

# LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Airisto .....	396	Galveston Bay .....	448	Loviisa .....	299
Algarrobo .....	318	Galway Lake .....	338	Madison Beach .....	129
American Y. C. ....	96	Grand Traverse Y. C. ....	326	Manhasset Bay .....	133
Ancon Y.C. ....	264	Granite Lake Fleet .....	457	Manitowoc .....	393
Androscoggin Lightning Fleet .....	450	Great Egg Harbor .....	99	Mansfield .....	150
Annisquam .....	151	Great Sodus Bay .....	108	Mantoloking Fleet .....	210
Armada Del Ecuador .....	411	Great South Bay .....	178	Maple Bay Y. C. ....	64
Atwood Lake .....	212	Greater Charleston .....	429	Marblehead Harbor .....	189
Awosting Yacht Sq. ....	95	Green Bay .....	112	Marine Corps D&E Command .....	354
		Greenwich Cove .....	7	Marsala Lightning Fleet .....	449
Bay Head Y.C. ....	3	Guayaquil .....	272	Marvella Lightning Fleet .....	235
Barnegat Light Y. C. ....	335	Gull Lake .....	137	Massabesic Y. C. ....	273
Belle Haven Y. C. ....	7			Mayfield Y. C. ....	13
Biscayne Bay .....	226	Hampton Roads .....	426	Memphis .....	274
Black Rock Y. C. ....	17	Harbor Island Y.C. ....	262	Merrimac River Fleet .....	121
Bombay Harbour Lightning Fleet .....	451	Harraseket .....	244	Metedeconk River .....	34
Bomoseen Y. C. ....	227	Harveys Lake Lightning Fleet .....	350	Milwaukee .....	69
Brant Beach .....	173	Hawaii .....	143	Mission Bay .....	194
Brockport .....	267	Helsinki .....	166	Mississinewa Reservoir .....	420
Buckeye Lake .....	43	Henderson Harbor .....	225	Mobile Bay .....	135
Buffalo Canoe Club .....	12	Higgins Lake .....	110	Morgan City .....	443
Buffalo Y. C. ....	81	High Tor .....	41	Muncie Sailing Club .....	460
Burnham Park Y.C. ....	56	Higuerillas .....	342		
		Hoover, Y. C. ....	353	Nasijarvi .....	394
Capricornio .....	319	Housatonic Boat Club .....	6	Neahtawanta Y. C. ....	403
Carlyle Sailing Association .....	266	Hudson Lightning Fleet .....	376	New Orleans .....	209
Cedar Point .....	126			Newport Y. C. ....	77
Centerboard Y. C. ....	14	Iate Clube de Brasilia .....	375	Niagara S. C. ....	59
Chautauqua Lake .....	19	Indian Harbor .....	7	Niantic Bay .....	85
Chautauqua .....	198	Indian Lake .....	23	Normandy Beach Y. C. ....	366
Chelsea Y. C. ....	39	Indian River Y. C. ....	72	North East River .....	192
Chequesset .....	280	Indianapolis Sailing Club .....	270	Northeast Y. C. ....	207
Chicago Corinthian Y. C. ....	5			Northport Bay .....	98
Chinook .....	229	Jardim Guanabara .....	401	Nyack .....	75
Clark Lake Y. C. ....	416	Jayhawk .....	60		
Clarks Hill .....	257	Juanita Bay .....	414	Ocean City Y. C. ....	430
Club Lago San Pablo Fleet .....	447	Jyvaskylan .....	328	Odd Winds .....	296
Club Nautice Bahia Blanca .....	445			Okanagan .....	368
Club Nautico del Calima .....	419	Kallavesi .....	395	Olivos .....	206
Club Nautico del Muna .....	73	Kemin .....	310	Oulun .....	307
Club Nautico del Tomine .....	432	Kentucky Lake .....	242		
Club Regattas Lima .....	261	Keuka Lake .....	252	Palmetto .....	440
Club Universitario Buenos Aires .....	446	Klamath Lightning Fleet .....	455	Parkway S.C. ....	406
Club Universitario de Regatas .....	265	Kotka .....	298	Parthenon .....	286
Cohasset .....	369			Paupack Sailing .....	16
Colombian Navy .....	275	Lahti .....	349	Penn Manor Fleet .....	422
Columbia .....	283	Lake Arthur .....	441	Pentwater Y.C. ....	340
Comox Bay .....	437	Lake Charles .....	399	Perry Lightning Fleet .....	438
Conneaut Lake .....	180	Lake Champlain .....	301	Peruvian Naval School .....	452
Cowan Lake .....	303	Lake Davenport .....	167	Pichidangui .....	346
Crescent Sail Y. C. ....	51	Lake Dunmore .....	243	Pontiac Y. C. ....	54
Cuba Lake .....	115	Lake Fenton Y. C. ....	53	Pontoosuc .....	417
		Lake Geneva S. C. ....	345	Porin .....	306
Dallas Corinthian .....	35	Lake Glendale .....	444	Pultneyville Y. C. ....	61
Decatur .....	74	Lake Graifensee .....	309	Pymatuning Y. C. ....	36
Del Faro .....	390	Lake Hartwell .....	391	Pyhaselka Lightning Fleet .....	428
Devil's Lake .....	31	Lake Keystone .....	402		
Douglas Lake .....	374	Lake Lanier .....	348	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury .....	70
Dunkirk Harbor .....	311	Lake Mohawk Y. C. ....	25	Red Dragon Canoe Club .....	357
		Lake Monroe Sailing Association .....	464	Red Jacket .....	125
Flotilha de Lightning de Niteroi .....	351	Lake Murray .....	341	Rehoboth .....	325
Flotilha de Lightning de Florianopolis .....	162	Lake of Biel .....	268	Riverside .....	7
Flotilha de Lightning de Pernambuco .....	373	Lansing S. C. ....	387	Riverton Y.C. ....	228
Flotta degli Estensi .....	355	Lappeencranta .....	412	Rocky Point .....	7
Flotta del Conero .....	466	La Spezia .....	321	Rocky River .....	71
Flotta de Anzio .....	278	LaVallette .....	104	Roma .....	271
Flotta de Formia .....	389	Leatherlips Y.C. ....	27	Royal Hamilton Y. C. ....	118
Flotte del Garda .....	249	Lega Navale Italiana .....	312	Royal Lake of the Woods .....	320
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel .....	169	Les Cheneaux Lightning Fleet .....	378	Royal St. Lawrence Y. C. ....	215
Flotte Murtensee .....	358	London .....	347		

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Rush Creek .....	435	Skaneateles Country Club .....	1	Union Lake Y. C. ....	458
Sabazia .....	381	Smith Mt. Lake .....	377	Universitario de Regatas .....	424
Saginaw Bay .....	216	Southampton .....	431		
St. John's River .....	461	Southern Y. C. ....	62	Vancouver .....	90
St. Joseph Harbor .....	113	South Haven Y. C. ....	30	Vierwaldstattersee .....	281
St. Marys .....	400	South Shore Y. C. ....	79		
Salamis Fleet .....	251	South Skaneateles Lightning Association .....	439	Waccamaw Fleet .....	463
Salinas Y.C. ....	405	Spofford Lake .....	145	Washington .....	50
San Diego Bay .....	114	Squam Lake .....	332	Wateree .....	459
San Francisco Bay .....	372	Stockholm Lightning Fleet .....	433	Wawasee Y. C. ....	154
Sandusky Bay .....	386	Surf City .....	196	Western Connecticut .....	7
Sandy Beach Y.C. ....	78	Susquehanna .....	253	Western Narragansett Bay .....	119
Santa Monica Bay .....	102	Syros Island .....	465	Willow Bank Y. C. ....	164
Sao Paulo .....	147			Winnebago Lightning Fleet .....	442
Sassafras River .....	314	Tawas Bay .....	152	Winnepesaukee Y.C. ....	246
Savannah .....	127	Temple Reef S. C. ....	279	Woodmere Bay Y. C. ....	300
Sempachersee .....	250	Thousand Islands .....	382		
Setauket Y. C. ....	323	Tippecanoe Lake S. C. ....	425	Yacht Club de Chile .....	317
Severn River .....	329	Toledo .....	42	Yacht Club Olivos .....	356
Sheboygan .....	187	Toronto Bay .....	146	Yacht Club Paysandu .....	423
Sheepshead Y. C. ....	38	Trasimeno .....	453	Yacht Club Peruano .....	265
Shreveport .....	175	Triad .....	415		
Silver Lake Y. C. ....	47	Turkeyfoot Lake .....	33		
		Tuusulanjarri Lightning Fleet .....	456	Zurich .....	219

#### *To Fellow Lightning Sailors:*

*I am sure that you are aware that it is the job of the Assistant Editor to review the various fleet reports and to put them in proper order for printing. Accordingly, each report must be read at least twice.*

*It is impossible for an Assistant Editor to read these reports without getting an impression of what's happening on the local level. From the reports that were submitted, one trend is clearly shown — ENTHUSIASM. These reports show that at least these fleets are alive and well. Not only are people purchasing new boats, but more importantly, the older boats are being upgraded and made more competitive. People are selling the Lightning.*

*However, when taking a closer look at the statistics, I find that only 152 reports were submitted out of a total of over 300 active fleets. I personally see this as a black spot on the horizon. Last year the number of reports was 183.*

*It is my opinion that the strength of our class lies in the local fleets. The reports also indicate fleet activity. People like to see their names in print (at least I do). If you don't see a report from your fleet (or district), start working NOW for next year. Elect a fleet (or district) secretary who has an interest in promoting the class and make sure a report is sent in.*

*Your report can help strengthen the class in general. Other fleet members will read your report to see what you have done, so in your report include both race results and what you've done to promote the class and your fleet in particular. In politics they call this a grass roots' effort. It is not the Tom Allen's, Bruce Goldsmith's and Bill Shore's that keep the class alive (although they help). It is you, the weekend sailor and/or racer, who make the difference in our class.*

*Remember the yearbook circulation is international. You'd be surprised where it shows up. It sits on coffee tables of homes and clubs throughout the world. Non-members read it and, more often than not, look to see if there is a fleet near their home. If they see your fleet, where do you think they'll go when they decide to buy a boat? Our yearbook is one of our best sales tools. You can take advantage of it only if your fleet is represented.*

*David W. White,  
Assistant Editor.*

# Lightning Fleets

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

Fleet Captain ..... Phil Shannon  
Fleet Secretary ..... Edwin F. Sommer  
Fleet Champion ..... H. Corby Day  
Runner-Up ..... Jim Simpson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tar Pot	Bob O'Brien, Jr. & III
8488	S.P.C.A.	Steve Waterbury
10014	Puff	Bob O'Brien, Jr. & III
10394	Short Sale	Bill Corbett
10626	Po-Shan	P. Shannon
11569	.....	H. Corbin Day
11908	Envy	Robert & Thayer Adams
12210	.....	John S. Orelup
Life Member		Mrs. Kenneth Miller

The 1975 Season started with our Spring Regatta held on the Metedeconk River June 14-15. Nineteen Lightnings entered and in spite of foggy conditions three races were sailed. Bill Newman of Metedeconk River Club was the winner with 1-2-2 finishes followed by Bob Hutchison, Monmouth Boat Club 2-4-3. The third place went to Jack Elfman, Surf City Yacht Club 7-3-5.

For the first time, our Senior Series was sailed with a continuing point standing through July and August instead of a point winner for each month. The end of the series found H. Corby Day the new Fleet Champion followed by Jim Simpson skippering for Fleet Captain Phil Shannon who was forced to miss all of the season due to illness in his family. Third was one of our up and coming skippers Bobbie O'Brien sailing his Dad's Puff.

In August, the Sear's Cup was hosted by the Bay Head Yacht Club and as Lightnings were involved, the Fleet 3 members were on hand to help all of the juniors with their problems. The winner was Mike Alexander of the Coconut Grove Yacht Club with six firsts and two seconds. Jay Lutz of Metedeconk River Yacht Club was second. (Editor's Note: both regular Lightning skippers.)

Bob Adams was busy as usual with his Lightning sailing both downbay and in various events away from home. Bob finished fifth in the Central Atlantic District Championships.

All in all we had a pleasant season and look forward to 1976.

## CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain ..... Bob Holland  
Fleet Secretary ..... Mike Adler  
Fleet Champion ..... Don Basler  
Runner-Up ..... John Burke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5133	XPG	Fred Bell
8260	Susan Constant	David C. Roston
9412	Alethia	Don Basler
9591	Scram	J. Thomas Blount
9607	.....	Fred G. House
9697	Hussy	Chuck Hlinka
9958	Schuss	Cliff Stettler
9987	Andiamo	Roger Seitz
10250	Z-Boat	William H. Zamzow
10443	Windsong II	John Helmstadter
10479	Phoenix	Dick McClure
10557	Nice	Joseph Angioletti
10721	T.N.T.	Thomas N. Tambling
10930	Fission	Bob Smither
11101	Istar	Peter C. Evanson
11270	Lin	John Pavlak & Kerford Marchant
11446	Frolic	Dick Hinze
11490	.....	James E. Baker

11556	Goose	H. A. Briele, Jr.
11701	Karma-Sutra	Bill Crowell
11703	El-Ontra-Uno	Robert E. Holland
12136	.....	Wayne W. Wilson
12283	Midetite	John & Dennis A. Burke
12350	Elan	John H. Brewster
12394	Hardtack	Kenneth Gustafsen
12396	No Go 6	Elliott Siegel & Paul Hinze
12402	Lyntog	Bernard Kornhaber
12422	Snoopy	Bruce Goldsmith
12640	Yankee Doodle	Melvyn Weiselberg & John R. Nye
12822	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
.....	.....	Mike Adler
.....	.....	Adrian Irving

1975 was a full and successful season of Sailing for Fleet Five Sailors. Our fleet amounted to 35 boats and our race schedule consisted of 44 dates of which all but five were sailed.

The season was divided into several separate series beginning with the abbreviated Early Bird, which was won by John Brewster. During May and June we sailed the Corinthian which was won by John Burke with Dick Hinze second and John Brewster third. The Fleet Championship followed and top honors went to Don Basler with John Burke runner-up, and John Brewster third. The Commander, or fall series, was won by Dick McClure with Dick Hinze and Roger Seitz in close pursuit; and last, but not least, was the Moonbea, Evening series, which was captured by Dick Hinze with McClure second and Fred House third.

Our fleet participated in the Hobelman Regatta and played host to the Red Flannels. All things considered, 1975 was a successful sailing season for fleet five and we are anxiously awaiting for spring thaw.

## BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12) Lake Erie District Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain ..... J. Eagan  
Fleet Secretary ..... D. Oak  
Fleet Treasurer ..... F. Huffman  
Fleet Champion ..... S. Anderson  
Runner-Up ..... E. Roseberry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
693	Off-Call	Dr. Murray S. Howland, Jr.
6670	Sea-O	Frank E. Hayden
7942	Clancy	Douglas Rumsey
8503	Glockenspiel II	Stuart Anderson
8510	RA	William R. Potter
9111	Isotope	J. Y. Sloan
9373	Put-Put	Mark Bryant
9845	.....	Lawrence Bone & Charles Yeagle
10006	.....	Matt Bryant
10031	Restless	William W. Hughes
10147	Eve	Kenneth Seubert
10303	OZ	Robert J. Adams
10356	Spirit	Robert Fretz
10540	.....	George Grobe, Jr.
10565	.....	Matt Bryant
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11000	Thermis XI	Karl Smither & Robert M. Dobmeier, Jr.
11450	Yo Yo	Francis M. Huffman, Jr.
11869	Golden Vanity	Robert C. Enger
11902	Paw Nee	Paul Stievater
12066	.....	David MacFarlane
12080	Green Machine	A. Douglas Oak
12411	.....	Richard P. Ferrick
12437	Mia Boat	Matthew T. & Marianne Bryant
12487	.....	Stanley A. Tirrell
12711	.....	Thomas G. Allen III
12729	.....	Ed Roseberry
12770	.....	C. O. Jones, Jr.
12791	.....	James R. Maxson
12802	.....	Thomas M. Ward



Mother Nature favored Fleet 12 with an exciting racing season complete with planing reaches and a variety of sailing conditions. Stu Anderson won our Eby Invitational, the Hussey Series, and the Championship. "One tough sailor"!

Fleet 12 sailed 10 series and over 50 races, leaving plenty of opportunities for the following series winners:

Foster Series - Mark Bryant; Franclemont-Roseberry Series - Ed Roseberry, Jr.; Thermis - Ed Roseberry, Jr.; Myers - Joe Downing; Fleet 12 - Tom Ward; and Maccubbin - Tom Ward.

The Niagara Frontier Invitational was won by Ex-Buffalo Canoe Club member, Bill Shore, with second place going to Bruce Goldsmith, and third place to Stu Anderson. Dick Ferrick was third qualifier at the District Championship, and Ed Roseberry was fourth qualifier for the North American. Mark Bryant finished 11th, which was an excellent place considering one race was lost to a brief swim. (Editors note: for shame Mark.)

Tom Allen sailed to third place in the North American Championship and Ed Roseberry, Jr. also sailed in the Championship Fleet.

1975 was a great year for Fleet 12, and it was in large part made possible by the many people serving on the race committee directed by Al Salter.

### MAYFIELD YACHT CLUB (13) Central New York District Sailing on Great Sacandaga Lake Mayfield, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Ed Koenig  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Schultz  
Fleet Champion ..... Ed Kruszona  
Runner-Up ..... Ed Koenig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
20	.....	R. Paul Farrell, Jr.
5477	.....	Gerald A. Ryan
7216	.....	William J. Dever
7333	.....	Dirck Westervelt
8899	Escape	Edward G. Kruszona
9528	Larc	Carl E. Grund
10097	Savage II	Donald & Jean M. Kerr
10244	.....	Wm. Weifenbach
12084	.....	W. R. Schultz
12130	Viva	Sam Folger
12379	.....	Robert Klug
12636	Kittiwake	Edgar F. & Douglas E. Koenig

The 1975 high light of Lightning competition on Great Sacandaga Lake was Central New York's LSLS Regatta. Ed Koenig organized the activity and headed the race committee which provided well organized competition. Following the completion of five races, Fisk Hayden emerged as the regatta champion. Dick Hallagan and Bob Wardwell, other CNY competitors, were third and fourth. Second and fifth place finishers were Georges Peter and Jim Russell from the neighboring New England District. As usual, we must take off our hats to the Mayfield Yacht Club members who expertly assisted in making this event a success.

The year 1975 brought the return of Ed Kruszona to active fleet racing. Ed again demonstrated the value of a fine tuned wooden boat and crew and became fleet champion. Ed Koenig and Rob Klug placed second and third. In the July series, Ed Kruszona was first while second and third went to Ed Koenig and Bill Schultz. About one point separated the first three leaders in the August series. Ed Koenig took over first place while Ed Kruszona was second and Rob Klug was third.

Gerry Ryan spent the winter reworking 5477 and fitted it with an oval mast. Five boats journeyed to Henderson Harbor, the site of the CNY District Regatta, to appreciate fine hospitality and competition. For 1976 we are hopeful of having more boats on the starting line.

### CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB (14) New England District Sailing on Casco Bay at South Portland, Maine

Fleet Captain ..... Granville H. Dyer  
Fleet Secretary ..... George Hackett  
Fleet Champion - 1st Series .. William P. Liller, Jr.  
Fleet Champion - 2nd Series ..... George Huettl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1644	Ginger III	Granville H. Dyer
7266	Lana's Cross	James C. Agnew

9875	Barbara-L	Blaine Davis II
10133	Blue Devil	William P. Liller, Jr.
10196	.....	David White
10613	Chic Alors	Thomas Valleau
11667	Powerful	.....
	Shamrock	George F. Hackett
12170	.....	J. Archie Prince
12233	.....	George & Jay Huettl
12600	Gandalf	Gary P. Blenkhorn
12696	Tiger	Thomas E. Curry

Although seven to eight boats competed each Saturday during the scheduled summer racing series, the competition anticipated after the 1974 season never developed. Blaine Davis stopped racing with the Fleet, Archie Prince 'moved up' to a Pearson and sold his Lightning, and conflicting commitments for other members, all combined to 'dampen' the season.

A high point in '75 was the New England District and State of Maine Regatta on July 18, 19, and 20 at CYC. Under Bill Liller's capable leadership and with ideal weather conditions, 40 skippers and crews competed for the coveted titles. John Collins, Marblehead, Massachusetts, clearly established himself as the District's best in the 5 races. John was followed by Don Brush, Jr., Stu Nickerson, Jim Russell, and Jack Burwell in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively. Dave White of CYC with his 'crew in training,' Butch and Peter Yarumian, finished 7th and qualified for the North Americans, but could not enter. Bill Liller finished 15th, a most respectable place in such competition.

Gary Blenkhorn, Tom Curry, George Hackett, Bill Liller, Archie Prince and Dave White all traveled the short distance to the Harraseeket Yacht Club Regatta on June 21 and 22. It was here that Tom Curry lost a 'battle' with a falling centerboard on his turtled boat, and severely injured his hand. After an operation and physical therapy the hand is doing well. Dave White was 3rd in the Regatta.

Dave also traveled to the Long John, Winnepesaukee (a 6th), Niantic (a 6th), and Massabesic (a 3rd) Regattas. Dave also entered the Winter Championships in St. Petersburg, Florida and ended up a most creditable 10th in that fine competition. George Huettl was at Mallets Bay Race Week (a 10th), Massabesic (a 2nd), and the Spofford Lake Regattas.

For the second time two different summer series were sailed with two races scheduled for each Saturday. In the first series Bill Liller, George Hackett, and George Huettl finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively. George Huettl then captured a 1st in the second series, with Dave White in 2nd and Gary Blenkhorn in 3rd.

1976 may be a question mark, for the enthusiasm that so kindled the spirit in '74 needs a spark to get '76 off to a good start. Maybe it will occur around a 'crackling' fire place sometime this winter.



Rick Delisio and Larry Fretts telling John Collins his stop watch was off on that last start. Photo Credit Portland Press Harold



Skippers and Crews

### PAUPACK FLEET (16)

#### Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the  
Pocono Mountains at Tafton, Pa.

Fleet Captain ..... John Rowley  
Fleet Secretary ..... Joan Rowley  
Fleet Champion ..... John Rowley  
Runner-Up ..... Roger Lengel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5380	Chantey	Heinz Kornmann
7931	.....	Neal W. Merrill
8676	Rooster	Herm Henschen
10115	Black Night	Peter Boettcher
10300	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
10301	Mimsy II	Joe Mark
10460	.....	Susy Porter
11801	Moby Duck	John Rowley
11907	Mach I	George Madel
11960	.....	Hank Fretz
12159	.....	Roger Lengel

Well, the name of the game this year was John Rowley. John won the Miller Series, the Lake Series, the Club Series and the Handicap Series - which gave him undisputed possession of first place for the summer. It was light air, and no air, sailing for almost every weekend with John's crew, Mindy and Cindy Rowley, did yeoman work, on the spinnaker, as did John in superb upwind work. And John proved that he could do well in heavy air as well later in the Fall season.

Roger and Sarah Lengel nosed out Joe Mark for second place, and Joe contented himself with third place (with Josh and Rick) again. Peter Boettcher was fourth (with Tim and Jeff) and George Madel was fifth (with Christ and Rex.)

Fleet 16 thinks it has a first: our newly elected fleet captain for next year is Suzy Porter. (Suzy sails with Donna Gregor and Jane Gumble). Does fleet 16 have the first woman captain in the ILCA?

On September 13 - 14 our club held its Fall Regatta and was the host to our part of the Short Circuit Series. Stan Moldawsky outdid his previous arrangements as chairman of the regatta committee in orchestrating (no pun intended, as he is also our piano player) the whole thing. Dennis Farley outsailed Sandy Huntsman for first place, and our own Herm Henschen was third. The rest of the top ten in order were, Graham, Sengstacken, Eggers, Rowley, Bierman, Corr and Beard. There were good winds blowing for all three races - almost ideal - averaging around 10 mph with lulls down to 5 and gusts up to 20.

Some of our best sailors don't sail enough to quality for prizes, but if they could, sailors like Hank Fretz, Herm Henschen and Heinz Kornmann would probably be in the winners' circle.

### BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (17)

#### Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound  
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain ..... James Nelson  
Fleet Secretary ..... Ralph Sperry, Sr.  
Fleet Champion ..... Robert Meyer  
Runner-Up ..... James Nelson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2795	Restless	Robert Goodenow
6445	.....	Jeff McCormick
9089	.....	Harry Turton
9122	Thor	Ralph Sperry, Sr.
11874	Fiddler's Green	James Nelson
11890	Zephyrus	Robert Meyer

Fleet 17's 1975 season was marked by the sailing of Bob Meyer who won every race and also did well in outside events.

There was an excellent battle for second place between Jim Nelson, Ralph Sperry and Harry Turton, all of whom stepped up their performance with new sails. Nelson and Sperry came into the final Labor Day race in a dead tie, Sperry having done well in the early season and Nelson having picked up points in the middle of the year. Nelson jumped out to a half lap lead. Sperry came within a boat length of catching him but Jim successfully tacked under him and took off. Nelson was second for the July 4th series with Sperry third with the order reversed for the Labor Day Series. Turton, with a tremendously improved performance, was in the top three many times.

Unfortunately, the other boats did not turn out very often although seven of the eleven boats in the fleet did some racing.

### CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

#### Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Robert Creighton  
Fleet Secretary ..... James J. McDonnell  
Fleet Champion ..... Robert Creighton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6450	Phoenix	Robert Creighton
7749	.....	Wilt Wendell
9332	Swinger	J. J. McDonnell
9636	Sic Transit Gloria	Elizabeth K. Lasser
9701	Temptation III	Frederick R. Franke
10035	Flamin' Mabel	Charles E. Ludwig
11435	Dutch Treat	A. J. Van Poortvliet
11501	Yellow Bird	Walt Williams
12230	Jelly Bean	Donald Zarou

1975 brought us a lot of new sailors and competitive spirit. We had our first race three weeks before Memorial Day with six boats taking part. The Memorial Day Race was won by A. J. Van Poortvliet who eased J. J. McDonnell out at the finish with a tight reaching spinnaker run, and then, R. V. Creighton eased A. J. Van Poortvliet out of first place in the High Point Series. As the racing season progressed, Walt Williams came creeping into victory for the Fourth of July Drifters. Underweight crew, we suspect.

And then as the sacrifices were offered up on the eve of our Cornball Regatta the wind gods answered and it blew til the 36 race boats had breaks and bends, frazzled crews and lots of ripped spinnakers. (Warning to regatta chairman - "beware of wind gods.") We let a Canadian boat win this year.

Labor Day ended our racing on Chautauqua Lake for 1975. A. J. Van Poortvliet won the long race by overtaking an old broken down antique Lightning that had shown the way through the first half of the race (that's gratitude for you.) To top off this great year we have been informed by the Lake Erie District Council that our bid has been accepted for the District Championships which is to be the week following our Cornball Regatta. This year the Cornball will truly be a district warm-up regatta. We are looking forward to having all of our friends from Canada and the USA to our 1976 Bi-centennial Regattas July 17-18 - Cornball and July 21-22-23-24-25 District Races.

### INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

#### Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake  
Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... John Timmermeister  
Fleet Secretary ..... John Timmermeister  
Fleet Champion ..... Mike Wilkins  
Runner-Up ..... Robert Stempel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1231	Pink Lady	James Klopfer
9102	Yellow Fever	Stephen D. Hamilton

9702	Grey Ghost	Harry S. Robertson
9963	Traverse	George Woolley
10785	Mariposa	Jack A. Sargent
11138	Cock Pit	Jay & Helen Limbaugh
11400	.....	Bill Knerr
11485	Page One	Alex Kaye
11531	After All	John Timmermeister
11567	.....	Clarence Detweiler
11640	.....	Gordon D. Scullion
12048	Pickled Tink	Sidney Johnson, Jr.
12049	Dye It Blue	Dick Collier
12287	.....	Ted Siferd
12412	90 Day Wonder	Thomas L., Mike & Mark Wilkins
12415	Bob Cat	Robert Strempel
12452	.....	Charles Lutes
12559	Big Red Machine	John Butler
12574	.....	Lou Black
12797	.....	Bernie Malcolm

Fleet 23 scheduled two series of eight races each in 1975. The weather was most cooperative and each series was completed as listed with no make-up races extending the schedule. Winners were determined by counting each skipper's best five of the eight races in a series.

Mike Wilkins won the first series followed by Bob Strempel. Alex Kaye was third and John Timmermeister fourth.

The winners showed their skill and consistency in the second series — it was again Mike Wilkins first and Bob Strempel second. This time Charles Lutes was third followed by John Timmermeister.

The years racing record left no doubt — Mike Wilkins is Fleet Champion with Bob Strempel, the Runner-up pushing hard. And for all the rest of us "wait till next year."

### LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

#### Metropolitan District

#### Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	.....	Ron Beard
Fleet Secretary	.....	Judy Beard
Fleet Champion	.....	Bob Graham
Runner-Up	.....	Dom Roselli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5617	.....	Larry Kenny
5988	Grey Ghost	James Milstead
8990	Gramboko	Bernard Cole
9984	.....	Robert Watters
10207	Jackie	Armond R. Tomassetti
10220	.....	Victor Haines
10480	Naiad	T. R. Bierman
11420	.....	Bob Graham
11448	.....	David MacDonald
11772	.....	Norris O'Neill
12166	.....	Ron Beard
12337	Moriah	William W. Wagner
12416	.....	Dominic Roselli
12822	.....	Craig Maxwell
.....	.....	Donald R. Ploetner

1975 was a great year for Fleet 25 sailing a total of 49 races. We began our season in early April and ended on the third weekend of October.

Bob Graham and his crew of wife Pat and Todd Gillespie are once again our fleet champions. They won the Spring, Summer and Fall series. Bob says his new oval mast and new sails contributed to his winning. (A stampede is on the way for oval masts.) We'll buy that — but we also think he'd have won anyway — even in a bathtub. Tom Bierman was a close second in the Spring series with Bob Tomassetti third, Bill Wagner fourth and Ron Beard fifth.

In the Summer series it was Dom Roselli second having four first place finishes in a row. He does an outstanding job in the light air. Maybe his yelling and screaming put a little extra wind on the sails. Ron Beard was third, Tom Bierman fourth and Dave McDonald fifth.

The Fall series saw Tom Bierman come in second and Dave MacDonald third. Look out for Dave in '76!! He now has a trained crew and is constantly moving up in the fleet. Dom Roselli was fourth (the wind picked up and his yelling stopped or at least we couldn't hear him) and Bob Tomassetti fifth.

We had several participants going to the Districts this year held at the Monmouth Boat Club in Red Bank, N.J. Bob Graham placed sixth and Tom Bierman eighth. Those two also went to Surf City, N.J. for the Atlantic Coast Championships. Those scores we will not discuss.

Every Fall, Fleet 25 participates in a three lake "Short Circuit" event. This event is held on successive weekends in September with three races at Greenwood Lake, N.J., Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa. and Lake Mohawk. We sail a total of nine races with one throw out.

This year Denis Farley from the Monmouth Boat Club unseated our former two time winner Sandy Hunstman from the same club. Sandy did put in a good showing with second place. Bob Graham was third, Tom Bierman fourth and John Eggers from Mohawk sailing a borrowed boat was fifth. Others from our lake in the top ten were Dave MacDonald eighth, Ron Beard ninth and Dom Roselli tenth.

Our fleet is growing as we have added three new boats this year namely Ron Beard, Norris O'Neal and Jim Wavle. Dave MacDonald sold his older wood boat and bought a glass job. Jim Milstead finally got his together and bought an oval mast and different sails and is starting to join the racing. Craig Maxwell got disgusted with his old boat and for psych reasons bought a new boat and has radically improved his scores.

In any event we had a great deal of fun in 1975 and have added two more husband and wife teams to our fleet roster. We are glad to see the Kinneys and Wavels racing with us. Our fleet now boats twelve couples racing together. Now when the wives get together all they talk is sailing, sailing, sailing. Sound familiar fellows?

We look forward to an even better season in '76 with more participation from our newer and less experienced members.

### LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Columbus (Powell) Ohio

Fleet Captain	.....	Ron Sehulster
Fleet Secretary	.....	Tom Brugh
Fleet Champion	.....	Ron Sehulster
Runner-Up	.....	Paul Howald

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2662	.....	Thomas B. Smith
2826	.....	James H. Wing
5900	Skunk	Robert J. McBride
7147	Son Shine	A. Leo Belkin
7466	.....	Don Trimmer
7930	Lisa-Lynn	Paul Howald
8002	.....	Harry Minck
8656	.....	Ray Ronan
9099	Pirate	Dick Denning
9303	.....	Bob Ariss
9431	.....	Ben Jacoby
10353	Spectrum	Bill Hilsman
10960	.....	John W. Uttley
11332	Miss Judy II	Warren Baltimore
11499	Lady Be Good	Carl Clipp
11932	.....	George Seiple
11982	.....	George Hodge
12580	.....	Warren J. Miller
12595	.....	Tom Brugh
12787	LADY BE GOODer	Ron Sehulster
12840	Bill's Football	Bill Hilsman
Life Member	.....	Bucky Powless

Enthusiasm! If we had to sum up our 1975 fleet activities in one word, that would be it.

The winter months were utilized this year for a series of classes on the racing rules for our newer sailors and a series of potluck dinners at the homes of various members.

In early April, Fleet 27 sponsored the Ohio District Seminar, and forty sailors from all over the state anticipated. George Fisher, Jim Dressel and Bill Buckles were the instructors, and the participants learned a lot both in the classroom and on the water during the weekend session.

The racing at the club started the first weekend in April, and Ron Sehulster won the Spring Series. Paul Howald was second, with one of our new sailors, Bill Hilsman in third. In the Memorial Day Series, Bucky Powless was the winner, with Ron Sehulster second and George Seiple third.

On June 21 - 22 we sponsored our first Windshift Regatta and we had 19 boats for the event. The weather was hot, the air was light, but everyone had a good time. When it was over the five place trophies went to Dick Pugh of Cowan Lake, Nelson Caley of Atwood Lake, Tom Varley of Hoover, Bucky Powless, Ron Sehulster and their crews. The first mates did their usual great jobs both crewing and preparing the "Famous Fleet 27 Smorgasbord", both for the Windshift Regatta and for the District Seminar.



During the summer series we found our newer sailors crewing with our more experienced skippers, and our experienced skippers and crews crewing for the first year sailors. This really paid off in racing activity and enthusiasm, and the fleet continued to grow throughout the season to the point where we had doubled in size in a year and a half. We also had Wednesday evening cookouts and sails at the club during the warm weather.

Bill Hilsman won the summer series, Paul Howald was second, and George Hodge finished third. Both Bill and George are first year sailors. Ron Sehulster won the 4th of July series with Mike Denning second and Paul Howald third. The Labor Day series again saw Ron, Mike and Paul in the top three spots, and Ron wrapped up the fleet championship.

In August the club held a "Junior Day" race with kids up to age 17 eligible. Trophies were presented to the winners of each class as well as to the overall winner based on corrected handicap time. Nine year old Debbie Sehulster was the overall winner sailing her dad's Lightning, winning by more than three minutes over her nearest rival. (Editors note — we'd all better watch out for his gal!!)

Social highlight of the season was our fleet lobster dinner in September. Warren and Judy Baltimore had live lobsters flown in from New England that day and did their usual great job of cooking them for perfection. We had nearly 100% turnout for this one.

Hoover Yacht Club was the host club for this year's home and home LYC-HYC Interclub Regatta. Jim Andrews (HYC) sailed a great series to take home the Mayor's Trophy. Ron Sehulster was second and Tom Varley (HYC) third in the five race series. Tom Brugh won (?) the "Broken Rudder" for a relatively light air capsized.

The fall series was won by Ron Sehulster. Again two first year sailors were second and third. Rick Hilsman took second, with George Hodge third.

Besides a good increase in racing activity at the club, we also had more participation in regattas throughout the district than we have had for years. We had at least one boat in each of nine regattas, and had three boats travelling to several of the regattas. Mike Denning, Bill Hilsman, Rick Hilsman, George Hodge, Paul Howald, Bob McBride, Ron Sehulster and Bill Uttley were our out-of-town travellers. Although only two of our boats sailed in the Districts, six of our skippers and three of our crew were in the competition.

As the season drew to a close in November, plans were being made for a new series of rules classes for our newest members, more potluck dinners, and racing tactics classes for last year's graduates of the rules sessions.

It was a great year in 1975, but we look forward to an even better year in 1976.

## DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

### Michigan District

Based on Devil's Lake at Manitau Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	Ted Delzeith
Fleet Captain Elect .....	Hank Hodgson, Jr.
Fleet Secretary .....	Bill Nuoffer
Fleet Co-Champions .....	George Sipel, Jr. & Hank Hodgson, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8250	Lightning Bug	Norman Tolman
8642	Family Affair	Bill Rupp
9286	.....	Steve Thomas
9650	Red Carpet	Dr. James & Phillip J. Reynolds
10798	C-Jet	Jack Tibbs
11449	.....	Dan R. Bruggeman
11669	.....	John C. Jarrett
11698	Right On	Doug Kapnick
11951	.....	Peter Paullin
12051	Avis	David Laidlaw
12345	.....	Ted Delzeith
12548	No Excuses	Dr. Charles Smith
12551	Turtle	Hank Hodgson, Jr.
12601	Saturday Knight	Bob, John & Jim Morse
12724	.....	Dr. G. Thomas Poirier
12773	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
12777	Loophole	George Sipel, Jr.
12846	.....	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal
Life Member	.....	C. B. Crittenden
.....	.....	William Nuoffer
.....	.....	LaVern Ehinger

The competition here at D.L.Y.C. continues to be best described as "keen", but due to the fun-loving nature of the skippers involved, it remains a bearable rivalry. So evenly matched were the racing



"Turtle" looks great in this position.

abilities of two skippers, Hodgson & Sipel, that they were declared co-fleet champions — a first at Devils Lake!

These were not our only contenders! Almost every trophy series of the season was determined in the final race with 3 and 4 skippers going in all tied up! And, at our annual regatta, which brought 29 Lightnings out, home fleet members finished the first race 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and took 6 of the 10 trophies at the end of the weekend. Knowing the lake was of little advantage considering the 18-25 m.p.h. winds.

One of our skippers, Hodgson, earned his first visit to the North American championships when he finished 2nd in Michigan District competition.

The instructional sailing program was once again in full swing under the able direction of Jeff Hinkle, who had to use every day of the week to accommodate the upcoming, eager sailors.

We hosted the 4th Michigan Junior Lightning Districts in July. Of the seven skippers competing, David Alosi of Gull Lake placed first, John Morse of D.L.Y.C. - second, and Tom Babel of Traverse City - third.

In addition, the first leg of the Mallory Cup was sailed on Devils Lake. Since it was during the week, few spectators were around to enjoy the keen competition, but those who were, agreed it was quite a sight! Although Tom Ehman came out on top, he was committed elsewhere during the next leg of the racing, so Hodgson was able to go on.

Dr. Smith is credited with another first for D.L.Y.C. When no wind came up for our annual Round-the-Lake race, he suggested we go ahead as planned using raft boats. As a result, sailors and non-sailing club members as well were able to enjoy the fun course. As usual, several stops were made along the way to shoot baskets, throw horseshoe ringers, etc. and all enjoyed the Mulligan Stew party finale! Everyone agreed this "first" should become a tradition!

Bales and Hodgson did an admirable job at several fall regattas. Bales placed at all five they attended and Hodgson at four. They were joined in rainy, cold Peru, Indiana by Delzeith and Tibbs.

Our annual trophies were awarded as follows:

Ted Delzeith, Stay-at-Home Series; Millie Delzeith, First Mate Award; Hank Hodgson, Jr. 4th of July, 2nd Summer Series, Thursday night series, Labor Day, Novice Award, Most Improved Skipper; Karen Hodgson, Best Crew Award; Douglas Kapnick, Captain's Race Trophy; David Laidlaw, Memorial Day and George Sipel, Jr. First Summer Series, Commodore's Trophy.

We may not be big in number, but we modestly admit to being strong in competition. Please consider joining us for our annual regatta in September of '76!

### TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... William C. Blank  
Fleet Secretary ..... Clem B. Shriver  
Fleet Champion ..... Clem Shriver  
Runner-Up ..... Robert Manard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
123	Suit-us	William C. Blank
5314	Siren	Robert S. Manard
8637	.....	Tom Daugherty
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	.....	Ralph Lawry
.....	.....	Dale Burkhart

Due to various circumstances, Fleet 33 did not have an active racing season for the first time in many years. There were however, many pleasant hours of sailing, but no races. This created the unusual situation of no Lightning race trophy awards at the South Shore Yacht Club's annual awards dinner. Our Fleet Captain, Bill Blank, however did not let this deter him from his finest hour, the awards presentation. Bill brought down the house with his "dry bottoms" awards (all handcrafted by Bill) to Bob Manard, Roger Judy and Kay Blank in tribute to the nice dry bottoms of their boats resting for long periods of floating drydocks. Bill further highlighted the awards by presenting a "swampers award" to Clem Shriver for his contribution to swamping Lightning 11717 during the Fleet 212 Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake.

Thanks to Bill, the 1975 sailing season for Fleet 33 closed in good spirits and we look forward to more fun and resumption of active racing next year.

### METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

#### Central Atlantic District

#### Based on Metedeconk River at Ocean County, N.J.

Fleet Captain ..... Werner Schon  
Fleet Secretary ..... James G. Carson  
Fleet Champion ..... David S. Ruiter  
Runner-Up ..... Michael Schon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9006	.....	Michael Coscia
9633	Shazam	E. Kenneth Snedeker, Jr.
9885	Jaune Eclair	Richard Jeske
10378	.....	John M. Walker, Jr.
10820	Stardust II	Robert A. Tross
10988	.....	James J. Daley
11103	.....	Alan E. Ruiter
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	James G. Carson
11800	Yankee Doodle	Mark Forhecz
11894	Love It	William E. Newman
11933	Barbarella	David S. Ruiter
12405	.....	Werner & Tom Schon

The "year of the oval mast" behind us, Fleet #34 looks forward to 1976 with plans to promote greater participation in Fleet races. Be it the oval mast or other factors, only six boats qualified for the 1975 Championship. Dave Ruiter easily defended although he was closely challenged in a number of very competitive races by Michael Schon, brother Alan, Werner and Tommy Schon, Jim Daley, and Dick Thomas who followed in that order. Dave went on to continue dominance of intra-Club competition by Lightning sailors as he easily repeated as Metedeconk's Overall One-Design Champion.

Alan Ruiter was a welcome addition to the Fleet and, although he failed to score a regatta win, placed consistently and was our best finisher in the North Americans (11th) and our only representative in the Worlds.

Jay Lutz, "super" crew aboard Jim Carson's "Ugly Fuzzy", proved his skipper capabilities without doubt by posting seconds in the Junior North Americans and Sears Cup and third in the North American qualifying series. (Editors Note: great sailing, Jay, a super season.)

The highly competitive nature of our Fleet is further evidenced by an impressive list of 1975 wins: Dave Ruiter-North American Qualifying Series, Atlantic Coast Championship and New Jersey State Championship; Bill Newman - Invitational Spring Tuneup Regatta; Jim Carson - Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship, Long John Regatta, Frigid Digit Regatta, and Bluenose Regatta.

Lightnings were used for the first time in the Club's Junior program for an advanced class taught by Dave Ruiter and Jim Carson and for the Junior Championship, one more way our Fleet hopes to promote Lightning sailing.

### DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET (35)

#### Texas District

#### Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain ..... John B. Waskom III  
Fleet Secretary ..... Barbara A. Drewes  
Fleet Champion ..... Lance K. Drewes  
Runner-Up ..... A. A. Treadway

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3519	.....	Willis M. McQueen
7205	.....	Lance Drewes
8277	.....	K. Marshall Fagin
9281	White Lightning	A. A. (Ted) Treadway
10264	Thor	Al E. Sather
10959	.....	John B. Waskom III
12833	.....	Willis M. McQueen

The summer of 1975 found Fleet 35 very much alive on White Rock Lake. Boat participation was approximately 80 per cent. Most of the summer was spent drifting in 5 to 10 mph winds and attempting to avoid the many shallow areas of the Lake.

There was only a two-point difference in the end of the season between Lance Drewes and "Ted" Treadway. Two of the boats used in the Pan American games were bought by Fleet 35 members and we expect that next year the competition will become even more fierce.

### PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

#### Ohio District

#### Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain ..... Jerry King  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Scher  
Fleet Champion ..... Chuck Maltbie  
Runner-Up ..... Rob Ruhlman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2885	Gale	John Glasson
5313	Midrick	W. R. Shannon, Sr.
5323	Cigan II	Frederick R. & Frank E. Lange
5981	.....	Dave Kuntz
6530	.....	Bob & Penny Baumgardner
7126	New Wine	Edward E. Werley
8330	Hot Canary	Dick Maras & Charles Maltbie
8635	Red Hot Canary	Curt & Dr. C. H. Maltbie
9080	Shannah	George Cummings
9375	Windjammer	Stanley M. Haw
9619	Spray	John Nunn
9919	Hot Pepper	Jim Wagstaff
10016	.....	William Groesbeck
10163	Witch Wathego	Homer Benson
10210	Venture II	Kenneth B. Finnie, Sr.
10273	Old Yeller	Don Courtal
10525	Giant Killer	E. L. Caldwell
10717	Thunder & Lightning	Horace Yates
10789	.....	Donald H. DeSplinter
10878	Blaze	M. Donald Blasier
11170	.....	Donald R. Steele
11240	Ruler V	Gordon R. Miller
11328	L'Aigle	Joe Redding
11618	No More Havoc	Paul D. Shafer, Jr.
11651	High Voltage I	Jerry King
11768	.....	Tom Sankey



12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe
12270	Tai-Kun	George Prince & Bob Baumgardner
12271	Puffin	Robert W. Scher
12313	Blue Fox	Dave Lewis, Jr.
12316	Pizzazz	Herbert Jestel
12420	Ruler VII	Jon & Randy Ruhlman
12620	Ruler VIII	Jon & Rob Ruhlman
12820	Torlick	Robert Ruhlman
12848	Gotcha	Dr. John Borland
Life Member		J. Robert McClaran

Fleet 36 continues to grow in membership, in quality of sailing and in enthusiasm and esprit de corps. Our Fleet now numbers 34 boats, of which 26 participated in some part of this year's racing program. Dr. C. H. (Chuck) Maltbie successfully defended his fleet championship with his usual combination of superb boat handling, flawless tactics, and super crew. Finishing second was Rob Ruhlman (chip off the old block); followed by Dave Lewis, third; George Prince, fourth; and Jerry King, fifth.

Between May 3 and September 28, six series of races were sailed, with the combined results of the Saturday and Sunday series making up the championship series. Race Committee Chairman Gordon (Chip) Miller agonized for many weeks over the "borrowed boat rule" before throwing caution to the wind and posting the following results:

Early Bird Series: Randy Ruhlman - first; E. L. (Al) Caldwell - second; George Prince - third. Spring Series - Jon Ruhlman - first; Chuck Maltbie - second; Randy Ruhlman - third. Saturday Series: Chuck Maltbie - first; Joe Redding - second; George Prince - third. Sunday Series - Chuck Maltbie - first; Rob Ruhlman - second and Dave Lewis - third. Stay-at-Home Series: Al Caldwell - first; Dave Lewis - second - Wayne King - third (tie); Dr. J. P. (Jack) Borland - third (tie). Fall Series: Bob Baumgartner - first; Dave Lewis - second and Bob Scher - third.

In other areas of activity, Fleet 36 was host to 25 boats from five fleets for our Annual Independence Day Regatta. We also were host to the Second Annual Ohio Junior District Championship. Fleet 36 was strongly represented at the Ohio District with four skippers qualifying for the North Annual Championships at Hilton Head: Bob Baumgartner, Chuck Maltbie, Jon Ruhlman, Rob Ruhlman.

One of the finest aspects of the overall sailing program at PYC is the outstanding training our younger sailors get in the junior sailing program. Three present participants or recent graduates: Rob Ruhlman, Randy Ruhlman, Wayne King; were among the top finishers in the fleet this year. In fact, many of us "senior" skippers find ourselves wishing Randy Ruhlman would take up some other sport.

And finally, our congratulations to Bob Baumgartner who was elected Commodore of the Ohio District for the coming year.

### SHEEPSHEAD BAY FLEET (38)

#### Long Island District

#### Sailing on Rockaway Inlet at Miramar Yacht Club in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Fleet Captain ..... Tom Green  
Fleet Secretary ..... Wendy Shomer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
38	.....	N. L. Viney
9126	.....	D. Ollila
9139	Ollie Oops	Ralph Alpert
11530	Ay, Caramba!	Tom Green

No Report.

### CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)

#### Metropolitan District

#### Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Gordon L. Smith  
Fleet Secretary ..... Skip Heller, III  
Fleet Champion ..... Eric Fuegel  
Runner-Up ..... Bill Gordon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6454	.....	William S. Graff
6731	Natasha	William Jones
8607	Gina	Sal Cerniglia
8736	The Baron	Frank Backus
8783	Fox's Reward	Frank Newman
9496	.....	Harry C. Becker



"How the heck did he get so far to weather?"

10381	.....	Explorer Post #381
10382	.....	Pete Bonk
10796	Irish Mist	Robert J. Ascott
11158	Blue Chips	William C. Gordon
11431	.....	Gordon L. Smith
11486	Eco' Trip	Walter Schwane
11505	Dulcinea	Eric Fuegel
11578	.....	Edward Garber
11604	Toy Boot	Stephen Schwark
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York
Life Member		Henry J. Abreu
Life Member		Dr. A. C. Dumke

Fleet 39 saw a lot of good racing this season, however, the same can not be said for the weather. Four series of races were held in addition to several special event races and one open regatta. The open regatta was attended by eighteen Lightnings.

For the series races the Fleet was divided at the 75 per cent mark, based on a modified Cox-Sprague scoring system (A fleet at 75 per cent or higher; B fleet under 75 per cent). Both fleets raced together, but boats held positions in their respective fleets. This system held everyone's interest throughout the year. Low point scoring was used for positions. Series winners were:

Spring Series: A fleet - Dick Hildreth, first; Bill Gordon, second; Eric Fuegel and Bill Witkowski tied for third. B fleet - Sam York, first.

Summer Series: A fleet- Eric Fuegel, first; Bill Witkowski, second; Stephen Schwark, third. B fleet - Sal Cerniglia, first.

Fall Series: A fleet -Eric Fuegel, first; Bill Witkowski, second; Stephen Schwark, third. B fleet - Ed Garber, first.

Frostbite Series: A fleet- Eric Fuegel, first; Bill Gordon, second; Sam York, third. B fleet - Sal Cerniglia, first.

Season Overall Positions: Eric Fuegel, first; Bill Gordon, second; Bill Witkowski, third.

# Special Events:

Skipper/crew (roles change) - Terrie Korber, first, sailing Bill Witkowski's boat; Joe Hayes, second, sailing Bill Gordon's boat.

Long Distance race saw Sal Cerniglia place third on corrected time. Portsmouth handicap numbers were used to correct positions. Frank Newman came through for the Last Chance first place honors.

The H Series was basically an attempt to attract those sailors who are not willing to give up every Sunday from May to November or at the minimum five Sundays in a row. There were a total of seven races scheduled throughout the year. The Lightning fleet did not succeed in getting any new boats out but several of the other fleets did. Results were: A fleet - Stephen Schwark, first; Bill Gordon, second; Sal Cerniglia, third. B fleet - Sam York, first.

The Chelsea Open Regatta was well attended. This regatta was also the third and final race of the Mid-Hudson Lightning Circuit. Unfortunately the wind disappeared after the first race and never reappeared till the following weekend. Regatta results were based on the one race: Tom DeStasio, Nyack, first; George Bitler and Mark Lewis, High Tor, second; Bill Gordon, Chelsea, third.

Fleet 39 again enjoyed having Explorer Post 381 active in our racing and social events. Former fleet champion Bill Witkowski has moved on to an Ensign and Wally Schwane has relocated. Both of these gentlemen will be missed on the starting line. Fleet 39 looks forward to 1976 as a year for molding and generating a new interest in our fleet and super boat.

## HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41)

### Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain ..... Paul Krick  
Fleet Secretary ..... Eric Schreck  
Fleet Champion ..... Bitler-Lewis  
Runner-Up ..... Bill Meyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9662	Meliora II	George Bitler & Mark Lewis
11227	Heuristic	Paul J. Krick
11507	Tigrine	Bill Meyer
11583	Big Moment	M. H. Whitnall

This season was not one of the most exciting for the High Tor Fleet. This was due to the loss of two of the fleet's more determined skippers. In spite of the small fleet size, a fairly competitive fleet series was run. The Bitler-Lewis team again exhibited consistent fine sailing which resulted in another first in the fleet series. Bill Meyer, showing much improved sailing over the previous year, took second in the series.

If there was any lack of excitement during the fleet races, it was more than compensated for at the local regattas. A number of the fleet skippers traveled throughout the district in pursuit of silver. The best showing in this regard was by Bitler-Lewis, who managed a second place in the Hudson River Regatta Series.

Fortunately, the fleet size is on the increase again. Two new boats have been added to the fleet, and it is expected that their skippers will contribute significantly to the level of competition. We are also pleased to report that Bill Meyers of our fleet has been elected Metropolitan District Commodore for the 1976 season.

## BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)

### Ohio District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... Ed Ballenger  
Fleet Secretary ..... Marty Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10956	Schuss	Matt Fisher
11728	Blue Max	Greg Fisher
12265	.....	Willie & Gwen Petersilge
12560	Hang on Sloopy	Jim Dressel
12810	.....	Steve & Dan Roshon
12845	The Gray Fox	George Fisher
Life Member		Bob Mann

Buckeye Lake's active '75 season began early as usual with Jim Dressel's trek down to the Midwinters. This year, with some last minute connections, Jim finished an excellent third with help of crew, wife Nancy and Steve Roshon. Matt Fisher did well in the Laser Midwinters the following week in a fleet of 215 boats.

In May, Jim traveled to Indian Lake, Ohio, where he won the Shakedown, ably assisted this time by his son Dan and Tom Greiner. The following week Matt Fisher came in second at the Great Lakes Championship with his crew of his Dad and Karen Albers. Matt, two weeks later, sailed his Laser in the U. S. Youth Championships at Association Island in New York.

Willie Petersilge, one of the upcoming sailors at BLYC had a good year sailing at Indian Lake, the Ohio Districts and represented the club in the Sears Quarter Finals, where he came through with an impressive win. At the Semi-Finals in Cleveland Willie sailed to a third place finish. Willie's crew in these regattas were Charles Koontz and Lonnie Moyer. Dan Roshon sailed the single-handed Quarter Finals in Lasers where he barely missed qualifying for the Semis. The Buckeye Lake Lightning Fleet is extremely proud of these young sailors.

Jim Dressel and Matt Fisher came in first and second at the Ohio Districts and went on to sail the North Americans at Hilton Head, where Jim finished fourth and Matt fifteenth. Crew for Jim was his wife Nancy and Peter Bone and for Matt was Karen Albers and his brother Greg. These same two sets of crews then traveled to Ecuador to sail in the World's in October, where they finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Jim at one point was winning this regatta and Matt third. Hats off to these crews for a great job not only in the World's but also in the whole season.

Greg and Matt Fisher literally gave their Dad a new boat this summer so they brought the "gray Fox" out of retirement.

While the troops were in Ecuador the annual Snowball Regatta was held as planned. George "Fox" Fisher won this one, winning both races, demonstrating that he still has the old touch. Steve Roshon, in his new boat and his first regatta of the year, took a break from medical school and finished fourth.

Greg Fisher was named to the College All-American Sailing Team for 1975. Both Greg and Matt are Commodores of their college Sailing Teams, Ohio Wesleyan and Miami University of Ohio, respectively. Our fleet is very proud of them.

BLYC Lightning Fleet 43 is looking forward to a "better than ever" season in 1976. We have three new young sailors in Dan Roshon, Mike Hein and Willie Petersilge. All three have their own boats and have been sailing them very hard. We're all sure they're going to be tougher next year!

## SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET (47)

### Lake Erie District

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Commodore ..... Bill Neal  
Fleet Vice-Commodore ..... Cal DeGolyer  
Fleet Captain ..... Peter Bone  
Junior Fleet Captain ..... Mark Humphrey  
Fleet Secretary ..... Jeanne Neal  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Fred Sanford  
Social Chairmen ..... Sally Bliss & Fran Williams  
Fleet Champion ..... Bud VanArsdale  
Runner-Up ..... Eddie Willse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
755	Whoops	W. Dana Jones
7398	Widgeon	David Saunders
7949	Bye-Bye	Calvin DeGolyer
8004	Cirrus II	Justus A. Emens
8766	Tric Trac	Bob Foster
8998	Bewitched	Jack Grinder
9065	CKG II	Kent Lyons
9119	Paget II	Bud Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster II	W. M. Humphrey
9417	.....	Charles H. (Mick) Griffin
9631	Right On	Earl Fowlston
9739	Hustler	Mark W. Grinder
9905	.....	Mark Dadd
10098	WHY!!	Jack Hackemer
10701	Yellow	
	Submarine	Rod Eaton
10808	Jane III	Bud VanArsdale
11566	Al R's	Dick Williams
11587	Sleazy Rider	Eddie Willse
12150	Pord Said	Paul Mokdessi
12240	.....	Jeff, Todd & Peter Jones
12725	.....	Bill Neal
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss & Bill VanArsdale
.....	.....	Peter Bone

# ***You Are All Invited To Our***

# **19th Annual Harvest Regatta**

## **Silver Lake Yacht Club, Fleet 47**

### **Perry , New York**

### **September 18 & 19, 1976**

THE 2ND LEG OF THE LAKE ERIE DISTRICT NORTHERN FALL CIRCUIT  
DUNKIRK, SILVER LAKE, & SANDY BEACH

.....SILVER LAKE IS TOO SMALL.....THE WIND IS TOO FLUKY!!.....SILVER LAKE COULD NEVER HOLD THE LAKE ERIE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS.....BUT, this past summer Silver Lake Yacht Club hosted the District Championships for the first time in the Club's thirty-three year history.

The Junior District Championship was sailed on Thursday, July 24th. Eddie Willse, last year's Junior District Champion, was the Junior Regatta Chairman. Bill VanArsdale and Ed Willse were co-chairmen of the Junior Race Committee. Mark Bryant of Buffalo won both races in heavy wind to become the new Junior Champion. Larry McDonald Jr. of Hamilton, Ontario was the runner-up in the twelve boat fleet.

Fifty-three Lightnings were smoothly measured in on Thursday under the direction of Committee Chairman Kim Regan. Many of the Silver Lake sailors measured boats with the help of Ward Wilday and the Cuba Lake crew, Fleet 115. The Jones Boys measured the sails. Platt Fowlston and Doug Hooper, co-chairmen of the Race Committee, set competitive courses with good starting lines. A wide range of wind and weather conditions for the five races of the District Championship made for a true test of skipper, crew, and boat. By Sunday afternoon the better sailors were at the top of the fleet. The winner was Don Allen, Bill VanArsdale was runner-up, and Dick Ferrick was third. Bill VanArsdale with his crew of Doug and Sally Bliss did the best from the home club.

The Lake Erie District Championships were a great success, thanks to the hard work of all the Silver Lake Yacht Club members, and Dr. Richard Williams who was at the helm as Regatta Chairman.

Silver Lake's Harvest Regatta is now the second leg of the Lake Erie District Northern Fall Circuit. A record SIXTY-FOUR Lightnings were on hand for a fun weekend of sailing. Silver Lake's reputation as the best planing lake in the world proved itself again, as gusts up to 35 knots hit on Saturday.

Sue Eaton had us all sailing around on land as she was Chairman of the Famous Cocktail Party.

On Sunday afternoon Tom Allen had broken Dick Hallagan's four year winning streak. Please look for the Northern Fall Circuit report in "Flashes," and come sail with us next September.

#### Fleet Racing

A Tune-Up Regatta of five short races on May 18, marked the start of organized Club races on Silver Lake. Bill Neal took home the

Ol' Brass Bucket trophy for this series with 2,4,2,4,2 finishes. Eddie Willse was second.

Our Club Championship was sailed on open weekends from June to September. This year a total of twelve races were sailed with twenty-two boats taking an active part. The winner was Past Commodore Bud VanArsdale with his wife Mardi and Al Harding as crew. Eddie Willse was runner-up.

The Jane VanArsdale Memorial Regatta sailed over the Memorial Day weekend was a very close contest. After three races Peter Bone and Bill Neal were tied with 11 points each. Peter with his brothers Larry and Hoss won with the best two out of three races. Eddie Willse, Mark Grinder, and Doc Humphrey all tied for third with 14 points each. Bud Humphrey won the Mid-Fleet trophy.

The Ed Neal Memorial Regatta was held over the Fourth of July weekend. Bill VanArsdale posted 1,3,1 finishes for a first over-all. Peter Humphrey who had taken the helm of his Father's Buget Buster for the regatta was second with 3,1,6 finishes. Peter's father Doc and brother Billy were crew members. Peter Bone was Mid-Fleet winner.

The Benedict Memorial Regatta on Labor Day weekend was called after two races because of high winds. Bill Neal with John Humphrey and Kim Regan won with 1,2 finishes. Bud VanArsdale was runner-up. Cal DeGoyler won the Mid-Fleet trophy with a first place in the second race.

Our Most Improved Skipper was Jack Hackemer. The Mid Neal Brown Memorial trophy for the best performance at away regattas went to Bill Neal. Bill had some of the top crew members of the fleet sailing with him at these "Away Regattas." His regular crew was Kim Regan and John Humphrey, but Mark Humphrey, Ted Milkey, Al Harding, Doug Bliss, and Peter Humphrey also helped win this trophy. The Jakob Hafstad Best Crew Trophy for went to Billy Humphrey. The Charles VanArsdale Jr. Memorial Trophy for the best Silver Lake Boat in the Harvest Regatta went to Bill Neal.

Silver Lake Yacht Club won the Team Trophy at the Tri-Lakes Regatta that is held each year at Cuba Lake, Cuba Lake, Chautauqua Lake, and Silver Lake made up the Tri-Lakes Regatta. Bill Neal and Jay Humphrey tied for second, and Jack Grinder was fourth to bring home the Trophy.

We are looking forward to another great season.