Bay Day, Dick Mechem beat the fleet on Squam Day and Peter Bent who spent most of his summer sailing across the Atlantic in the Bermuda and Transatlantic Races returned home to sail *Whisper* to first place at Eastern Point.

The Labor Day Race was won by Georges Peter, Dick Mechem was second and Peter Bent was third.

This Labor Day series traditionally marks the official end of the summer season but the 1972 season was extended into late September as Fleet 151 hosted its first annual Fall Regatta.

Twenty-two Lightning skippers from all over the New England District and beyond gathered in Annisquam on September 23rd and 24th for two great days of sailing on Ipswich Bay. Top honors went to John Schneider. Second, third, fourth and fifth places were captured by Alex Webb, Steve Harper, Lou Pocharski and Georges Peter.

Five new boats joined the Fleet in 1972. Dick Appel and George Miller are both new members of the Annisquam Yacht Club. Carter Fillebrown, Dave Calder and Bob Marsolais sailed with the fleet out of Conomo Point Yacht Club.

As we look forward to the 1973 season, all of the members of the Fleet join in thanking "Shore Captain" Georges Peter Sr. for his continuing efforts in recording the race results and computing the standings every weekend throughout the long summer.

## TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)

### Michigan District

### Sailing on Tawas Bay, East Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	Garry Demarest
Fleet Secretary .....	Gary Cameron
Fleet Champion .....	Garry Demarest
Runner-Up .....	Gary Cameron

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10780	Hum Bug VI	William F. McKinley
11415	War Paint	Charles H. Schreck
11585	.....	L. G. McKay, Jr.
11588	.....	Charles A. Pinkerton, Jr.
11954	Spirit	R. Garrett Demarest III
11988	.....	Charles H. Schreck, Jr.
12181	.....	Truman Barbier, Jr.
.....	Mikega	Gary A. Cameron
.....	.....	Herbert Cox

Fleet 152's 1972 activities began, as usual, on the road. Early May, before Tawas Bay activities were underway, saw our traveling contingent at Lake Lansing, and our Fleet swept the first four positions: 1st, Garry Demarest; 2nd, Gary Cameron; 3rd, Charlie Schreck; 4th, Bill McKinley.

The Tawas team of Demarest, McKinley, and Cameron moved on to Lake Fenton to defend its Michigan District Team Racing Championship. Victory was elusive, however; Tawas had a solid lead going into the last race only to have Demarest suffer a broken

rudder while leading the race. Garry limped in 8th and the title was lost by 1/4 point.

Demarest journeyed to South Haven-St. Joe and drifted in 2nd. Moving on to Crescent the next week, Garry stayed in the silver with an overall 3rd. Cameron found that he should have stayed home.

The Saginaw Bay Invitational had Demarest winning a hard fought 1st in the gloom with McKinley coming in 3rd. Cameron continued sailing in the weeds. McKinley then hit his stride at Gull Lake with a strong win based on two firsts and a second.

McKinley continued his pace the next week at the Michigan Districts, but lost the Championship by one point. Cameron ended 4th, Schreck was 6th and defending Champ Demarest discovered that it was his turn to go down the tubes.

On to Higgins Lake where McKinley returned to first place form, and Cameron ended 3rd, well ahead of Demarest in 4th.

In August Fleet 152 finally got to show off Tawas Bay as it hosted the Gakewi Cup Regatta. Sailing in good winds, Demarest scored a victory, albeit a close one over Cameron. McKinley was 5th and Schreck 7th.

Four Fleet 152 boats traveled to Rehoboth Bay, Delaware for the North American Championship. Demarest, Cameron and McKinley qualified for the Championship Flight (Demarest qualifying 2nd), while Schreck went into the President's Cup. Demarest sailed very well and finished 5th overall with races of 8, 13, 7, 1, 11. McKinley took 15th and qualified for next year's World Championship along with Garry.

Back in Michigan, Demarest and Cameron ran 1-2 at Pontiac. The next week at Devil's Lake McKinley won his third regatta of the year, with the Chapman, Cameron and Demarest combine taking 3rd. Demarest skipped to a 4th at Chicago's Red Flannels and later Cameron finished 7th at Stumpeye Lake.

For the season, Demarest once again won the Joe Stueland Michigan District Traveling Trophy by compiling the eight best races (all firsts) in the District. As a Fleet, our sailors in District regattas put together a strong record of seven firsts, seven seconds, and four thirds.

At Tawas Bay Yacht Club Demarest taught a successful junior sailing program. As a further step toward developing young sailors in the Michigan District, Fleet 152 hosted the first Michigan District Junior Lightning Championship. Eleven crews from the District, 18 years old and younger, raced on the fine waters of Tawas Bay. Everyone involved agreed the regatta was a great success for both the Class and the participants.

The extensive improvement program for the TBYC facilities has been completed. Our members now look forward to hosting the Class for a major regatta on Tawas Bay, one of the fine bodies of water for one-design racing in the U.S.A.

## WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)

### Indiana District

### Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain .....	Carl Winnebald
Fleet Secretary .....	Verna Knauer
Fleet Champion .....	Paul Knauer
Runner-Up .....	John Nixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5259	.....	Louis Pletcher
5883	.....	Bill Stuckey
6133	.....	George O. Witwer
7574	.....	Neil O'Brien
7855	.....	John Johnson
9776	.....	John Nixon
9511	.....	Keith Swihart
9954	.....	George Wright
10134	.....	Paul Penn
10262	.....	Gordon Medlock
10726	.....	Robert Troutman
11524	.....	Eli Lilly
11670	.....	Paul Knauer
11742	.....	George & Karl Freese
11840	.....	Bruce Baiden
12001	.....	John Nixon
.....	.....	Ray Gans
.....	.....	Carl Winnebald

Probably the highlight of the fleet's activities was when 11 of our skippers chartered the 12-Meter *Northern Light* and tried to beat the *Weatherly* in the Chicago to Mackinac race in 1972. They failed, but not by much. After leading *Weatherly* by 8 miles, *Northern Light* blew out a spinnaker, got caught in some doldrums and let *Weatherly* get around them during the race's second night.

Other than that, the fleet started back-to-back racing, two races each Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day with some special racing series thrown in.

The fleet had 24 boats show up for the annual Hoosier Regatta which was won by John Leath, Indianapolis Sailing Club. Paul Knauer, our fleet champion, was second. Tom Crookston, Gull Lake, Ohio was third.

Knauer, John Nixon and George Freese really mixed things up during the season.

In the Memorial Day series it was Nixon, Freese and Bruce Baiden; Early Bird series during July—Freese, Nixon, Knauer; July 4 series—Knauer, Nixon, Freese; Labor Day series—Knauer, Nixon, Wright.

Throughout the main season, July and August, it was mainly the fleet chasing Knauer. He won frequently, got knocked-off periodically, but sailed consistently with his wife Verna and Dick Boerger.

His little black cloud of challenge, there to keep him honest, was John Nixon who sometimes finished just ahead of him, and mostly finished just behind him.

From there on it was a toss-up with George Freese doing enough clutch sailing to nail down third.

## WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164)

### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain	James B. Preston
Fleet Secretary	Don P. Sanford
Fleet Champion	A. J. Penfield
Runner-Up	Merle Pindell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
182		Nelson L. Neidhardt
9178		Morris S. Weeden
9305		Gerald Bezner
9334		Houghton Carr, Jr.
9886		Bill Pearlman
10171	Doregasa III	Donald Sanford
10113		James K. Savage, Jr.
10386		Alfred K. Warren, III
10406		John Shove
10410	Spindrift	Dr. M. H. Pindell
10441		Drayton Jones
11650	Galilee	
	Hitchhiker	James B. Preston
11797	McCorkle	Dr. A. J. Penfield

We had another exciting and active season this year at Willow Bank. Over the winter we lost three of our fleet, but made up for that, in part, with the addition of two new skippers: Bill Pearlman in 1986, and Drayton Jones with 10441. We will all be looking forward to racing with them more next summer.

Aside from our regular home series, fleet 164 was well represented at all of the regattas in our district. At least three "Willow Bankers" were at each of the six regattas in the district, and in most cases there were five of us.

At home, Jeff Penfield set his usual pace for all of us to try to match, and on weekends when he was away, the rest of us found the competition keen with some surprising firsts. The "Locomotive Men" had quite a string going for themselves until the master came home and put them in their place! We had an active season at home, sailing 17 races with an average of five boats on the line each time. Next season we will be looking forward to getting our two new members out there more often. The fleet also held our annual steak roast and moonlight sail. Thirty of us were there "and a good time was had by all."

Our fleet captain and secretary, with their new "part-time" boats will both be anxiously awaiting the arrival of open water for some early warm-up action before our regular season begins in May.

We all wish you a good winter, see you next summer!

## HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166)

### Finland District

#### Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain	Paavo Korhonen
Fleet Secretary	Lauri Korpinen
Fleet Champion	Terho Aromaa
Fleet Runner-Up	Pentti Puupera (Sailing 11527)

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4333	Sirri	Erkki Sevakivi
4334	Pinocchio	Hasse Wasenius
5062	Honey	Matti Lehtinen
7178	Orkari	Lauri Kitinoja & Jarmo Maenpaa & Matti Kirjavainen
7888	Tuuletari	Leo Kuokkanen & Markku Malinen
7980	Mattawunga	Ilkka-Antri Rauhanrinne
8210	Plaah	Aimo Olkkonen
8655	Carita	Lauri Korpinen
9163	Cat-Fish	Yrjö Lehtinen
9166	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen
9438	Kulkuri	Ilkka Kaitila
9441	Lokka	Timo Patosuo
9608	Hattivatit	Ilmo Hassinen
9609	Bonnie	Eero Laurila
10344	Lipla	Paavo Korhonen
10345		Harry Buttenhoff
10502	Lunni	Vesa Vahatalo
10664	Ressu	Pyy Akrenius
10668	Ladybird	Kauko Hamalainen
10910	Hilima	Paavo Korhonen
10911	Vahine	Unto Maenpaa
11001	Masi Jr.	Terho Aromaa
11231	Mary-Lou	Paul Hörhammer
11232		Senta Salerma
11233	Karla	Antero Westerlund
11358		Kauko Kanerva
11525		Kimmo Kivi
11527		Timo Teerisuo



Terho Aromaa counting on a hole at the weather end.



11529	Blackjack	Ahti Immonen
11544	Kesabeila	Raimo Aromaa
11819	.....	Jussi Malinen
11896	.....	Lauri Pentti
.....	.....	Mikko Tuominen
.....	.....	Pentti Puupera
.....	.....	Leif Haglund
.....	.....	Hannu Aro

This past season has been a traveling season for Helsinki Fleet sailors. Already in the middle of May, Pentti Puupera put his *Oskari II* on a trailer and pulled her through Europe to Switzerland and European Championships. He came back with third place trophies—and sold his boat, to our sorrow, to Seppo Lahdemaki of Fleet 306. Pentti bought a cruising yacht but is planning to return among us.

Next travelers were Terho Aromaa, Ilkka Kaitila and Jorma Aromaa who loaned older brothers *Kesabeila* who went to the first ranking-regatta which was held at Leppavirta on Lake Saimaa. They came back with first, third and fourth places.

After these early travels, we had our own ranking-regattas—the Marenkavijat 50-years Anniversary Regatta and Helsinki Regatta. We had some visitors from other fleets in both of these events—and they took their share of silverware, too.

In the Marenkavijat 50-years Anniversary Regatta the winners name was Seppo Lahdemaki, who had just bought Puuperas Lightning and proceeded immediately to take silverware to Porli Fleet. Runner-up was Terho Aromaa and third Antti Ruuskanen from Lake Nasijarvi Fleet (394). Eleven Lightnings participated.

Helsinki Regatta offered us both calm and storm, even with thunder and lightnings—both on the waves and overhead. Winner of this many-sided regatta was Terho Aromaa, runner-up Antti Ruuskanen and third Hartti Nisonen, our new District Secretary.

After these regattas the traveling started again in earnest. Two Lightnings went to Oulu Regatta (Fleet 307). Raimo Aromaa finished third overall and Unto Maenpaa fourth among the 10-boat Fleet.

After that they traveled farther up North to be joined there by six other Helsinki Fleet boats who all came to the District Championship. Our sailors enjoyed the hospitality of the "Northernmost Lightning Fleet in the World" and the Kemi Yacht Club, even if we would have been satisfied with a little less wind and smaller seas. Our skippers placed themselves quite evenly in the 17 boats results: 2. and Runner-up Terho Aromaa, 5. Unto Maenpaa, 7. Raimo Aromaa, 9. Kari Porthen, 10. Leif Haglund, 12. Ahti Immonen, 13. Paavo Korhonen, 17. Hartti Nisonen, who capsized in the first heat and broke his mast.

Fleet Championships were in order after our skippers and boats had returned from their journeys from up North. Some traveling fatigue could be noticed in the Fleet Championships, as only 8 Lightnings participated. Our Fleet Champion is again Terho Aromaa and Runner-Up Pentti Puupera, who borrowed 11527 from Timo Teerisuo to be able to participate. Third, Raimo Aromaa and then 4. Paavo Korhonen, 5. Unto Maenpaa, 6. Kari Porthen, 7. Hartti Nisonen. At the beginning of September some skippers traveled to Lake Nasijarvi to the last of the ranking regattas. Hartti Nisonen finished third, Kari Porthen fifth and Ahti Immonen seventh in this heavy air regatta.

To complete this traveling report it can be mentioned that we have heard that some of our skippers have participated in the Kuopio Regatta (Fleet 395) and Lake Saimaa Regatta and other races in Lake Saimaa area.

## LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167) Midwest District Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain	Donald Morrison
Fleet Secretary	Gerald Miller
Fleet Champion	Mike Steffenson
Runner-Up	Don Morrison

  

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
107	.....	Don Atkinson
732	Arete	Hugh C. Higley, Jr.
2036	Viking	Roy Bostrom
3578	Banshee	David Mattison
5955	Twilight	G. W. Charlesworth



"Would you believe she wants me to get the boom vang up this high when going to weather?"

6033	.....	Rufus Roys
6393	Lady Finesse	Joan Flesher
8028	Scorpion	Edmund W. Barch
8222	Maria II	Robert Luke
9368	Ta Da Win	Gerald Miller
9490	.....	Donald Morrison
9524	Queequeg II	Marshall Smith
10156	Misque XXV	William F. Quaintance
10232	.....	Edward Walker
11064	Rainbow	Walter Bratton, Jr.
12022	The Screamer	Mike Steffenson

Nineteen seventy-two was the year of *The Screamer*, Mike Steffenson's new boat. After breaking in his boat on a very windy Memorial Day with an accident which resulted in a broken mast, Mike went on to sweep all the awards for the entire year. He will need an addition to his trophy case.

The sailing season started after the mild (for this year, anyway) flood subsided and the floating debris from it was swept on downstream. Both summer and fall saw considerable rainfall and, more importantly, rainfall upriver from us which resulted in many weekends of stronger-than-normal current averaging 5-6 miles per hour. We also experienced some days when the wind did not exceed the current, the frustration of which was probably only exceeded by those days where the wind was only occasionally a mile or two faster than the current, and a drifting race ensued.

The Summer Series resulted in wins by Mike Steffenson (1st), Bill Quaintance (2nd), and Don Morrison (3rd). Mike Steffenson won the Fall Series also, with Don Morrison, 2nd, exchanging places with Bill Quaintance, who placed 3rd.

The 13th Annual Polar Bear Regatta, held on the weekend of October 7, saw Mike Steffenson place first in two blustery races before the wind completely died and the last race of the series was canceled. Don Morrison placed second while Walt Bratton, also of our fleet, tied for 3rd place with Chicago Corinthian's Don Basler (Fleet 5), who was last year's Polar Bear Champion. It was the first time a local skipper took home the 1st place trophy.

Now the winter winds are blowing and our boats and gear are packed away awaiting another season.

# LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169) Switzerland District Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain ..... Jean-Pierre Monnier  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bernard Linder

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5881	Daisy	Charles Ebner
5898	Peruto	Tony Grieb
6174	Santa-Maria	Baudouin Binz
6739	Grogard	Marc-Antoine Lehman
7803	Bour-la-Papey	David Henroid
8292	Ithaque	Bernard Linder
9028	Rascafe	Samuel Perret
9562	.....	Albert Andrey
9765	.....	Henri-Louis Burgat
11102	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
11858	Grandgousier	Dr. Pierre Grandguillaume
.....	.....	Jean-Pierre Monnier
.....	.....	Fredy Lanz
.....	.....	Jean-Pierre Luthi

The new nucleus mentioned last year is expanding. Indeed, we climbed from eight active members last year, up to fourteen this year. A new enthusiasm for racing is growing and it will help to organize more local regattas next season.

On the national level, two crews of our fleet took part in the Swiss championships with pretty good results. At the European championships in Morges the "Grandgousier" crew joined both the crews mentioned. Our results, however, were more modest, and we were rather disappointed by the somewhat loose organization of our Morgian friends who accustomed us to better achievements.

On the 28th of October we started our fleet championships with excellent weather and wind conditions. Two races were run that day with drizzle, but gentle breeze. The next day, two more races were run under a fine sun with a light breeze. The results were:

Fleet Champion, Hans Luthy; Runner-Up, Urs Wiler; 3rd, Jack Beck; 4th, Lambelet; 5th, Despland; 6th, von Gunten; 7th, Lehmann; 8th, Schar; 9th, Linder; 10th, von Gunten; 11th, Lehmann.

We expect that our domestic production of plastic Lightnings which will start during this winter will attract many new members for the 1973 season.

## BRANT BEACH FLEET (173)

### Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... J. Edward Serrill  
Fleet Secretary ..... Carl A. Reitingier  
Fleet Champion ..... Christopher Slack  
Runner-Up ..... S. C. Streep

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
499	.....	Robert A. Matthey
5425	.....	John P. Eugene J., & William H. Kelley
5837	.....	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
9107	.....	Timothy Slack
9262	Valkyrie Too	C. H. Twining, Jr.
9462	Marcelinda II	Philip J. Escoll
9474	.....	Chadbourne L. Cutler
10401	.....	Kenneth H. Kardon
10489	Pinafore II	Janet Miller & Jeffrey Wells
10494	Sea-bold	H. Robert Seybold
10946	.....	John W. Beatty
11087	.....	Robert B. Roth
11176	.....	Thomas Hyndman, Jr. & William A. Phillips
11235	.....	Carl & Glenn Reitingier
11983	Novia	S. C. Streep
12065	.....	Christopher Slack
.....	.....	Robert Hesse, Jr.

The season started out with the Midwinter Meeting at Joe and Barbara Serrill's with a luscious buffet followed by the fleet meeting. The first order of business was to elect a new fleet secretary-treasurer because Texas called Bob Seybold. When the balloting

was completed Carl Reitingier was elected and then the plans for the coming campaign were made with everyone anxiously awaiting the first starting gun.

When the spray cleared from the Early Bird series, the Reitingier boat with Glenn at the helm came out on top, with Chris Slack and Sam Streep following in that order, in their spanking new boats. During the Fourth of July series the new boats really moved out. Streep did a job on Slack (it's not very often that you dump the boat fifty yards from the finish line, right Chris?) and John Seybold docked with third place.

Fleet 173 along with Spray Beach Y. C. sponsored the New Jersey State Championships on the Spray Beach course and Brant Beach came up on the short end of the trophies, although it was nice to look and touch them once in a while. A few brave souls ventured to the CAD's at Normandy Beach and the best we could do was with Slack's and Streep's tie for twelfth place.

The most highly contested series was the Championship Series. After two months of avid competitive sailing, torn chutes, flipped boats, protests, broken sheets, masts, and centerboard wires, and of course life jacket checks, as always it came down to the last few races. Chris Slack and the "Mushroom Chute" came in first, Sam Streep in the *Queen Elizabeth* second and the Brothers Reitingier third. The Labor Day series saw some crew-skipper juggling but like the Championship Series the boats finished in the same order, Slack, Streep and Reitingier.

The fleet summer dinner was held at Sam and Betty Streep's, under the command of Captain Ed Serrill and his wife-to-be, Barbara Hirschler. Thanks to all, for your work.

With the close of the season Fleet 173 lost a few boats, unfortunately, and they will be missed, but we picked up some new and not so new faces. With the first starting gun of 1973 not far away, we will be on the starting line faster and more anxious than ever.

## SHREVEPORT FLEET (175)

### Southern District Sailing on Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain ..... Larry Lashley  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Chapin Plumer  
Fleet Champion ..... Marshall Walker  
Runner-Up ..... Corky Corbett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3477	.....	Bill Bangert
4503	.....	Leroy Peters
4627	Catumba	Kenneth Smith
4721	.....	Bill Osborne
4747	Allo	Alton Parker
4996	Mary E. II	Walter Heiman
6116	Hunga	Larry Lashley
8099	.....	Bob Gahn
8854	.....	Jim Hebert
9183	.....	Hutch Stage
10068	.....	Steve Struck
10135	Knee Deep	Larry Pledger
10203	.....	Pat Woodall
10748	Shady Deal	Corky Corbett
10812	Cooter Poo Too	Marshall Walker
11385	Up & Down II	John Butcher
11562	.....	Cecil Ramey
11725	.....	Marcus Millican
12099	.....	Chapin Plumer
Life Member	.....	Walter B. Jacobs, Jr.

Fleet 175 started out the year with its annual Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta. The Shreveport Yacht Club's new Clubhouse was not yet completed, but there were enough basic facilities to accommodate everyone. Individual Fleet parties were held this year instead of the usual big one at the Club. This proved very successful from a social standpoint. Shy sailors were forced to meet the competition face-to-face.

We hosted the Southern District Regatta this past June, even though the clubhouse was still not completely finished. Francis Favallora from the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans was the District Champion.

Marshall Walker and his all girl crew, Francis Hughes and Shirley Grady, won the Fleet Championship this year. Marshall is the past Commodore of the Shreveport Yacht Club and is the new Commodore of the Southern District.



We are sorry to report that Walter Jacobs is going to give up active sailing for a while, but he will continue skippering as your ILCA Treasurer again this year. Walter is also a past Commodore of the Shreveport Yacht Club, and was our Fleet Champion last year.

We gained two new boats this year; Chapin Plumer brought 12099 and Hutch Stage brought 9183 down from Oregon. We also gained four new boat owners this year. They are Bob Gahn, Jim Hebert, Bill Bangert and Leroy Peters.

The new Clubhouse is now complete and is beautiful. Won't you join us at our Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta this coming April?

## GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

### Greater Long Island District

### Sailing on Great South Bay at

### Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain .....	Robert T. David
Fleet Secretary .....	Eugene Dillman
Fleet Champion .....	Robert T. David
Runner-Up .....	Michael Gargiulo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
441	.....	John Clark
3335	.....	Dan Vassalo
3730	.....	Horst Engelhardt
6051	8 Ball	Warren Pulver
6427	.....	Randy Brozek
7020	.....	Gene Dillman
7198	.....	Frank Kaufman
7993	No Problem	Win Bailey
8262	.....	Steve Koller
8423	Toothache	Roy Ward & Axel Paulsen
8540	Tally Ho	Dale Brous
9428	Freydis II	Nils Sorenson
9434	9400 Later	George McCormack
9615	True Grit	Lloyd Kiernan
9801	Lady Bug	Larry Cullen
10066	.....	R. J. & J. A. Fennema
10283	No Problem II	Win Bailey
10314	Plastic Cup	.....
	Cake	Ed Haynes
10531	Riptide	Otto Hoglievina
10724	Mistress	Bob David
10743	Otta Sight	Burr Hollister
11312	Buddha's Toy	Glenn Miller
11657	Challenge	Tom Tyler
11774	Round Trip	David Browne
11852	Endeavor	Mike Gargiulo

1972 was a competitive year in racing on the Great South Bay. Larry Cullen, an experienced skipper from the North Shore, joined our group to participate in the long and active racing season which runs from April to December. Seasoned skippers and crew braved snow, rain, wind, squalls, sun and heat et al as through the year they vied for positions.

The Fleet Championship, based on 33 races including 15 events at various Yacht Clubs up and down the Bay was won by Bob David, nosing out Mike Gargiulo by .003. Now that's competition!

In many instances sailing has become a family affair, with the Gargiulos posing as a triple threat. Poppa Mike took first place in the Spring and Fall Series, and won the coveted Queen of the Bay Trophy. His daughter, Marie, skippered the Sundown Summer Series to take a 2nd Place. Son Neil, who won the Crews Race on Fun Day, skippered in the Frostbite Series, being nosed out by the old pro, Bob David, in some real close races. And watch out for little Christopher next year.

Glenn Miller, who was going strong and leading at one point, ended his sailing for the year when strong winds and heavy seas brought his mast down at the Districts in Sheepshead Bay. Herb Buerger, our long time tactical mentor and champion skipper, left our group due to illness, but we all hope to see him on the starting line with us soon. In the meantime his well equipped racing machine is now owned and sailed by the old man of the sea, Win Bailey. Our new sailor of two seasons, Tom Tyler, started his collection of first place trophies this summer, including a single handed Skipper's Race, showing that determination and concentration pay off. Keep up the good work.

Our Lightning Fleet was feted at a pre-season gala at the Vero Piacentini in April and a post season Christmas Party hosted by Marge and Steve Koeller. Assorted parties and get togethers lighted up the racing season, adding a strong feeling of comradeship to the strong competitive spirit of the fleet.

## CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)

### Lake Erie District

### Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Commodore .....	Bruce Martin
Fleet Captain .....	Gary Titzel
Fleet Secretary .....	Lucille Martin
Fleet Champion .....	Gary Titzel
Runner-Up .....	Bob Lilly

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3402	.....	Att. Charles Henderson
5048	.....	Arthur Lace
7171	.....	Dr. Duane & Charles S. Good
9910	.....	Wayne & Gary Titzel
10029	.....	Louis Deglau
10528	.....	Charles A. Waldschmidt, Jr.
10941	.....	Dr. John Hanek
11063	.....	Bob Lilly
11563	.....	John E. Shaffer
11747	.....	Dr. Duane & Charles S. Good
.....	.....	Ray P. Eisenbies
.....	.....	H. F. Heineman

Fleet 180 C.L.Y.C. enjoyed the 1972 sailing season. Two new boats were added to the fleet this year, the Art Lace family and Ray Eisenbies. With this year's experience behind them, they will have to be reckoned with in the '73 season. The Charles Henderson crew and new boat were real competitors this season and their enthusiasm was contagious.

Competition began with a series for the July 4th week-end. The winners: 1st place, Bob Lilly; 2nd place, Gary Titzel; 3rd place, Charles Henderson.

The Summer Series was eventful with 2 races on days with sufficient wind. Some scheduled races were canceled because of lack of wind. Summer Series winners were: 1st place, Gary Titzel; 2nd place, Bob Lilly; 3rd place, Charles Henderson.

There were 27 pewter cups given as trophies for the Summer Series, each skipper and their crew receiving a cup if they participated in 50% of the scheduled races.

The Labor Day Series winners were: 1st place, Gary Titzel; 2nd place, Duane Good; 3rd place, Edwin Shaffer.

These trophies were presented at the Annual Labor Day Picnic with 90 members in attendance. The Upside-Down Trophy is to be shared by Bob Lilly and Dr. Duane Good until this time next year.

## LELAND YACHT CLUB (184)

### Michigan District

### Sailing on Lake Leelanau at Leland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary .....	Linda Workum
Fleet Champion .....	Workum Family
Runner-Up .....	George Bennett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3403	.....	George W. Brady
4298	Tangle Toes	Nathan Hall
4772	Windlass	Dick Evans
5227	.....	John Derrick
6037	Pelican	Don Gilligan
6224	Brazil Nut	George Bennett
7007	.....	Jerry Fisher
7344	Floozy II	George Strietmann
7576	.....	John B. Watkins
8299	Orange Crate	David & Lee Workum
10819	.....	Cory Craighead
11107	.....	Mike Fisher
11344	.....	Don Mitchell
11551	.....	Robert Ball

The Workum family in #8299 *Orange Crate* captured top honors in the closely contested Leland Yacht Club Lightning Fleet

during 1972. Sailing on beautiful Lake Leelanau, the Workums barely edged out George Bennett in #11511. This season's race went down to the last day and was wood versus fiber glass and for a change, the wood boat came out on top. George Brady finished the season in third place.

Due to the reduced number of boats in all three of our active fleets, a decision was made to start all three fleets at the same time in order to generate more competition. This starting procedure worked well for participants, starting committee and spectators and resulted in some real "dog fight" races between fleets.

Our sailing season in Leland is from July 4th to Labor Day, due to the nature of our summer community. We schedule two races on Saturday and one on Wednesday for a twenty-one race season. Although the Lightning had a small turn-out due to some of the older sailors retiring, we had an enthusiastic sailing season. Our younger generation is being trained in both "420's" and "470's" and we hope that this group will graduate to Lightnings in the years to come.

The Workums also won the Labor Day Series Regatta with George Bennett again finishing in second place, one point behind. Leland did not have an Invitational Regatta during the past season due to the National One Design World Championship Regatta held on our lake in early August. It is hoped that we can resume these Invitational Lightning Regattas next year.

Fleet Champion, Dave Workum has been elected Commodore of the Leland Yacht Club and has indicated that he will work towards rebuilding the once dominant Lightning Fleet #184.

## SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

### Midwest District

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

Fleet Captain	Thomas Bierman
Fleet Secretary	Sharon Bierman
Fleet Champion	Rick Larson
Runner-Up	Tryg Jacobson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3624	Sheboygan Sea Scouts	
6283	Gerald Olshanski	
6776	Fred Haaker	
7879	Robert Rhode	
8027	Michael Brotz	
8305	Robert Ebert	
8750	Harold Heinz, M.D.	
10070	Sheboygan Sea Scouts	
10099	John Tompsett	
10363	Dr. Robert M. Senty	
10480	J. Roger Miller	
11188	Dr. Christopher A. Graf	
11330	Harold Gottsacker	
11480	F. C. & Tryg Jacobson	
11622	Terry Kohler	
12179	Eric R. Larson	
	T. R. Bierman	

Our racing season starts the last weekend in May and lasts through the Labor Day weekend. This year we had 41 races scheduled, including our invitational regatta, but ended up sailing only a total of 26 races because of either no wind, fog, or too much wind.

Roger Miller sailing his *Hiaad* moved very fast early in the season and won both the Gresholt series and the Piper series. Runners-up respectively were Eric Graf and Tryg Jacobson.

Then things changed. Rick Larson took delivery of a new yellow boat he calls *Twisty* and after a few early problems, dominated the racing for the remainder of the season.

Rick won both the July 4th regatta and the Labor Day regatta, placed first of our fleet in our invitational "Brotz Regatta," and took second in the Championship series. All these events count toward the fleet championship which Rick won hands down.

Tryg Jacobson sailing sporadically won the Championship series, but placed second in both the July 4th and Labor Day regattas and third of our fleet in the Brotz regatta. He is our runner-up and will be a "Tiger" with a little more experience in "putting it all together."

The old man of the fleet, Tom Bierman—5 times fleet champion—broke his mast early in the season and then sold his boat to Terry Kohler. Tom says he'll be back next year with a new boat, but rumor

has it that he'll be moving to the East Coast in the near future.

Always the highlight of our sailing season is the annual Brotz Memorial Regatta. This is the invitational named after Roman C. Brotz who owned and raced *Sabre*, an 87' yawl which was the largest racing yacht on the Great Lakes for many years.

Thirty-two boats made this year's "Brotz." Sailors from Chicago, Milwaukee, Lake Geneva, Manitowoc, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, St. Joe, Mich., and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., showed up to make it one of the best ever. Don Basler of Chicago won the regatta, with Don Casser of Milwaukee second and Rick Larson of Sheboygan third. Sheboygan's fleet had a good showing with five boats of ours in the top ten.

The 1973 season hopefully will be better for us—better weather, and we hope for additional enthusiasm from those members of our fleet who didn't participate much this past year.

## MARBLEHEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189)

### New England District

#### Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain	Charles Ritt, Jr.
Fleet Vice Captain	Hugh Quigley
Fleet Secretary	Bill Bray
Fleet Champion	John Collins
First Runner-up	Charles Ritt, Jr.
Second Runner-up	John McNeil

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4362		John Collins
6652	Thumpa	Laurence Coffin
9142	Cheers	David R. Chipman
9449		James C. Callahan, Jr.
9499		Werner Aletter
9530		Edgar & Willard Johnson
9541	Adrenelin	Dr. Frank Healey
10036		Donald Humphrey
10226		Richard Stirling
10240	Celeste	Richard Price
10357	Baracuda	John McNeil
10610	Grog	Robert Coble
10744	Chancy	Charles Quigley, Jr.
10847	Eileen	George R. Insana
11099	Spook	Dr. Louis Pocharski
11100	Clipper	Thomas Stover
11112	Puckety	Charles Ritt, Jr.
11250	Wil-Vi-Lee III	William H. Bray
11600		Duncan McInnes
11630	Charisma	Hugh Quigley
11667	Powerful	
	Shamrock	John Collins
12194	Wil-Vi-Lee IV	William H. Bray
		Joe Blount

The 1972 sailing season for Fleet 189 was launched late in April with a gala cocktail party held at the home of Fleet Captain Bill Bray.

Racing got under way early on May 13th with the four-race Eastern Yacht Club Spring Series won by our enthusiastic new member, George Insana. Marblehead Racing Association Series started on Memorial Day, May 29, and ended on September 2. This series is held on Saturdays and holidays throughout the summer with two races conducted each day. The Lightnings were consistently one of the best represented fleets in this series with Tempests, Jollies, 505's, and Day Sailors competing. John Collins won the M.R.A. championship, with Chuck Ritt second and John McNeil, third.

The Fleet once again sponsored Twilight and Sunday morning racing with the following results: Tuesday Twilight found John McNeil, first; Chuck Ritt, second; Thursday Twilight: John Collins, first; Hugh Quigley, second; August Twilight: Joe Blount, first; John Collins, second; Sunday morning: Bill Bray, first; Hugh Quigley, second. The special 4th of July morning race was won by Chuck Ritt.

Fleet 189 was well represented at the New England District Championship held on Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. with seven of the thirty-four boats entered. Our own Dr. Louis Pocharski was once again crowned District Champion, with Dick Price third, John

Collins seventh and also racing, Chuck Ritt, Bill Bray, Hugh Quigley and Dr. Frank Healey.

Marblehead Race Week was blessed with excellent weather for a change and the Milton Larsen Perpetual Trophy was won once again by Dr. Willard Johnson with John McNeil finishing second.

Our Fleet Championship Series consisted of 24 Select M.R.A. races and the results show John Collins repeating as Fleet Champion, with Chuck Ritt as first runner-up and John McNeil as second runner-up.

The travelers continued to rack up the mileage on their trailers, and in addition to the District Regatta, Fleet 189 boats were in evidence at Spofford Lake, N.H.; Burlington, Vt.; Portland, Maine; Annisquam and Wellfleet, Mass. Outside New England, Dr. Pocharski placed tenth at the North American Championship and John Collins was fourth in the Presidents Cup, sailed at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Local racing ended on October 7. This was the last race of the Corinthian Yacht Club Fall Series and the results are not available at this writing.

We hope to recruit three new boats next year, 9449 sailed by the Callahan brothers, 9499 sailed by Werner Aletter, and 10226 sailed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stirling. In addition, Bill Bray is putting together 12194, a fiberglass kit boat, and will have it on the line for '73.

On October 5th, Fleet members gathered at the Boston Yacht Club for the annual Banquet and Awards Night. George Insana won the trophy for the Best First Year Skipper and Larry Coffin for the Best Wood Boat. The Perpetual Tail-End Trophy went to Don Humphrey and Don, I'm sure will be back for revenge next year. Special gifts were given to Helen Blount for her outstanding work in the Race Committee booth and to Carolyn Thober, who is retiring after seven years of outstanding duty as Fleet Secretary, as well as service in the Race Committee booth. Thanks and good luck, Carolyn. Special Junior Crew Trophies were awarded to F. J. Ritt, Rusty and Maura Quigley for their fine crew efforts at the District Regatta.

Fleet Officers elected for 1973 are: Fleet Captain, Charles Ritt, Jr.; Fleet Vice-Captain, Hugh Quigley; and Fleet Secretary, William H. Bray.

## UPPER CHESAPEAKE YACHT CLUB (192)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on North Chesapeake Bay off Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain ..... Bruce Hardy  
Fleet Secretary ..... Lester Eckman  
Fleet Champion ..... Fred Johns  
Runner-Up ..... Al Dutton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8934	Bodacious	Frank E. Nelson, Jr.
9852	Albana	Bruce Hardy
10115	Black Knight	Robert S. Crowder, Jr.
10168	Another Phase	Frederick L. Johns
10738	Scamper	Charles Trayford III
10814	Fast N Loos	Albert C. Dutton
11149	.....	John P. Gibson
11284	Little Mary	Mary Wilkinson
	Sunshine	
11363	Bamboo Baby	Lester W. & Joseph F. Eckman

Despite the danger caused by Hurricane Agnes, Fleet 192 managed to free itself from the foot of silt delivered to us from upstate Pennsylvania and expand the racing activities. The First Spring Invitational hosted by the club was won by "Woody" Woodbury from Newport, Virginia.

The second annual Dixie District Junior Championship for skippers 18 and under, saw Nancy Hastings from Rehoboth defending her title over local Skipper Mike Dutton by  $\frac{1}{4}$  point margin. Bill Johns won third place silver for our fleet.

Bob Crowder proved to be the most competitive this season as he won the Spring series over Al Dutton and Fred Johns. Bob repeated by winning the Fall Series in "Black Knight" ahead of Fred Johns, and Fleet Captain, Bruce Hardy.

Fred Johns won the Fleet Championships handily with three firsts while Bob Crowder and Al Dutton sailed into a tie for second. "Chick" Trayford carried the fleet colors to the North Americans at Rehoboth while other fleet members assisted in measuring, launching and enjoying the races, sun and hospitality.

The final event of the season, the October 14, 15 Team Race with

the Susquehanna Yacht Club ended in a tie despite two wins by Bob Crowder. Winds of great strength forced even the hardest to withdraw from the final day's race at the host club.

Fleet 192 salutes our own, Al Dutton, Dixie District Commodore this past year, for his effort on behalf of the Lightning Class.

## MISSION BAY FLEET (194)

### California District

#### Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain ..... Fred Knauer  
Fleet Secretary ..... Andrea Lyon  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Donna Brady  
Fleet Champion ..... Alfred Coha  
Runner-Up ..... Fred Knauer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5776	.....	C. Kelvin Savell
7795	.....	Al Agnew
7816	.....	Lloyd Hulbert
7860	Tiki	Paul Brady
8122	Nameless Terror	Myron Lyon
8370	Incognito	Bob Stahl
8627	Thunderbird	Charles Grinnell
8745	Fish	Scott Perry
8943	May Day	Monte Kelley
8944	Mudgie	Mack Harris, M.D.
8966	Hoot Mon	William V. Pirie
9237	Batu	Richard Brewer
10510	Bull IV	Carl Eichenlaub, Jr.
11561	.....	John E. McPherrin
11625	Now or Never	Fred Knauer
12219	.....	Carl Eichenlaub, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Alan Raffee

The year 1972 began on a social note, with our annual dinner party at which the Fleet officers were installed: Fred Knauer, Andrea Lyon, and Donna Brady as Fleet Captain, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Sailing began on January 2 with Mission Bay Yacht Club's "Frostbite Series" (we are only kidding with that name!). Knauer won this one to start the year right, Lyon was second, and Commodore Robert Stahl, third.

A four race Winter Series was also won by Knauer, followed by John Stahl and Lyon. In March a week-end three-race Special Series saw Coha, Lyon and Knauer finish in that order, and get free chicken dinners.

March 11 and 12—we sailed at the Spring Regatta at Coronado Yacht Club, where Lyon, Knauer and Kelley finished in that order.

Perhaps the biggest event of the year was the Sixth Annual Southern California Circuit, held during Easter Week. Five of our boats, and Warren Gross of C.Y.C. were joined by Lasher from Seattle, five boats from the San Francisco area, and our perennial friend "Papa John" Mueller from Cleveland. It was a week of beautiful weather, ideal sailing winds, strong competition, and great races.

Carl Eichenlaub won each of the three phases of the Circuit. The overall Circuit winners were: Eichenlaub, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Gross 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Lasher 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Starkey, 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Lyon, 52. The Circuit opening Mid-winter Regatta at C.Y.C. resulted in trophies for Eichenlaub, Lasher, Starkey and Kelley. The winners in the Marathon race from C.Y.C. and M.B.Y.C. were: Eichenlaub, Gross, Lyon and Mueller. The five race Easter Regatta at M.B.Y.C., with two races in the ocean and three in the bay, wound up with trophies for Eichenlaub, Gross, Lasher and Starkey. All felt the Circuit was a great success.

There was but little Lightning racing during the spring and early summer. Stahl and Brady were busy as Commodore and Vice Commodore of Mission Bay Yacht Club. Brady, Grinnell and Knauer all spent time in hospitals. However, we finally sailed five races during the Summer Series, and the leaders were Coha, Knauer and Stahl.

Four of our boats went to San Francisco to sail the California Districts. The Barber twins (with Coha crewing) made the best showing with 6-1-4-3 for third place.

Carl Eichenlaub went to the East Coast for the North Americans. He sailed in the Championship Flight, but 18th was the best he could do this year.

At M.B.Y.C., Al Coha won Special Series IV, with Brewer second and Stahl third. The five-race Labor Day series was hotly contested, with the Barbers winning, Coha second, and Brady third.



In September, the Santa Monica Fleet hosted a regatta at Lake Cushman. Coho represented us well, winning each race.

Our Bowen Memorial Regatta on September 30-October 1 had three wet races in the ocean. The Barbers won three straight, but they were close: Coho nosed out Lyon for second, Giverink of King Harbor Yacht Club took fourth, and Al Agnew, fifth. Al Coho designed and made unique and beautiful trophies for this year's race: prints in gold of Lightnings on a wild sea.

In mid October, five of our boats went to K.H.Y.C. to join six of theirs in their Hurricane Gulch Regatta. What a great weekend of sailing that was—even the 10.4 mile race in light air Sunday, which took 3½ hours. Again, unusual trophies, made by Mark Patty of K.H.Y.C., framed replicas of the Lightning blueprints, were presented to Lyon, Coho, Knauer, Wendell Harter and Giverink. Lyon also won K.H.Y.C.'s Autumn Regatta.

Halloween's "Spook Regatta" was won by Knauer, ghosting along better than his opponents, and in November Coho won the Turkey Series, and got the bird.

And finally, the Annual Muhl Thanksgiving Lightning Regatta was hosted by Coronado Y.C., November 25 and 26. The races were very close but Lyon came out on top, Coho second, and Knauer third.

Totaling up the points for the year, the Fred J. Knauer Trophy for outstanding Lightning Skipper of the Year for Regattas was won by Myron Lyon with Al Coho runner-up, and the similar trophy for Club Races was won by Al Coho with a very thin margin over Fred Knauer.

Our year was saddened by the deaths of two of our staunch Lightning supporters: Sandy MacLaren, 57, who crewed with Fred Knauer for many years; and John McPherrin, 31, skipper, and son of Glen McPherrin who also skippered a Lightning for many years.

### **SURF CITY (196)** **Central Atlantic District** **Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at** **Surf City, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain ..... Jack Elfman  
Fleet Secretary ..... William Fitzgerald  
Fleet Champion ..... Frank Temme  
Runner-Up ..... Jack Elfman  
Saturday Series Champion ..... Tom Temme

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
454	.....	Charles N. Howe
787	.....	John H. Elfman
5353	.....	Bill Fitzgerald
10083	.....	Nicholas Bradshaw
10306	.....	Charles C. & James S. C. Harris, M.D.
10370	.....	John B. Gwaltney
10771	.....	Frank & Thomas F. Temme
10787	.....	Jack Elfman
11122	.....	George Schmidt
11575	.....	Howard J. Mullin
11739	.....	Jack Elfman
11753	.....	Carl Berg
12167	.....	Ralph Messersmith

Fleet 196 enjoyed a fine sailing season on Barnegat Bay in 1972. Competition for the Fleet Championship and the Commodore Series began in late June, and both were vigorously contested through the season.

Fran Temme, sailing the *Warlock*, won the Fleet Championship, beating out Jack Elfman, with Howard Mullin finishing third.

The Commodore's Series was won by Tom Temme with Jack Elfman and Cathy Mullin finishing second and third, respectively.

We didn't see much of Ralph Messersmith last summer. He and Janet had an addition to their family and it is believed he spent the summer training their future crew. Aside from losing Ralph, temporarily, the fleet showed a healthy increase of several boats. Carl Berg, George Schmidt, Bruce Gwaltney, and Bill Fitzgerald raced frequently.

In competition away from home, Jack Elfman was second in the Central Atlantic District regatta. He and Howard Mullin qualified for the North American.

The Annual Surf City Yacht Club Invitational Regatta saw some excellent competition. The regatta was won by Bob Seideman with a 2-2-1 series for 4¾ pts. Topper Slack from Brant Beach finished

second, and Jack Elman was third.

The fleet wishes to thank the race committee, Commodore Jerry Murray and Charlie Howe for the fine job they did. We are looking forward to another great year of sailing in 1973.

### **CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)** **Lake Erie District** **Based on Lake Chautauqua,** **Chautauqua, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Nancy Bargar  
Fleet Secretary ..... Tom Ingram  
Fleet Champion ..... James D. Neville  
Runner-Up ..... Thomas B. Neville

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6333	.....	Bob Birmingham
6931	.....	David K. Walker
7755	Tiara	Fred M. Tim
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
8263	.....	Noel Calhoun
9137	.....	Harry Logan
9211	Obsession	L. T. Briggs, Jr.
9380	Finis	Robert Clark
9392	.....	George H. Norton
9482	.....	Mark T. Liebman
10064	Daycryo	Dr. B. MacMillan
10534	Henrietta	Dr. G. Reading
10556	.....	Paul Branch
10893	George II	Bill & Bob Park
10922	.....	Tom & James D. Neville
11251	Bete Noire	Jack Bailey
11469	Rangy Lil	Tom & Dave Ingram
11619	O. B. Joyful	R. W. Cornell
11620	Easy Rider	Douglas Bargar
11870	.....	Paul Branch
11922	Spaghetti	Tom & James D. Neville
12038	.....	Dave Dietly

No Report.

### **NORTHEAST YACHT CLUB FLEET (207)** **Ohio District** **Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland, Ohio**

Fleet Captain ..... Al Bell  
Fleet Secretary ..... Ed Chester

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6013	.....	William Kidd
9475	Handicap	Joseph Podnar
9870	LaCoquette	Jerry Burkett
10485	.....	William E. Boruff
10524	Tangerine	Donald Wagner
10550	.....	Alfred R. Bell
10656	.....	Larry Kuns
10960	.....	Robert Reaven
11278	LaBiche III	Al Hoegler, Max & Lud Lekson
11310	.....	Dr. Edward Chester
11338	Mains Ale	Robert T. & Thane Kelly Mains
11461	.....	Dave B. Kramer

Hurricane Agnes contributed greatly to a sailing season that at best could be called fair. Our yacht club suffered extensive damage with approximately 57 boats sunk or destroyed, leaving the harbor cluttered with debris and unusable for approximately one month. This one bad storm coupled with a generally poor summer kept our racing to a minimum and we did not have any single series with the necessary required races.

The regular NEYC Regatta, held in early July, was canceled this year due to the aforementioned storm. The only race of any consequence held at our club was an abbreviated long distance race won by Al Bell with Lekson/Hoegler Syndicate coming in second and Bill Kidd placing third.

Extending an invitation to all to attend our 1973 July Regatta — we hope for better sailing in 1973.



Photo by Frank Gordon

Buck Ballatin and crew Tommy Tubbs and Jerry Lehman. (Jerry's the one trying to figure out what to do with his champagne.)

### NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209) Southern District Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain ..... Gregory Zettler  
Fleet Champion ..... John A. Ballatin  
Runner-Up ..... Gregory Zettler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7120	.....	Robert Boos
7121	.....	Don & Gerald Meyn
9176	.....	Greg Zettler
9319	.....	Charles Mericle
9696	.....	John A. Ballatin
10224	.....	Don Botkin
10680	.....	Robert Moomaw
11238	.....	Gene F. VanNorman
.....	.....	Lee Dorsey

New Orleans Yacht Club earned its share of silver in the '72 racing season because there are two boats that can always be expected to show up for a regatta even if it is in Timbucktoo—and believe me we have sailed there, too. One is Buck Ballatin, sailing the old black SB (what the heck does that stand for?) and the other is Gregory Zettler, who usually manages to keep Buck honest but has never figured out how to keep him from talking.

Buck had to be the most outstanding shrimp boat captain in the Southern District this year—winning the Mardi Gras, NOYC Opening, Pass Christian Race Week, GYA Lightning Championship, Fleet Championship, Labor Day Regatta at SYC, and NOYC Charter Day—and at this writing the season isn't over yet. Because of his combined point count for the District Championship and the GYA Championship, Buck won the John G. Curran perpetual trophy for NOYC, making this the third year in a row that NOYC has retained the honor.

Other regatta wins went to Zettler at the Morgan City Regatta, NOYC Spring Invitational, and the SYC Cajun series. Bob Moomaw gave a good accounting of himself in our last event; winning the NOYC Closing Regatta sailed in winds over 20 knots.

We were fortunate this year to get three new skippers—Charles Mericle, Bob Moomaw, and, late this fall, Don Botkin—all with competitive boats. We appreciate their participation and hope that in '73 we really get these guys cranked up (just ask Buck how to do it). An important contributor to the success of our fleet may well be Gene Van Norman, who now has more time to sail his fine boat. In fact, he is asking for more races! This is the spirit we need, and we intend to provide those races in '73.

NOYC extends an invitation to all Lightning skippers to come and sail in our Exxon Invitational. The name is new, but the lake is not—we called it the Spring Invitational last year, gave out awards through three places and crew trophies, and got a good turnout. We plan to make this regatta even better in '73; and if it's good for anything, to air condition the club house. If possible, we plan to back this event with an SYC Invitational so our out of town skippers can leave their boats here and come back the following weekend for another regatta. The dates should be in late May or early June. Check your district schedule in the spring and plan a trip to New Orleans.

### ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212) Ohio District Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... George Tift  
Fleet Secretary ..... Barbara Tift  
Fleet Champion ..... Tom McCain

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1983	Nereid	Henry Schaeffer, Jr.
2727	.....	Henry Partridge
3431	.....	Ted Witter
3459	Spoiler	Richard D. Gravo
5700	South Wins	Charles Ash
6886	Tammy	Carl Hummer
8586	Firebird	James Luntz
9350	Not-A-Loss	Eugene Muntean
9850	Ruth II	David B. Dutton
9080	Shannah	Thomas J. Seifert, Jr.
10112	.....	Charles P. Weigel & Nicholas G. Petros
10311	Resolute	Calvin Friar
10430	Eager Beaver	Jerry Schwab
10900	Four Winds V	Thomas E. McCain & James L. Cooper
11508	Yellowjacket	Nelson M. Caley
11556	Posidon, Son of Neptune	Joseph Streb
11661	Red Raider II	George Tift, M.D.
11717	.....	Richard C. Waller
12044	North Star	Karl Rollius
12116	Pizzazz	Herbert Jestel
12184	Blitz	Ferdinand V. Huber
12234	Jansabelle	William Peterson

John Mueller prepared us for the 1972 sailing season summarizing his experiences at the then recent Southern Circuit, stressing changes in rigging and sails. Sailors for all classes at Atwood attended this last of the three winter meetings and enjoyed these "pearls" from John. A spring get-together at the Tifts for all Lightning sailors officially launched the sailing season. A Lightning picnic was held in August complete with good food, beverage and fellowship.

The sailing season began in May and finished in September. The weather was excellent this year for a change, with sunny days and unusually strong and steady winds. The Spring Series was won by George Tift followed by Nelson Caley and Cal Friar. In the Summer Series, Dean Caley (Nelson's son) won, trailed by George Tift and Herb Jestel. The Fall Series was swept by Tom McCain followed by Nelson Caley and Herb Jestel. Tom McCain dominated the Commodore Series with George Tift and Nelson Caley trailing in that order. Our Club Champion is Tom McCain. Runner-up was Nelson Caley and Herb Jestel was third.

Each 4th of July our fun races offer new surprises. This year the Crew Race was won by Mark Muntean, followed by Bill Jestel and Gene Surbey (our Club Commodore). For the ladies, Amy Muntean won the Powder Puff Race. Donna Schwab was second and Joan Jestel was third. All are wives of former Fleet Captains.

Five Atwood boats went to Pymatuning in July. The sailing on a large open lake was a challenge for all of us. 35 Lightnings attended our own Harvest Moon Regatta the second week in September. This was the largest turn-out of any class. Bob Baumgartner of Pymatuning won, closely trailed by Jim Dressel of Buckeye and Chuck Maltbie of Pymatuning. Several from Atwood attended the Snowball Regatta at Buckeye to conclude in magnificent style the racing season in Ohio.

Mike Huber, Karl Rollius, Bill Peterson and Herb Jestel are the proud owners of new boats. We had a good sailing year with improvements seen, due largely to a concerted effort on the part of Fleet 212 to encourage attendance at other regattas. It is hoped that this trend will continue, for as many of us know, traveling broadens friendships and experiences, and that is what sailing Lightnings is all about.

## ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET (215)

### St. Lawrence Valley District

#### Sailing on Lake St. Louis, Dorval, Quebec

Fleet Captain	Ron Spafford
Fleet Secretary	Jack Nordin
Class "A" Champion	Gerry Cloutier
Class "B" Champion	Mitchell Brossard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2327		A. C. Shackell
3841	Sarah II	V. H. Cullen
5389	Kismet	Sam Woosley
9694	Sarah B.	Frank Boone
7850	Windfall	Frank Collins
8549	Wren	R. C. Stevenson
9377	Kalara	Larry Walters
9726		R. M. Smith
9728	Passepartout	John H. Bolton
10473	Yar II	Ron Spafford
10758		Tom Edgeworth
10934	Gigi	Michel Brossard
10938	Scherzo	Jack Nordin
11075		Roland Raid
11131	Blue Indigo	Steve Berend
11174	Janitor	Dave Sprague
11266		Arden Boland
11294	Hutch I	Alan Hutchison
11434		D. Pelletier
11504	Second Wind	Bill Dunnington
11521	Parbid	Gerry Cloutier
12172	Sheila VI	Russel Scrim
Life Member		A. E. Wilson

The highlight of the year was the Canadian Open Lightning Championship hosted by our fleet in July. The 34 entries came from Buffalo, the Niagara Peninsula, Toronto and Winnipeg, as well as our two Montreal area fleets. Don Allen, Hamilton, took home the silver. The best showing by the 12 entries from our own fleet was Archie Cameron's seventh place standing—followed by Gerry Cloutier in eighth and George Layton in fourteenth. We all learned a great deal from our visitors in the heavy to light winds of the five races over three days. We hope our visitors enjoyed our hospitality.

Our third annual team race against the neighboring Hudson Yacht Club fleet saw our fleet emerge victorious again for the Broken Rudder Trophy, but not until the last of many protests had been heard. On the other hand, Hudson took the first two places in the District Championship at the St. Lawrence Valley Yacht Racing Association Regatta. Jack Nordin, from our fleet, came in third. The last of the three races had to be abandoned as the Race Committee could not read the sail numbers of the boats sailing the "B" course, due to the line squall and driving rain which swept the fleet across the finish line on a dead run.

Winners of various events during the year included Gerry Cloutier (Spring Series, June Regatta, Good Start Regatta II, Bessborough Cup, Evening Series), Bill Dunnington (Good Start Regatta I), and Russ Scrim (Annual Regatta, Davaar Quaich). As befits a winner of so many events, Gerry Cloutier hosted our annual party. We missed Bob and Audrey Beal who moved to London, England, early in the season—with their enthusiasm we may see a Lightning fleet established there. New members of our fleet included René Rail, Bob Smith, Denys Pelletier and Bill Grant, with Club Commodore Russ Scrim and Bill Grant both acquiring new boats. Youth may finally be invading our fleet with 15 year old Brent Nordin having skippered his father's boat to a third place finish in the Bessborough Cup. It was a good year, but 1973 holds a great deal of promise.

## SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Vincent Boyle
Fleet Secretary	William Boice
Fleet Champion	Thomas Lange
Runner-Up	Joseph Dissette

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2940		Larry Underhill
3856		Terry Searfoss
6262		Lee Klopfenstein
7169	WillWin	Wm. Boice
7355		Fred Neitzke
8288	Dr. Seuss	Richard Buraw
8294	Niva Belle	James Johnson
9168		James Schofield
9595		Charles Burda
9903	The Stern	Thomas Lange
10102		Jim Peters
10233		Larry Peterson
10312		Milt Johnson
10366		Charles Thomas
11060		Ben Eynon
11156		Carl Hesse
11164		Gary Byron
11833	Carousel VIII	Mike McPeak
12121		Vincent Boyle
12136	Carousel IX	Doug Harlow
12176		Dick DeAngelis
		Robert Paul
		Henry Noehles
		Louis Kuhlman
	Carousel X	Joseph Dissette

Fleet 216 has just completed what must be the best year in its history. We added six new members, with the promise of several more before next year—and we sailed 24 out of 25 scheduled races. Only a small squall and the accidental firing of a third gun by the committee boat prevented the sailing of all 25 races.

This year the king was dethroned. Our perennial champion, Joe Dissette, was upset by Thomas Lange, who had ten firsts and two seconds in the races he counted for the fleet championship. With all due respect to Joe, who finished second with "only" nine firsts and three seconds, he didn't realize the closeness of the standings and missed the last three races. All of us in the fleet congratulate you "Joe" on your success in the Michigan Invitationals. Joe's sailing victories included a first at St. Joseph, a fifth at Crescent, a fourth at Saginaw Bay, a sixth at Devils Lake and a third at Clark Lake. The *Carousels* are becoming a very familiar stern in the Michigan Regattas.

Carl Hesse, who once again sailed every scheduled race, was awarded third place for his efforts. Vince Boyle, Ben Eynon, Dick Burrow, Larry Peterson, Jim Schofield, Bill Boice, Jim Peters, Mike McPeak and Bob Paul rounded out the top fleet boats.

The Fleet 216 Invitational was attended by only 25 boats—probably due to the forecast of rain and 40-mile winds. With a forecast like that, it's a surprise that even 25 showed. However, there was beautiful sailing weather and even a little sunshine. Gary Demarest of Tawas barely edged Don Fraser of Pontiac for first place, with Bill McKinley of Tawas, Joe Dissette of the host club, and John Campbell of St. Joseph breaking a three-way tie in that order.

The Fleet "Owl Series", sailing on Wednesday nights was also won by Thomas Lange, with Carl Hesse finishing second. First-year skipper Mike McPeak finished third, Ben Eynon was fourth, followed by Bill Boice, Dick Burrow, and Jim Schofield. The real competitors of the series are skippers Lee Klopfenstein, Jim Peters, Larry Peterson, Chuck Thomas, Milt Johnson and Gary Byron fighting the late crowd at the hoist and the unfriendly evening attack of mosquitoes.

"Next year," is the cry that has been heard from our new skippers, Mike McPeak, Milt Johnson, Larry Peterson, Lou Kuhlman, Gary Byron, Jim Peters and Chuck Thomas. If they continue to increase in experience and speed—as they have this year—then the next year looks like a real free-for-all with our hardware going to almost anyone.

We all have enjoyed the competition this year and next year it looks even better.