

NORTHEAST YACHT CLUB FLEET (207)

Ohio District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Secretary Joe Podnar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6013	Scamp II	William Kidd
9475	Handicap	Joseph Podnar
9870	LaCoquette	Gerald R. Burkett
11278	LaBiche III	Al Hoegler, Max & Lud Lekson
11310	Rondo	Dr. Edward Chester
11338	Mains Ale	Robert T. & Thane Kelly Mains

Things are looking up for Northeast Yacht Club. Good sailing weather and the completed expansion of our clubhouse brought out more sailors.

In the Club Regatta held in July, Lud Lekson was the first place winner, Joe Podnar captured second and Bill Kidd took home a trophy for third place.

We're looking for new members to swell our racing fleet for 1976.

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)

Southern District

Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Buck Ballatin
Fleet Champion Gene Van Norman
Runner-Up George Martin & Dennis Mahler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5484	Miss Cookie	Glen Ladnier
7421	Sarah J.	Dr. Wm. Pelon
9012	Dutch	Glen Higgins
9319	Cajun	Roger Evans
9696	SB	Buck Ballatin
11238	Frumious Bander-snatch III	Gene Van Norman
11483	Super Mink	George Martin, F. E. Milford, Jr. & Callender R. Herman

The Southern District Championship was sailed at Lake Charles, Louisiana and saw Cal Herman, a young skipper from Fleet #209 winning on his second try at the championship. Cal went on to the North Americans and learned a very important lesson. You do not hesitate, if you do, you have a DSQ, and a hole in your boat.

The fleet Championship for 209 saw Buck Ballatin sailing his S.B. in a 3 to 6 mile hour wind when halfway up the weather leg he swamped his boat. Watched the boats go by, sitting in water up to his deck, sails up and looking good. George Martin rounded the mark first with a good lead only to be caught and passed on the last weather leg by Gen Van Norman and Denis Mahler. Van Norman's lead was just too much and George Martin was never able to catch up. Gene Van Norman posted enough points in the remaining races to win the championship with George Martin, runner-up.

The Mardi Gras Regatta, Sugar Bowl, and Gulf Yachting Association Championship was won by Buck Ballatin.

Fleet #209 is happy to announce two new boats to their fleet; Glen Laddiner sailing the Miss Cookie #5484 and Dennis Mahler, "Yellow Submarine" #6218. Welcome aboard to both these young skippers and may they have many successful regattas.

The combined fleets of New Orleans Yacht Club (209) and Southern Yacht Club (62) would like to extend an invitation to any skipper to join sailing with them on Lake Pontchartrain any time they should be in our area.

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)

Ohio District

Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain Henry Schaeffer
Fleet Secretary Theresa Schaeffer
Fleet Champion Calvin Friar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1983	Nereid	Henry Schaeffer, Jr.
9350	Not-A-Loss	Eugene Muntean
9850	Ruth II	David B. Dutton
10311	Resolute II	Calvin Friar
10900	Four Winds V	Thomas E. McCain & James L. Cooper
11508	Yellowjacket	Nelson M. Caley

11661	Red Raider II	James Luntz
11717	.....	Dick Waller
12044	North Star	Karl Rollius
12184	Blitz	Ferdinand V. Huber
12269	Hay You	Joseph Streb

The sailing season started the first Sunday in May and ended the last Sunday in September. The weather and winds were excellent except for one moist Sunday in the Fall Series - we won't talk about that.

Calvin Friar tried harder and became Number 1 by winning the Spring Series. Karl Rollius was runner-up and Nelson Caley was third. The Summer Series was won by Karl Rollius, followed by Mike Huber and Cal Friar. The Fall Series was won by Cal Friar followed by Karl Rollius and Nelson Caley.

The Commodore Series was held on the Memorial Day weekend. Mike Huber won the Series. Karl Rollius finished second and Nelson Caley took third place. July the Fourth is always celebrated by having the Crew and Powder Puff Races. Chuck Kaufholtz won the Crew Race, followed by Henry Schaeffer and Mark Muntean. The Powder Puff was won by Gale Kaufholtz and Helen Huber was runner-up, followed by Pat Stayer. At dusk, approximately four hundred boats anchored off shore to watch the colorful display of fireworks, sponsored by the Yacht Club. It was a wonderful way to climax a holiday weekend.

Sunday, August 24th, we hosted the other fleets of the club to refreshments and held a Lightning picnic. We had a good turnout and the food was delicious.

The 25th Annual Harvest Moon Regatta was held on September 6th and 7th. Twenty-three Lightnings, representing nine clubs participated. Burt Preston of the Mansfield Sailing Club swept the Series. Runners-up were Tom Varley of Hoover Yacht Club, Calvin Friar of Atwood Yacht Club, Herb Jestel of Pymatuning Yacht Club and Nelson Caley of Atwood Yacht Club.

Looking back on the competitive sailing season and the many social activities, everyone is looking forward to another year of sailing at Atwood.

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215)

St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake St. Louis at Montreal, Canada

Fleet Captain Michel Brossard
Fleet Secretary Russel Scrim
Fleet Champion George Layton
Runner-Up Russel Scrim

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5389	Sam Woosley
7850	F. E. Collins
9666	R. Taylor
9694	F. H. Boone
9726	R. M. & Ivy Smith
9728	J. Bolton
10385	M. Fournier
10938	Jean-Jacques Ledoux
11075	G. Cousineau
11294	A. Hutchison
12216	W. A. Grant
12311	G. Layton
12361	A. Kuiper
12568	D. Bizeray
12569	R. C. Scrim
12597	Dr. A. Cameron
12769	M. Brossard

Michel Brossard, our newly elected Fleet Captain, celebrated his ascent to leadership by acquiring a new Allen boat this year - really a very beautiful ship. Michel and his good wife, Gisele made it fly. Activity in the Fleet was reasonably good. We were specially delighted to welcome a newcomer to the Fleet from Hong Kong - Denis Bizeray and family. He acquired Bernie Skinner's boat and had a great season.

We had a pretty hot contest between Michel Brossard, Archie Cameron, George Layton and Russ Scrim for the Fleet Championship. Archie lost out in the end because he had to spend a great deal of time at Kingston in connection with Cork '75. The winner, George Layton, ably supported by his two sons, represented our Class in the Club Championship where, unfortunately, he ended up third.

The big event of the season was the Canadian Open which was held at our Club the first weekend in August. The affair was generally regarded as successful although we had lots of problems with the wind (so what's new). All the local hotshots went the wrong way so our Fleet really did not show up the way that we

expected. However, it was great to see all our Lightning friends again. The attendance was great and so was the fellowship.

The end of the season came all too soon. Russ Scrim was the only Lightning in the Annual Long Distance Race to Hudson in which he was first to finish. He actually placed second on corrected time.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216) Michigan District Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Carl Hesse
Fleet Secretary John Johnson
Fleet Champion Joe Dissette
Runner-Up Carl Hesse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6262	.....	Bob Kelsey
7169	WillWin	Wm. Boice
7855	Yellowjacket	John E. Johnson
9168	.....	James Schofield
10102	.....	Jim Peters
10223	.....	Larry Kickham & James Silk
11060	.....	Ben Eynon
11164	.....	Lee Klopstein
11797	.....	Dr. Hugh Sulfridge
12002	.....	Bob Camp
12533	.....	Richard Burrow
12721	Sea Bee	Carl Hesse
12733	Carousel XII	Joe Dissette



Does "Carousel" mean Joe and crew do a lot of 720's?

The racing season on Saginaw Bay started with our traditional Memorial Day Regatta. The first place position was captured by Joe Dissette. Second place was taken by Mead Gougeon sailing Chick Burda's boat. Carl Hesse was third.

The Fleet 216 Invitational was a disaster for the local sailors. The best we could do was a 5th place tie for Joe Dissette. Garry Demarest continued his dominance of the regatta by taking first place. The other finishers were Gary Cameron 2nd, Bill McKinley 3rd, Dave Peters 4th and Dave Furey 5th.

The July 4th Regatta was won by Joe Dissette with Carl Hesse taking second place and Bob Kelsey 3rd.

The Labor Day Regatta was a hotly contested series between Joe Dissette and Carl Hesse. Carl managed to win two out of the three races but lost first place by tangling with Ben Eynon's rudder and picking up a DSQ. The final standings found Joe Dissette first, Carl Hesse second and Ben Eynon third.

The fleet championship series was again won easily by Joe Dissette. Carl Hesse with his new glass boat was the only member of the fleet to seriously challenge Joe's long dominance of the fleet championship. Third place was awarded to John Johnson.

Most of the excitement for the season was generated in the Owl Series which is sailed on Wednesday evenings. The series was marked by the usual range of drifter to gale force wind conditions. Even normal wind conditions resulted in unusual races. For instance, one night in June found the fleet sailing off into the sunset frantically looking for a missing jibe mark. The competition was so tight that the final standings were not decided until the last leg of the last race

of the year. Carl Hesse finished in first place with Lee Klopstein and John Johnson close behind. Bill Boice was fourth and Chic Burda fifth.

Several of our fleet members competed on the Michigan regatta circuit with varying degrees of success. Joe Dissette collected his usual pile of trophies, with his greatest accomplishment being a 14th place finish in the Presidential Cup of the North Americans. Carl Hesse seemed to have excellent boat speed when he wasn't testing the self-rescuing capability of his new boat. Ben Eynon also found himself in company of the leaders in some of the regattas.

After an enjoyable 1975 we are anxiously awaiting next year. Several of our skippers will be buying new boats or new sails next year. Chick Burda and John Johnson are finally retiring older sails in favor of new ones. Jim Peters will be back again with his oval section mast.

LAKE ZURICH (219) Switzerland District Sailing on Lake Zurich at Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain J. Weilenmann
Fleet Secretary H. Zollinger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4285	Aeolus	F. Schraner
5384	Trixi	H. Tobler
6203	Manta	W. Ruetschi
6377	Kon-Tiki	E. Biefer
7588	Marika	H. Vogel
8942	Asandra	R. Meier & P. Dill
9130	Tabu III	R. Berger
9479	Tempest	Ch. Huwiler
9487	Babar	A. Gunther
10483	Escape	W. Binggeli
10714	Hurray-Up II	H. Tschaepeler
10904	Sucuri	Dr. H. Hotz
11489	Reuel III	Prof. H. Zollinger
12091	Aallotar	P. Voellmin
12092	.....	H. Kueng & F. Zimmermann
12164	.....	F. Andersen
12315	.....	Dr. E. Heim
12317	Skippy	P. Hofer
12318	Exuperantios	R. Moser
6 Lightnings	.....	J. Sulger/Segelschule
Life Member	.....	O. Weber

The report on our activity during the past year is very short. Not one race could be organized on Lake Zurich and this includes our traditional Lightning weekend which has been reduced in recent years to a Lightning day.

Partly responsible for this unpleasant situation is, among other things, the long absence of our fleet captain in foreign countries and the military service of our secretary, and this precisely during the sailing season. Because of a misunderstanding, our district regatta at Stfä went to wits.

The Conference of the Presidents of the ten Lake Zurich yacht clubs made it clear that the Lightning class is due for an improvement of its image. With some luck we were able to smuggle in at the spring regatta at Stfä and we are expecting from other Swiss fleets a good participation. It is even possible that the Enge Yacht Club will include the Lightning in its fall regatta.

But not everything is negative regarding our fleet. Since the beginning of last summer, a few young members of the fleet are meeting every first Thursday of the month at the Restaurant "Fähnlibrunnen" at Küsnacht for an exchange of experience. Tactical and technical questions are more important than the quality of drink, just in case someone had other ideas ... The interest is yet limited to a few members but we expect that with the young sailors our fleet can be re-activated. It would, however, be preposterous to claim that the modest goals for 1975 were reached. Let's do better in 1976.

HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay, Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain Robert C. Wardwell
Fleet Secretary John H. Treadwell II
Fleet Champion John R. Northrop
Runner-Up John H. Treadwell II

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1809	Piacere	Fred B. Wardwell
3774	.....	Len Phillips
4252	Scamper	Harry Jewell
5841	Zig-Zagger	R. B. Stevens
6602	.....	Robert Peterson
8672	Piacere II	William Chamberlain
9424	Barfly	Robert Peterson
9886	Rejoice	Aime' Hall
10118	Yea-Hootie	John R. Northrop
10707	Vikingen	Dave Parker
10709	Zelda	Dr. Harry McMillan
10712	May Day	May P. Robinson
11085	.....	Robert C. Wardwell
11853	Andiamo	Dr. Irwin Stone
.....	Mustang	Joseph F. Giancola, Jr.

The H.H.Y.C. Lightning Fleet enjoyed an extremely active and successful sailing season in 1975. With the club awarding flags to the first four finishers, the racing schedule commenced in early June with the Ice Breaker Race. 1. John H. Treadwell; 2. Richard B. Stevens; 3. David Parker; 4. John R. Northrop.

The Apple Blossom event was sailed next, and was won in strong winds by Dr. Irwin K. Stone; 2. John H. Treadwell; 3. John R. Northrop; 4. Robert Peterson.

The three day Central N.Y. Lightning District Championships were held at H.H.Y.C. over July 4th, with local sailors Wardwell, Parker, and Stevens qualifying for the North Americans. Wardwell and Stevens traveled to Hilton Head where Stevens finished 10th in the Governors Cup in his first appearance at the senior event, while Wardwell had his best showing in several appearances and finished 9th in the top flight. (Editor's Note — Now if he could only ski!)

The Eastern Yachting Circuit was held at Crescent Yacht Club, Chaumont, N.Y., with 6 of our Lightnings attending. The 15 mile long distance race was won for the third time in a row by John H. Treadwell, followed by John R. Northrop in second, and Rick Stevens, third. The winds blew a gale for the course racing, but through it all steady sailing prevailed as Irwin Stone walked away with first place. Robert Wardwell was second, and Rick Stevens third.

H.H.Y.C.'s own Pickslay Ramble, a free-for-all for both keel and centerboarders, was sailed in August with 18 boats competing. The Lightnings proved themselves worthy opponents capturing the first three places. 1. Richard B. Stevens; 2. John H. Treadwell; 3. John R. Northrop.

In between the above events, the fleet managed to have its regular Sunday Series for the Club Championship. Eleven races were held over the course of the summer with 9 Lightnings competing. Winning his 5th Championship was John R. Northrop with his steady crew consisting of his wife Judy, and his brother, David. Finishing second was John H. Treadwell, intrepid Dr. Irwin K. Stone, third; and defending champion Robert C. Wardwell, fourth.

Last but not least, was the Stoney Island race and picnic. A PERFECT sailing day was provided for the days sail to Stoney, then a picnic on shore, and a race back home. Always more fun than serious, supposedly; the race was won by Bob Wardwell. 2. Rick Stevens; 3. David Parker and 4. Sara Treadwell.

BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226)

Florida District

Sailing on Biscayne Bay at
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain William Mainor
Fleet Secretary Prudence Mainor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6909	Sue II	Herbert W. Virgin, III
8038	.....	Leith Kent
8368	Bose Behr	John Behrmann
9421	Tabasco	Alan Westcott
9975	.....	Randy Lowe
10230	.....	Steve Witherspoon & Donald M. Riedel
10886	TZIN-TZUN- TZAN	George Freeland
10944	.....	Alex & Glenn Carlin
11028	.....	Marty Roberts
11616	.....	Charlie Beedle
11981	.....	Marc Pearl
12111	Clockwork Orange	Fred Brown & David Brennan
.....	.....	Mike Alexander



SEARS CUP WINNERS

Reid Hutchinson, Mike Alexander, Freddie Hutchinson.
(Congratulations guys - a job well done!)

Due to a friendly climate Biscayne Bay Lightning Fleet 226 enjoys an active, year-round racing season in conjunction with the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA).

One Design races are scheduled one weekend each month with special events such as the Sears Cup Quarter Finals, the District Championship and the Southern Circuit Mid-Winters filling in the off-weekends. (Editors Note: Wow this fleet really works!)

We have our share of winners. Fleet members Mike Alexander, Reid and Freddie Hutchinson are the 1975 Sears Cup Champions! The team of Mike Alexander, Reid Hutchinson and Fred Brown aboard "Clockwork Orange" placed 4th in the Presidents Cup of the North America Finals. Mara Freeland placed 1st in the BBYRA Lightning Class Series.

Fleet 226 enjoys a full social calendar, too, with Bar-B-Q's, pot-luck suppers and parties throughout the year. These are held at members' homes and at various yacht clubs in the Biscayne Bay areas. The highlight of the social year is the annual Christmas Party during which the Fleet trophy is presented.

Fleet members are also active in on-going Pram classes encouraging and teaching youngsters to sail. We hope that today's Pram sailors will be tomorrow's Lightning crew.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB (227)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain Paul Schoenbucher
Vice Commodore David Stagg
Fleet Secretary Mary Ellen Schoenbucher
Fleet Treasurer David Cross, M.D.
Fleet Champion James P. Leamy
Runner-Up David Stagg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7	Raider I	Paul Schoenbucher
5886	.....	David Cross, M.D.
9220	.....	William Lovering
9413	Enigma	William Potter
9440	.....	John H. M. Clark
10123	Exodos	William H. Stevens
10839	.....	Ralph Seeley, M.D.
11186	Chicken Little	Stanford Zeccolo
11393	.....	David Stagg
11663	El Dippo	James Reiman
11886	.....	James Russell
12076	Hangover III	Richard Brannen, O.D.
12077	Raider II	James P. Leamy, Jr.
12359	Mistral	Robinson Keyes

Fleet #227 enjoyed another successful racing season with good sailing winds and keen competition. The sailing schedule of 19 races included four three-race weekends.

Again this year the season was divided into two series. Good sailing breezes during the eight races of the Spring Series provided exciting competition. Jim Leamy, last year's fleet champion, edged

out Dave Stagg and Jim Russell by two points in the first series. Leamy and Stagg completed the second series with even points with Russell two points behind.

The Vermont Championship was again held on Bomoseen the second weekend in August with Fleet 243 from Lake Dunmore and Fleet 306 Mallets Bay participating. Kurt Kling of Fleet 243 skippering Don Brush's "Wild Goose" placed first, with Bomoseen's Jim Leamy and Jim Russell placing second and third.

Those of us who stayed home during the season watch with great interest the results of the fleet's young Jims (Russell & Reiman) as they traveled the circuit. Jim Reiman encountered equipment difficulty and dropped out with broken mast shortly after the districts. Jim Russell was more fortunate, taking top honors in many regattas and with an especially prized fourth in the New Englands. At the North Americans Jim qualified for the President's Cup taking an impressive 13th overall. Congratulations Jim!



"Governors Cup Regatta at Riverton Yacht Club."

RIVERTON FLEET (228)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain George Miller
Fleet Secretary Betty Barnett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4107	Hurr Janet	Anthony M. Spatz
8536	Trop Chere	Bob & Jack Haag
10339	.....	Melvin J. Buckman
10420	Rhubarb	Fred J. Schlobohm
10526	Big Girl	Thomas M. Barnett
11543	Trial	George J. Miller
11740	River Blues	D. Hoekstra
12727	.....	Allen M. Crew
Honorary Member	.....	Betty Allen

We enjoyed another active year of sailing at the Riverton Yacht Club. The season began toward the end of April and ended near the end of October. The usual high quality of the competition was increased with the return of Allan Crew to the fleet, this time with a brand new boat, a most adroit crew, and a very full, purple spinnaker.

The Spring Series was won by Djoerd Hoekstra with Allan Crew, Second and Tom Barnett, Third. The annual Governor's Cup Regatta was won by Djoerd Hoekstra trailed closely by Allan Crew who was Second. The Summer Series was won by Tom Barnett with Allan Crew, Second and George Miller, Third. The Wednesday Night Series was won by Roy Dorre, with Tom Barnett, Second and Allan Crew, Third.

Djoerd Hoekstra, in search of stronger competition, placed Fourth in the Central Atlantic Districts aided by Franny Hoekstra and Donnie Schon. Djoerd and Franny went on from there with Jim Schon to the North American where they placed 14th out of the top 33.

The highlight of the racing season came in September in struggle for the Gamma Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the winner of the three regattas which make up the Delaware Valley circuit: Penn

Manor, Red Dragon and Riverton. Djoerd Hoekstra won the Penn Manor regatta. However, Bill Clausen of Great Egg Harbor with crew of John and Eleanor Parker swept the Red Dragon regatta with three Firsts and the Riverton regatta with two Firsts and a Second to win the series and the Gamma Trophy for the second year in a row. Dwight Hutcheson finished Second in the series and Allan Crew finished Third. All three regattas were extremely well attended and the competition was very high. Dale and Betty Allen, who donated the trophy gave excellent service and as the race committee for the Riverton Regatta have made an enormous contribution to increasing the fervor and fun of Lightning racing in the Delaware Valley.

As in other years, we participated in the New Jersey State Championship which was held this year at the Red Dragon Canoe Club. In a more relaxed category, we participated in the Fourth of July handicap race for all classes, the Rex Showell Memorial Trophy, which was won as usual by a Star. On Labor Day, we also raced up river to the Red Dragon Canoe Club for its Labor Day weekend regatta.

Bob and Jack Haag were hors d'combat during nearly all of the racing season, both having become fathers in the Spring. They promise to return to the starting line next May, however, and threaten to beat us all in our Bicentennial year. Here's to them!

CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon

Fleet Captain Brian Lawrence
Fleet Sec'y.-Treas. Jerry Boyle
Fleet Champion Jack Culver
Runner-Up Mark McBride
New Skipper Champion Brian Lawrence

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
49	.....	Hobart Wilson
4359	Batchelor Button	Ralph Batchelor
6657	.....	M. L. Pershern
7695	.....	Larry Gabel
8114	.....	J. Thomas Martin, Jr.
8334	.....	Brad & Sue Black
8961	.....	Gib Haller
9236	.....	Lewis F. Roth
9819	Aquarius	Dr. Donald Brinton
10054	.....	Julian Warren
11404	Green Eggs & Ham	A. Morrie Craig
11873	.....	M. L. Pershern
11965	Gone With The Wind	Jerry D. Boyle
12078	.....	Brian & Kathy Lawrence
12675	.....	George McBride
.....	.....	C. Stuart McElhinny

As the winter months drag on, we look back on a so-so season and forward to what promises to be a whopper for 1976. So-so because the ranks were depleted due to a baby, broken collarbone, slipped disc, and cruising the south Pacific for a year among other things. This left 5-6 of us sporadically active and the battles on the race course between the McBride sons of George with Mark at the helm and the ever-present Culvers. The fantastically improving McBrides were tough in their beautiful new boat lovingly trailed back to Oregon by George and Marian. The not-too-shabby Jack Culver, pumped by his highly competitive wife and crew Nan, was hard pressed all summer. The duels, in a sense, were as exciting as large fleet racing. Culver eeked out by a boweye overall with the weekend series about even, Culver winning Opening Day, the fleet Championship and the Challenge Cup and McBride winning the Lowe Cup. Other fleet trophy winners are Ralph Batchelor (Kelley Trophy), Brian Lawrence (New Skipper and Dingaling), Nan Culver (Lady Skipper). Nan taught adult ladies at the Eugene Yacht Club week long salschool and had 15 ladies racing 5 Lightnings on the last day!

The Newport (Oregon) Regatta on the coast, a dream conceived 6 years ago by Eben Sutton and Culver, is now a major spring event for multi-classes and fleets ending this year with the first annual Columbus Day Regatta which drew 30 boats. Newporter Gib Haller (member of our fleet) is largely responsible for developing the support of all the community which has resulted in two well organized and heckuva lot of fun regattas. Culver won for Lightnings in both regattas; the spring one in roaring winds and the fall one in barely a whisper. In the last race, he and Jerry Boyle oozed by the entire 4-class fleet - the Lightnings having started last!

We hosted the Lightnings which were again the largest fleet (32) in the big EYC Memorial Day Regatta. Jack is still sputtering about leading the northwest's great Rod Johnson after 2 races and then fizzling race 3 and 4, coming back in race 5 but ending up 8th. The superb Lightning Rod won the regatta. We also hosted the Barber Series, an all-Oregon regatta for Lightnings. Since Eben Sutton became inactive after winning it for us last year, we couldn't retain it and sent it back to Portland in the capable hands of Jim Nelson. Our fleet also blew the EYC Harvest Regatta which another Portlander, Smoke Fischer, did not and took the trophy home.

Next season looks good. Newcomers Julian Warren and Mike Perahern are gung-ho and fast learners. Jerry Boyle will be mended and is always a threat when whole. We expect a defector from another class at EYC who is one of the club's top racers, Morrie Craig may be back from the south seas. Brian Lawrence has promised fatherhood will be under control. Ralph Batchelor is looking for a new boat. Don King will respond to urging. Gib Haller says he will come more often from Newport. Brother Craig will skipper the McBride boat (and he will be as good as Mark). And the Culver boat better be flying a new jib! That is 11 hot ones - and it is only November!

FLOTTA DI MARIVELA [Italian Navy] (235) Italian District

Fleet Captain C. A. Piero Bernotti
Fleet Secretary C. C. Ettore De Angelis
Fleet Champion C. V. Luigi Merola
Runner-Up C. C. Lino Leuci

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9347	Turbine 2nd	.....
10673	.....	.....
10674	.....	.....
10675	Lampreda	.....
10676	Palamita	.....
10677	Sugarello	C. C. Ettore De Angelis
10739	.....	.....
11776	.....	.....
11778	Aguglia	.....
11779	.....	.....
11780	Lacerto	T. V. Sisto Gaio
11781	.....	.....
11935	Leccia	C. V. Luigi Merola
11937	Salmone	.....
11938	Sarago	C. C. Lino Leuci
11939	Dentice	S.T.V. Luigi Turco
11940	.....	.....
11941	Luccio	T. V. Mario Giordano
11942	.....	.....
11943	Temolo	C. F. Piero Caricato

The fleet had a very good performance in the "Di Lorenzo Trophy Regatta". The 11935 "Leccia" with Luigi Merola, Mario and Francesco Lo Sardo was the winner and 11938 "Sarago" with Leuci, Giudice and Torelli was the runner-up. The success of the fleet was compounded by the fifth place of 10675 "Lampreda" with Solaroli, Spadone and Pistagnesi a youngest crew of the fleet.

In the Italian Championship at Marsala, Merola with M. Lo Sardo and F. Lo Sardo was the runner-up. The 11941 "Luccio" with Giordano, Lattarulo and Livoli 9th.

We hope a good participation at the 1976 regattas.

KENTUCKY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (242) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Kentucky Lake at Hardin, Kentucky

Fleet Secretary Grace Brewer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5942	Robert M. Metcalfe
11036	Wilson R. Scott, M.D.
11480	Carlos B. Brewer, M.D.
11737	Lee T. White & Dr. Faxon Payne

A season that started with much promise for competitive activity, ended on a disappointing note, with the loss of five of our most competitive boats, leaving a grand total of six boats, only one of which remains competitive.

We initiated the Wild Turkey Regatta the last week-end in June and had hoped to make this very successful affair an annual event. But with our manpower loss this is currently up in the air. Wilson Fly of Memphis was the winner of the 5-race regatta, which attracted boats from Nashville, Memphis, and Lake Carlyle, Ill.

With such fine sailing waters here at Kentucky Lake, and with the increasing interest in sailing in this heretofore land-locked part of the world we can only hope this is a temporary situation and that we can channel some of the new interest in sailing into the Lightning class.

Another factor is the increasing interest in cruising type boats, which claimed some of our most competitive skippers. This may turn out to be a fad, and when the defectors have tired of their new toys they may decide they are missing something and will return to Lightning once more. Therefore, let it be said, Fleet 242 may be hibernating, but she is not dead.

LAKE DUNMORE FLEET (243)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Vermont

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5615	Charmajon	Robert Rogers
10313	The Hawk	Peter Hubbard
10649	.....	W. E. Wright
11212	DCBee	Donald C. Brush, Sr.
12054	Wild Goose	Donald Brush, Jr.
12082	Metrognome	Donald Sherburne

Fleet #243 seems to be at extreme opposites: Usually there are not enough members here on Lake Dunmore on summer weekends to sail of official race and yet never has the Fleet been so well represented at the New England and Eastern regattas as it has been this past season. We logged a lot of miles and hours and had some wonderful weekends.

Don and Ann Brush in the "Wild Goose" had an especially successful season ending with 26th in the North American Championship and 25th in the World's Championship in Ecuador, 2nd in the New England Districts and in the top five in almost every other regatta he entered.



"TRETETE" with TREmante, TEzza and PERin.

FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249)
Italian District
Sailing on Garda Lake at North Italy

Fleet CaptainOrazio Tessari
 Fleet SecretaryLuigi Tezza
 Fleet ChampionGino Filippini
 Runner-UpNando De Amicis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8763	"Sindbad"	Nando De Amicis
9171	Paomass	Salvatore Belgenio
9450	Tretepe	Luigi Tezza, Giambruno Perini, Salvatore Tremante & Gino Filippini
9787	Sturm	Gigi Venturi
10092	.....	Vincenzo Butteri
10455	R5555	Arnaldo Libralato
10513	.....	Giuseppe Nardini
10523	Giovanna	Adriano Gobetti
10672	Ortella	Dr. Francesco Broglia
10782	Nereide	Orazio Tessari
11534	Else 2nd	Renato Zanca
12781	.....	Mario Bernini
12851	.....	Fernando Zanella
12854	.....	Mario Dalto

The fleet have repeated the 1974 success to the Italian Championship at Marsala in August 1975.

Filippini was the winner and De Amicis 4th.

The new crew Termante, Tesza and Perin in 9450 "TRETEPE" made her debut with enthusiasm and this boat took part in more important regattas at La Spezia, at Trasimeno Lake, at Marsala and at Lido degli Estensi.

FOUR THOUSAND MILES WITH A TRAILER. The example of our old friend De Amicis is infectious!

HALLWILER AND SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)

Switzerland District
Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Hallwil,
Sursee, Switzerland

Fleet CaptainChristoph Luthy
 Fleet SecretaryHeidi Beck
 Fleet ChampionChristoph Luthy
 Runner-UpThomas Urech

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7804	Hasta La Vista	Othmar Stutz
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
9247	Basilik	R. Olivieri
9352	Mistral	Dr. C. Klemm, med.
9353	Fantom III	A. Erismann
9356	Dany	Manfred Kuttel
9503	Quand Meme II	T. Huber
9781	Thetis	Peter Buhl
10277	Nonsuch	Thomas Urech
10999	.....	B. Kuenzli
11105	Salalamajka	R. Kung
11106	Julia	W. Brandli
11492	.....	Ch. Burger
12306	White Star	Edgar Merz
12308	.....	X. Winiger
12320	Quand Meme III	Hans A. Luthy
12571	Joy III	Rudolf Herzog

It was again the Fleet 250 that had to organize the Swiss Championship 1975 - this time on the Lake of Hallwil. So the whole fleet activity centered around this event that finally took place at Whitsun.

In April, we began with the water-training together with the Swiss Tempest Association on the Lake of Hallwil. Our National Trainer, Albin Molnar, was present, too, to teach us some psychology on "winning races" and he gave us many good tips regarding trim and tactics. The first regatta was held on the Lake of Sempach and was won by Hans Luthy followed by Edgar Merz, Urs Wyler and Martin von Gunten. A week later, Rudolf Herzog was first at the spring event on the Lake of Hallwil before Christoph Luthy, Jean Hess and Paul Hofer. At the Swiss Championships, 30 boats waited four days on winds. There were beautiful and warm "summer" days at Whitsuntide. Only one race could be counted and this was won by the favorite Swiss champion crew Ch. Luthy, R. Luthy and J.

Eichenberger with their wooden boat 11104. Second was Hans Rahn, third H. P. Schmid, fourth P. Bernasconi.

Then, Christoph Luthy sailed with QUAND MEME III and his whole new crew Dominique Petzold and Edgar Merz at the European Championship on the Lake of Keuruu (Finland). In all weather, he sailed a good series and missed the title, unfortunately, in the last race, 1. Ruuskanen (Finland), 2. Ch. Luthy, 3. Lademäki (Finland), 4. P. Bernasconi. As far as the rest of us was concerned, we had a very good time enjoying Finnish hospitality as well as the beautiful country together with our Finnish friends.

During the second half of the year, no major events took place on our lakes. Fleet Champion is Hans Luthy, runner-up Edgar Merz. In the Kami-Kaze Cup (Swiss District Championship), Hans Luthy was again runner-up behind Urs Wyler. For next year, we wish better winds on our lakes so that we can do some training in spring and sail the three most important fleet races scheduled for 1976. Also, we sincerely hope that we can activate many skippers to perform during the above events and races.



Runner-Up in the European Championship 1975: Christoph Luthy, Dominique Petzold and Edgar Merz.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

Central New York District
Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet CaptainGerry Levine
 Vice CaptainJohn Copley
 Fleet SecretaryJoan Levine
 Fleet ChampionDon Tylor
 Runner-UpFred Schaaf

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
695	Gee-Jay	George Kalinich
1945	.....	Gerald Levine
7961	Cirrus	Dick Eckstrom
9249	.....	Dr. Pat Patrizio
10490	.....	Clyde Rathmann
10888	.....	Harmon Dunathon
11539	More Trouble	Larry Korner
11901	.....	Bill Brown
12125	Cop-Out	John Copley
12170	.....	Fred Schaaf
12702	.....	Don Tylor
12743	.....	Galen Powers
.....	.....	William F. Eibl
.....	.....	Robert Murray

The 1975 sailing season was an eventful one with several members showing up with new equipment making the season very competitive. The fleet began its season with its annual Spring meeting held at the Lodge-on-the-Green in Painted Post, N.Y. An excellent program was presented by Tom Allen consisting of a demonstration of boat tuning and rigging on the lawn, using Don Tylor's new boat. A question and answer period, followed in the dining room. The main business consisted of the preparation for the racing season and assignment of tasks for the August Champagne Regatta.

The racing began with the Memorial Day Series which was won by Bill Eibl. Following that the June Series, won by John Copley; Fourth of July Series by George Kalinich; Season Series, Labor Day

Trophy and September Series by Don Tylor.

The big event of the season was the Champagne Regatta which this year attracted 55 boats, and is beginning to take on the characteristics of a major inter-district regatta as many boats came from the neighboring Lake Erie District. With generous contributions from the local wine industries, the champagne hour, dinner and dancing were enjoyed by all.

There was considerable turn over with new members Tom Kennel, Ernie Dunathon, Ed Sutter and Galen Powers joining. The fleet regrets the departure of long standing members Bill Eibl, Bob Murray and Hank Young.

Fleet 252 was further recognized by the award of the Steketee Trophy to George Kalinich for his well composed slide presentation of the fleet's activities by the International Lightning Association.

SUSQUEHANNA FLEET (253)

Dixie District

Based at Susquehanna River,
Long Level, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Fred S. Vetterlein
Fleet Secretary Barry L. Dunwoody

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5816	Pointless	Phyllis Branin
7840	.....	J. W. Albright
8735	.....	Stewart Whittier
9338	Tigris	Bill Friedman
9474	Nemesis	Barry L. Dunwoody
9895	.....	Frederick S. Vetterlein
9897	.....	Dr. Chas. Doland
9904	Fort Knox	Dick Henle
9928	.....	Ed Kohler
10302	Rainbow IV	Edwin Schwoebli
10391	Jack Tar	Mel Gardner
11253	.....	John D. Basehoar
11329	Wisp	Don Dallmeyer
12137	Eleison	Fred Bush
12138	Debstar	Starling Mikell, Jr.

Fleet 253 maintained almost the same number of boats as during 1974. Unfortunately, Larry Gilmore the Fleet Secretary was transferred to South America in August and our fleet lost one of its most active members. We all wish Larry the best of luck.

Our Memorial Day Regatta was excellent this year with good stiff winds. The regatta was won by Bill Buckley and sons of Severn Sailing Association, in his new boat, he was followed by John Richardson, and Bob Crowder.

Five boats traveled to the Upper Chesapeake YC in June, to try to retain the Team Trophy won by fleet 193 two years from our fleet. The regatta was a real blast with winds up to 30 knots. Because of the many capsize, the race committee was not able to determine the winning team.

On September 27, the Susquehanna river flooded to a height of 25 feet. Mel Gardner, chairman of the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup, had to make a decision whether to hold the regatta as scheduled, on October 4 or to wait a week. With the optimism of any Lightning sailor, he decided to go with October 4 as scheduled, hoping that the river would return to its regular level and all debris would have gone down stream. The fleet went to work to get the area back in good enough shape to be able to sail. Twenty-two Lightnings competed and Don Dallmeyer again proved his light air seamanship by winning for the second time in a row in very light air. The third race had to be cancelled and Starling Mikell Jr. and Hugh Hutchison broke a tie for second by flipping a coin with Starling winning the toss.

Don Dallmeyer won our spring series, with Starling Mikell Jr. winning the summer and fall. This was my first year as a Lightning skipper and we had a good deal of success in making the older skippers take notice by winning the 4th of July regatta, placing second in the Labor Day regatta and ended up with fourth in the fall series.

1975 was a good year for Fleet 253 and with two new boats, we hope that next year will be even better.

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain Robert Llovet
Fleet Secretary Donald Pitman
Fleet Champion-Summer Series
..... Walter England
Fleet Champion-Spring Series
..... Bob Llovet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4254	Fantasy	Billy Sumner
10537	Southerly Buster	Dr. Bruce Sinclair-Smith
10621	.....	Clarence Evans
10643	Felicity	Dr. Bob Post
11032	Moonlightning	Fred S. Callahan
11370	.....	Walter England
11672	Scepter	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.
11690	Schmetterling	Tom K. Hudgens
11737	.....	Johnny Dortch
11989	.....	Dr. Cully A. Cobb, Jr.
12000	.....	Dr. James Wert
12082	Metro-Gnome	Dr. Donald W. Sherburne
12132	.....	James C. Harpel, Jr.
12264	White-Lightning	Robert Hochstetler
12471	.....	Barney E. Mead III
12511	.....	Walter England
12708	.....	Bob Llovet
Life Member	.....	Ross H. Bryan

The 1975 sailing season has been an active one for Fleet 262. The racing season started early in April with our annual Tennessee Regatta in which Bob Hochstetler won the Lightning Class competition in a very close finish over Tom Hudgens. Bob not only won the class trophy but took overall honors, the Silliman Evans Trophy, for all competing classes.

This year, we again divided our club competition into two sections; a Spring series and a Summer series. Close competition marked both series with Bob Llovet winning the Spring series with Barney Mead a close second. The Summer series winner was Walter England with Cully Cobb nosing out Barney Mead for second place by a fraction of a point. The competition among the locals has been very keen and the addition this past year of several new skippers and boats to the fleet holds great promise for a continuation of this spirited competition again next year.

In addition to the racing at the local level, several of our boats and crews found time to participate in the regattas sponsored by our neighboring Lightning fleets. Don Sherburne, Cully Cobb, Walter England, Bob Llovet and Bob Post all were able to return with evidence of their sailing skills from these events. The North Americans saw only one representative from our fleet, Tom Hudgens reported conditions at Hilton Head to be quite a change from our normal lake sailing on Old Hickory. Tom and his crew did a fine job despite this and recommends racing on the briny to all who wish to perfect their sailing skills.

Two local regattas concluded our racing for the year. The McDougal Regatta saw Tom Hudgens take honors in the Lightning Class with Don Sherburne taking second. The final event, the annual Bluenose Regatta for Lightnings, was won by Jim Carson for the fourth time after a very close five race series nosing out Greg Fisher the defending champion. Cully Cobb finished fourth in the 37 boat fleet giving our locals a place in the top 5 against some pretty hot Lightning skippers.

Prospects appear very promising for another active and interesting year in '76.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois

Fleet Captain Ed Dibler
Fleet Secretary Bob Stanley
Fleet Champion Lal Burridge
Runner-Up Augie Paoli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
430	.....	William Graebe
2589	Hi Ho	Myron Ley
6310	Pussy Cat No. 1	Rev. Ed Barbier
7275	.....	Charles W. Watt
7503	.....	Henry G. Fricke
7821	Mai Kai	Mitch Bohnenkamp
8112	.....	Ed V. Merrell
8144	.....	William A. Todd
8641	Duck's	S. Pete Nasir
9066	.....	Richard C. Ward, William A. Albinson, & John B. Kreishman
9242	Cetacean	William Luebbers
9559	.....	Edward Golterman
9575	.....	E. Thomas Drennan
10053	.....	Chuck Engdale
10105	Rapid Travel	John Norris
10108	.....	Jerry S. Munger

10291	Pandora	Tomas I. Aquino
10711	.....	Leonard A. Knobbe
10763	TYGR	C. Wayne Spann
10828	.....	Jack Hoerner
10931	.....	Edward Somers
10939	Mist	John D. Folwell, Jr.
11044	Mari	Robert Nebelsick
11091	Bottoms Up	Mark Fahey
11184	Mast Transit	Lawrence M. Walsh
11211	UPN-ATM	Ralph E. Schmidt
11217	Norwegian	Robert "Lal"
	Steam	& Matthew Burrige
11218	Smile	Ed Dibler
11425	.....	Robert A. Horn
11473	Hekarwe	Lawrence Kahn, M.D.
11496	Intrepid	Joseph Hanaway
11598	Witchcraft	Joseph L. Goltzman
11637	Augie's Doggie	August Paoli
11815	Eagle	John G'Sell
12030	.....	Robert L. Heritage
12032	Bald Eagle II	Stuart Bernstein
12169	White Lightning	Joe Webber
12506	Mist	John D. Folwell, Jr.
12741	Bubble Trouble	Robert J. Stanley

A nearly perfect six month season of sailing was enjoyed by the members of Fleet 266 on Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Illinois. Winds were strong and steady in the spring and fall. The summer winds developed light air sailing skills. Flood conditions, which had disrupted the 1973 and 1974 seasons, never developed thanks to the Army Corp of Engineers. Many physical improvements were made prior to the start of the 1975 season including the construction of a lovely, two-story home for the on-premises manager.

The Mississippi Valley District Regatta held at Kentucky Lake in June, was won by Lee Breazeale of the Memphis Lightning Fleet 274. John G'Sell, Augie Paoli and Lal Burrige of CSA finished high in the series. G'Sell and Burrige subsequently represented CSA in the North American Championships. In September, the Fifth Annual Impromptu Regatta, attracting 23 Lightnings from midwestern sailing clubs, was won by John Gall of Kansas City. Matthew Burrige and Augie Paoli of CSA placed second and third.



Sally Stanley takes one last look at "terra firma" before "Bubble Trouble" heads for the open waters of Carlyle Lake.

There was active and enthusiastic participation in the club racing series. The spring and summer series was won by John G'Sell and the fall series by Matthew Burrige. John and Matthew, incidentally, are the youngest skippers in the Fleet. We anticipate great things from both of them. The Championship series, based on one race per week through the entire season was won by Lal Burrige, Matthew's father. Augie Paoli was second, John Folwell third, Stuart Bernstein fourth, Ed Dibler fifth, Bob Nebelsick sixth and Bob Stanley seventh.

Our last two races were held on October 26th; then we reluctantly put our boats away for winter storage. The 1976 season is awaited with great anticipation. Future plans for the Fleet include the construction of an observation building and further refinements in landscaping of the ground. In mid June, 1976, we will once again be hosting the Mississippi Valley District Regatta.

BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB (267) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Brockport, New York

Fleet Captain Carm Hendrickson
Fleet Secretary Ray Nelson
Fleet Champion Ray Nelson
Runner-Up Fred Burch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5201	Pumpkin	Allan Waugh
7125	Cookie Monster	Fred & James H. Burch
11010	True Blue	Raymond L. Nelson
12014	Charisma	S. Carmon Hendrickson

This season saw the resumption of Fleet racing at Brockport after a year's lapse. We were a little late starting for a number of reasons, including a heavy schedule of regattas in the District early in the season. We did have excellent turnouts once things got going, however, with all four boats participating in every race. We hope this is an indication of an even better season next year.

The most colorful event had to be the unveiling of Fred and Jim Burch's "Rust-oleum Main" which can be clearly identified from a distance of at least 20 miles. Cookie Monster either loved it or was scared silly. She really moved that day. (Editors Note — was it rust or Keular?)

LAKE OF BIEL (268) Swiss District Sailing on Lake of Bielersee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Martin von Gunten
Fleet Secretary Greti von Gunten
Protocol Peter Gautschi
Report Hortense Petraglio

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6395	Argovia	Peter Gautschi
8195	.....	Siegfried Oehmke
8293	Knorke	Jurgen Lehmann
10718	Samia II	Martin von Gunten
12314	Belsasso	Heinrich Winzenried
12399	Light Sha	Dr. J. C. Hess
Life Member	.....	Charles Nicolet
.....	.....	Reto Tester

Another sailing-season has passed and the time for administrative affairs has come.

Wasn't it only a few months ago that I wrote the last fleet report? That's what I'm asking myself every time I write one. Probably, this is a symptom of my getting older all the time. Luckily, smiling makes you young again!

I suppose the economic crisis made the number of the regattas diminish this year.

Our fleet consists of seven boats, two associate and seven crew-members.

In March there was a training at Murten - later, we have waited for the wind by the lake of Sempach.

Four of our boats participated at the Swiss Championship on the Lake of Hallwil. Four days of holidays in a nice bathing beach with wonderful weather were good for everyone.

More memorable regattas followed. I especially like a trip on the Lake of Thun: The regatta from Thun to the Beatenbucht, a race that was accompanied by good wind, sunshine and by nice company.

Hoping to meet again next year, healthy and in good spirit, I wish you a pleasant winter, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Looks like "Samia" is about to get a cold splash!

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)
Indiana District
Sailing on Geist Reservoir at
Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain Virgene Scherrer
Fleet Secretary Robert Schubert
Fleet Treasurer June Harmon
Fleet Champion John Leath

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
770	Vintage	George F. Hunt
6231	Ginger	Bo Zaiser
6566	Dramamine	Wm. F. Perkins
7223	Hannabelle	Dr. Austin Gardner
8677	Indigo	Bill Saeger
8679	Astarte	Burl Harmon
9019	Tumbleweeds	Al Deckard
9050	No Excuse	John Leath
9120	Glass Slipper	Maurice Liverette
9754	.....	Richard M. Smith, M.D.
10233	.....	C. E. Babcock
11198	Obsession	Albert Light
11203	.....	Robert Carter
11453	Double Hedder	Dr. Walter B. Tinsley
11860	Good Grief II	Ron Scherrer
12222	.....	Ken Wood
12393	Chubasco	Robert J. Schubert
12445	Ivory Cay	William M. Hall
12545	Silver Seeker	Kenneth V. McGinity
12843	Luff-Thy-Neighbor	Robert D. Kinsey

Fleet 270 launched a great season with the Indiana Open. We had a super turnout of 36 boats. Despite rain—wind—more rain and soaked crew (skippers never get wet!) the vote was — "Give us a gun and we'll go" — that's because everyone knew about the beef stew bubbling back at the club house.

Our dock facilities were expanded this year and our dry sailing facilities are among the best.

May found us swinging to a square dance and later in the season a bonfire and barbeque at the point made for fun and swapping cruising stories.



"BANG"

Skipper John Leath won the Indiana Districts in June. After their triumph at Wawasee, John and his crew, daughter, Joanna, on jib and Ray Trotta handling spinnaker represented our fleet in the North American Championships at Hilton Head.

Our wild Le Mans dash for the champagne was concluded with a picnic rafting in one of our sheltered coves—somehow our esteemed leader Virgene Scherrer enjoyed an enforced man-overboard drill. Bob Schubert won the champagne.

Fleet 270's fleet champion regatta registered John Leath as winner, Ron Scherrer 2nd, Al Light 3rd.

The season ended with a bash as big as its opening. Our 80 lb. pig roast (apple and trimmings brought by our superb first mates) was supervised by Ron Schubert and Ron Scherrer with fleet members as consultants in residence.

Great year! Good fun! Fine sailors!

Season results are as follows:

Spring Series - A Fleet: John Leath, Ken Wood, Bob Schubert;
Fall Series - A Fleet: John Leath, Bob Schubert, Ron Scherrer;
Spring Series - B Fleet: Don Caffee, Bob Carter, Al Light; Fall Series - B Fleet: Bob Carter, Bill Saeger, Ken McGinity; Water Co. Regatta: John Leath, Ken Wood, Bob Schubert; Memorial Day Regatta: John Leath, Bob Kinsey, Ken Wood; Commodore's Cup Regatta: John Leath, Bob Schubert, Ron Scherrer and Long John Regatta: Ken Wood, Ron Scherrer and Burl Harmon.

FLOTTA DI ROMA (271)
Italian District
Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Anzio, Italy

Fleet Captain Stefano Ravagnani
Fleet Secretary Stefano Ravagnani

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6582	Tevere	Circolo Tevere Remo
9881	.....	Guido Tulli
12375	Lotar	Marco Mieli

No Report.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273)
New England District
Sailing on Massabesic Lake at Manchester, N.H.

Fleet Captain John Webb
Fleet Secretary Ethan V. Howard, Jr., M.D.
Fleet Champion Ronald Adams
Runner-Up John Webb

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
644	David Holbourn
7299	Bernard M. Woods
8515	James Richmond
11160	Ethan Howard, Jr., M.D.
11401	Ronald Adams
12455	Banana Split	John Webb

No Report.

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)**Mississippi Valley District**

Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Lake at
Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet Captain Kirk Johnson
Fleet Secretary Edna Johnson
Fleet Champion Wilson Fly
Runner-Up Crit Currie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6397	.....	Wm. Cowan
7408	.....	George Clark
7719	.....	Jim Humphries
8080	.....	Marshall Bouldin III
8406	.....	Charles Cannon
8509	Big Daddy	Jack Connors
9015	.....	J. B. Golden
9230	.....	Richard Blount
9756	.....	Bill McKelvey
9791	Pam	Dan Shipley
9831	.....	William Chandler
9832	Puddlegum	Kirk Johnson
9876	.....	Lewis Nolan
9999	Four of a Kind	Crit Currie
10049	.....	James Keras
10640	Crew Cut	Roy Freeman
10980	Sunday's Child	Stuart Carson
11386	.....	Broadus Sharpe
11387	The Odd Couple	Bill Baxter/Bill Denman
11455	Zipper	Wilson Fly
11887	.....	Rick Hegenberger
11967	Trouble	Jerry Richardson
11999	Full House	Bradford Currie
12260	.....	McNeil Ayres
12290	.....	Dr. Sidney Arnold
12340	.....	Jim Bryant
12397	The Reluctant Crew	Charles C. McGill
12505	Blue Bird IV	Lloyd Lovitt
12715	Moonshine	Lee Breazeale

Fleet 274 welcomed 4 new skippers this year, Pearson, Paul Johnson, Heiden, and Carson, giving us twenty active sailors. Our sailing season began March 22, and ended November 2. In spite of a few days lost to bad weather or special Delta Sailing Club events, we managed to sail 97 races. No one was able to sail every race, although Wilson Fly came close with 84, which may explain why he is not only our fleet champion again this year, but qualified in the Districts for the North Americans.

We divide our year's sailing into three series: Spring, Summer, and Fall. Scores for half the races in each series are counted, making it possible for even those skippers who can't sail two races every Saturday and Sunday to compete. There are trophies for the top three skippers in each series, and the top five skippers at the end of the year. This year for the first time we had a series within a series, the August series, during the time when Breazeale and Currie were at the North Americans and several of our more experienced skippers were on vacation. We thought this would encourage those of us who are new at this sport, and who have never won a trophy. Unfortunately for us, Bill Baxter did not go on vacation.

Our trophy winners this year are:

Spring: Fly, Bryant, Currie; Summer: Breazeale, Fly, Baxter; Fall: C. Currie, Baxter, Fly; August: Baxter, Ayres, K. Johnson; Grand Standings: Fly, C. Currie, Baxter, Breazeale, K. Johnson.

In May we welcomed several Lightnings to the Delta Sailing Club's annual Hernando-DeSoto Regatta. Although Lee Breazeale came in third, the first and second place trophies left town with the visitors, as usual. The road to beautiful Lake Arkabutla is now paved, the party at the Currie's is always delightful, and we welcome you to our regatta next year during Cotton Carnival.

FLOTTA DI ANZIO (278)**Italian District**

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Anzio, Italy

Fleet Captain Mario Mainini
Fleet Secretary Maurizio Domenici

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6689	Caramba	Circolo della Vela di Roma
8764	Lima	Maurizio Domenici
9448	Anna	Mario Mainini

No Report.

CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280)**New England District**

Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Mass.

Fleet Captain H. William Oliver
Fleet Secretary A. Preston Moore
Fleet Champion Bill & David Oliver
Runner-Up Matteo & Preston Moore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7552	Green Giant	George White
7796	Hydra	Durand Echeverria
8953	Lucheden	H. William & David W. Oliver
9714	Wind's Will	Stephen O. Cutting
10234	Fever	Charles Sweet
10439	Isolde	Dr. Stewart & Stewart Armstrong, Jr.
10765	Yasu	Anne & Tim Dickey
11096	Nike II	Stafford Frazier
11440	Ice Fire	Andy & John Scherding
11751	Scruples	A. Preston Moore
12276	Winsome	Stuart Nickerson
.....	.....	Dwight W. Webb

After a frustrating 1974, this year belonged to Bill and David Oliver, who won the Saturday, Sunday, and August series and the Club championship. The Club runner-up was Matteo Moore, who also captured the July series and Tea Cup before leaving the Cape early for College.

The Annual Wellfleet Regatta in August had 22 Lightnings taking part from New England and Connecticut - Rhode Island districts. George Peter continued his personal victory tradition with First place honors. Second place went to Stu Nickerson and Fred Hamblet who nosed out local racer, Stafford Frazier for third. The weather, wind and committee cooperated. Come join us next year.

Bill Webb, without his sons as crew, missed the season but is expected back in 1976. Tim and Ann Dickey did not sail the July series but took third in August behind Stafford Frazier's second, who also was second in the Frazier and Cutting Cups and was third in the Saturday and Sunday series in Barbara Noyes' 11096 Nike. Charles Sweet, who had traveled the circuit with Stu Nickerson a good deal of the summer, was only able to tie Stafford Frazier for third in the July series.

Although there were seventeen boats in the fleet in 1975 usually no more than 12 boats raced; some were racing in the New England Circuit and/or conditions were unfavorable. The Chequessett Fleet, with its growing numbers, now has an enthusiastic group of skippers, young and old. New avid racers included the Jones', Pierce's, and Ruykhaver's and they will add real competition to the fleet in the future. Combined with their trips to other Regattas they have already made a name for the Fleet 280 in New England and Nationals. Stuart Nickerson took third in the New England District and eighth in the Nationals at Hilton Head, and was third for the season in Wellfleet. After Labor Day, Stu Nickerson and his crew of Sean Campbell and Robin Greenleaf took first at Spofford and second at Annapolis, and Westport. (Editor's Note: The best performance in years from a New England skipper - good job Stu!)

We expect the young sailors to provide stiff competition on the national scene in the future.

VIERWALDSTAETTERSEE-FLOTTE (281)**Switzerland District**

Sailing on Vierwaldstattersee, Lucerne,
Switzerland

Fleet Captain H. Stocker
Fleet Secretary W. Thoni

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
924	Westward	W. Thoni
5181	Jolly Roger	R. Peter
5377	Ol'iew	H. Schuppisser
6389	Dardo	E. Egli
6509	.....	W. Peterhans
6737	Eilean Mor	H. R. Sprecher
6740	Miaoulis	Dr. C. Meyer
9033	.....	W. Klaus
9563	Lydia	Clubschule Migros
10463	You Never Know	A. Stocker
.....	.....	H. Stocker

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Oscar Tuerck
 Fleet Secretary William Woodward
 Fleet Treasurer Phil Parshley
 Newsletter Sally Hickman
 Fleet Champion Jamie Nelson
 Runner-Up Smoke Fischer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2426	Loki	Lee Winner
5457	Cathy Anne	Dunc McLaughlin
7111	Fagan	Dan Shuee
7497	.....	Daryl Mercaley
8084	Sweet Roll	Dennis Torgeson
8114	.....	J. Thomas Martin
8349	Torrid Turkey	Dave Hickman
8382	.....	Donald Fager
8497	An' Son	John Sanford
9226	The Great Pumpkin	Phil Parshley
9433	Glass Onion	Jim Nelson
9657	The Jolly	.....
	Green Giant	Paul & Mark A. Fischer
9690	.....	John Dees
10180	Mercedes	Woody Woodward
10267	Stronger Than Dirt	Tom Hawkins
10268	Mudder	Oscar Tuerck
10541	Daddy Don't	Bud Haugen & Dick Zimmerman
10731	.....	Walt Holman
12056	Animal	John Benedetti
12094	Runamuk Tu	Richard W. Rice
12219	Preparation H	Herm Fischer
12376	Irish Rose	Maureen Wilson
12426	Natterjack	Tim & Anita Cannell
12485	Moving Van	Van Conklin

The season, as usual, began (or ended?) with the Annual Christmas and "Wait 'till Next Year" Party. The "Tom Hawkins Groady Old Tennis Sneaker Award" for Most Improved Sailor was awarded to Jamie Nelson, who also won the Fleet Championship for the second year in a row. Its hard to improve on first, but through a statistical fluke, he did. The most coveted award - the "Broken Rudder", given for the season's biggest boner, was won (?) by Jamie & Julie Nelson for general all-around ignorance of seamanship, particularly Julie's raising of the bag instead of dropping the jib, in a nice breeze while heading for the dock. This gave the Nelson's a dubious triple distinction - The Big Hat Trick.

The sailing season began and the skiing season ended on a weekend in February when the Portland Fleet met in Seattle with other Northwest District fleets for the Mid-Winter Meeting. After talking sailing all day Saturday, we adjourned to the slopes to prove that the best sailors are not so hot on the moguls.

Back in Portland, the fleet manned a booth and showed a Lightning at the Portland Boat Show, where a sign-up sheet produced numerous persons interested in taking a ride on a Lightning. Later in the year, on a cold rainy day in April, 30 diehards arrived - and loved it - and the fleet was set for crew for the season.

The Fleet participated in a heavy schedule of local and district regattas. Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's Opening Day was not open to Lightnings due to the low water, so we spent the day kibitzing and hoisting our rubber owls, reputed to deter birds, etc., and divert them to boats of other classes. The VLSC series were split amongst three sailors with John Benedetti taking the Tuesday "B" series, Jamie Nelson copping The Tuesday "A" and the Sunday series, and Tom Hawkins winning his first regatta in seven years by taking the Fall Series, while the rest of us wallowed in his wake.

Fleet 283 raced hard in district regattas, but won only one, Fleet 229's Harvest regatta. The infamous Fischer name surfaced when Herm Fischer took first and brother Paul came in second. The Barber Series, for Oregon Lightning Champion, was captured by perennial hot shot, Jamie Nelson and his traditional all girl crew. The Highlights of the Eugene PIYA Memorial Day Regatta were the unique moon eclipse and the noisy departure of the San Francisco boats at 5 a.m. after secreting two local Lightnings behind the clubhouse. Fleet 283's best this weekend was Jamie Nelson in 5th, trailing 3 Seattle boats and one S. F. boat.

An interesting race on this year's agenda was Vancouver Lake Sailing Club's Portsmouth Handicap Rating Formula (VLSC PHRF) race. 470s, Thistles, Geary 18s, Lasers and Lightnings competed in

one race, 40 boats starting at once, using this well known handicapping system. After all the boats were back on their trailers, it was found that Lightnings finished in the first 9 places. Who says the Lightning isn't the best racing one design going?? ILCA Class Vice-President, John Benedetti, finished first on corrected time becoming this year's "Queen of the Lake."

The 5th Annual PIYA Regatta at our home club, Vancouver Lake, was again a success with over 120 boats registered. Unfortunately, first place in the Lightnings again eluded us and went to a familiar corinthian from Seattle. Jamie and Julie Nelson put in our best showing with a fourth. Our own Dennis Torgeson made an even better showing by capsizing his boat - while at anchor.

The Pacific Coasts were held in San Francisco Bay, a tremendous place to sail. The Regatta was flawlessly run and our thanks go to the Richmond Yacht Club and Mark and Ann Patty and the whole S. F. Fleet for a great weekend. The new Champion, Ken White, isn't from our fleet, but at least he lives in Oregon! Jamie Nelson finished third and John Benedetti fourth - in spite of a creative spinnaker-wrapped combination capsize and "tow in" type DNF.

Lastly, Lake Chelan, the infamous, Regatta upheld its tradition as being THE Party of the year, when an uninvited hanglider enthusiast joined the party in his birthday suit making small talk with anyone willing to "listen".

A fine end to a great year.



The Great Pumpkin taking a ride.

ODD WINDS FLEET (296)
Central States District
Sailing on Jacomo Lake at Kansas City, Missouri

Fleet Captain Doug Edwards
 Fleet Secretary Harlan Long
 Fleet Champion Doug Edwards
 Runner-Up Joseph Dixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5124	Blue	Douglas Patterson
7040	.....	Rogers M. McCrae
8160	.....	Harlan L. Long
9196	.....	J. H. Dixon, Jr.
9202	.....	Norman C. Hutcheson
9451	.....	Doug Edwards
10038	The Merry Gale	Dean Arnold
11135	Aquarius	Donald G. Skouse

No Report.