

# **DUNKIRK HARBOR FLEET (311)** **Lake Erie District** **Sailing on Lake Erie at Dunkirk, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... William McGraw  
Fleet Secretary ..... Ruth Hackman  
Fleet Champion ..... Casimer Zielinski  
Runner-Up ..... Walt Williams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1693	Sea Hag	William McGraw
1910	Blue Devil	Ernest Sommitz
8583		Russell Newman
9123	Apache	Casimer Zielinski
10095	Popsicle	John Lougee
11296	Zig-Zag	Frederick S. Gregory
11501		Walter G. Williams
11617	Scotch-On-The Rocks	Donald L. Camper

Fleet #311 continues to grow. Veteran crew member, Walt Williams is now the skipper of his own Lightning, having purchased Bill Shore's #11501. Walt's first Regatta of the year at the Buffalo Canoe Club was rather a disaster as he capsized, lost his boat for several hours and much damage was suffered as a result which put him out of the sailing for several weeks. He made a good comeback and was able to travel to many regattas in the District during the remainder of the year and has done well in our local series. John Lougee of Hamburg joined the Fleet this season and hopefully Jim Cash, who purchased Graydon Smith's #9330, will join the Fleet next season. Long time Lightning Skipper, A. J. Van Poortvliet, now skippering a keel boat, is talking longingly of having a Lightning for next season. The Fleet will welcome Van back on the race course.

The usual winter storms that hit the Dunkirk Harbor, as well as Hurricane "Agnes," left their mark on the Yacht Club. Many pilings, slips and walks had to be repaired this spring but all was in readiness for the opening of the Sailing Season, and a June "Tune-Up" Series was held, followed by the usual Fourth of July Series, Stay-at-Home Series, Championship Series and Labor Day Series and the 8th Annual Regatta in September.

We are pleased with the response to our Regatta in attracting boats from Toronto, Buffalo and Niagara area and Conneaut Lake, Pa. A gusty northeaster which whipped up choppy seas forced cancellation of the opening races of our Regatta but Sunday proved to be an ideal sailing day and two races were held. Matt Bryant of the Buffalo Canoe Club successfully defended his crown. Commodore of the Lake Erie Districts, George Wooten, took second place and Federico Meira of Bogota, Columbia and sailing from the Buffalo Canoe Club was third. Due to a strong current, the result of Saturday's storm many skippers had difficulty rounding marks and many penalties resulted which changed positions frequently throughout the races.

Fleet #311 is being considered as the host for the 1973 Lake Erie Districts and all members are anxiously awaiting the result of our bid for same. It promises to be an interesting and exciting year.

We combined our Annual Awards Banquet in October with the Dunkirk Yacht Club banquet. This was preceded by the Fleet picnic in September at the Hackman cottage on Lake Erie. Our Fish-House Punch Party was held in the spring at the home of Edie and Graydon Smith.

Our keel boaters, many former Lightning Skippers, can't resist the challenge of the "race" and often times race the same course as the Lightnings on Sunday morning, starting five minutes later. Their enthusiasm and assistance in all our activities is most helpful and appreciated.

# **SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)** **Dixie District** **Based on Sassafras River, Maryland**

Fleet Captain ..... Bill Haddock  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Horne  
Fleet Champion ..... Tom Hopkins  
Runners-Up ..... Jim Hopkins - Erma DiFrancesco



*Doc Walbert and his light-air secret weapon—it not only gives him wind direction, but also creates his own, private thermal.*

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1523	Star Dust	Bob Horne
2737	Marion Rose	John R. Suchanec
5730	Gepek	Robert Short
7516	Miss Idler	Dick L. Winter
8251	Circus Wagon	Jim Elliott
9117	Mistress	Wm. A. Haddock, Jr.
9391	Marion Rose II	Doc Walbert
9628	Sassy II	Dr. Thomas Hopkins
9800	Inversass	Dr. John D. Farquhar
10010	C'est Moi	Dr. Kirk Williams
10246	Glass Slipper	Dr. John Myers
10280	Carefree II	Alfred Mast
10297	Talus	Bill Grosscup
10304	Eclair	Charles Witomski
10398	Moon Spinner	Bruce Shannon
10493	Surprise	Gordon Short
10858	Anon	H. Kirk Emmons
11200	Filomena	Erma Di Francesco
12031	Incredible	Dr. Jim Ganley
	Blue Angel	Jesse Matlack

Fleet 314 sailed its 1972 season with a record number of boats competing. With 18 and 19 boats starting (a sight never before seen at Kentmore Park) and with the unusually strong SSW breezes prevailing on most race days, the Race Committee was hard-pressed to "do their thing." As usual though, that staunch group, led this year by Commodore Winter's wife, Doris, "kept their cool" and supervised some of the most exciting racing we've seen in a long time. On one memorable occasion, immediately after the second general recall for the same race, over the hailer came the shout that "We're going to keep on trying until you get it right!" Needless to say, the next start was a good one!

Fleet Champ Dr. Tom Hopkins put it all together this year, starting out with a win in the Shakedown Race. He won seven of the twelve series races and the Summer Bay Race, as well as the Matlack Trophy race on Regatta Weekend. In the bargain, he capped three of the four regular fleet trophies.

Our fleet runner-up, Jim Hopkins, skippering Erma Di Francesco's boat, won one series race and the Fall Bay Race, and finished well up in the fleet in most of the races, but couldn't match the "old man's" performance this year.

Dr. Kirk Williams came on strong in his first full season of racing, and Al Mast, after refinishing his plywood hull to a high gloss, did quite well with new wife, Lynn, as crew.

Dr. Jim Ganley spent all summer tuning and retuning his new boat, and finally got it going well enough to win a race in the second series. Somewhere along the way, he found out that having an up-to-date race circular is even more important than tuning!

Fleet Captain Bill Haddock sailed with the most variety of crew, and came up with the right heavyweight combination for the Taylor Cup handicap race on Regatta weekend. Fleet Secretary Bob Horne rounded out the scoring with a win early in the season.

Bruce Shannon once again piled up several thousand miles of

traveling from Western Pennsylvania every weekend, just for the privilege and enjoyment of sailing a Lightning! We also welcomed Paul Soentgen, sailing #7989 with us, rather than with Fleet 228 at Riverton.

Our traditional mid-August vacation week was once again filled with turn-about races, a crew race (won by Marilyn Horne), an exciting race to Chesapeake Bay through 3-foot waves on picnic day, and was highlighted by a trip to Rehoboth for the North Americans.

For most of us, the season was capped at our annual Awards Banquet the weekend after Labor Day. However, our best skipper and our newest skipper represented us at two post-season regattas. Tom Hopkins finished 5th in the Pennsylvania Governors Cup and 11th at the Severn SA Frostbite Regattas, while Kirk Williams finished well up in the pack in both.

Our Junior sailing program continues to build in strength. This year the youngsters sailed more, shorter races, so that more attention could be paid to instruction and technique. Almost two dozen kids competed, including two Lightnings with all-girl crews! Jim Shannon proved there was nothing wrong with *Moon Spinner* by winning the early series handily, while Leigh Hopkins dominated the late series. Rick Williams took top honors for consistently superior performance on-board boats.

Doc Walbert passed his 75th birthday this year, celebrating by sailing at the helm of a new, "previously-owned" glass boat. At this writing, Doc is recuperating from an operation, and has decided to relinquish the secretarial chores. It'll be a tough act to follow, and we'll all miss Doc's unique literary style. Take it easy this winter, Doc, and get all rested up for next season—see you there!

## ROYAL LAKE OF THE WOODS Y. C. (320)

### Central Canadian District

Fleet Captain ..... J. Hugh McDonald  
Fleet Secretary ..... William Konantz  
Fleet Champion ..... William Konantz  
Runner-Up ..... J. Hugh McDonald

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7059	.....	Mrs. E. Bowness
7435	.....	N. J. Alexander
7506	.....	W. L. Palk
7507	.....	J. E. Coyne
7510	.....	L. Johnson
7513	.....	John Armytage
8124	.....	James H. Ashdown
8166	.....	G. L. Goode
8416	.....	G. T. Richardson
8477	.....	Brian G. Brown
8478	.....	T. Furgale
8855	.....	E. B. Osler
8897	.....	H. L. Hardy
9042	.....	Dr. Lyle R. McDonald
9477	.....	W. S. Martin, Q.C.
9935	.....	J. A. Richardson
10322	.....	John Derek Riley
10325	.....	Don S. Patterson
10329	.....	J. L. Carruthers
10331	.....	J. H. McDonald
11174	.....	David Sprague
11209	.....	William G. Konantz
11632	.....	R. W. Richards



Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club

Our season started in June, just as soon as our boats could be launched and crews organized. Most of our sailors live in Winnipeg, which is 120 miles west, and members of the Fleet compete in other areas such as Victoria Beach on Lake Winnipeg, Gull Lake and Falcon Lake. Two of our members, Konantz and Bob Richards, with Bill Benson of West Hawk Lake, traveled to Montreal for the Canadian Championships. This is a 1300 mile hike one-way, and indicates the keen interest of our members in competition. Richards and Benson qualified for the North Americans through the first leg of the Districts at Thunder Bay and went on to Rehoboth in August. Konantz consoled himself by staying home and, in the absence of Benson, winning the second leg and overall points in The District Championship.

While our Lightning Fleet is not growing the way we would like to see it, there is a nucleus of keen sailors to keep it going. We have an active junior group with instruction and the addition of tennis courts this year has helped our sailors keep in shape.

## LA SPEZIA FLEET (321)

### Italy District

### Sailing on Mare Tirreno at Golfo di la Spezia

Fleet Captain ..... Maurizio Del Santo  
Fleet Secretary ..... Sig. Renzo Porrini

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9316	Capitan Morino	Sig. Augusto Sassi

The reduction of our fleet's size is due to the sale of the two old Lightnings *Zemit* and *Agimut*, which will be replaced with new types for the next season's maneuvers.

One interesting fact as revealed in our gulf is the development promised by the Local "SE. VE. SPE," Italian Military Marines, is the considerable increase planned for the Lightning fleet.

### REGATE SVOLTE NEL 1972

REGATTA TROFEO "3 FARI" - 19/Marzo/1972 - Golfo di La Spezia

1. 11935 *Leccia* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)
2. 11937 *Salmon* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)
3. 9316 *Capitan Morino* (Circolo Velico - La Spezia)

REGATTA "MADONNA DELLE GRAZIE" - 16/Aprile/1972 - Golfo di La Spezia

1. 9316 *Capitan Morino* (Circolo Velico - La Spezia)
2. 9347 *Turbine 3* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)

REGATTA TROFEO "5 FARI" - 18/Giugno/1972 - Golfo di la Spezia

1. 9316 *Capitan Morino* (Circolo Velico - La Spezia)
2. 11935 *Leccia* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)
3. 10677 *Sugarello* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)

REGATTA DI CHIUSURA - 23/24/Settembre/1972 - Golfo di La Spezia

1. 11935 *Leccia* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)
2. 9316 *Capitan Morino* (Circolo Velico - La Spezia)
3. 11937 *Salmon* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)
4. 10677 *Sugarello* (SE.VE.SPE. Marina Militare - La Spezia)

## SETAUKET YACHT CLUB (323)

### Greater Long Island District

### Sailing on Long Island Sound at Port Jefferson, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Larry Frank  
Fleet Secretary ..... Frank Atkinson  
Fleet Champion ..... Frank Atkinson, Jr.  
Runner-Up ..... Dick Kieburts

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3494	.....	William C. Schoen
6264	.....	Terry Frank
6616	.....	Kenneth Entler
6973	.....	James Edwardson
7822	.....	Terry Frank
8255	.....	Donald Coyle
8348	.....	Joseph O'Donnell
10776	.....	Arthur H. Ulrich
10827	.....	Floyd A. Durham



"Many races are won or lost at the start." (Who said that?)

10949	George Totten
11604	Larry Frank
11608	Richard B. Kieburz
11707	Frank Atkinson

Fleet 323 had a moderately active 1972 season, although its numbers were diminished by the loss of a couple of regulars from past years. The Fleet Championship was decided by the season-long Sunday afternoon series, held in Long Island Sound off of the mouth of Port Jefferson Harbor. Moderate sailing breezes were the rule throughout most of the summer, although there were a few opportunities to try out self-righting technique. Some of us observed that boats with built-in flotation tend to turn upside down in a hurry!

Frank Atkinson, Jr. won the fleet championship, having commandeered his father's boat for the season. He was followed by Dick Kieburz and Terry Frank. The Labor Day series was won by Larry Frank. As one might guess, the two Frank brothers are fierce competitors. Another major feature of the season was the Powder Puff series, with no males permitted as crew. This was won by Marion Ulrich.

At season's end, the fleet met to talk over possibilities for future growth. There was nearly unanimous agreement on the need to provide for dry sailing facilities on Port Jefferson Harbor. If we can solve this problem in 1973, we have splendid opportunities for renewed growth.

## REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325)

### Dixie District Sailing on Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

Fleet Captain	Dave Racine
Fleet Secretary	Kitty Racine
Fleet Champion	Jeff Hastings
Fleet Runner-Up	Dave Racine

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1525		Mike Sifford
8104	Fury	Fred Merres
8664		Steve Reed
8798	Windecision	Dan Layton
9103		Dr. John Forest, Jr.
9144		Doty Griffith
9527		Bob Purnell
9769	Glass Slipper	Doc Seeger
9822	Windborn	Richard Born
10213	Rip Tide	Al Holmes
10335	China Doll	Jeff Hastings
10336	Bayberry	Nancy Hastings
10427		Joe & Eleanor Haigh
10454		Lloyd Alexander

10518		Mort Sklut
10845		Wilbur Bulkly
10851		John Hazzard
11155	Arsendover	RB SA
11291	Ho Jo	Bob Cooke
11540	Mal de Mar	Andrea Derrickson
11596		Oliver Carr
11597		Bill Wainwright
11601		Jim Nealon
11605	Windjamit	Woody Miller
11609		Bob Zurkow
11899	Pisces	Dave Racine
12050	Polly Amido	Jake Zimmerman
12126		Mort Sklut
12160	Turtle	George Marshall

Lightning Fleet 325 of the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association will long remember the Summer of '72, for this was the year of 100% activity. In addition to its regular Spring and Summer Lightning Series, RB SA hosted three major regattas this summer. In June we held the Delaware Governor's Cup. Thirty-five Lightnings turned out for the event which was won by Don Delorme from Severn. In July, we played host for the Dixies. With the passage of Agnes, the weekend before, only 38 boats appeared. But the weather was good, and again, Don Delorme showed the home fleet how to win. Jeff Hastings of RB SA placed second and Bill Bulkly of Severn took third.

Then came August and the North Americans. Preparations which had begun in September, 1971, began to climax. A canopy appeared over the sundeck, a new parking lot appeared, the channel was dredged. Meetings, letters, phone calls, and more meetings. And suddenly "Five Belles," skippered by Bill Crawford of Atlanta, Georgia, made its entrance and marked the beginning of an unforgettable week. 125 Lightnings were registered and measured under



"Somebody better find me some more beer or you're all gonna be disqualified."

the direction of Ken Pfister, Joanne Slights, and Joe Haigh. Under Jeff Hastings' supervision, they were all smoothly lowered away and moored. All in less than two days. Jerry Donovan, the Race Committee Chairman, ran a beautiful series, and the weather was ideal. When the last boat had lifted out, Jim Crane was the new North American Champion in his boat "Bald Eagle." From Brazilians appearing at midnight with nowhere to stay, to 25¢ martinis, it was quite a week. And who will ever forget our tennis pro announcing that a boat had come loose from its hitching post?

Between regattas, RBSA held its own Spring and Summer Series. An average of 15 boats turned out every Sunday at 1:00 from May 7th through September 3rd to compete. Our Lightning fleet is divided into two racing fleets, the White Fleet, composed of old salts, and the Green Fleet, made up of novices. The Spring Series finishes were: White Fleet—Jeff Hastings 1st, Jake Zimmerman 2nd, Dave Racine 3rd; Green Fleet—Lloyd Alexander 1st, John Hazzard 2nd, and Doc Seeger 3rd. The Summer Series results were: White Fleet—Jeff Hastings 1st, Dave Racine 2nd, Joe Haigh 3rd; Green Fleet—Andrea Derrickson 1st, John Hazzard 2nd, and Doc Seeger 3rd. The Turner Hastings Memorial Trophy went to Jeff Hastings as fleet champion.

During the coming year, RBSA hopes to continue improving its sailing program by encouraging more intra-fleet competition and by re-enforcing its already excellent sailing school program. Several of the club's hottest skippers are graduates and most boats count at least one crew from the school.

We invite one-and-all to join us in making the Summer of '73 as unforgettable as '72. For the best sailing waters, the best wind, and the best Race Committee in the Dixie District, come race with us at our Governor's Cup Regatta in June. For details, write RBSA, Box 267, Dover, Del. 19901. See you on the water!

## GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Richard Thirlby  
Fleet Secretary ..... Enid Babel  
Fleet Champion ..... Bill Babel  
Runner-Up ..... Tom Lindsay

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5318	.....	Mickey Fivenson
6025	.....	Michael Miller
9576	.....	Mike Mulcahy
9921	Alacrity	Richard & William Babel
10429	Huvna	Dick Thirlby, M.D.
10437	Pip	Ken & Tom Lindsay
10438	.....	Bill Hazelton
11256	.....	George Brown
11344	.....	Don Mitchell
11467	.....	Gordon Cornwell
11586	.....	Hugh Griffen
11596	.....	Oliver Carr
11855	.....	Kenneth May
12189	.....	Ron A. Schaefer

Although our fleet has been gradually depleted by the loss of several old faithfuls who have gone to big boats, our fleet has been partially replenished by a few new Lightning enthusiasts with new boats. Interest in our fleet is growing again and the turnout for our races was good.

Our big event in 1972 was our hosting the Michigan District Lightning Regatta which featured two big and two little winds. One race was called for an unusual reason—the entire fleet, which included some of the country's best skippers, went for the wrong mark. This must be some kind of first! Included among the contestants was Hank Cawthra, who, at the award ceremonies when he claimed a trophy sailing old number 6066, announced his retirement from competition in our class. It was with much regret that we in the Michigan District learned of his decision.

Our Fleet Champion was again a Babel, Bill, sailing with his brothers and father as crew. He completely dominated our series taking a first in every race. We are all looking forward to next season and a chance to have another crack at the Babels.

## JYVASKYLA LIGHTNING FLEET (328)

### Finland District

#### Sailing on Lake Pääjanne, Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Veikko Miettinen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Matti Nurminen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4139	Dinorah	Jorma Ikonen
5054	Tiwa	Martti Lahti
6838	Katrina	Olavi Ahonen
7983	Nina	Heikki Kojo
8212	Mary-Ann	Martti Nurminen
8654	Ply-Fay	Ola Olavinen
9866	.....	Arto Rihto
10503	Rosemary	Matti Moisio & Tapani Lindelöf
10504	Spir	Timo Hillu
11359	Delfin	Esko Saltevo
.....	.....	Ilkka Lilja

No Report.

## SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain ..... John Richardson  
Fleet Secretary ..... Donald Hope  
Fleet Lieutenant ..... Mike Jonsberg  
Fleet Champion ..... Don Delorme

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3106	Bones & Fire	Dr. Robert C. Thompson
4835	.....	Dr. John Heinz & Murray Sachs
5075	.....	Walter Wappaus
5079	.....	Bill McShane
7222	Foot Loose	R. Dennis White
8585	.....	George P. Allison
8676	.....	Herman Henschen
8739	Chantal Leigh	Eugene Willingham
8938	.....	James B. Rowland
9007	Do Somethin'	John W. & J. W. Richardson III
9406	Brer Rabbit	Raymond D. Watts & Myron Jonsberg
9523	.....	Frank G. Mullins, Jr.
10351	.....	Clement L. Speiden, Jr.
10752	.....	William H. Buckley
10777	.....	Richard W. Bolton
10800	High Hopes	Donald R. Hope
11062	Nomad II	John C. Fry
11305	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg
11767	MIT	George Shapiro
11792	.....	Dr. Edwin M. Ortiz
11865	.....	Joe Anderson
12212	Something Else	Dr. Donald P. Delorme

This year saw a continuation of the increase in performance of Fleet 329. Eight boats sailed 12 or more races at SSA, despite unusually bad weather which cancelled one day of Early Series racing and kept four skippers on shore on the first day of the Fall Regatta.

The 3rd Annual Maryland Governor's Cup Regatta drew 16 boats while the 24th Annual Frigid Digit drew 33 boats, including many of the top East Coast skippers. Away, we had good attendance at the Norfolk Azalea Regatta and the Niagara Frontier Regatta, the Susquehanna Yacht Club, Upper Chesapeake Yacht Club, Delaware Governor's Cup, Miles River, Walter Collier, President's Cup and the Quantico Regattas as well as having 2 boats compete in the Southern Circuit in the early Spring. Championship regattas included the Dixie Districts, where 4 of the 10 boats qualifying for the North Americans were from SSA, including Don Delorme repeating as District Champion. At the North Americans, Don Delorme and Bill Buckley qualified for the Championship Flight, George Shapiro for the President's Cup flight and Paul Grinberg for the Governor's Cup flight. At the Atlantic Coast Championships with Billy Buckley's finish being the best of all Southern skippers, we earned the right to host this event next year. The inter-fleet competition with the Washington fleet was overwhelmingly won by us.

We also serve the District and Class Organizations. Most notable here is Bill Buckley's recent election as Assistant Measurer and Vice President of the ILCA.



"Don't worry, Dave—he may be gaining, but he'll never pass us that way."

### SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332) New England District Sailing on Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain ..... Allan Whatley  
Fleet Secretary ..... L. B. Flint  
Fleet Champion ..... David Closson  
Runner-Up ..... Robert Wherland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7022	Galaxy	L. B. Flint
7944	Typhon	Richardson Blair
8241	Go-Mo-Shun	David Closson
8268	Alert	Watson Rand
8512	.....	Allan & Mark Whatley
8612	.....	John S. Russell, Jr.
9521	Spindrift	Arthur Unsworth & John M. Washburn, Jr.
10732	Tern II	John Bennett
10818	.....	Dr. Donald P. Todd
10857	Mutiny	Robert Custance

1972 saw a tight race for top honors with Dave Closson again retaining his position as Fleet Champion. Bob Wherland was close behind as runner up. Allan Whatley finished a strong third, with John Bennett holding down fourth. It was a pleasure to host the Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta and have all our guests run away with top honors. Jack Russell won the silver for greatest improvement. Now that it is November 5th and we are having our first snow storm your secretary has finally managed to cross the finish line.

### GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338) Central New York District Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Richard McGuire  
Fleet Secretary ..... Richard Millard  
Fleet Champion ..... James Dickson  
Runner-Up ..... Richard McGuire

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
316	.....	Dale H. Brown
394	.....	Robert H. Denham
1272	.....	Maurice H. Gardner
3455	.....	R. James Millard
6515	.....	Richard B. Millard
7123	.....	Harold B. Hansen
7809	.....	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster

9241	.....	Norman O. Hanson
10774	.....	Richard J. McGuire
11323	.....	Harry J. Baldwin
12115	.....	James Dickson

Old boat, new boat, Jim Dickson just knows how to find the wind as he walked off with the first place trophy again for two years running.

Dale Brown kept him honest right down to the wire in 1971, and this year it was Dick McGuire as runner-up. Fleet Captain McGuire was also the final recipient of our fleet "Dunkin Donut" which was passed from Doug Millard to his brother Jim for a swamping, and thence to Dick for a knockdown. The above trophy?, is a really beat-up old styrofoam life saver. This year Jean Millard and Dale Brown collaborated on a work of art and made a scroll with all the names and dates of the skippers who have given their all and filled their boats with water. Happy sailing in 1973.

### PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340) Michigan District Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Alan Graettinger  
Fleet Secretary ..... John H. Scott  
Fleet Champion ..... Wesley McMullen  
Regatta Chairman ..... Dustin H. Griffin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1287	Miss Pent	Milford M. Miller
6282	.....	Mr. Lovell
6889	.....	John H. Scott
7714	Therapy	Dr. J. S. Graettinger
8979	Frenchtown	John T. Carrland
9259	Took	Mrs. Bennitt E. Bates



Fleet champ Dickson (in middle) gives his crew a lesson in hiking.

10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter B. & Martha Northrup
10424		Dr. R. M. Galt
10606		Donald R. Lambrix
11134	Frantic	Wesley W. McMullen
11987		Alan Johnson & Robert R. Schoonbeck
12104	Awful Risky	Walter L. Hallenbeck
12177		McGuire H. Cowles
		Dustin H. Griffin

Another great season on Pentwater Lake. Only two races had to be rescheduled; one due to no wind and one due to excess wind. One broken mast in preseason warmup—repaired in time for first race—and two capsizings, one on the part of the regatta chairman and the other the fleet captain, were the only out of ordinary happenings.

Three new boats joined the fleet this summer, two replacements and one addition. Competition was great and several new names kept popping up in the top places. One of the new boats with new skipper Mac Cowles, came on with terrific speed, and in addition to placing well, is to be reckoned with in the future. This is another "family" boat in the fleet and it is great to see them working together.

As has become the custom, Wes McMullen in *Frantic* walked off with top position in the July, August, and Season series. While he occasionally had some difficulties from other members, there was little question as to the ultimate outcome.

As indicated above, Wes McMullen took first in the July series, and was followed by one of our younger skippers and next year's fleet captain Alan Graettinger. Closely behind for third was Mac Cowles. In the August series, McMullen maintained his record of firsts and Graettinger and Cowles changed places for second and third. In the Season Series, McMullen was first again with Betsy Scott and her sister and father as crew took second, and Graettinger took third. In the post season Herb Behr series, Wes McMullen turned over the tiller to Dave Karmen, who has been crewing with him all summer, and apparently had been watching and learning as he took first in the first two races to end the series.

One of the highlights of the season was the Race Week when effort was made to give some of the younger sailors and nonsailors a chance to experience the thrill of Lightning racing. It was a great success and will probably be continued in the years out ahead.

We were sorry to learn at the end of the season that our Fleet Captain, Dusty Griffin, was selling his boat and giving up active racing. This was somewhat softened by the fact that he will continue to be around and has accepted the position of Regatta Chairman for the coming year. Dusty's boat has been taken over by Don Lambrix who has sailed with our fleet in previous years and was a crew member for Dusty this past year. We welcome Don back in the role of skipper and hope to see his two sons out with him next year.

## LAKE MURRAY LIGHTNING FLEET (341)

### Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain	John Wrisley
Fleet Secretary	Frank Godfrey
Fleet Treasurer	Hubert Noland
Fleet Champion	Staton J. Peele

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
805		Richard F. Nickel
1764		Malcolm C. Johnson
3243		Dr. John Holler
5001	Elismar	J. W. Morgan, Jr. & Frank Godfrey
7992	Mark II	Victor A. Lebednick
8081	Slick Chick	John Sallman
8692	Jealous Mistress	Thomas A. Babb
9505	Frigate	John Wrisley
10101	Ole	Col. L. F. Hood
10337	Williwaw	R. C. Holmes
10516		Robert L. Porter
10616	Betterfly	G. F. Lipscomb
10936		J. Hubert Noland
11004	Mistrial	Thomas E. McCutchen
11343		Thomas A. Babb
11554		Douglas Warner

11705		Larry Wells
11821	Skillett	Staton J. Peele
11984		Robert P. Wilkins
12018		Robert L. Armstrong
12135		Douglas McKay, Jr.
		Charles J. Fritz

1972 was another successful year for Fleet #341, starting with fleet races in March, with eight boats out of mothballs and close together on the starting line.

In May, the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association schedule cranked up for the summer and boats from the fleet turned up from Charlotte to Savannah. Especially active were Staton Peele, Bob Wilkins, Bob Armstrong, Tom McCutchen, Tom Waters, and Tom Babb.

Former Fleet Champion, Tom Waters, took 1st place honors in the Lightning class at the SAYRA Championships in August at James Island Yacht Club in Charleston. Fleet 341's Tom McCutchen won 2nd place silver, and 3rd was picked up by Karen Wrisley Folk, skippering #9505 with her husband and father, Fleet Captain John Wrisley, as crew.

Staton Peele showed the way through the Fall Series, putting together a consistent record of #1 finishes. Peele, one of the most active members of the fleet, was nominated by Fleet #341 for the Columbia Sailing Club's "Sailor of the Year" award. He's a former Fleet Captain, former club commodore and is on the NAYRU Mallory Committee.

Another season highlight was a Southeastern District Regatta June 17th and 18th jointly sponsored by the Palmetto Fleet and Lake Murray Fleet—both sailing on Lake Murray. Tom Waters, sailing from the James Island YC, took first place.

## LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)

### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Fleet Commodore	Jerome Coquillard
Fleet Secretary	Audrey Matteson
Fleet Champion	Bob Novak
Runner-Up	Gene Matthews

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
483	Hesperus	Jonathan B. Hayes
2018	Loreli	Don Labus
5319	Windblown	Bob Heimann
6936	Puff	James Truelsen
8171	Family Affair	Jerome Coquillard
8172	Vim	Henry Kelley
8266	Drumbeat	Cliff Lohs
8286	PEP II	Paul Palmer
9173	Suegeo	George M. Ensign
9996	Red Witch III	Mel Boyington
10222	Algae	Bob Novak
10307	Blue Maxx	Richard F. Vlasak
11536	Snow White	Gene Matthews



Ozie Memorial winner Mike Haggerty rounds ahead of runner-up, Bob Novak.

Fleet 345 had its troubles this year, with many of the boats having unusual mishaps either during a race, or just prior to the starting gun. However, with all the disasters, the Fleet was welded into a tight cohesive force by the genuine efforts of all members to come to the aid of their sailing buddies.

This year's Oxie Memorial Regatta highlighted the year's sailing season. It was probably the best sailing weather we had all season. Over forty boats were represented when the first gun fired, and the spectator fleet was able to accommodate everyone who wished to view this spectacular event. Again the winner was a younger sailor, Mike Haggerty of Dallas, Texas and Fish Creek, Wisconsin. The gals in the famous food tent did yeoman duty keeping all well fed and back to sail on time. Informality is the keynote of this regatta, and it is a nice change of pace for many Lake Michigan sailors.

Commodore, Jerry Coquillard was plagued by family illness, so the vice commodore Jonathan Hayes took over in mid-season. The Saturday series didn't get off the ground until mid-August. It was at this series that some of our young crew members received the opportunity to skipper for the first time. As with many Fleets, 345 is in a transition period. Many of the older members are becoming less active on the racing scene as their children (crew) go off to college, marry and are starting little crews of their own. New families are showing interest in Lightning racing, and we witnessed some mighty fine sailing by the under 16 crowd.

Lake Geneva Sailing Club's original starter, Chase Hess, was again on the scene each weekend with the good ship *Nancy*. Ever thankful for his continued support, and faithfulness to duty, the Lake Geneva Sailing Club presented him with a gift at the annual awards banquet. Ernest Schmidt also honored the Club with his presence. A trophy with great historical significance was presented by the donor, Mr. Schmidt, to Gene Mathews this year. The *piece de resistance* of the evening was an excellent film on the America's Cup Races of 1970. The boats are now all out of the water, some eager sailors are making those necessary refinements for a bigger and better season next year. The season ended with a terrific party with Peg Lohs chairman. As usual it was a pleasant surprise to see everyone in their best "Bib 'n' Tucker," after a rather wet and sloppy summer of sailing. It was no surprise Bob Novak ended up Fleet Champion, with Gene Mathews in 2nd, and Mel "Buck" Boyington third. Anticipation is the key word for Fleet 345 for the 1973 season.

## LONDON LIGHTNING FLEET (347)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Lake Fanshawe at London, Ontario

Fleet Captain .....	Brian Coleman
Fleet Secretary .....	Bill Hall
Fleet Champion .....	Brian Coleman
Fleet Runner-Up .....	Bill Hall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2782	Lode Star	Ted Nieuwendyk
3482	Bob Cat	Graham Laing
5309	Blue Blazes	Findlay MacDougall
6659	Dyna	Don Dynes
8130	Whisper	Larry Minshall
8148	Goldi	Herman Goldt
9843	Snoopy	George Layton
10065	Ghostship	Brian Coleman
10400	Jolly Rodger	Bill Hall
10447	.....	Mike Keeri-Szanto
11883	Red Pepper	Dave Kopec
12075	.....	Gord Lewis

While we did not grow in number of boats this year, the London fleet gained two new active racers in Gord Lewis and Larry Minshall and developed into a highly competitive racing group. Gone are the days when a spinnaker was optional and gone too is the mystique which kept the spinnakers in their baskets. Bill Hall and Dave Kopec both showed that heavy crews are not necessary to keep her right side up and going fast in our frequently blustery winds.

Ricky Goldt, sailing Dave Kopec's *Red Pepper*, set the tone for the season right at the outset, by easily winning the Commodore's Trophy. *Red Pepper*, with Dave now at the helm, kept right on going, winning the June Bug Regatta and the Spring Series. Brian Coleman and Ian Scofield went swimming during the June Bug, and

shortly thereafter Ian moved to the Wayfarer class.

The disappointment that the current Fleet Champion Graham Laing was left ashore with a touch of old age for the Fleet Championship was soon forgotten in the struggle of the three days racing. Brian Coleman got an early advantage with two firsts. Sunday closed the gap, with Dave Kopec and Gord Lewis getting firsts.

In the final race Brian Coleman covered Dave Kopec to the finish line to take the Championship, but Bill Hall zipped around the course for first place, and a second overall in a hard-fought series that saw four winners in five races.

So we came to the season's "wrap up" regatta, the Pumpkin. And wrap up it was, as we hiked, planed and swam our way around the course for three days in the chilly 20-30 mph winds of Thanksgiving weekend. Lightnings made up seven of the 105 boats on our four mile long lake, so it was like Toronto in rush hour, as crews kept constant watch for oncoming boats and capsized boats on all quarters. Brian Coleman took his crew swimming again in the first race, as did Larry Minshall. However, Brian Coleman followed up with three firsts for first overall, with Dave Kopec sailing consistently for second place and Graham Laing a third despite a DNF and DNS due to a broken gooseneck. In a handicap race on the Monday afternoon, the Lightnings showed the modern planing classes that they are very much to be reckoned with, by beating all but a 505, out of twelve classes represented.

Dave Kopec and Brian Coleman represented the fleet at the District Championships in Toronto, and next year we look forward to even greater competition and participation both on our own lake and at other clubs within the District.

## LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)

### Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Lanier out of Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet Captain .....	Ken Wallace
Fleet Secretary .....	Nancy Scott
Fleet Lieutenant .....	Fred Crawford
Fleet Champion .....	Gordon Kellogg
Runner-Up .....	Ken Wallace

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
190	.....	Tennet Neville
214	.....	Paul H. White
736	.....	Craig Thayer
7417	.....	Hayden Harriss
7847	.....	Tom Turner
9402	.....	Kenneth Wallace
9416	.....	Charles Brooks
9570	.....	William Pulgram
10111	.....	Robert Schindel
10747	.....	Dick Scott
10821	Cavu	Joseph D. Stites
10824	.....	Newt Howard & John B. Johnstone
10875	Thunder Too	Pete R. Dennis
10877	.....	Fred W. Crawford
11007	.....	C. A. McMurray, Jr.
11299	.....	William Bomar & Thomas S. Perry
11388	.....	Furman Talley
11491	Dolly	Gordon P. Kellogg
11646	.....	Dick Proctor
11934	.....	Dan Duffey
12042	.....	Bill Crawford

Good weather and even better sailing describe our '72 season. With more boats in more races than ever before, our level of competition has increased dramatically.

Our season as usual started at the Deep South Regatta, this year attended by four of our most stalwart skippers, Bill Crawford, Newt Howard, Gordon Kellogg, and Dick Scott. We were proud to host the Districts at our club in May. The light air series was won by our own Bill Crawford. Bill, a welcome newcomer to our fleet, went on to win a hotly contested Spring Series with second place going to Gordon Kellogg and third to Joe Stites. At this point, Gordon, not being comfortable in second place decided to update his equipment by buying the boat which finished second (2nd) in the last World Championship (J. Mueller's Tickled Pink). Now Gordon has us wondering if he is sailing as fast as the boat with capsizes (3) and dismastings (1) to his credit so far. However, Gordon put it together and won our short Summer Series, with second place going



*This picture is included for the enlightenment of race committees everywhere.*

to Ken Wallace, and third to Joe Stites.

Attendance in our Fall Series started off rather low with G. Kellogg and B. Crawford off at Rehoboth for the N.A.'s. Ken Wallace took advantage of their absence and went ahead to post a perfect score for the Fall Series with Dick Scott placing a close second and Newt Howard third.

Activity and enthusiasm were at a peak for our Atlanta Cup in October. Perfect weather and the best sailors in the Southeast converged on Lake Lanier for a wonderful weekend of sailing. This regatta has double meaning as it is the final one in a series of six which comprise the Southeast Circuit.

A most hearty welcome to newcomers Chuck and Dorothy McMurray and Bill and Lucia Pulgram and their families to our fleet.

We regret losing Bill and Evelyn Crawford and girls to New York. Sailors in the Northeast—"Beware of lumpy blue boats."

By season's end our point scoring for Fleet Champ had G. Kellogg at 2651, K. Wallace at 2606, and J. Stites at 2270.

The summer of '72 holds many fond memories—among them: frying fish, the confusion of learning how to measure sails, smoked bratwurst, new friends and old acquaintances renewed, camping out, Race Week, screaming spinnaker reaches.

With our newly-elected fleet officers planning more and better things, '73 really looks good.

### LAHTI LIGHTNING FLEET (349)

#### Finland District

#### Sailing on Lake Vesijärvi, Lahti, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Reijo Puupera

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7160	Delfin	Lahden Partiosissit (Boy Scouts)
9165	Pop-Gun	Max & Mikko Hallikainen
9437	.....	Kalevi Rajanen
11818	.....	Asko Ojanen
11891	.....	Martti Lampinen

No Report.

### FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNING DE NITEROI (351)

#### Brazil District

#### Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Niteroi, RJ, Brazil

Fleet Captain ..... Herbert Hasselmann  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Robert C. Higgins  
 Fleet Champion ..... José Biaia  
 Runner-Up ..... Denis R. Clemence

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3754	Camapuan	Sidney A. Finizola & José Luiz A. Couto

6793	Eala	Carl Thomas Blackman
6939	Pinduca II	Alex do Prado
7495	Senembi	Glyn Hunting
7682	Fragata	Ricardo Frischtak
7866	Mixuruca	Djalma Ferreira
8233	Frataga V	Antonio Carlos P. Leme
8329	Pois E	Antonio Biaia
11693	Easy Rider	Denis R. Clemence

Our fleet had a very successful year from the technical point of view. Unfortunately, however, the number of boats has dwindled considerably, as a number of them have been transferred to Fleet 401, that has been reactivated.

Our fleet took first and third in the District Championship with Herberth Hasselmann and Denis Clemence respectively.

We have taken part in all interfleet and interclub races held in the Greater Rio area together with Fleet 401, which this year has shown a greater growth in number of boats and activity.

Crews from our fleet have also been competing in several International regattas. At the beginning of the year, Hasselmann and Clemence were at Algarrobo Clube taking part in the '72 S.A. Championships, where they placed in 3rd and 12th respectively with loaned boats.

Afterwards, in May, Glyn Hunting was at the '72 Swiss and European Championships, having done very well, in very light air conditions, which are very different from the normal wind conditions we have. He took 2nd in the Swiss and 5th in the European.

In August, by special permission, of the Governing Board of I.L.C.A., Hasselmann and Clemence, once again went overseas, to participate in the '72 North Americans. In the qualifying series, Clemence came in 5th place overall, but Hasselmann due to several reasons (boat, wind conditions, etc.) was unable to do better than 62nd. With these results, Clemence took part in the N.A.'s, having come in 17th—Hasselmann raced in the President Cup taking 10th place.

1973 promises to be a real active year for our fleet, when we expect to have new boats added to our fleet, while having all the existing ones participate actively in all Fleet and District sponsored regattas.

### HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Co-Captains ..... Charles Schmidt  
 Warren Schieser  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Joe Barron  
 Fleet Champion ..... Don McCusker  
 Runner-Up ..... Warren Schieser

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1229	.....	James Cheney
2084	.....	Tom Varley
4890	.....	John K. & Mark White
5226	.....	Joe Barron
5900	.....	Charles Schmidt
6425	.....	Harvey Lathrop
7220	.....	Don McCusker
7688	.....	James Rose
9158	.....	Lloyd Barnes
10353	.....	Dan Webster
10475	.....	Warren Schieser
.....	.....	Bill McCarthy

Well-organized racing comprised a full schedule this season. Events included the Spring and Summer Club Series, holiday Regattas on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. In addition to HYC activities, the Hoover Yacht Club and Leatherlips Yacht Club revived the Interclub Regatta competition. Leatherlips (Fleet Number 27) is located on the Scioto River, north of Columbus.

Overall the sailing was excellent this year, partly because of the high water level on the Reservoir, and the rains which kept the level high all season. Winds were good except for one Sunday Series.

The Club Series results, in order of finish, are as follows:  
 Spring Series: Mark White, Warren Schieser, Don McCusker; Sum-

mer Series: Don McCusker, Warren Schieser, Mark White; Memorial Day Regatta: Don McCusker, Charlie Schmidt; Fourth of July Regatta: Don McCusker, Charlie Schmidt; Labor Day Regatta: Warren Schieser, Don McCusker.

A late event of the season was the HYC-LYC (Leatherlips) Interclub Regatta. Fourteen boats participated in the two-weekend affair.

Following the final race of the five-race series, there was a gala social gathering and Lobster Bake. Warren Baltimore of LYC was chief of culinary operations, and this function he performed nobly. After dinner the awards were presented. The Mayor's Trophy, last won by Warren Baltimore (LYC) was captured by Dick Denning, also from LYC. (It seems that the Leatherlips Indians made the switch from canoes to sailboats many moons ago, and they have pretty well mastered the latter craft.)

Series winners for the Interclub Race: 1—Dick Denning, LYC; 2—Paul Howald, LYC; 3—Don McCusker, HYC.

Enthusiasm ran high throughout the series and there was unanimous approval to continue the Regatta annually.

The HYC Fleet Championship Race (all fleet champions competing—this year in Interlakes) saw Mark White substituting for Don McCusker, since Don decided to try his prowess in the Buckeye Lake Snowball Regatta.

Three new Lightning sailors are awaiting vacancies at Hoover Yacht Club, and it appears that they will be admitted in 1973. The Fleet is assured of an active membership and a great season next year.

## ESTENSI FLEET (355)

### Italy District

#### Sailing at Lido Estensi, Ferrara, Italy

Fleet Captain .....	Luciano Ruggeri
Fleet Secretary .....	Giovanni Lattuga
Fleet Champion .....	Leonardo Fava

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7374	Chris	School of Sail L.N.I.
8361	Marianna	School of Sail L.N.I.
8447	Speedy-Gonzales	Francesco Giuliani
9035	Horizon 2*	Mario Giuliani
9036	Sangry-Lha	Emilio Bettini
10375	Teucra III*	Luciano Ruggeri
.....	Horizon III*	Vito Nobili

The sailing activities of the I.L.C.A. for the year 1972 began with the running of the tenth edition of the "A. Lanfredi" Challenge Cup. This international event was won by vessel 9035 Horizon II, skippered by Leonard Fava, followed in second place by vessel 10375 Teucra III, skippered by Mantovani, and by Sindbad, skippered by De Amicis, of the Lark Garda Fleet.

In the month of October, the closing national regatta was run with the participation of many crews. For the first time in its history, military (Navy) vessels from a far-away Sicilian Club (Augusta) participated in the Lido-degli-Estensi event. The competition was won by Horizon II, skippered by Fava, followed in second place by Teucra III, skippered by Ruggeri, and by Horizon III, skippered by Nobili.

On the occasion of the running of this cup, the yearly convention of the Italian District was held at our Estense Yachting Club. Present at the meeting were Gen. Giovanni Arciprete, Vice-President of I.L.C.A., Dr. Mainini, Commodore of the Italian District, and Mr. Hess, Commodore of the Swiss District. The latter participated for the express purpose of planning jointly with the Italian Fleet a common program of sailing events for the next year.

## LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358)

### Switzerland District

#### Sailing on Lake of Murten at Switzerland

Fleet Captain .....	Ruedi Fluhmann
Fleet Secretary .....	Elisabeth Beck
Fleet Champion .....	Ruedi Wyler
Runner-Up .....	Ernst Schar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7805	.....	Dr. Herbert Carnes
8191	Liz	Walter Senn

8190	Sarabande	Rolf Buchschacher
8623	.....	Robert Bodmer
9067	Chico	Louis Dilger & Bernhard Kaiser
9068	Milan II	Werner Schmid
9131	Triton IV	Dr. Ernst Hausammann
9132	Fumaro	Dr. Rolf Nufer
9357	Viola II	Erich Messner
9361	.....	H. R. Richner
9362	Jumegal	Dr. Jacques Bachmann
10276	.....	Ernst Baumann
10278	.....	Walter Kilchenmann
10464	Baba Yaga	Ueli & Max Aebi & Muller Janine
10715	Hausi	Ernst Schar
10898	Noa II	Peter Bernasconi
10899	.....	Daniel Fischlin
11494	Waruma	Marlis Divernois
11857	Waggu	Rudolf Wyler
12088	.....	Jack Beck
12089	.....	Haiggi Abt
.....	.....	Rudolf Fluhmann
.....	.....	Ulrich Beck
.....	.....	H. F. Meyer

The scheduled program gave us many possibilities to race and a lot of work to do.

The winds did not help us in our activities—only the fleet championship, the "Peacock Cup" and the Ladies race were held under normal conditions. The winners and runners-up are: T. V. Wylers and Ernst Schar in the fleet championship; the Wylers and T. Urech in the "peacock" series; Judith Bachmann and Marlis Divernois in the Ladies race.

Well prepared and a full success was the "Lightning show." Jack Beck presented the first glass Lightning built in Switzerland, which is a beauty and seems to herald a great success. The boat built in the moulds of the Eichenlaub Boat Co. is a result of good cooperation between the Jacks (Mueller of Cleveland and Beck, Switzerland). It was shown on a very sunny and hot Saturday in July. The fleet made trial promenades with interested visitors. Cool wines and fresh drinks were offered generously by Jack during the show-party, and it lasted until late in the night. Many thanks go to all those who helped with this event.

In June the European championships were held in Morges on Lake Geneva. Seven of our boats attended and again the Wylers turned out best of the fleet as they did in the Swiss championships at the Lago Maggiore in Ascona. The transportation problems were resolved by the sacrifice of some of our members, who trailed all the way twice or even three times. Lots of thanks to them.

In early September the fleet was involved in the organization of the Swiss championships of the Vaurien-class at our lake. Captain Ruedi Fluhmann did his best to keep the 67 small boats under control in pretty rough weather and successfully the series ended. This was our contribution to our club's work, and in return the Vaurien-class will manage our Swiss championships in June '73, to which every Lightning sailor is cordially invited.

On the 28th of October three of our boats sailed in the "Fondue" Regatta on Lake Neuchâtel. The Wylers took the second place, and Jack Beck was third, sailing one of his new Swiss glass boats for the first time. He won the two first races, took a second place and disqualified himself in the last. It was not the boat that was wrong . . .

## CATAWBA LIGHTNING FLEET (365)

### Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Wylie at Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary .....	W. J. L. McNeary
Fleet Champion .....	William E. Ingle
Fleet Runner-Up .....	W. J. L. McNeary

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6081	.....	William R. Angermeier
9740	.....	W. J. L. McNeary
10691	.....	William E. Ingle
10869	.....	Lucille P. Giles
11241	.....	Edward H. Lipford, Jr.
11242	.....	George McQuilkin III
11348	.....	Robert D. Potter

The Fleet was very active from March 15 to October 30. Out of a forty race schedule only five races had to be cancelled on account of weather.

The Fleet Championship was determined on the basis of the best twenty-five races out of the thirty-five sailed. Bill Ingle took the Championship.

## NORMANDY BEACH FLEET (366)

### Central Atlantic District

#### Sailing on Barnegat Bay at

#### Normandy Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Paul C. Warren  
Fleet Secretary ..... Margaret Mary Dimon  
Fleet Champion ..... David Ruiter  
Fleet Runner-Up ..... Alan Ruiter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9546	.....	Ted LaPier
10270	.....	Edward Schwalje
10926	.....	Charles Thrower
11103	.....	Alan Ruiter
11416	.....	Paul & Clifford Warren
11933	.....	David Ruiter
11972	.....	Mimi Dimon

Normandy Beach Fleet 366 enjoyed one of its best seasons with its increased enthusiasm and membership. With three Lightnings added to our fleet there were no pre-season speculations as to whom would capture the Club Championship. Everyone knew this season that the competition would be the toughest. The Ruiter brothers fought it out, on the water, of course, for the first place silver, but they knew the rest of the fleet was not far behind. Bill Schwalje, last season's champion, was right on their sterns. The Warrens had purchased a new "super" spinnaker and were definitely a real threat. Charlie Thrower was experimenting with his new Lightning and each week his progress was quite apparent. With an adjustable backstay added to our oldest boat in the fleet Ted LaPier was hard to stop. Mimi Dimon was hanging in with our club races being her third Lightning series. In the final standings it was Dave Ruiter first and Al Ruiter second. Other qualifiers were Bill Schwalje, Charlie Thrower, Ted LaPier, the Warren brothers, and Mimi Dimon.

Our fleet displayed some impressive pre-season sailing with Al Ruiter taking second, just being nosed out of first place by four percentage points in the Barnegat Bay Spring Series held at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. Dave Ruiter captured third place and Mimi Dimon finished in seventh position. A few weeks later in the Bay Head Tune-up Regatta, Alan was presented the second place trophy.

This past July the Lightning sailors of Fleet 366 were proud to host, for the first time in the fleet's history, the Central Atlantic District Championship. The turn out was excellent despite the high winds, broken masts, and capized boats. The ill times were forgotten, for that evening at least, with the smashing cocktail party of Saturday evening. For those unfortunate sailors it was now time to drown their sorrows in booze instead of in the Barnegat Bay. Dave Ruiter finished tenth to qualify for the North American Championship at Rehoboth Beach.

At Rehoboth, the Ruiteres, Dave, with his wife Nancy and Alan, did some fine sailing to qualify for the North Americans themselves. With Dave's first race his best, finishing seventh, he went on to capture twelfth place. Congratulations to the Ruiteres on both their twelfth in the North Americans and their qualifying for the 1973 World Championship.

In our area championship races, the BBYRA, with the competition at its best, Charlie Thrower took first place at the Normandy Beach Regatta and was presented the Phillips Memorial Trophy. Also in the regatta Mimi Dimon placed third and Eve LaPier finished fourth. All three finished in the second third of the BBYRA competition which we feel is quite outstanding since the top finishers were all qualifiers for the North Americans. The championship itself was decided in the final race held at Seaside Park Yacht Club and Al Ruiter took third place.

Fleet 366 indeed enjoyed a good season of sailing. We were able to increase our fleet membership by three boats bringing the total up to seven Lightnings, but more importantly, were able to whet the interest in our Class by introducing the Lightnings to our Penguin and Sunfish sailors of our Junior Sailing Program.

## COHASSET LIGHTNING FLEET (369)

### New England District

#### Sailing on Cohasset Harbor at

#### Cohasset, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain ..... Donald Clark  
Fleet Secretary ..... Taffy Nothnagle  
Fleet Co-Champions ..... Kathy Kelley & Jeff Nothnagle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1144	.....	Alexander Murphy
6357	.....	John Keane
6960	Chinook	Randy Boscow
7379	.....	Bob Koure
7520	.....	Geoffrey Nothnagle
7553	.....	Robert Knox
8389	.....	David Foell
9022	Tantrum	Donald Clark
9540	Shannon	Kathleen Kelley

The Cohasset Fleet began the '72 season in the way which has become traditional in the last few years—with a delicious dinner at the home of the Fleet Captain and the awarding of last year's trophies. The April get-together for Fleet members, crews, and friends of Lightnings seems to spark us all to get the tarps off, and the silver display makes the skippers eager for the starting gun.

Mother Nature was a strong competitor on the Mass. South Shore this summer, and half our race schedule was either blown or drifted out. However, with the races we got in, the tightest competition in the Fleet's history developed between Jeff Nothnagle—Fleet Champion for the past 3 years—and Kathy Kelley—the newest number (and prettiest too!) of our Fleet. The two battled to a tie at the close of the season and were declared Co-Champions by Fleet Captain Don Clark who himself took the third place trophy. We had some terrific, long races, in good wind, with tight finishes, and we only hope that next year there will be more of them.

As in other years, the whole Fleet loaned their boats for the Congdon Trophy competition to select the best junior sailor in Cohasset Sailing Club. We have several teenage skippers and welcome all Lightning sailors—young or old—to join us on the clear waters off the South Shore.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)

### California District

#### Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California

Fleet Captain ..... John Freenor  
Fleet Secretary ..... Belinda Freenor  
Fleet Champion ..... Stan Starkey  
Runner-Up ..... John Freenor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8227	.....	Mark Barnes
8298	Flare III	Robert Bartlett
9169	Genie II	Bill Hole
10148	.....	Harry Itner
10195	Lady Fox	Jim Friese
10369	Borne Free	Wally Breuner
10481	Pooh! Son of	Wayne Fitch
10809	.....	Jack McCarthy
11029	Harbus	Sam Bird
11337	Race IPSA	Ephraim Kahn, M.D.
11463	Johnny Belinda	John Freenor
11509	.....	Frank Watkins
11514	Molly Brown II	Stan Starkey
11974	.....	Martin Ratner
.....	.....	Ken Marich

"Trail and Sail" is truly our motto here in San Francisco. Our active skippers trailed more than 6,000 miles throughout the 1972 sailing season.

We started the season by trailing to San Diego for the California Circuit. Stan Starkey was our best performer and brought home three pieces of silver. He finished fourth in the Coronado series, third in the Mission Bay series, and fourth in the circuit.

During our sailing season we sailed in ten "Small Boat Racing Association" regattas at locations throughout the Bay Area and

Northern California. Our S.B.R.A. racing schedule took us to the following waters: 1) Folsom Lake; 2) Lake Merced; 3) Ballena Bay on San Francisco Bay; 4) Richmond Harbor on San Francisco Bay; 5) Clear Lake; 6) Palo Alto on San Francisco Bay; 7) San Leandro on San Francisco Bay; 8) Santa Cruz Bay on the Pacific Ocean; 9) Monterey Bay on the Pacific Ocean; and 10) Tomales Bay. These series of races determine our fleet champion and runner-up. This year Stan Starkey won seven S.B.R.A. regattas, John Freenor won two, and Jack McCarthy won one.

In addition to S.B.R.A. we inaugurated a Spring series, Summer series, and a Fall series. Our fleet champion, Stan Starkey won all three events, Jack McCarthy, John Freenor, and Wayne Fitch each finished second respectively.

In July we hosted the California District championships at Ballena Bay on San Francisco Bay. The weather was sunny and warm and the races were sailed in moderate winds. The new district champion is Stan Starkey, and the new district runner-up is John Freenor. The Barber brothers, Tom Beekman, and Jack McCarthy finished third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

In August four of our skippers trailed to Vancouver, British Columbia for the Pacific Coast Championships. Due to light winds only three races were sailed. Stan Starkey won the first two races, but unfortunately finished twelfth in the third race. Out of the fleet of 36 boats Stan was third, Jack McCarthy sixth, John Freenor seventh, and Tom Beekman fifteenth.

This year we were happy to welcome three new skippers to our fleet: Bob Bartlett from New York, Harry Ittner from Ohio, and Sam Bird from Texas. Unfortunately we lost one of our most active skippers. We all wish the best of luck to Tom Beekman who is now sailing his Lightning in Florida.

## FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNING DE PERNAMBUCO (373)

### Brazil District

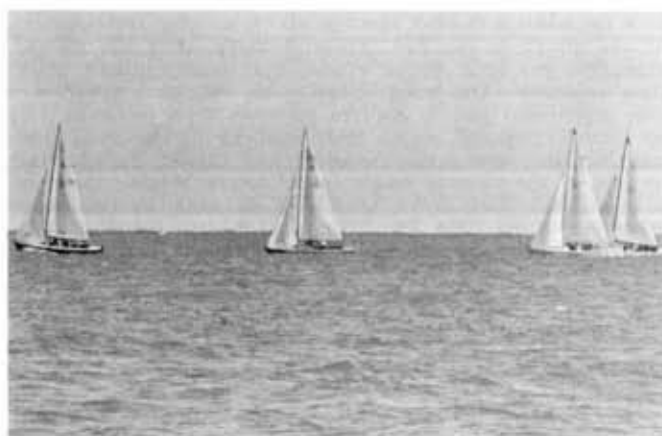
#### Sailing on Maria Farinha at Pernambuco, Brazil

Fleet Captain .....	Ernetto de Oliveira Cavalcanti
Fleet Secretary .....	Ryam Paulo De Campos
Fleet Champion .....	Carlos Augusto Basto Russell
Runner-Up .....	Benevenuto Teles Neto

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5784	Orion	Silvio Barreto
5785	Carcara	Joao C. C. Branco
8548	Cobicado	Roberto Guedes
8872	Cavalo Marinho	Ricardo D. Nora
8878	Fetiche	Epaminondas Albuquerque
8893	Marlin	Ryan Paulo Gomes
9041	Baibu V	Ademar Bezerra
9078	Orange	Augusto Richlin
9214	Flash	Luiz F. S. Oliveira
9301	Fandango	Luiz G. Carvalho
9302	Briza	Enio Gama
9311	Vento Sul	Silvio Gama
9774	Jangadeiro	Ernetto Cavalcanti
10390	Sagres	J. A. Carvalho Filho
11706	Tango	Benevenuto Teles
11708	Ciranda	Carlos A. Basto Russell
11710	Irema	Ricardo Essinger
11713	Xamego	Mario Jacome Filho

The Eighth Pernambuco Championship of the Lightning Class was held during the months of August and October with intense competition and great enthusiasm. Six regattas, five being valid, gave the victory to Skipper Carlos Russell and his crew, son Emilio Russell and José Couceiro, with five first places. Runner-up was Skipper Benevenuto Teles Neto, greatly assisted by veteran crew Givaldo Aguiar and his son Carlos Mauricio.

Besides the Championship, Fleet 373 held a record total of 22 regattas throughout the year. Captain Ernesto Cavalcanti, in his efforts, received the support of the Director of Yachting, Ricardo Essinger of the Cabanga late Club of Pernambuco. Regattas were held in front of the beautiful beaches of Piedade, Boa Viagem and Maria Farinha, also at the Pina Basin, to Honor the Brazilian Navy, Air Force, the club itself on the occasion of its anniversary and others who usually help and cooperate with the Fleet, as for example the President of the Deliberative Counsel of the Club, Yachtsman José Berinson.



*Who says race committees always make the line too short?*

The regattas were noted for the healthy competitiveness and keen sportsmanship, discipline, enthusiasm, and absence of protests or queries.

The members of the Fleet also took part in all events of the class held in Brasil, such as the Friendship Cup in Sao Paulo and the Brazilian Championship in Florianopolis.

## DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Douglas Lake at Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	Howard Eddy
Fleet Secretary .....	Manley Osgood
Fleet Champion .....	Manley Osgood
Runner-Up .....	Earl Peters

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1565	MerSea	John G. Young
2541	Folly	James Todd
2843	Thunderbird	Graham Paton
7207	Don Quixote	Howard Eddy
9394	Spirit	Manley Osgood
9663	Daddy-O II	Maurice Olsaver
11055	Nanshe	Richard S. Crane
11214	Mod Mid	Earl J. Peters
11855	Shrub	David O. Peters
12178	Ursa Major	G. Rene Hall

Lightning Fleet 374 sailed a total of 20 races this year including the three-race Labor Day series. There were more races with more boats participating than in any previous year. Competition was keen with the season's winner not determined until the final race.

The Labor Day series was won again by Dave Peters who nosed out Howard Eddy by the narrowest of margins.

## SMITH MOUNTAIN FLEET (377)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on Smith Mountain Lake at VISA Yacht Club, Scruggs, Virginia

Fleet Captain .....	Henry W. Riviere
Fleet Secretary .....	Richard A. Dearing
Fleet Champion .....	Henry W. Riviere
Runner-Up .....	David M. Morley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
651	.....	Franklin H. Pritchard, Jr.
8507	.....	R. B. Harris, M.D.
9145	.....	David M. Morley
10958	.....	Robert F. Bondurant, M.D.
10966	.....	Roger Snider
11195	.....	Robert Putnam
11472	.....	Richard A. Dearing
11871	.....	Henry W. Riviere

Lightning Fleet 377 had a drop in membership this year as several of our members moved away or sold their boats. Offsetting

this is the addition of Dick Dearing who is a racing enthusiast and will add greatly to our fleet. Although participation was reduced, competition was keen during a year that brought greatly varied sailing conditions. The season opened with wind that started as a gentle zephyr and quickly built to gusts of 50 to 60 knots. One crew member reported seeing their mast tip in the water three times, but they were lucky enough not to capsize. Spring winds gave way to the summer doldrums and breeze hunting games on our inland lake. Then as fall approached the winds increased again culminating in the VISA Fall Invitational Regatta. Saturday saw a storm front passing through with winds of approximately 20 to 25 knots. Bill Pleasants of Fleet 415 was almost airborne on the downwind leg until the chute pressure proved to be too much at the jibe mark with an instant knockdown. Marty Krummacher, Dick Dearing and Hank Riviere were within 20 feet of each other and planing down the reaching leg without spinnakers. Were those shouts of joy or fear?

1972 was a great season for the fleet under Captain Robert Trinko and Secretary Hank Riviere. We are all looking forward to another great season in 1973. If anyone is in the neighborhood, please stop in and race with us.

## SANDUSKY BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (386)

### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Sandusky Bay at Sandusky, Ohio

Fleet Captain .....	Skip Kelley
Fleet Secretary .....	Tom Tambling
Fleet Champion .....	H. Brindley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
528	Drag-n-Botom	Henry E. Kleinberg, Jr.
7997	.....	Herbert C. Eidt
9328	"Ole"	Howard P. Brindley
10721	T.N.T.	Thomas N. Tambling
11120	Kathy's Boat	Stuart Kelley
11170	.....	Robert D. Gillette, M.D.

We sailed the season looking for a summer that never quite got here. After sailing two series of Sunday races, the Brindleys emerged champions of the fleet. Bob Gillette made a very good showing in the series too. Skip Kelley has resolved to do better next year—solution: a new Lightning that he purchased at the end of the season.

We also participated in the 4th of July Sandusky Sailing Club Commodore's Race—Tom Tambling was the winner there.

For the Steeplechase to Put-in-Bay, the sailors discovered wind is necessary for progress in sailing. There was no wind that day and it took 8 hours to drift half-way to Put-in-Bay. Thank goodness for the SSC Committee Boat and their help by towing us back to the Clubhouse.

The Labor Day Maney Wine Race was won by Tom Tambling. The prize is champagne.

The season was closed-out with much gusto and wind at the SSC Fall Regatta. The wind pushed the 20-25 mph range and we definitely had Fall in the air. Tom Tambling, with sons Scott and Jim crewing, was first in the Lightning Class. The Brindleys were 2nd and Tim Disch came in third.

We all looked forward to the final get-together at the Trophy Dinner and Dance at the Sandusky Yacht Club in November.

## LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	Ray Yerkie
Fleet Secretary .....	Johanna de Kok
Fleet Champion .....	Anton de Kok
Runner-Up .....	Bob Hill

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4214	Windsong	Joseph C. Rabidoux
5885	Red Baroness	Raymond Yerkie
6002	.....	Lawrence T. Alexander
6222	Smidley	John D. Stutsman
7877	.....	Fred D. Hurlbutt
9554	C'Est la Vie	David B. Stevens
9686	.....	Larry Bauman
11468	Rubber Duckie	Anton de Kok
11488	Diligence	Robert M. Hill



Paul Militzer on Lake Fenton.

Fleet #387 has had a very successful racing season. Our Fleet still is small but we are as enthused as ever about sailing and Lightnings in particular. Competition has been very good this year and first place was a real toss-up. Anton de Kok's *Rubber Duckie* had to flap its wings very fast trying to stay ahead of Bob Hill. Bob must be declared "most improved skipper" of our fleet.

Our regatta, the first in the Michigan District, was very well attended. Saturday brought nice warm weather, but it also brought winds well over 25 miles an hour and the races were called off for that day. Nobody really minded. This gave everyone a chance to visit with their sailing friends, whom they hadn't seen all winter.

On Sunday we had rain, but the winds were just perfect so we sailed four short races. Winner of the regatta was Gary Demarest.

## WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB (391)

### Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Captain .....	Thomas E. Bates
Fleet Secretary .....	George E. Story
Fleet Champion .....	William R. Sloger
Runner-Up .....	Thomas E. Bates

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4040	Boat	Dr. John S. Evans
4548	.....	William A. Henry
4758	.....	Leslie Lewis
5466	.....	John McKay
7254	Allegro	Geo. E. Story
7728	.....	Dr. William J. Bannen
9097	.....	John & Marcus Hehn
9569	.....	Thurston Nicholson
9808	.....	John Hunsucker
10327	.....	Charles E. Campbell
10432	Mistral	William R. Sloger
10553	Aunt Mary	Morris Clayton
10723	.....	George Cocorus
10807	Maggie	Thomas E. Bates
10810	.....	Sloan Leonard
10885	.....	James Hudson & James Gasque
11343	.....	Thomas A. Babb

The past season was one of active racing and keen competition. We take pride in seeing our young fleet develop and become better known as sailors, both locally and in our district. However, we do have a goal—to promote more of our growing membership to participate. Bill Sloger, the winner of our season of fleet racing, is also our club champion. Bill took second in the Southeastern Districts and represented us in the North Americans. Tom Bates, our Fleet Captain, was second in our fleet and third in our club championship. Tom conducted our club's training course in Lightnings this year and did a fine job. We take pride in watching our second generation

sailors developing into strong competitors, as evidenced by Will Sloger and Marc Hehn tying for 3rd in our fleet racing. The annual "Grudge Cup" team race with our neighbors from Lake Lanier was handily won by Bill Sloger, Tom Bates and Marc Hehn.

Fleet 391 was host to the fifth regatta of the Southeastern Lightning Circuit on September 9-10, 1972. We were blessed with great sailing weather, good courses and 18 competitive Lightnings to make it a fine weekend. Regatta results were as follows: First - Tom Waters, JIYC; second - Jud Barber, ASC; third - Reg Brooks, LMSC; fourth - Bill Sloger, WCSC; fifth - Tom Bates, WCSC.

We are already looking ahead to the 1973 season with anticipation. Our fleet and club memberships are growing and we are planning addition and improvements to our clubhouse and facilities. We cordially invite our neighbors in the Southeastern District and those of you from other districts to visit with us at any time.

## NASIJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (394)

### Finland District

#### Sailing on Lake Näsijärvi, Tampere, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Antti Ruuskanen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Matti Parssinen  
Fleet Champion ..... Antti Ruuskanen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7172	.....	Kalevi Visala
7895	Piraya II	Matti Kokko
8211	Vib	Hannu Salo
8216	Twist	Matti Parssinen & Juhani Strömberg
8994	Tim	Matti Tulonen
9613	Suit-Sait	Tapio Hurme
10056	Minnehaha	Seppo Koivisto
10505	Bee	Pentti Vesänen
10665	Hoppu	Pekka Jarvinen
10667	Sumppi	Antti Ruuskanen
10908	.....	Pertti Jalonen
11360	Pussycat	H. Vehmanen

Nasijarvi Fleet sailors have been a bit less active this year than before. Our Fleet Captain Antti Ruuskanen has been the only representative from Lake Nasijarvi in regattas organized in different parts of Finland, but he has had, nevertheless, good results: in Lepävirta Regatta second position, same position in Helsinki Regatta and third in Merenkavijat 50-years Anniversary Regatta in Helsinki. In the District Championships, which were held in Kemi Antti he had some bad luck and minor damage in the hard winds and as a result, his position was 11th. However, in the District's Ranking-race series our Captain Antti finished second overall.

In home waters the racing has been somewhat slow, only 3-4 boats participating in most races. It seems that we must do something radical to get the Lightning Class "up again" in Lake Nasijarvi.

## KALLAVESI LIGHTNING FLEET (395)

### Finland District

#### Sailing on Lake Kallavesi, Kuopio, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Sakari Suonio  
Fleet Secretary ..... Kyösti Raisanen  
Fleet Champion ..... Kimmo Eloranta  
Fleet Runner-Up ..... Pekka Erhola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4047	Hasibe	Pekka Kerman
4332	Johanna	Sakari Suonio
6831	Riitta	Aarne Back
7159	Hula	Raija Suhonen
8653	7-veljesta	Jussi Erhola
9341	Meriheila II	Pekka Nahi
9344	Merj-Susj	Uolevi Korhonen
9863	.....	Kyösti Raisanen
11895	.....	Raimo Rissanen

Our Fleet has new blood this year in two boats, *Johanna* (4332), owner Sakari Suonio, and No. 9863, owner Kyösti Raisanen. One

new boat is under construction and will be racing next summer.

Fleet members have participated in Leppävirta Regatta and Kuopio Regatta plus several smaller local races.

Our members worked on the Race Committee and on other Committees in the Windmill Class Finnish Championships, which were held at our Yacht club this summer. The fleet has made several cruising trips to other places all around our big and beautiful Lake Kallavesi.

Our Fleet members have participated actively together with other Club members in the building and reconstruction work in our Pirttiniemi headquarters. Our Club received from the town council an old house, which was in quite bad condition, and we have been reconstructing the place suitable for Club and Fleet use.

Fleet members have been working as instructors in the Club-organized youth sailing camp which was held at Iivarinsalo.

## AIRISTO LIGHTNING FLEET (396)

### Finland District

#### Sailing at Archipelago Sea, Turku, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Martti Valtonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5542	Kousa	Pauli Kytönen
5544	Kesaheila	Martti Valtonen
6832	Sea-Hawk	Pertti Purhonen
9164	Eveliina	Ilari Lehtinen
9865	Viggo	Antti Puraslahti
10340	Pilvi	Matti Helanko

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## ST. MARYS LIGHTNING FLEET (400)

### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Grand Lake St. Marys, St. Marys, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... Addis Katterheinrich  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dr. Robert Wilkins  
Fleet Champion ..... Dr. Robert Wilkins  
Runner-Up ..... Phil Cornett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6276	.....	Paul Dicke
6352	Ole Max	Harold Botkins
8441	Adam's Rib	Addis & Tom Katterheinrich
9287	Missy	Edward Fast
9884	Sandbagger	Robert Kruger
10894	.....	Dr. Ken Miller
11777	.....	Dr. Robert Wilkins
11900	.....	Phillip Cornett

Preparation for our club's sailing season really began on Jan. 22 when Ohio Comm. Robert Wilkins held the District's midwinter meeting at the Chalet Inn in Wapakoneta, O. Bill Shore was our guest speaker. We were pleased, and yet apprehensive, when the membership accepted our bid to host the Ohio District Championship Regatta at our club. Work began immediately to finish projects yet undone, before the spring regattas. Once the boats are in, everyone wants to sail. On May 6-7 Cornett and Kruger weathered the storm at Indianapolis. The following week they were joined by Katterheinrich and Wilkins at Indian Lake.

On June 3-4, we held our own annual Lightning Thundermug Regatta. Malcolm, Pugh, and Gerkins captured the first three places respectively. The next week-end found Kruger, Cornett and Wilkins at Wawasee, Ind. Wilkins brought home a fifth place trophy and Kruger placed a respectable eighth. Then back home, we prepared to welcome the 49 Lightnings which graced our club July 6-9. There were 28 units camped in our spacious back yard, in addition to those camped at the adjoining State Park. It would seem that Lightning sailors have yet another hobby—camping. The results of our District's regatta are reported in the August issue of *Flashes*.

Cornett and Wilkins also sailed at Devil's Lake, Mich., in September. Wilkins soloed to the Bluenose at Nashville, Tenn. in early November. Trophies were awarded for the three handicap series, at the Change of the Watch Banquet. Bob Wilkins again won the Frank Parks Championship with two firsts and a second in the three-race series. Phil Cornett was the second place Lightning.

We hope that those of you who sailed with us enjoyed yourselves and that you will bring your hottest competitor back with you next year.