



"But Joe . . . don't you think somebody should watch where we're going?" "Shut-up and look at the camera—we're on starboard anyway."

LAKE ZURICH (219)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake Zurich at Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	Ch. Manz
Fleet Secretary	H. K. Rahn
Fleet Champion	P. Hofer
Runner-Up	H. K. Rahn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
928		P. Schneider
4227	Argos	F. Schuhmann
4285	Aeolus	F. Schraner
5384	Trixli	H. Tobler
6203	Manta	W. Ruetschi
6377	Kon-Tiki	E. Bieffer
6396	Falcon	H. Ochsner
6741	Take It Easy II	J. Weilenmann
7588	Marika	H. Vogel
8768	Csardas	P. Hofer
8942	Asandra	R. Meier & P. Dill
9033	Senang	K. Trub
9130	Tabu III	R. Berger
9358	Canard	K. Lauk
9359	Kabaru	L. Rutz
9478	Chrabs	H. Grob
9487	Babar	A. Gunther

10001	Take it easy	Dr. H. P. Knoepfel
10279	Bagheera	G. Wohlgenuth
10483	Escape	W. Binggeli
10714	Hurry-up II	H. Tschappeler
10904	Susuri	Dr. H. Hotz
11108	carpe diem	Ch. Manz
11489	Reuel III	Prof. H. Zollinger
12067	Hacora IV	H. K. Rahn
12091		P. Vollmin
6 Lightnings		J. Sulger
		H. Kung & F. Zimmermann
Life Member		O. Weber

1972 has been divided into two periods: On the one hand, we reached a high aim: 2 boats have been admitted as national crew to represent Switzerland; Messrs. Rahn and Manz. On the other hand, we have to state a certain lack of interest and the activity of regattas are going back further.

On the occasion of the boat exposition in Zurich last spring, we could only present the old wooden boats instead of the expected new plastic boats. These boats are available only now, because the delivery of the mold was delayed. There has been a switch over of some people to other classes and others are waiting. Nevertheless, many people showed much interest in a Lightning produced by Jack Beck during the exposition of this year.

Since the Swiss Championship was fixed for the month of May we had to start the sailing season in April. Among several invitations was the one of the Italians for the race of Gardasee. At the Swiss Championship at Ascona, the southern part of Switzerland which has no Lightnings, a total of 27 international boats including 7 boats from Zurich started. There also Mr. Rahn proved that his new fiberglass boat will be in first positions in the future.

After Ascona 5 of our boats attended the European Championship at Morges together with the lady-crew as in 1971.

The Lake of Zurich regattas have been attended very poorly except for the "weekend" arranged by Hans Hotz.

The sailing zenith was reached at Anzio during the Italian championship in July. Hacora IV, carpe diem and the lady crew sailed with good winds and enjoyed an exceptional hospitality together with happy sailors. Many thanks to our friends! H. K. Rahn was second and Christian Manz third.

At the end of the season the third regatta of the district was held on the Greifensee near Zurich frequented by 14 boats, of which unfortunately only 3 boats were from our fleet.

We are going to concentrate our efforts on the boat exposition 1973 with the goal to give a new impulse to our fleet in Zurich, which is a great necessity.

HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225)

Central New York District

Sailing on Henderson Bay at Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain	Harry Jewell
Fleet Secretary	Dave Parker
Fleet Champion	John Northrop
Runner-Up	Dr. Erwin Stone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1318	Ship-Ahoy	T. Walker
1669		Dr. V. Battista
1802	Piacere	Fred B. Wardwell
2172		Robert Davidson
2919		Joseph F. Giancola, Jr.
4252	Scamper	Harry Jewell
5612	Blitzen	Vincent Ciliberti
6602	Frontenac	Rick Stevens
7646	Bunker Hill	Martin Maurer
8672	Piacere II	William Chamberlain
10707	Vikingen	Dave Parker
10712	May Day	John Northrop
11665		Dr. James Finnerty
11853	Andiamo	Dr. Irwin Stone

This was an average year for Henderson Harbor Yacht Club. The winds were not what we wanted most of the time. The weather did not live up to our expectations, but all in all, we had some mighty fine racing that was capped by a high spirit of competitiveness.

Our Apple Blossom race started our season with a good bunch coming out. Fleet 225 saw fair winds and we had a fine race. Dave Parker took first barely from Dr. Stone. 11665 followed.

John Northrop, who has not been racing on the Harbor recently, took our Sunday Series Perpetual Trophy with Dr. Stone in second, and the Finnerty lightning in third spot.

Our annual trip to Stony Island for a picnic race was hampered by high winds and poor weather. These conditions, however, were met by our full fleet and there was a lot of great racing and lead changing but Dave Northrop, in 10712, took first with Stone and Parker, respectively following.

We were not able to have our yearly encounter with the Thousand Island Park Club due to a mix-up in communications.

Prince Edward Yacht Club hosted the Eastern Yachting Circuit this year. The long distance race was surely long and followed with a line squall. Dr. Stone came up winning the cup with Dave Parker taking second.

The Course Race saw Frank Beadle coming in to join us. All races in this event were spectacular, but the third was the best because of the team racing of Parker and Stone. But it was to no avail, as Beadle took first, with Stone and Parker at 2nd and 3rd.

Our Frostbite Race in September finished off Fleet 225's season. Dave Parker took first with the help of Caroline Penfield and the Penfield's sails. Chuck Stone followed in 11853 with the Maurers in 7646, third.

Fleet 225 was represented throughout the District's Regattas by Dave Parker in 10707, Dave Sharpe, Shiela Finnerty and Jim Finnerty in 11665, and Chuck Stone in 11853 with the help of Fred Wardwell.

BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226)

Florida District

Sailing on Biscayne Bay at Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain Charlie Beedle
Fleet Secretary Jan Lowe
Fleet Champion Howard Sutter
Runner-Up Mike Pearl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1916	John Montgomery
2675	Bill & Sylvia Barber
4209	Bill Perkins
6909	Herbert W. Virgin, III
7010	Herbert Quartin
7342	Standish Bourne, Jr.
8038	Jeff & Judy Burns
8368	John Behrmann
8665	Gus Serino
9240	Jim Pinion
9388	George Morris & Vic Silverman
9421	Alan Westcott
9877	Tom & Mary September
9975	Randy & Jan Lowe
10230	Lt. Col. Jackson H. Bowman III
10886	George Freeland
10944	Alex & Glenn Carlin
11616	Sam Stephenson
11981	Michael & Marc Pearl
12051	Robert W. Laidlaw, D.D.S.
.....	Charlie & Betty Jane Beedle
.....	Howard Sutter

With a year-round racing season, Fleet #226 at times becomes complacent, but the past year has been one of its most active in regard to participation at annual regattas and weekend races, sponsored by the Biscayne Bay Racing Association. (This is a group composed of four area clubs.)

Youth has risen its head at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club on Biscayne Bay, the home of our fleet, and it has also captured the Lightning Fleet. Among the very active skippers are Randy Lowe age 15, Mike Pearl age 16, and Howard Sutter age 19.

Ladies have also decided they like Lightnings. In a recent Ladies' Day Series for class boats, three women skippers raced Lightnings. Lightning skipper Sylvia Barber, racing in a Portsmouth number event in October, took two firsts beating out a Flying Scott, a Highlander and a Thistle.



"I told you it was no time to take a flyer." "Why don't you keep your comments to yourself and put up the spinnaker pole?"

Our Fleet Champion, Howard Sutter, also won the Florida District Championship with four 1st's and a 4th, and went on to the North Americans to end up sailing in the top flight and placed 22nd in the finals. Mike Pearl of this fleet was second and also went on to the North Americans at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Annual Regatta was won by Howard Sutter, and the Coral Reef Yacht Club annual Regatta was won by Alan Westcott with Randy Lowe Runner-up. The Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association annual trophy went to Alan Westcott.

Once again it was our pleasure to host the third part of the Southern Circuit. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again in 1973. Fleet 226 hopes this will be its year to claim part of the silver.

New skippers joining the fleet this year are: Bill Perkins, Jeff Burns, Jim Pinion, George Morris, Vic Silverman, Tom September, Jack Bowman, Sam Stephenson, Tom Beekman.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB (227)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain Charles Stahle
Fleet Secretary Carol Stahle
Fleet Treasurer Richard Brannen, O.D.
Fleet Champion Sam Stowell
Runner-Up James Russell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7	Raider I	Paul Schoenbucher
5886	.....	David Cross, M.D.
6236	.....	Andrew Zak, M.D. & Ovila Bibeau
6695	.....	Jonathan Booream
7228	Andee	John Clark
7868	.....	W. W. White
9413	Enigma	William Potter
9440	Red Baron	Robert Morell
9811	Killer	Todd Schill
10079	Mistral	Robinson Keyes
10118	Spray	Robert Franzoni
10839	.....	Ralph Seeley, M.D.
11186	Chicken Little	Stanford Zeccolo
11267	Yankee Dandee	Sam & Ann Stowell
11393	.....	David Stagg
11523	Lucky Pierre	Charles W. Stahle
11886	.....	James Russell
12076	Hangover III	Richard Brannen, O.D.
12077	.....	James P. Leamy, Jr.
12114	.....	Raymond Harrington

No Report.

RIVERTON LIGHTNING FLEET (228) **Central Atlantic District** **Based on Delaware River, Riverton, N.J.**

Fleet Captain Thomas Barnett
Fleet Secretary Robert C. Haag

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1466		David V. DuBois
7383		Melvin J. Buckman
7660	Roy's Rig	Roy Doerre
7989		Paul Soentgen
8536	Trop Chere	Bob Haag
8595	Prism	Hank Meinecke
9844		L. Hayes
10420		Fred J. Schlobohm
10526	Big Girl	Thomas M. Barnett
10767		Alan Lippincott
10888	Union Jack	Alan Crew
11665		A. Marcy Lippincott
11740		D. Hoekstra
11753		R. G. Johnstone, Jr.
12064		A. Marcy Lippincott
		L. Hayes
		Jim Lippincott
		Jack Parker
Honorary Member		Betty Allen

No Report

CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229) **Pacific Northwest District** **Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon**

Fleet Captain Jack Culver
Fleet Sec'y-Treas. Jan Gilhousen
Fleet Champion Morrie Craig
Runner-Up Jack Culver
New Skipper Champion George Mangas

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3318	Fetchit	James C. Howland
3687		Ken Pingel
4359	Batchelor	Ralph Batchelor
	Button	
7042	Wooden Shoe	Alfred S. Olsen
7525		Rev. Norman D. Pott
7680		George Mangas
7695		Larry Gabel & Dr. Virgil W. Samms, Jr.
8114	Hardtack	Richard MacDonald
8334	Static	Richard Emigh
8961		Gib Haller
9236		Lewis F. Roth
9819		Dr. Donald Brinton
10054		George McBride
11047		Dr. Joseph Kantor
11197	Unexpected Windfall	Dr. Roger L. Mehl
11404	Green Eggs & Ham	A. Morrie Craig
11428	Plliz	James Senshaw
11429	Crackerjack & Supernan	Andrew J. Culver, Jr.
11873		C. Stuart McElhinny
11879	Dumb Boat	Eben Sutton
11965	Playmate	Jerry D. Boyle
12078	Quick Silver	Silver E. Gilhousen
Honorary		Francis Kelley

Where to start this fantastic year. The climax is uppermost in our minds — later on that! At the conclusion of last year's season it was apparent that our fleet was at the pinnacle of the hump on the way up from the doldrums. We were running free with a terrific momentum. To hang on through the winter we had speakers, clinics, films, parties and ideas that wouldn't quit. We could hardly wait until spring to develop our fleet to the utmost. Along came Opening Day with perfectly awful weather. Our fleet was the only one eager and gutsy enough to make the line.



Fleet 229's proudest: L to R. Nan Culver, Jack Culver, Captain; Jan Gilhousen, Sec'y-Treas.; Silver Gilhousen shown with the STEKETEE TROPHY.

We plunged into May. First at the Sea Fair in Newport on the coast. This was the third year of our participation in this event (see *Flashes* July, 1972) and we are proud to announce that, as promised, a fleet is imminent. Gib Haller bought a Lightning and he promises there will be more! In the meantime he joined 229. Then we raced the Barber Series, an annual event with Portland 283, at their nifty new facilities on Vancouver Lake. They won it but we'll get 'em yet. May concluded with the biggest event on the West Coast, the Eugene Yacht Club Memorial Day Regatta with over 200 boats, 25 of them Lightnings and 8 of them ours. We placed Eben Sutton and Jack Culver in the top 10. We partied and sang and danced and EVERYBODY knew who the IN bunch were! Our motto: "Enthusiasm is Contagious — Talk Lightning!" set the tone for the season. Our momentum had us on a dead plane and we knew the once largest and best Lightning fleet on the West Coast was striking again. How did we do it? By emphasizing that we had the best class boat, people and program. Our priorities were lots of action, constant assistance to our new skippers and crews, and plenty of fun. We balanced racing and non-racing events and we think this is very important. We made flags and presented one to the highest placing new skipper in every race. The one with the most at the end of the season received a new revolving trophy made by Jack Culver — a beautiful 18" high walnut Lightning. The competition among the new skippers got hot and George Mangas emerged as the hottest. Everyone gave a lot of themselves by deed and thing. George McBride scrounged a wonderful scale which he donated. Dick MacDonald caused it to be certified. Jack made a neat box for it. Morrie Craig came up with great programs . . . just to mention a few. We are grateful to our honorary members, Fran and Marge Kelley who for many years were loyal and active Lightning sailors, for deeding the Kelley Trophy to be awarded annually for 50% hospitality and 50% race participation. The first winner of the new trophy is Jack Culver, whose faithful leadership for 2 years has contributed immeasurably to the success of Fleet 229. Jack says it was a joint effort with wife, Nan, and Jan and Silver Gilhousen.

To keep us up on the exciting plane, we plan to develop two things this winter — a junior program and a flotation committee. We were impressed by the sailout article in September *Flashes* and we are going to work together to implement those ideas into our wooden boats followed by capsize drills in the spring.

Morrie Craig developed as our best racer, winning practically all the series racing, the Fleet Championship, Lowe Cup, Newport and in the top 10 of 31 in the Districts. Eben was first on Opening Day, Richards Trophy, Harvest Regatta and in the top 10 of 36 in the Pacific Coasts. Jack Culver was the bridesmaid to both and won the Tradewinds Trophy. We sent 12 to the District Team Races in Seattle where we won 2 and lost 3. We can and will do better!

The icing on the cake for this fabulous year was the trophy pictured above, won by all of us. We treasure the Steketee Trophy above all else. Not only because it rewards us for what we have accomplished but because it is something in which we have all shared — and that is what this fleet is all about!

LAKE DUNMORE FLEET (243) New England District Sailing on Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Vermont

Fleet Captain	Don Sherburne
Fleet Secretary	Christine Brush
Racing Secretary	Biffy Sherburne
Fleet Champion	Don Sherburne
Runner-Up	Don Brush, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5615	Charmajon	Robert Rogers
6278	.....	John P. Crowley
10313	.....	Bob Hunt
11212	DCBee	Donald C. Brush, Sr.
11663	Wishbone	Dr. Edward Reiman
12054	Wild Goose	Donald Brush, Jr.
12082	.....	Donald Sherburne

Though our boats are few, our fleet enjoyed 17 races this past season. Our top skipper, Don Brush Jr., and his crew, Ann Powers, were away most every weekend winning laurels. He placed 3rd in the New England Districts and 14th overall in the North Americans, thus becoming eligible for the 1973 Worlds Championships. Our fleet is proud to be the home base for this champion and we wish Don good luck in the World's at Buffalo next August.

For the first time, our fleet really gave Bomoseen a "run for the money" at the annual Bomoseen-Lake Dunmore regatta. We still couldn't beat them but we surely pushed, taking 3 out of the first 5 places.

We are sorry to lose Ann Powers and Seeley Estabrook, who is a charter member, as skippers but know they will still be part of the fleet. As the same time we welcome Bob Hunt and crew as new members and are glad to have Don Sherburne and crew back again from Europe.

WINNIPESAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (246) New England District Sailing on Lake Winnepesaukee at Gilford, N.H.

Fleet Captain	Don Taub
Fleet Secretary	Steve Harper
Fleet Champion	Steve Harper
Runner-Up	Peter Harris

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5643	.....	Kenneth B. Taylor
8443	.....	Dr. Peter Lambert
8720	Huntress	Andy Howe
8898	Soapy Sea	Ralph Mosher
8915	Cricket	Alan Posnack
9378	.....	Ed Michels
9422	Esmeraldy	Kent Locke
10188	Huntress II	Rev. Parkman Howe
10565	Reprise	Peter B. Harris
10613	Smokey	Stephen C. Harper
11401	Punch	Irving F. & Deems A. Buell
11425	HiHo	Hyman S. Bergstein
11648	Sea Otter	Paul Cotter
12127	.....	Dr. George Ousler

Winnepesaukee Yacht Club Fleet 246 had an interesting and challenging year in 1972. On one hand it was rebuilding with some members dropping out, and other newer enthusiastic sailors taking over. On the other hand, we hosted both the New England District Championships and the Adams Cup Semi-finals, both very successful regattas.

The Districts were blessed with good air, sun and even a bit of Winnepesaukee thunder and lightning. Dr. Lou Pocharski proved he was still best, but Dr. Georges Peter was second, only 1¼ points behind Lou. Don Brush, Bud Hamblet and Len Pratt rounded out the top five. For Fleet 246, Peter Harris won the fifth race and took ninth in the series. Thirty-six Lightnings participated in the regatta.

Paul Cotter won the Spring Series, held in early June. Steve Harper was second and Al Posnack third.

A special long distance race for the Larrabee Cup in July was won by young Jeff MacHaffie, sailing Smokey. Paul Cotter and

Hy Bergstein were runner up and third.

The season championship was won by Steve Harper in Smokey for the third time in four years. In a hotly contested series, Peter Harris edged out Paul Cotter for the runner-up position. Parky Howe was fourth.

Deems Buell, a newer young skipper, is mastering the art of heavy weather sailing. No one came close to him, as he took the fall series. This was a series of four races on Labor Day Weekend sailed in 20 to 30 knot winds. Steve Harper and Paul Cotter headed the remainder of the fleet thinned by capsize and gear failures.

Winnepesaukee skippers did some traveling too, with Kirt Kling taking a third at the Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta on Squam Lake. Steve Harper also managed a third at the Annisquam Fall Regatta. Steve Harper crewed for George Peter while they won the President's Cup at Rehoboth Beach, Del.

FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249) Italian District

Sailing on Garda Lake at Nord, Italy

Fleet Captain	G. Ferdinando De Amicis
Fleet Secretary	G. Ferdinando De Amicis
Fleet Champion	Francesco Broglia
Runner-Up	Marzio Mariani

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8763	Sinbad	G. Ferdinando De Amicis
9450	Buonaventura	Giuseppe Ronzoni
9787	Sturm	Gigi Venturi
10513	.....	Giuseppe Nardini
10672	Ortella	Dr. Francesco Broglia
10781	Schiribilla	Dr. Marzio Mariani
10782	Nereide	Dr. Orazio Tessari
11534	Else 2a	Renato Zanca

In May 1972, the Di Lorenzo Trophy Regatta was hosted by the West Garda Yacht Club at Padenghe on the Garda Lake. Ten Italian boats, five Swiss boats and one German boat participated. Winner was Z-12067 *Hacora IV* skippered by Hans Rahn from Fleet 219; Hans Luthy with *Quand Meme* from Fleet 250 was the runner-up.

The Fleet Captain De Amicis took part in the International Swiss Championship at Ascona on the Verbano Lake; he finished 12th.

Two Lightnings represented the Fleet 249 in the European 1972 Championship at Morges in Switzerland: 8763 *Sinbad* with De Amicis, Soardi, and Manfredini finished 17th; 10781 *Schiribilla* with Mariani, Chizzolini, and Menoni was 24th.



De Amicis with crew Manfredini.

The 1972 Italian Championship was held at Anzio on the Tirenian Sea. Among Fleet 249 members De Amicis was 7th and Broglia 8th.

Again De Amicis took part at the Lido degli Estensi on the Adriatic Sea for the Lanfredi Cup in June and in the Final Regatta in October. He finished 3rd and 4th, respectively.

HALLWIPER AND SEMPACHEUSEE FLEET (250)

Swiss District

Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Hallwill,

Sursee, Switzerland

	Fleet Captain	Hans A. Luthy
	Fleet Secretary	Thomas Urech
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4513	.....	Georg Schwarb, Ing.
7586	Chraby	Noldi Bachmann
7801	Hasta La Vista	Othmar Stutz
8189	Benjamin	Hutter Hansjorg
8372	.....	Edgar Merz
8770	Ifakara	Beat Sieger, Stud.
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
9247	Basilik	Hans Olivieri
9352	Mistral	Dr. C. Klemm, med.
9353	Fantom III	A. Erismann
9356	Dany	Manfred Kuttel
9503	Quand Meme	Hans A. Luthy
9781	Thetis	Peter Buhl
10277	None Such	Thomas Urech
10467	Jan Pierewiet	Charlotte Meier
10720	.....	Bruno Frey-Kung
10903	Pallas	Dr. Rudolf Schwitzer
11104	Joy	Josef Dahinden
11105	Spitfire	Ruede Kung, Kfm.
11106	Julia	H. Brandli
11492	.....	Ernst Hirt, Techn.
11493	Franziska	Paul Grunenfelder
.....	.....	Kurt Stalder
.....	.....	Erich Spitt, Kfm.
.....	.....	Karl Widmer-Graber

The 1972 hope for our fleet was to build up bigger regatta fields to make our class more popular than before in Switzerland. In several regattas we had success—for example, in the Swiss Championship at Ascona we started with 8 boats.

After this we are able to work on other problems and we look to a very successful 1973 with more wind and a lot of luck.

Short race report from Fleet 250: We started with the first training in April followed by regattas in May, June, August and September. The top of the year was the Swiss Championship in Ascona and the European Championship in Morges.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

Central New York District

Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain	John Caputo
Vice Captain	Clyde Rathman
Fleet Secretary	Mary Caputo
Fleet Champion	Hank Young
Runner-Up	Larry Korner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
695	Gee-Jay	George Kalinich
1945	.....	Gerald Levine
2702	.....	William Walker
4973	.....	Donald Taylor
7961	.....	Dick Eckstrom
9249	.....	Dr. Pat Patrizio
9731	.....	John Caputo, Reg. Pharm.
10461	Jem	Henry Young
10490	.....	Clyde Rathmann
11277	Brad	Robert Murray
11539	More Trouble	Larry Korner
11624	.....	William F. Eibl
11867	.....	R. Baxter Rhodes, D.D.S.
11901	.....	Bill Brown

A dinner meeting in May, 1972 attended by all members of Fleet 252 excited us for the coming season of sailing. Memorial Day weekend was a perfect kick-off with three races sailed in beautiful weather. Two more races were sailed in June, and the June series was won by Bill Eibl. Larry Korner was second and George Kalinich was third. Eight out of fifteen boats in the fleet participated in the June series.

Hurricane Agnes then dealt us a wet blow. Thursday, June 22, Keuka Lake rose over the docks, over the sea wall, across the lawn, and into the new clubhouse. The peak was eighteen inches of water that sat on our new carpet for several weeks. Boats floated off trailers, docks washed away or buckled, and many members scrambled to prevent further damage despite washed out roads. Motor boating was prohibited on the lake because of the fear that their wake would cause further damage to cottages. Swimming was prohibited because the water was polluted. We were forced to cancel our annual Champagne Regatta scheduled for August 12 and 13. The kind folk of the Great Sodus Bay Lightning Fleet (108) took on our regatta. Thank you, Dick Hallagan and all for doing such a splendid job. We plan to hold the Champagne Regatta next summer — there cannot possibly be another summer like this one.

Racing was resumed at the Keuka Yacht Club on August 13. Because of all the missed races in July, we sailed two races each Sunday (we were rained out one Sunday) for a total of six plus Labor Day. Hank Young won the summer series. Larry Korner took second and Bill Brown third. The Labor Day Series was won by Hank Young with George Kalinich second and a tie for third between Larry Korner and David Caputo. Three races were sailed for the Fall series. Larry Korner won the trophy. Second place went to Hank Young and third to Bill Brown. Eleven boats participated in the summer series and ten in the fall series.

Despite Mother Nature, the Lightning Fleet at Keuka Lake is on the grow. Larry Korner purchased 11539 and Bill Brown purchased 11901. Dick Eckstrom, 7961, joined us from Owego. Hank Young is talking about a new boat. George Kalinich's brother is considering a move into the area bringing a new Lightning into the fleet. Maybe George would then replace 695.

Even though sailing days were few, spirits were high and competition was keen. We are looking forward to the Summer of '73. Come sail with us!

BURT LAKE YACHT CLUB (254)

Michigan District

Sailing on Burt Lake at Burt Lake, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Ann ImOberstag
Fleet Secretary	Jeanne Graham
Fleet Champion	William R. Higgins, Jr.
Runner-Up	Ann ImOberstag

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
45	Alfred French
7345	Cynthia Dunlap
7346	Danny Stevenson
8784	Irving F. ImOberstag, Jr.
9222	Tom Dunlap, Jr.
9627	William R. Higgins, Jr.
11642	Stuart Cheney

The number of active Lightnings was small this year, but the sailors that were out enjoyed the racing, and had a friendly, competitive spirit. We were especially pleased to see number 45. Unfortunately, not enough members were able to race a full series, nor were all of the trophy races able to be scheduled. Along with the Lightning races, a larger number of Sunfish and Sailfish sailed in their own series on Burt Lake.

CLARK'S HILL FLEET (257)

Southeastern District

Based on Clark's Hill Reservoir at Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain	Dr. Gilbert Klemann	
Fleet Secretary	John W. (Ted) Kelker, Jr.	
Fleet Champion	Dr. Gilbert Klemann	
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2381		Gil Klemann
3250		Mike Annis
7947	Bashful	Nancy Klemann
8394	White Lightning	Mike Annis

9468	Bippy	Gil Klemann
10149	.....	Len Nance
10150	Kiwi II	Ted Kelker
10152	.....	Mike Annis
11003	.....	Bev Carter
11679	Mimi	Jud Barber
.....	.....	Alan Claxton
.....	.....	Marion (Skip) Jones

What fleet report couldn't be prefaced with "some good, some bad"? This season did find our Fleet losing a member or two from last year, but we gained a lovely new skipper in Miss Nancy Klemann. Nancy inherited her father Gil's ex-boat "Bashful" and several of us are already relegated to following her around the marks. If this be Women's Lib, "right on," say we.

On the male chauvinists side, young Paul Kelker, Ted's son and ex-bow crew, is one of our most talented new skippers. He may keep her in her place; he may keep all of us in our place! Third place, fourth place...

Again this year, the mainstay of our pleasure was the close competition and good fellowship of the Southeastern Lightning Circuit races. We had only five boats competing from 257, but two of the five made our weight felt when awards were passed out. Jud Barber, with a first, third, and three seconds, took second overall, and Ted Kelker, although only sailing four races, placed third in the circuit.

In other regional regattas, Ted won first silver in the Lake Murray open against twelve Lightnings.

The rest of us have trailed countless miles to Savannah, Charleston, Columbia, Camden, Atlanta, and Hartwell, providing "also-ran fodder." We loved every minute of it.

Our Fleet was proud to host the Augusta Invitational, our contribution to the Circuit, on April 22 and 23. Twenty-three boats competed. Jud Barber grabbed first silver, and Ted Kelker won third, in moderate to brisk air.

Some good, some bad? How can we recall any bad when the memory of the good tastes so sweet. We're already planning a campaign for next spring to introduce other club members to the pure joy of competing in a Lightning.



"We're awarding you the trophy this year Carson, but if you finish with a white nose again next year, we won't even score you."

April 22, 23 (The Tennessean Regatta). This year our farthest boat came from Wisconsin, the Don Cassers. Fred Beesley had won in our class in 1971 with an all-girl crew. This year he was out of town so wife Anne and male crew showed him she could win, too. After this open regatta we start our summer club racing season.

The club racing season got off to a slow start. Weather was good but not all boats were on the line. Our first out-of-town regatta, that five of our fleet participated in, was at Lake Arkabutla, Hernando, Miss., hosted by the Delta Sailing Club May 6, 7. Then on to the Governor's Cup at Ken-Lake Sailing Club at Aurora, Ky., May 20, 21 with no air on Saturday. Sunday found Tom Hudgens first and Cully Cobb second. Cully unfortunately was not seen by a catamaran and had his chain plate torn out on the port side. This was the third mishap to our fleet. First was Anne Beesley, at Hernando DeSoto Regatta, when a port tack boat hit her. Don Pitman, the second victim was abruptly halted approaching the finish line when out of the depths came a charging power cruiser on the race course crushing in his port side. The boat had no identification and after much research the boat was located locking thru, going down stream, with un-nautical like crew. Bob Post fell victim to our hoist, breaking his mast and doing skeg damage. Joe Friebele re-wooded his boat for the Districts and this kept him off the line. Prior to this, Jack Grigsby, Owen Hines, Bob Llovet and Dave Pickens had not been out. Toward the end of the summer our club has another open regatta, the McDougall. In this race Johnny Dortch broke his mast. Winners of the McDougall Regatta, September 2, 3 were Sherburne, back from three months in Vermont, Cobb and Friebele. Now this had to be all the boat mishaps. However, we had a physical problem when Barney Mead did himself-in with a cervical laminectomy and his son later broke his collar bone. The fleet captain was ordering a new boat after he sold his former 11732, when his wife fell, breaking an arm, keeping him from a boat till spring.

Next year, 1973, can't bring anything but the best turn-out and the best year yet for the fleet.

At the district trials, on new Lake Carlyle, June 16, 17, 18 we had five boats from our fleet. The distance was our problem, but with the new location of Fleet 266 on that lake, it was well worth the drive. Barney Mead qualified for the North Americans. However, he couldn't make it even though he was ILCA Publicity Chairman. Tom Hudgens from our fleet did go and gave us a glowing report of the events. Then our Summer Series ended with Hudgens, Beesley and Dortch as winners.

The Watkins Cup Regatta held October 7, 8 was well attended by the fleet with Llovet winning in Dortch's boat.

We decided this fall, prior to our Bluenose Regatta, to have our own fall racing series without the regular race committee. The committee is much in demand for regattas in DIYRA scheduled races. As the fleet captain was without a Lightning, he volunteered to run races for three Sundays. We also included the scoring from one regatta on Percy Priest Lake. The "Oktoberfest Open Regatta" was held the 14, 15 by Percy Priest Yacht Club. Ten fleet boats participated. The fall series seemed a good idea and possibly a similar situation could help other fleets that want to do that last bit of sailing before time to "hang on till spring." The Fall Series win-

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain	Owen M. Hines, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Walter B. England
Fleet Champion	Tom K. Hudgens
Runner-Up	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3748	Bill Barr
4254	Billy Sumner
5888	John Cunningham
6786	Prentice Easterling
6951	Bill Pease
7498	Jack Grigsby
7499	Joe Friebele
9282	Steve Wood
9288	Dr. John Oates
9948	Dr. Bill Fleet
10537	Dr. Bruce Sinclair-Smith
10621	Clarence Evans
10643	Dr. Bob Post
11032	Bob Llovet
11370	Walter England
11672	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.
11689	Don Pitman
11690	Tom K. Hudgens
11727	Dr. David Pickens
11732	Tony Chapin
11737	Johnny Dortch
11989	Dr. Cully A. Cobb, Jr.
12000	Barney E. Mead, III
12082	Dr. Donald W. Sherburne
.....	Owen M. Hines, Jr.
.....	Robert Hagstrom
Life Member	Ross H. Bryan

Fleet 262 had a fair begining in the Spring. We generally have two or so practice races before our Club's open regatta

ners were Cobb, Sherburne and Hudgens.

Now, as to our Bluenose Regatta November 4, 5. We had a good turn out, beautiful weather and good air. Jim Carson took the Bluenose challenge trophy with Jack Elfman, Merrill Bales, Ron Blair and Brad Baker following for hardware. John Mueller showed us his different experimental boat with a 12" aluminum $\frac{3}{8}$ " centerboard, slotted oval mast and boom, no V-strut and internal halyards. Could this be the shape of things to come???

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois

Fleet Captain Ron Brunnert
Fleet Secretary John M. Crabtree

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
609		Robert Worseck
2589	Hi Ho	Myron Ley
2591		Leonard A. Knobbe
3989		John R. Schaumburg
4649		Robert Heritage
4826		John Voelker
5555	Baby Puss	Roy Lenck
7275		John Heard, Jr.
7503	Deuces Tecum	Robert "Lal" Burridge
7821	Mai Kai	Mitch Bohnenkamp
8112		Walter Kromm
8377		Sanford Wertheimer
8500		Ed Dabler
8641	Magoo 2	Paul Wuesthoff
8645		Donald Hanneke
9242		William Luebbers
10053		John Folwell & Chuck Engdale
10105	Rapid Travel	John Norris
10711	Shalom	Ron Brunnert
10828		Jack Hoerner
10931		Edward Somers
11044	Maria	Robert Nebelsick
11184	Fierce Rabbit	Larry Max
11091		Mark Fahey
11211		Don E. Zerban
11496	Wasp	Thomas Boyd
11500		Eugene Johanson
11637		August Paoli
11701		William Crowell, Jr.
11815	Eagle	John G'Sell
12032	Bald Eagle	Stuart Bernstein
12169		Lawrence Kahn, M.D.
	Angry Pigeon	John M. & James N. Crabtree

Fleet 266 started the year by putting on a spectacular display at the St. Louis Boat Show. To present the Lightning, Stu Bernstein picked up his new boat and got back in time for the show opening by driving all night. It really went over big, as a result of a lot of free time and dedicated Lightning sailors promoting their class at their own expense. Enthusiasm was high and generated a good deal of interest judging from the increase in the size of the fleet this past year.

The fleet hosted the districts, and concerted efforts were put in that direction for most of the spring. It turned out to be an extremely successful weekend with a minimum of protests and a delightful time racing and socializing. Of course, Decatur's Bill Buckles walked off with all the top honors. John G'Sell and Lal Burridge from the host fleet managed to qualify for the North Americans at Rehoboth and although they didn't enter the charmed circle of winners, they held up the fleet's prestige—with the experience gathered, they will be back.

With the districts over, we all settled down to an extremely close racing season. With some members updating their boats and the addition of new members, this fleet is really going to be noticed in the future. The interest in the advancement of the Lightning at Carlyle Lake is really showing that the fun is in the keen competition of racing and pleasureable day sailing with the best facilities in the Mid-West.

A midnight sail and bar-b-q was held in August and a great time was had by all those adventurous enough to sail in the light of the stars.

The annual impromptu regatta with the Decatur fleet was held Labor Day weekend with the "Bunny" trophy going back to Decatur again. The comradeship is the most important part of this weekend and a fun time was had by all participants. Some members even promoted this weekend at the North Americans over the Whale of a Sail held two weekends later at Carlyle.

Reluctantly, the season came to a close on October 31 after a very eventful and enjoyable year. One more under the belt but pleasant joyful times to think about all winter long. As the old slogan goes—wait 'till next year!

Spring Series: 1st, 11496, Tom Boyd; 2nd, 7503, Lal Burridge; 3rd, 11815, John G'Sell; 4th, 8645, Don Hanneke; 5th, 11701, Bill Crowell.

Summer Series: 1st, 11815, John G'Sell; 2nd, 11701, Bill Crowell; 3rd, 11637, Augie Paoli; 4th, 10053, Falwell/Engdale; 5th, 11044, Bob Nebelsick.

Fall Series: 1st, 11496, Tom Boyd; 2nd, 11815, John G'Sell; 3rd, 11701, Bill Crowell; 4th, 11044, Bob Nebelsick; 5th, 10053, Falwell/Engdale.

Fleet Champion Series: 1st, 11815, John G'Sell; 2nd, 11496, Tom Boyd; 3rd, 11701, Bill Crowell; 4th, 11044, Bob Nebelsick; 5th, 8645, Don Hanneke; 6th, 7503, Lal Burridge; 7th, 10053, Falwell/Engdale; 8th, 10711, Ron Brunnert; 9th, 11637, Augie Paoli; 10th, 12032, Stu Bernstein.

BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB (267)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Brockport, New York

Fleet Captain Alan Pundt
Fleet Secretary Ray Nelson
Fleet Champion Ray Nelson
Runner-Up Alan Pundt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5201		Allan Waugh
5445	Patience	George Brower
11010	True Blue	Raymond L. Nelson
11078	Summer	
	Mistress	William A. Welch
12014	Charisma	S. Carmon Hendrickson
12215	Sundance	Alan Pundt

This was the kind of a season we have looked forward to for a long time at Brockport. The addition of Bill Welch's nearly new boat plus brand new boats for the "Old Master" Carm Hendrickson and the "Young Upstart" Alan Pundt really made it for us. Then to top it off, Allan Waugh purchased 5201 late in the season to add further to the competition. Allan is no newcomer, having sailed with Carm for a number of years, and we all respect his ability.

We started off the season with an "Ice Breaker" series in May which almost lived up to its name, due to the late arrival of spring. Alan Pundt took that series handily, but Ray Nelson came back to win the summer fleet championship series. Participation in district regattas was excellent, with four BYC boats in attendance at several of them. That may not sound like much until you realize that was 80% of our fleet. We were proud to win the Mylacrairie Trophy for the best fleet score at the CNYRA regatta and also to have Ray Nelson represent us at the North Americans.

All that activity left some of us a little breathless. But now with the leaves beginning to fly, we're looking forward to next year—and even greater successes.

LAKE OF BIEL (268)

Swiss District

Sailing on Lake of Bielersee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Martin von Gunten
Fleet Secretary Greti von Gunten

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6593	Argovia	Peter Gautschi
7563	Carina	Werner Ruch
8195		Dr. Willy Meyer
8293	Waggu	Jurgen Lehmann
9355	Undine	Bruno Weber

9781	Thetis	Albert Fanti
10716	Rasmus	Erwin von Gunten
10718	Samia II	Martin von Gunten
10999	Kami-Kaze	Dr. J. C. Hess
Life Member		Charles Nicolet

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INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)

Indiana District

Sailing on Geist Reservoir at

Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain	Hugh Harrison
Fleet Secretary	Robert A. Hall
Fleet Champion	John Leath

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
402	Spirit of '72	Bill Saeger
1335	Air Force One	Col. Ruby Davis
1754	Good Grief	Ron Scherrer
2867	Tyche	DeWayne Wallace
3228	SeBas	Garvin Bastian
3471	Mary A.	Howard Young
6231	Ginger	Bo Zaiser
6566	Dramamine	Al Christian
6880	Small Fry	George Small
7273	Hanable	Dr. Austin Gardner
8543		Durwyne Thomas
8677	Red Pride	William M. Hall
8679	Astarte	Burl Harmon
9019	Tumbleweeds	Al Deckard
9050	No Excuse	John Leath
9120	Glass Slipper	Maurice Liverette
10233		Charles Babcock
10874	Greyhound	Don Caffee
11203	Family Affair	Bing Pratt
11453	Blushing Butt	Ed Benson
11919		Ken Wood

Lightning Fleet #270 continues to grow. We have 25% more boats than last year. Much of the credit for the growth goes to Ed Benson and Ron Scherrer.

On May 6 and 7, we again hosted the Indiana Open Lightning Regatta where we had 35 boats and 18 knot wind. This was won by Jack Mueller. Our own John Leath and Burl Harmon were 4th and 9th. The Indianapolis Water Company Regatta held on June 3 and 4 saw John Leath, Ken Wood and Ed Benson as winners. We had members of our Fleet participating in the Wawasee Regatta and John Leath returned the Eli Lilly Cup to our group.

The Memorial Regatta and the Commodore's Cup Regatta found #9050 (Leath) #1. The Fleet Championship Series was won by Ken Wood and the Long John found Burl Harmon #1. John Leath and Ken Wood took their boats to the Nationals at Rehoboth Beach and participated in the Presidential and Governors Cup Series.

Other results: for our Spring Series, our A Fleet winners were: first place, John Leath, second, Ed Benson; B Fleet winners: first, Dr. Pratt; second, Bill Hall. Fall Series, A Fleet: first place, Boz Zaiser; second, Ed Benson; B Fleet: first, Dr. Bing Pratt, and second, Bill Saeger.

With several successful parties, all in all, it has been a good Lightning year for Fleet 270.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273)

New England District

Sailing on Massabesic Lake at Manchester, N.H.

Fleet Secretary	Ethan Howard, Jr.
Fleet Champion	James Richmond
Commodore's Race	Ethan V. Howard, Jr., M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
944		Thomas Lockridge, DVM
1139		Kenneth Carson
4087		Joseph Newell
4814		James Minnoch
5096		James Richmond
5613		Ronald Adams

7299	James Morrison
9748	John Webb
11160	Ethan Howard, Jr., M.D.
11162	Alec Patryn

Fleet 273 is in a metamorphic stage with several of the older boats retiring and only a few new ones arriving as replacements. The new skippers joining the Lightning class at Massabesic are very active in the weekly races.

We at 273 have tried to promote sailing a Lightning as a family affair, great fun for Ma and the Kids enjoying leisure days sailing but an utmost challenge for Pa and crew to beat John, Harry and Pete to the finish line.

Massabesic Yacht Club is one of the oldest chartered yacht clubs in New Hampshire. The Lightning Fleet has been the shining light through the years, maintaining active sailing interests and helping maturing youth in our sailing community to become august competitors and sportsmen.

The Regatta of '72 will long be remembered as "disaster day." The first two races Saturday were held in light to medium winds with weather predictions favorable for Sunday; the wind began light, but before the second leg, gusts were reaching 35 to 45 miles per hour, and many of the skippers will never forget the warm water of Massabesic.

Massabesic Fleet is anticipating the influx of three new boats for 1973 and expects nothing but increased Lightning activity.

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Lake at

Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet Captain	Bill Baxter
Fleet Secretary	His Wife
Fleet Champion	Lee Brezeale
Runner-Up	Wilson Fly

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6533		Robert Partee
6956	Sandman	Joe A. Kelly
7408	Purple Tiger	George Clarke
7501	Windlass	Harry C. Miller
7719	Gem	Jim Humphries
8080	Lauramar	Marshall Bouldin III
8185	Cagey	Harold Johnson
8406	Tunica Boom	John Cannon
8509	Big Daddy	Jack Connors
9015	Available	John Brown
9230	Memphis Mess	Richard Ransom
9756	For Sail II	McNeil Ayres
9831		John Doggett/ William Chandler
9832		Kirk Johnson
9876		Doris George
9999	Four of a Kind	Crit Currie
10049		James Bryant, M.D.
10619		Richard Gilliom
10640	Crew Cut	Roy Freeman
10977	Blue Bird III	Lloyd Lovitt
10980	Sunday's Child	Lee Brezeale
11386		William D. Burton
11387	The Odd Couple	Bill Baxter/ Bill Denman
11455	Snevets	Wilson Fly
11841		U. S. Marine Corps
11842		U. S. Marine Corps
11999		Crit Currie

Our first series began early in the spring with good winds and cool weather. Everyone was glad to be back on the water and optimistic about his racing. Lee Brezeale, however, was the one who put it all together and ran off with the series by a 20 point lead. Spring Series results 1-4: Lee Brezeale, Bill Baxter — Bill Denman, Wilson Fly, Crit Currie.

Spring was also the time of the Delta Sailing Club's Hernando Desoto Regatta. Jim Baker and Ford Petty came up from Jackson, Miss., and we were also glad to see Barney Mead, Tom Hudgens, Cully Cobb, Walter England, and Ann Beesley from Nashville.



"You and your crazy ideas—I told you we'd have a helluva time tacking with it up."

Everyone enjoyed the winds—a good 18 knots all weekend. The high winds caused trouble for some like Bill Baxter and Dick Gilliom who capsized; but not for Jim Baker who took the first place trophy.

Our Summer and Fall Series found basically the same boats fighting for the first four places. However, two of our newer skippers, Dick Gilliom and Kirk Johnson began moving up into contention. We were also glad to have Bill Chandler back in the fleet. Lee Breazeale again took first place in the summer with Crit Currie, Wilson Fly and Bill Baxter—Bill Denman in the next three places. In the Fall, undaunted by having broken three masts this year alone, Wilson Fly crept up and stole first place from Lee Breazeale who fell to second with Baxter—Denman and Lloyd Lovitt behind him.

Obviously, Lee Breazeale is our champion over all this year with Wilson Fly his runner-up. Next year's results may be quite different, however, for we understand that Crit Currie and McNeil Ayres are both purchasing new boats—and our new skippers are improving steadily.

We would like to issue an early invitation to the Hernando Desoto next May. We think you'll enjoy the race, and hope to see you there.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279) Central Canada District Based on Lambert Island, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Commodore Rob P. Welter
Fleet Captain N. Clegg
Fleet Secretary D. J. Watkinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5493	L. Walsh
6324	Don Murrell
6867	James Boyce
7092	Graham Goodall
7196	E. Ayer
7986	Hugh Craig
8199	C. B. Baker
8628	Dr. Harlod S. Braum
9500	C. S. Cranton
9695	Norman F. Clegg
9871	Dr. Alan Hargan
9872	T. Joseph
9873	Dr. Harley Hughes
9906	Murray Stitt
11009	Ross Bailey
12157	D. James Watkinson

It was a great year for sailing in Thunder Bay with the inclusion of two new boats to the fleet, and two new skippers, Mr. Jim Watkinson and Mr. W. Roger Bailey.

Dr. Harley Hughes, with a crew of Doug Hindle and Harley Hughes, Jr., once again dominated the racing at our club. During the first half of the season Mr. Murray Stitt and his crew led the standing. Due to some difficulties in committee boats, a number of races had to be cancelled, changing the lead.

The overall standings for this season ended up as follows. Dr. Harley Hughes 452 points, Norman Clegg 425, Murray Stitt 422, James Watkinson 403, Mr. Joseph 151, C. S. Cranton 86, and Ross Bailey 65.

The most enjoyable races of course, involved the Central Canadian District Championships jointly held at the Lake of the Woods Yacht Club and the Clear Bay Sailing Club. The only boat from Temple Reef to place in the top five standings was Dr. Harley Hughes. We are looking forward to tightening the competition in our fleet next year with some of the new skippers gaining experience from this past summer.

CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280) New England District Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Mass.

Fleet Captain Anne T. Dickey
Fleet Secretary Lou White
Fleet Champion A. Preston & Matteo Moore
Runner-Up Anne & Tim Dickey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2927	Fox II	Stafford Frazier
7128	Blue Cloud	Sean Campbell
7552	Green Giant	George White
7796	Hydra	Durand Echeverria
8315	Nemesis	Sidney Stern
8694	Helwin	H. Winsor Nickerson, Jr.
8710	Havoc	Robert Campbell
8953	Lucheden	H. William Oliver
9610	Tiger Claws	Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher
9714	Wind's Will	Eric Cutting
9898	Chicken	
	of the Sea	David Crockett
10234	Syncopate	Charles Sweet
10415	Thunder	Michael Pierce
10439	Isolde	Dr. Stewart Armstrong
10765	Yasu	Anne & Tim Dickey
11096	Nike II	Barbara Noyes
11379	Grand Illusion	Dwight W., Alexander Dwight & Patrick McI. Webb
11440	Ice Fire	Andy & John Scherding
11751	Scruples	A. Preston Moore
11822	Winson	W. Stuart Nickerson

Fleet 280, which used to stay strictly at home, now has its trailing buccaneers. First of all, of course, is Stuart Nickerson who, although kept out of the N. E. District Regatta and the N. A.'s by Army Reserve duty, brought home silver from almost every regatta he entered, starting with a second in the Long John, a fourth at Niagara, through another fourth in the Atlantic Coast, to a first in Maine and a second at Westport. Joining him was Alex Webb, who qualified for the N. A.'s for the first time, picked up a fourteenth in the President's Cup division despite a couple of calamities, took a fourth at Westport and placed second at Annisquam as best N. E. boat. For the most part, Alex used his brother Patrick and Chip Cornell as crew, while Stuart used his sister, Amy, and Sean Campbell, when Sean did not sail his own boat, the *Blue Cloud*. Other skippers who trailed at least once include the Moores, the Dickeys and Stafford Frazier in Barbara Noyes' new boat, with five Wellfleet boats turning up at Westport, a record in anyone's memory. Sean and Stuart expect to race at the Frigid Digit in Annapolis, while Alex sees if he can make his way onto the Harvard sailing team.

Meanwhile in peaceful Wellfleet, Pres and Matteo Moore fulfilled the promise they have shown, combining a lot of first places with some poorer finishes to win the Club Championship, as well as the July and Saturday series, the Fox Cup and the Tea Cup, along with thirds in the Sunday and August series and in the Frazier Cup. Anne and Tim Dickey, sailing with great consistency except for the final weekend, were second by one point in the Club Championship, second in all other long series and in the Fox Cup and Tea Cup, and third in the Coffee Cup. A new boat appeared this year, like the other leaders, sailed by two skippers, Barbara Noyes and Stafford Frazier. She went progressively faster all season long, and took third in the Club Championship, the July and Saturday series, and the Tea Cup, but first place on Saturday in August, and in the Frazier Cup, given in honor of Stafford's father. Whenever the two trailing skippers, Stuart and Alex, showed up on the home waters, they monopolized the first two places. Stuart won the Margaret Campbell Trophy and the Coffee Cup; Alex won the Commodore's Race and the final Labor Day Series when Stuart filled up rounding a mark. Bob Campbell, who has been a steady second or third for several summers, this year was held back by a weekend lost to his son Michael's wedding, and by a capsized. Nevertheless, he still managed to finish fourth for the season and third in the Margaret Campbell Trophy. Others who placed well included Charley Sweet, third in the Commodore's Cup, Stevie Cutting, second in the Frazier series, and the Croketts, who after a disappointing season had a strong and promising third in the Cutting Labor Day series. In Juniors, our coming champion, Edson White, sailed his vintage boat to an erratic but brilliant win, with David Oliver second, and Mark Pierce third.

Ironically, only in the Mass. State Championship at Wellfleet, did the local boats not show up well. Stuart was still on army duty, missing the first two races, although he arrived in time to lead the fleet in the final race to the finish line he did not cross. Alex had the slows that weekend, leaving Stafford Frazier to lead the Wellfleeters, tying for seventh. In a regatta, marked by a bizarre second race in which only one boat, the Scherding's, rounded the correct mark, George Peter of Annisquam won with two first place finishes, Don Brush was second with two seconds, Kip Hamblett third, and Jon Swartz and Doug Shore tied for fourth.

1972 was a good year for the Fleet under Captain Dwight Webb and Secretary Durand Echeverria. How does it look for 1973? Dave Baker is dropping out of the fleet but Ann Priest has bought his boat and will sail it with her sons. Win Nickerson says it is getting too hard to find crew; he will sell his boat and go in for cruising. But Bill Webb, who has been trying that, may sell his cruising boat and be back in Lightnings. Other families with eager juniors have talked of joining the class. Prospects are that Fleet 280 will be sailing more than twenty boats in 1973.

COLUMBIA FLEET (283) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and Columbia River, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Vance Smith
Fleet Secretary	John Tuerck
Fleet Treasurer	Jim Nelson
Fleet Champion	John Benedetti
Runner-Up	Jim Nelson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2426	.....	Lee Winner
5457	Cathy Anne	Dunc McLaughlan
6584	.....	Dunham
6592	Red Baron	Woody Woodward
7049	Chicken Ship	Tom Hawkins
7497	.....	Daryl Mercaley
8084	.....	Vance Smith
8349	.....	Steve Mallory
8382	Second Love	Fred Bedford
8497	.....	John Sanford
8778	.....	Phil Papsorth
8858	.....	Mike Schestor
9226	The Great Pumpkin	Phil Parshley
9433	.....	Jim Nelson
9657	The Jolly Green Giant	Paul Fischer
9690	.....	John Dees
10267	Stronger Than Dirt	John Benedetti
10268	.....	Oscar Tuerck
10285	Jacaranda	Anna Peachey
10541	Daddy Don't	Evans/Zimmerman
10731	.....	Walt Holman
11297	Over Easy	John Tuerck
11735	The Honorable Algaquin J. Calhoun 3	Crane/Fischer
12056	Animal	Benedetti/Jones
12094	Runamuk Tu	Ric Rice

Fleet 283 started the year like the rest of the nation, with a party. After many toasts, the fleet ushered in the New Year with much anticipation for many happy sailing days ahead. If the enthusiasm of the party was any indication, we were in for another hectic year of sailing, parties, and the usual lying and bragging sessions, which follow each race.

In spite of resolutions, the fleet was reluctant to sail Lightnings in cold weather and even colder water. During February, we had one day of unscheduled sailing on Vancouver Lake, using the many El Toros available to the fleet. Two sailors dumped their boats that day. One, who has been Fleet Champion for many years and just received a life membership in LLCA, wishes, understandably to remain anonymous. The other, John Tuerck, has gained fame as "Over Easy" champ of the fleet, and was merely maintaining his record.

April came with beautiful weather and sailing on Vancouver Lake. The sailing club sponsored a series of races to determine club championship. Two Lightning sailors, Jim Nelson and John Benedetti, walked calmly away with first and second places.

The Barber series was held May 20, 21 on Vancouver Lake. This is the annual event between Portland and Eugene. Fourteen Lightnings (nine from Portland) raced, and our own Smoke Fischer brought home another piece of silver to polish. The following weekend, Eugene hosted over two hundred sailboats at their annual Memorial Day Regatta. There were twenty-five Lightnings from six fleets, and Portland found out that everyone had been practicing. Smoke Fischer captured a fourth place; the rest of us went home with soggy sails.

June was an exciting month for us, as we hosted a Lightning regatta on Vancouver Lake. Nineteen Lightnings sailed, and John Benedetti took a third place. Portland also sponsored the District Championship this year on Vancouver Lake (the Lake's first major championship). There were thirty-one boats from Canada, Washington, Oregon, and California. Seventeen boats from Portland sailed, and we had the largest district championship in our history. Sneaky John Benedetti took Top Honors, with Jeff Ince of Canada second, and Phil Parshley of Portland, third. Phil also won the Sandbagger trophy for the highest placing first time skipper.

Thirty-six boats sailed in Kitsalano, Canada, for the Pacific Coast Championships. Despite good wind, good weather, and good sailing, Fleet 283 slid in with a tenth place. Jeff Ince of Canada took the first place trophy without even considering our plea of "another chance please."

During August, we all took a much deserved rest from racing, according to the wives, and had a day of fun and games on Tomahawk Island. Children of all sizes, boats, wives, hubbies, and a dog named Archie, all had a glorious day of fun in the sun. Later that month fifteen families all went to Yale Lake, in Washington, for another weekend of sailing and camping. The wind gusts to eight

knots and John Tuerck did it again, only in his brother's boat. There was some pleasure in it for him although, because, for the first time out of seven (or is it seventeen) dumpings he "sailed" the darn thing back to the dock with most of the water out of it.

Notable trips this year were taken by Phil Parshley to the North Americans. Bobbie, his wife, four kids, a boat, and one loaded station wagon set out for Delaware, while Phil flew to meet them. The Parshleys had many exciting tales to tell upon their return and they gained much experience competing with the nation's best sailors.

The fleet championship is being determined this year by the best twenty races sailed. So far Jim Nelson and John Benedetti are in top contention, but with five races left anything could happen.

Despite our outstanding success at beating other fleets this year (we lost the team races too), we are undaunted and have added new boats and new members. Our fleet is growing each year, and until we all become super-sailors, the lying and bragging sessions will continue, but then, so will the fun.

ODD WINDS FLEET (296)

Central States District

Sailing on Lake Jacomo, Kansas City, Missouri

Fleet Captain	Joe Dixon
Fleet Secretary	Albert DeZutter
Fleet Champion	Don Skouse
Runner-Up	Dean Arnold

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1699	.....	J. Francis Allen
1801	.....	Robert Riley
5472	.....	James Nicol
5705	.....	Ernie Kraner
6464	.....	Joe Schmitz
7040	.....	Rogers M. McCrae
7481	.....	Albert DeZutter
7960	Bouchon II	Calvin E. Beck, M.D.
8643	.....	Shirley McCance
9196	.....	J. H. Dixon, Jr.
9423	Pabu	Ralph Passman
10038	Merry Gale	Dean Arnold
11116	Yellow	.....
	Submarine	Wood A. Matthews
11135	Aquarius	Donald G. Skouse

No Report.

KOTKA LIGHTNING FLEET (298)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Kotka and Hamina, Finland

Fleet Captain	Urpo Kurki
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4011	Villervalla	Seppo Ulvinen
5058	Santa Clara	Kalevi Turkkila
5541	Sacramento	Timo Tarkiainen
.....	.....	Urpo Kurki

No Report.

LOVIISA LIGHTNING FLEET (299)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Loviisa, Finland

Fleet Captain	Martti-R. Nordström
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4308	Cinderella	M. Huuska
6833	Da-Capo	K. Knuts
Life Member		R. Nordström

No Report.



"No room!" "Starboard!" "Room! And lots of it!"
"Starboard!" "Port!" "Stern!"

LAKE CHAMPLAIN (301)

New England District

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain, Burlington, Vermont

Fleet Captain	Dick Fastiggi
Fleet Secretary	Paul Jordan
Fleet Champion	Vern Emerson
Runner-Up	Bill Dunnington

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6336	Red Thunder	Paul Jordan
6865	LNER	Malcolm Appleton
7829	Peppermint	.....
	Patty	Vern Emerson
9005	Tigress	Ed Ziemer
9461	Brutus	Gail Kranich
9994	Pussy Galore	Paul Jordan
11504	Second Wind	Bill Dunnington
11510	.....	Charles D. Newsham
11560	Ciao	Dick Fastiggi
.....	.....	Ken Wolverton
.....	.....	Thomas J. Kaiser

Fleet 301 started the year on a low note with the unexpected passing of our former fleet captain, Kay Barron. We shall all miss her cheery smile and "come on, you guys."

We gained a boat this spring when Chuck Newsham was shown the light and brought 11510 back from Marblehead. Also, Paul Jordan showed his undying faith in Lightnings by buying 9994—in addition to 6336, awaiting repairs.

Our "A" Series of 6 races was won by Vern Emerson (who else?) followed by Dick Fastiggi and Bill Dunnington. The "B" Series was, lo and behold!, won by Bill Dunnington, chased by Emerson and Ed Ziemer. The air got progressively lighter during this series.

Our "biggie" of this season was hosting the NorthEast Championship Regatta. With Bill Shore and Lou Pocharski there, who cared that only 30 boats showed up? Unfortunately Aeolus was disappointed; he stayed away and so did the wind. Some of the longest 7-legged drifters ever, were held in Malletts Bay. Hey! there is a current here! Bill Shore won the event, followed by Lou and Len Pratt. In connection with this regatta, the Malletts Bay Boat Club Moosehead Trophy for the biggest racing committee chairman "goof" was awarded to Steele Griswold for conducting the "sit it." His clincher was photographic evidence that he proudly displayed, from his 37' sloop the Race Committee Flag—upside down!

The Labor Day weekend Chiott Regatta had Dick Fastiggi, first, followed by Bill Dunnington and Ed Ziemer. The noteworthy event here was that for the first time in years, Vern Emerson capsized—in

the middle of a leg! So demoralized and devastated was he and his crew, that they all spent the rest of the season playing around in their Sunfish! Good Grief, Peppermint Patty, you only capsized, not sank!

The Fall Series of three races, sailed under the Portsmouth Number System truly had something for everyone. First race—10-15 (nice); Second race—0-1/2 and variable (ugh); Third race—50+ and rain (woooooow). At its conclusion, Bill Dunnington beat all comers including a Shields, a Tornado, and Stars; Jordan decided to try the Southern Circuit where the water's warmer, and Dick Fastiggi decided to write a paper on "Downwind Tacking Tactics Under Bare Poles"—he did it!

Hoping for somewhat more consistent wind we re-elected Fastiggi Captain because he did such a good job this year, and Ken Wolvington Secretary, because he makes the longest, floweriest motions. Prediction for the coming year—Malcolm Appleton to get a glass boat.

As we shift from spars to slats, we hope to see you where the skiing and lakes are the best.

COWAN LAKE FLEET (303)

Ohio District

Sailing on Lake Cowan, Clinton County, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Ray Beck
Fleet Secretary	Bill Young
Fleet Champion	Dick Pugh
Runner-Up	Frank Pfefferle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
504	Fair Lady	Judson H. Webb
1035	.....	Paul C. Messina
1925	.....	John M. Hemmerle
3763	.....	Raymond E. Beck
7118	Yellow	.....
	Submarine	Doug Hanneman
7940	.....	Kenneth J. Irwin
8593	.....	Harry L. Winberg
9227	Patti's Cake	Jim Horst
10013	Oops	Truman & William Young
10257	.....	John Cooper
11445	Venus	Frank H. Pfefferle
11930	Confusion III	William & Dick Pugh

The 1972 season began with another series of winter meetings and seminars. We've found these meetings beneficial in several ways. The fleet members stay in touch during the off season. New members, prospective Lightning buyers and others interested in sailing are able to meet the fleet members and learn the benefits of belonging to an organized fleet. And, of course, everyone benefits from the seminars.

John and Jan Mueller attended one meeting and John gave a very interesting talk on Lightning sailing in general along with some of his memorable sailing experiences.

Bernie Malcolm and Charles Lutes joined us for another meeting. Bernie explained the basics of tuning the rig, and what the sails should look like. Charlie helped the owners of the older wooden boats to find ways to reduce excess weight, stop pesky leaks, and explained the different types of wood and their uses. Fleet 303 once again thanks these guest speakers for their valuable help.

There were more Lightnings on our race course this season than ever before. Pugh and Pfefferle pretty well dominated the first two positions, but the competition got tougher as the season progressed. Bill Young, in his first year as a racing skipper, finished third in the fleet standings. Cowan Lake skippers again this year cropped up at most all of the regattas in the area. Showing that there can be some quality from a lake of not much quantity.

Now that the 1972 season is over we're making plans for another series of winter meetings and an even better season in 1973.

PORI LIGHTNING FLEET (306)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Bothnia, Pori, Finland

Fleet Captain	Seppo Lahdemaki
Fleet Secretary	Helena Lahdemaki
Fleet Champion	Seppo Lahdemaki
Fleet Runner-Up	Markku Haaslahti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4050	Samba	Hannu Virtavuo
4330	Kaje	Reposaaari Congregation Boys
5546	Lokki	Sulo Aarnisalo
7886	Viehe	Jukka & Ilkka Haaslahti
8213	Johanna	Juha Nikkanen
8215	Maija	Ruoripojat (Boy Scouts)
8996	Seastar	Esa Nordling
10057	Fanny II	Seppo Lahdemaki

Pori Fleet got a shot in the arm when Seppo Lahdemaki bought a new boat and began to win races on the District level. Seppo bought Pentti Puupera's famous *Oskari II* (10057) and proceeded to win the first big regatta in which he participated, the Merenkavijat 50-years Anniversary regatta in Helsinki.

In Oulu Regatta, the boat, re-named *Fanny II*, had bad luck. After finishing second in the first heat she capsized before the start of the second race and broke her mast.

Seppo got a new mast for *Fanny II* for the District Championship in Kemi and won the Championship superbly, finishing, with Crew Pentti Puupera and Timö Törrönen, with four firsts and one third. Now our Fleet Captain Seppo is full of plans for participation in the 1973 European Championships, which will be held in Italy.

Our local racing has been somewhat slow, as most of our Lightnings are quite old. Usually we have three or four boats on the starting line, but we hope that Seppo's good example gets us more good boats in the future.

OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Oulu, Finland

Fleet Captain	Harry Hammar
Fleet Secretary	Simo Koski
Fleet Champion	Lasse Hammar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5552	Kikka	Markku Paloma
7186	Pohjantahti II	Harry Hammar
9436	Rio-Rita II	L. G. Hammar



Rio Rita II, top boat in Fleet 307.

During the last season there has been no change in the number of boats in our fleet. L. G. Hammar (9436) has defended the reputation of our fleet with great success in the European Championship and in races in various parts of Finland.

Our fleet's season began in May, as *Rio Rita II* took part in the European Championship in Switzerland. The regatta was held on Lake Geneva on May 17-23. The final position of *Rio Rita II* was fifth.

The first open race here in Oulu took place on June 19th and 20th. This race is called the Electric Cup Sailing. Only two boats, *Pohjantit II* and *Kikka* participated in the race and the former won both starts.

Pohjantit II and *Rio Rita II* participated, as usual, in the regatta, at Kemi on July 8th and 9th. In the first race *Rio Rita II* won, *Marina* was second and *Pohjantit II* third. On the second day our hosts were polite—for *Rio Rita II* won and *Pohjantit II* took second place.

Nearly all the best Lightning sailors of our country participated in the regatta at Oulu, which was held on August 4-6. There were heavy winds and so a few boats were capsized and damaged. Lasse Hammar was best on home waters and won all the three races.

The Finnish Championship was held on August 9-13 at Kemi and two boats from our fleet, *Kikka* and *Rio Rita II*, took part in it. Both boats sailed well in the heavy weather. The final position of *Rio Rita II* was third and that of *Kikka* sixth.

At the end of the season *Rio Rita II* participated in the Ranking Race at Tampere on September 2-3. There were four sailings and the positions of *Rio Rita II* in these gave it the first place in the final results.

On the whole last season has been favorable: we have had good winds and the boats of our Fleet have been successful in the races.

KEMI LIGHTNING FLEET (310) Finland District Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi, Finland

Fleet Captain	Pentti Hedberg
Fleet Secretary	Juhani Hedberg
Fleet Champion	Aulis Naykki
Fleet Runner-Up	Heikki Ulen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4012	Leena	Jouni Mäilumäki
4136	Christina	Leo Toppala RM
4325	Nyyrikki	Simo Haggström
4328	Irene	Aarne Hedberg
7177	Marina	Aulis and Kalervo Naykki
7185	Onnetar	Seppo Uurtimo
7891	Irene II	Juhani Hedberg
7892	Anita	Pentti Hedberg
7981	Meriheila	Ilmari Heikkinen RM
8219	Maria	Kemi Yacht Club Juniors RM
8995	Renata	Christian Lindström
9162	Ella	Birger Vaananen
9340	Tanja	Aarno Tammela
10059	Wilma	Heikki Ulen

The pessimism which our Fleet suffered at the end of 1971 sailing season passed and turned to optimism during the autumn and winter, when we and our Kemi Yacht Club (KcPS) received the honor to arrange the Lightning Class Finland District Championships 1972. Fleet members started enthusiastically to plan and work to make the great event successful and enjoyable. Our Fleet got also two new members and boats when Ilmari Heikkinen bought *Meriheila* (7981) and Aarno Tammela *Tanja* (9360) from Oulu Fleet.

We got first touch of the new racing season already in mid-May, when *Wilma's* skipper, Heikki Ulen traveled to Switzerland to crew for Pentti Puupera in the European Championships. The long journey was worth it, as Heikki brought home the bronze medal of the Europeans, this being the first time that a member of the Northernmost Lightning Fleet in the World had received a medal-position in Championship level.

Our own racing season started on June 11th. Winner in the opener was Heikki Ulen (*Wilma*), second Aulis Naykki (*Marina*) and third Kari Uurtimo (*Onnetar*). The Long Distance Race on June 18th took 7 hours, but after those long hours the difference at the finish line between winner (*Wilma*) and second (*Marina*) was 12 seconds.



Fleet Champ Aulis Naykki.

Kemi Regatta brought again visitors from Oulu Fleet, the Hammar brothers, who took the best prizes to Oulu. Winner in the first day's race was Lasse Hammar (*Rio Rita II*), second Aulis Naykki, third Heikki Ulen, fourth Harry Hammar (*Pohjantit II*).

Lasse's *Rio Rita II* took the winner's gun also on the next day, followed by brother Harry's *Pohjantit II* and our Aulis Naykki's *Marina*.

Fleet Championships were sailed on the next weekend. Aulis Naykki had found the winners trim for his *Marina* and with crew Kalervo Naykki and Olli Jauhola took the Championship. Runner-up was Heikki Ulen (*Wilma*) followed by: Juhani Hedberg (*Irene II*), Kari Uurtimo (*Onnetar*), Niilo Saarinen (*Maria*).

Three Kemi boats traveled to Oulu Regatta, where Aulis Naykki sailed very well being second in this ranking-regatta. Heikki Ulen was 6th and young Aarno Tammela, who sailed his first regatta was 9th.

Then it was time for the biggest event in the Kemi yachting so far: the Lightning District Championship. Altogether 17 boats and crews from Helsinki, Pori, Tampere, Oulu and Kemi participated in this event which was held August 9th to 13th.

The Ajos Pilot house and harbour was full of sailing life for a few memorable days. The weather Gods took care of the changing circumstances: he offered sailors two heavy weather days, first from South and then from North, and calm between. Heavy weather days took heavy toll of the sailors: two boats capsized, our Fleet Secretary Juhani Hedberg two times; some masts broke and several boats had smaller damages.

Seppo Lahdemäki from Pori Fleet took the Championship superbly taking four wins and one third place. Runner-up was Terho Aromaa from Helsinki and third Lasse Hammar from Oulu. Our best was Aulis Naykki who sailed his *Maria* to fourth place. Our new and young sailors Aarno Tammela, with crew Heikki Siekinen and Jouni Valtanen earn a special tribute. Skipper Aarno is 15 years old and crew about same age, they are sailing a Lightning for the first summer and placed 8th in this top group sailing through heavy winds without one DNF.

Our visitors seemed satisfied also for the social side of the arrangements and our sincere hope is that the Lightning sailors from South will be back to our Northern races again.

We had quite a lot of racing even after the Districts on local level ending at September 3rd.

We have had a busy year. We had the dream of many years realized—Finnish top Lightning sailors were our visitors and that has given new life to our Fleet. The Lightning Class is sailing in good winds here in the North and it seems that the surge forward will continue.