

WOODMERE BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET (300)

Long Island District
Sailing on Hewlett Bay at
East Rockaway, New York

Fleet Commodore Norman Cranin
Fleet Secretary Norman Cranin
Fleet Champion Earl Marvin
Runner-Up Norman Cranin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9531	Norman Cranin
10545	Earl Marvin



If this is what 2nd place does, what happens to the 1st place winner? The Fleet article says he "wasn't available for photography" Hic!

I am distressed to say that Everett Ruskay (9175), our perennial Fleet champion died. He was a young, vigorous sailor, a human being of exceptional candor and dignity, and outstanding philanthropist and sportsman. All of us in Fleet 300, and in the Woodmere Bay Yacht Club mourn his loss.

Joseph Saul and his charming wife Norma, have been doing a great deal of dinghy sailing in his International 12. As his expertise becomes greater, he promises to return to our fleet as a more significant competitor. Joe stated that "learning tactics in a smaller boat makes Lightning sailing a bit simpler."

Richard Braverman suffered an irreversible loss. While "in irons" after just crossing the finish line in our mixed couples regatta, a small underwater submarine being pedaled by two visiting Australians, struck old "8719" beneath the waterline and carried his centerboard and trunk away. Needless to say, Richard was unable to complete the regatta - or for that matter, the season despite the fact that Joe Saul offered him the use of not one, but either of his Lightnings. Richard commented: "I just couldn't. I wouldn't feel at home."

Alfred and Bob Kurtz have essentially given up yachting for surgery.

Jim Belmont, Earl Marvin and Norman Cranin were able to chunch the waters of Woodmere Bay to a white froth on each of the race days. The competition was keen and even on days when spinnakers were allowed (wind from the South at under 4 knots), no finisher was more than nine minutes behind on the four mile windward leeward course. This was accentuated on the several occasions when races were held during low tide, Skimming the salt flats requires great agility and skill plus acceptable spirometry. (Editors Note - What's that?)

The season results were: First - Earl Marvin; Second - Norman Cranin; Third - Jim Belmont; DNF - Richard Braverman; and DNF - Joe Saul.

The winner Earl Marvin was not available for photography - and so Norman Cranin is shown posing outside the Clubhouse wearing The Second Place Trophy - contributed by Congeali Plumbing Contractors, Inc. to support increased activity in water sports.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN (301)

New England District
Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain,
Burlington, Vermont

Fleet Captain Bill Dunnington
Fleet Secretary John Hughes
Fleet Champion Vern Emerson
Runner-Up Bill Dunnington, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6865	.....	Malcolm Appleton
7829	.....	Richard Getty
9811	Titania II	Ken Rothwell
10357	.....	Janice Lange
10666	.....	Robert E. Dakin
11267	.....	Edward Haase
11432	.....	Vern Emerson
11504	Second Wind	Bill Dunnington
11510	.....	Charles D. Newsham
11560	Ciao	Dick Fastiggi
.....	.....	Don Brush
.....	.....	John R. Hughes
.....	.....	Bob Young



This thing is supposed to be the most, but on this boat I'm not so sure!

Fleet 301 started off the 1975 season with a great 1974 Christmas party at the home of Bill and Barbara Dunnington where Dick Fastiggi announced that Fleet 301 won the New England District's Special Award for the superb job in conducting the 1974 New England District Regatta at Malletts Bay Boat Club. Congratulations to the entire race committee.

Under the direction of Fleet Captain Bill Dunnington, 1975 was a big push to expand the Fleet. A hearty welcome goes to Ed and Tina Haase, Janice Lange, Bob Dakin, Dick Getty and Don and Ann Brush. It looks like the expansion is going to continue into 1976 with Kjell Heitmann, Ted Teffner, Dave Little and Roger Walker. Fifteen Fleet 301 Lightnings for the summer of '76 ... Super.

Sorry about placing the 1975 Fleet Champion in the third paragraph; however, good show Vern Emerson and his outstanding crew, wife Barbara and Ken Wolvinton, for their first position after the year was counted. None other than Bill Dunnington, Jr. with his "no-name" crew pulled off the runner-up position. Great work!

With the ice just off Malletts Bay a dry sailing seminar started this season. Spiritual leader Don Brush cracked the whip and got people out Thursday evenings for tuning practice, crew training and hard nose racing.

The A series was won by Vern Emerson, second was Bill Dunnington, Jr. and third, the Fast-Teegees. The race committee lost the series B results but then some clever soul employed the Weegi Board and it was determined that Bill Dunnington, Jr., Vern Emerson and Dick Fastiggi, in that order, put it all together.

The Chiotte Regatta 38 one-design boats for the second year was won by Don Brush with Bob Young pulling off a second. A super performance by Young and family.

For the Malletts Bay Boat Club Race Week, we sailed under ideal conditions with honors going to Len Pratt with Bill Dunnington, Sr. and John Hughes taking second and third respectively.

1975 will be a year to remember for Don and Ann Brush and Kurt Kling from the District's Championship to the World's Championship. They sure made the WILD GOOSE go.

The Vermont-New Hampshire Regatta, hosted by MBBC and Fleet 301, sailed a three race series, 27 boats with Len Pratt, Don Brush and Stu Nickerson taking home the silver.

The Ralph W. Emerson award, a special award to the person who contributes the most to Fleet 301, was won this year by Bill Dunnington, Sr. for his enthusiastic expansion efforts for Fleet 301. The Most Improved award went to John Hughes because of the splendid help he received from son, Brian.

1976 will see Fleet 301 off to another smashing season: four new members, four new boats, the New England Districts at MBBC and the most exciting one-design class on Lake Champlain.

COWAN LAKE FLEET (303)

Ohio District

Sailing on Lake Cowan, Clinton County, Ohio

Fleet Captain Dick Pugh
Fleet Secretary William Hobbs
Fleet Champion Dick Pugh
Runner-Up Frank Pfeifferle
Third Ken Irwin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
504	Fair Lady	Judson H. Webb
858	Phoenix	William Hobbs
7940	Storm	Kenneth J. Irwin
8593	Floraliee	Robert Kyvik
9227	Boat	Jum Horst
10013	Gipsy	James T. & William Young
10257	Confusion	John Cooper
10844	.....	F. R. Hawthorne
11445	Venus	Frank H. Pfeifferle
11930	Confusion III	Dick Pugh
12116	Turtle	Raymond E. Beck
12496	Sail-a-vie	Dan Danielson



Bong!

This year saw our Fleet Captain taking all the honors by out sailing our own toughest competition, as well as making the regatta circuit. Dick Pugh with Bill Young as crewmember made the rest of us green with envy at the easy way Boat #11930 always crossed the finish line so gracefully and so effortlessly, ahead of the rest of us. This past summer, along with Dick and Bill, our Ray Beck in Boat #12116 with Jim Young as crewmember, were guests at the Indiana Lake Regatta.

In October, our third annual Fall-In Regatta drew 20 boats, which sailed across beautiful Lake Cowan with the best wind in the state- the right kind of air that was ordered especially for the occasion. The weather was warm and beautiful, in the best Southern Ohio Indiana Summer tradition, and was considered by all a tremendous success. Our Champion and Captain Dick Pugh (naturally) took first place, with second to Bruce Girkins, third Merrill Bales, fourth Barry Wilson, and fifth to Hank Hodgson.

There are many Lightnings in our area who do not belong to our Fleet, and we are hopeful that 1976 will see our fleet swelled by these new members.

PORIN LIGHTNING FLEET (306)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Bothnia, Pori, Finland

Fleet Captain Seppo Lahdemäki
Fleet Secretary Helena Lahdemäki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4330	Kaje	Reposaaari Cangregation Boys
7886	Viehe	Tom Rosenlew
8213	Johanna	Juha Nikkanen
8215	Maija	Ruoripojat (Boy Scouts)
8996	Seastar	.....
10057	Fanny II	Seppo Lahdemäki
10667	Sumppe	Pertti Kuuminainen
12753	Cobra	Esa Nordling

Our fleet is having a new birth again. This year '75 has been full of active races. With the power of three fleets we have sailed almost all races including the Finnish Championships. The other boats have changed their owners and we even have a new boat, Cobra No. 12753 the owner Esa Nordling, he is the former Captain of Seastar.

Our own sailing club BSF which is going to celebrate its 120th birthday in the next summer, organized the Finnish Championship races. With good winds we sailed 24 Lightnings from our open sea harbour. Lasse Hammar with Rio-Rita II took the championship. In Keuruu in the Championship races of Europe our fleet got on rather well. The third place got Fanny II No. 10057 as the Captain Seppo Lahdemäki and his crew Juhani Kangas and Timo Törrönen. Cobra No. 12735 ESA Nordling as the Captain and crew Hannu Lope and Thor Ahlström got 7th place. Pertti Kuuminainen with his boat Sumppe No. 10667 and with his crew Jouni Viitanen and Ari Hanninen placed also. The exciting feeling stayed until the end, because in the start of the last part of the races the boats 12257 Aku-Samuli of Antti Ruuskanen, the boat No. 12320 Quand Meme III of Christoph Luthy and Fanny II of Seppo Lahdemäki had even points; but Fanny II started to play the game, and the halyard of spinnaker doesn't want to move and so Fanny II had the championship of Europe.

In Ecuador in Salinas took place the World Championship and the representation from our fleet were Fanny II from Seppo Lahdemäki with his crew Juhani Kangas and Kari Mäenpää.

GREIFENSEE FLEET (309)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Greifensee near Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain E. Schraner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5993	Pluto	Walter Oertli
7241	Margy	Fred Zurkirchen
7274	.....	Alois Schlumpf
7353	Sibajak	Werner Uster
7590	Mascotte	Hermann Himmel
8504	Chinock	Harry Schlumpf
8940	Svala	Walter Roth
9031	Libelle	Walter Hug
9868	Margy II	Fred Aregger
10466	Ayax	Paul Grutter
11495	Goja	Hansjorg Sporri
12309	.....	Peter Gerber
.....	Karin	Werner Stich
.....	Zibo II	Dr. F. Zobrist

No Report.

KEMI LIGHTNING FLEET (310)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi, Finland

Fleet Captain Kalervo Naykki
Fleet Secretary Olli Jauhola
Fleet Champion Heikki Ulen
Fleet Runner-Up Simoo Haggstrom

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4012	Leena	Jouni Miilumäki
4325	Nyyrikki	Seppo Uurtimo

4328	Irene	Erkki Leskio
7177	Marina	Aulis and Kalervo Naykki
7185	Onnetar	Simo Haggstrom
7186	Pohjantahti II	Esko Raasakka
7891	Irene II	Juhani Hedberg
7892	Anita	Pentti Hedberg
8219	Maria	Kemin Purjehdusseura
8995	Renata	Christian Lindstrom
9340	Tanja	Jouko Lehtinen & Juhani Leppala
10059	Wilma	Heikki Ulen
12259	Jutti	Olavi Immonen
12356	Mata Hari	Kyosti Kolehmainen & Erkki Karvonen
12585	Turso	T. Huusko & V. Vuori

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain A. J. Van Poortvliet
Fleet Secretary Ruth Hackman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1910	Blue Devil	Ernest Sommitz
9123	Apache	Casimer Zielinski
11435	Dutch Treat	A. J. Van Poortvliet
11501	Sunshine	Walter G. Williams
11617	Scotch-On-The Rocks	Donald L. Camper



Must be a pre-launch party someplace.

Fleet 311 experienced a second successive lethargic season in 1975. A few times during the summer two or three Lightnings participated in the Sunday races with the keelboats of the Dunkirk Yacht Club, but the only all-Lightning race during the entire season was the annual Dunkirk Regatta held on the weekend after Labor Day.

This event attracted a record 34 entries and would have been termed a success except for the poor sailing weather. On opening day (Saturday) the two scheduled races had to be cancelled due to a combination of heavy seas and strong, gusty winds. By Sunday the lake was flat and the wind had almost vanished. The two shortened races which were held provided very little excitement. The extremes in the weather was a decided disappointment as boats from nine different fleets were entered in the regatta and some had traveled 150 miles. Results of the Dunkirk Regatta will very likely be found in the Lake Erie District report as it is part of the "Northern Fall Circuit", the winner of which received the Skaneateles Trophy.

Of the five boats from Fleet 311 which participated in the Dunkirk Regatta, none finished in the top 20 boats, which might indicate that occasional participation in races with keelboats is not good training for competition with the many expert Lightning sailors in the Lake Erie District.

The future of Fleet 311 should be decided in 1976. There is a ray of hope as newcomer Ken Reid is anxious to compete regularly, and Cas Zielinski and VanPoortvliet are always ready for good competition. So, if Don Camper and Jim Cash can arrange to race on a weekly basis, and if one or two other racing enthusiasts purchase Lightnings now on the market, Fleet 311 could bounce back very nicely.

LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA ANZIO (312) Italian District Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Anzio, Italy

Fleet Captain Antonio Galeota
Fleet Secretary Antonio Galeota

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6810	Mascherina	L. N. I. Anzio
10019	Play Boy	Antonio Galeota
12110	Kalinerio V ^O	Franco Moneti
12374	Kalimero VI ^O	Lionello Hlaic

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Al Mast
Fleet Secretary Bob Horne
Fleet Champion Al Mast
Runner-Up Jim Ganley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1523	Star Dust	Bob Horne
7516	Miss Idler	Dick L. Winter
7989	Woody	Paul Soentgen
9391	Marion Rose II	Doc Walbert
9800	Inversass	Dr. John D. Farquhar
10190	Misty Morn	Fred Alden
10246	Glass Slipper	Dr. John Myers
10398	Moon Spinner	Bruce Shannon
11200	De I	Jim & Leigh Hopkins
11284	Jack Spaniel	Helen Robinson
12031	Incredible	Dr. Jim Ganley
12381	Clair-Voyant	Chas. Witomski
12484	Pot O' Gold	Dr. Kirk Williams
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred Mast
12823	.....	Bill McShane

Well, the zephyrs softly sighed across the Sassafras, and once again our sociable swarm of sagacious sailors swept across the summer seas, separated from sinking by a single sheet of solid cedar or (ugh!) synthetic.

"Editors Note - I defy anyone to outdo that verbiage!"

The 1975 season was started earlier than usual. How early? Well, the first event was the first annual pre-season meeting of the officers and race committee, held in January in the Virgin Islands, attended by the Hopkins, Shannons, Camerons, Millers, Robinsons, and Hornes. The second event was the pre-season sailing school in Puerto Rico, attended by the Masts, McShanes, and Ganleys. It is evident that those attending the sailing school learned more about sailing than did the socializers, who concentrated more on developing their communications and repair skills.

At any rate, we did get off to an early, but flying start in June, with Jim Hopkins, Al Mast and our new member Bill McShane placing 1-2-3 in the Early Series. Bill and his wife and crew liked the hospitality shown them so much that they decided to move to Kentmore Park as well as transfer to Fleet 314. The Summer Bay Race won by Leigh Hopkins, with Kirk Williams and Tom Hopkins close behind.

After having done quite well in the Early Series, Al Mast and his crew of wife Lynn and Lynn "Killer" McCann got it all together and swept the Late Series with Tom Hopkins and Jim Ganley finishing 2-3. The Fall Bay Race was also won by Al Mast, with Jim Hopkins and Kirk Williams also in the money.

The Junior fleets, though sparse on some days, were as competitive as ever, with the leaders changing places between series: in the early series the order of finish was Rick Williams, Bill Alden, and Jim Ganley; while in the late series Jim Ganley rotated to first place with Rick second and Bill third. In the "B" fleet, Ted Ganley and Dave Horne fought it out all summer long, with Ted finishing

1-2 and Dave finishing 2-1. Patty Ganley fought with both of them, and finished third in both series.

Individual cups and trophies were well spread around, being won by Kirk Williams (Walbert), Jim Hopkins (Buss Neff), Al Mast (Skipper's), Jim Ganley (Commodore's and Matlack), John Farquhar (Taylor), Ted Ganley (Taylor Junior), and Dave Horne (Matlack Jr.). Our newest Lightning skipper, Fred Alden, who practiced with his crew all last winter to learn how to sail, won the Stardust Trophy for finishing in the middle of the fleet. Fred's sure to be up there in the lead before long! The Butt trophy was won by Paul Soentgen, for distinguishing himself by his perseverance in flying the spinnaker upwind. Warning to other Lightning skippers — if he ever figures out how to do it, look out!

This report would not be complete without a mention of fleet 314's activities on the regatta circuit. The shining stars this year were two of our younger sailors (and their equally young, but experienced and dedicated crews) Jim Hopkins and Kirk Williams. Jim finished 6th in the Dixie Districts and went on to compete in the North Americans, and Kirk simply demolished the opposition in the Junior Dixie Districts. Our fleet has become well known through its competition and consistency in the Maryland and Pennsylvania Governor's Cup regattas, the Annapolis Frostbite regatta, and others, where Williams, Hopkins, Ganley, Mast and McShane are getting to be "recognized" names.

See you all again next summer.



The Andino and Flash going up and down.

CLUB YATES ANTOFAGASTA (319)

Chile District

Sailing at Antofagasta, Chile

Fleet President Roberto Ercrehfeld
Fleet Commodore Roberto Katz
Fleet Champion Alberto Gonzalez
Runner-Up Roberto Katz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
.....	Satanas	Daslav Granic
.....	Seven Up	Marcelo Botta
.....	Tempse	Fernando Rivas
.....	Catan	Vicente Climent
.....	Flash	William Reynoso
.....	Andino	Roberto Katz
.....	Sagitario	Roberto Diamond
.....	Sebastian	Miguel Martinez
.....	Chiporro	Juan Cordero
.....	Senta	Luis Prochaska
.....	Canela	Vicente Climent

The 1975 season started in August and will finish in May 1976, probably with the "1976 Campeonato Nacional de Chile", which is under conversation with the actual President of the Class.

Our calendar establishes 10 Regattas for this year, having raced four of them till now.

The boat Catán and A. González, skipper, and his crew Ercrehfeld and Ortega has won two of them and Andino in second place with R. Katz, skipper and crew Gabrielli & Cerda. It is very important to mention the young crew of Pacheco, Gajardo and Goro, the eldest is 15 years old, they are trying to do their best in spite of their little weight, specially when the wind is hard. We are conscious that the future of the Club is in these young skippers, like Robert Jr. and

Ronald Diamond, of 12 and 9 years of age, who are sailing with their father.

All our boats are very old and made of wood. We have problems to get sails and fittings which are very dear and scarce, nevertheless we keep sailing every week-end. The Antofagasta bay is open all year around, the wind is south west most of the time with a 15 to 20 mile gale, in addition to this our Club is two blocks from downtown so you can go sailing in 15 minutes from your office. (Editors Note — eat your heart out you New Yorkers!)

Our relations with the Class in the south are very good, and through them we are planning to get some plastic boats next year.

ROYAL LAKE OF THE WOODS YACHT CLUB (320)

Central Canadian District

Sailing on Lake of the Woods, near Keewatin, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Hugh McDonald
Commodore Roy Parkhill
Treasurer R. W. Richards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9477	Slow Burn	W. S. Martin
10322	John D. Riley
10323	Garry M. Savage
10325	Don S. Patterson
10331	J. H. McDonald
11632	R. W. Richards

There were insufficient Lightnings sailing in the club to give a trophy for the Lightning Championship in the Club. The Handicaps in the surrounding districts were nearly all won by a Lightning. These races were comprised of boats of every class. Over 30 boats were entered in each race so the Lightning continues to dominate this area.

Every effort is being made to rejuvenate the class at Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club. It is making quite a comeback in the other clubs on the district and will no doubt recover in ours.

LA SPEZIA FLEET (321)

Italy District

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Golfo di la Spezia

Fleet Captain Roberto Mandrioli
Fleet Secretary Giovanni Vergassola
Fleet Champion Vasco Bardi
Runner-Up Giovanni Vergassola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7190	Azimut	Francesco Controsceri
8448	.....	Mario Fava
9316	Captain Morino	Roberto Mandrioli
12252	Arcobaleno	Giovanni Vergassola

The fleet hosted in 1975 the "Trofeo De Lorenzo" four races. Eleven boats took part in the following regattas: 1st - 11935 "Leccia" Merola, M.Lo Sardo, F.Lo Sardo; 2nd - 11938 "Sarago" Lauci, Giudice, Torelli; 3rd - 8763 "Sindbad" De Amicis, Manfredini, Paradisi; 4th - 9316 "Capitan Morino" Bardi, Mandrioli, Carletti; 5th - 10675 "Lampreda" Solaroli, Spadone, Pistagnesi; 6th - 12061 "Zaza" Giacalone, Marino Tinovito.

The fleet announced one important regatta for next year "Augusto Sassi Memorial". Augusto Sassi, last year dead, was our unforgettable fleet's captain.



La Spezia harbour.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325)

Dixie District
Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

Fleet Captain Fred Mertes
Fleet Secretary Fred Mertes
Fleet Champion Fred Mertes
Fleet Runner-Up Jeff Hastings

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2874	Wild Blue	Harvey H. Haines
6259	.....	Harvey H. Haines
8104	Fury	Fred Mertes
9527	Bo-Bo	Bob Purnell
10032	Ande	Robert Currie
10335	China Doll	Jeff Hastings
10336	Bayberry	Nancy Hastings
10454	.....	Lloyd Alexander
10845	.....	Wilbur Bulkly
10851	.....	John Hazzard
11155	Arsendover	RBSA
11291	.....	John Schmittinger
11540	Mal de Mar	Andrea Derrickson & Joseph R. Sights, Jr.
11597	.....	Bill Wainwright
11601	Avenger	Jim & Robert M. Nealon
11609	.....	Bob Zurkow
11899	Pisces	Dave Racine
12050	.....	Jacob Zimmerman
12850	.....	Fred Mertes
.....	.....	Dan Layton

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

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

Fleet Captain Pat Tobin
Fleet Secretary George Brown
Fleet Champion Tom Babel
Runner-Up Tom Lindsay

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5023	.....	Dave Dykstra
9921	Alacrity	Tom Babel
10429	Huvna	Dick Thirby
10437	Pip	Tom Lindsay
11256	Marikate	George Brown
11326	.....	James Faris
11467	.....	Gordon Cornwell
11794	Blind Faith	Patrick Tobin
11855	Mayflower	Kenneth May
12189	Pig Meat Pie	Sandy Bloomfield
.....	.....	Ron Schaefer

1975 proved to be another very successful year for Fleet 325 at Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. This year saw very closely contested fleet races at home coupled with some success by our sailors on the road. Our season traditionally begins on the last weekend in April with the Azalea Festival Regatta in Norfolk, Va. Fred Mertes came back to Rehoboth with third place silver after that one.

The following weekend our spring series began. Blessed with fine weather, good winds and exciting competition the spring series was a great success. When all the points were added up, Fred Mertes came out on top, followed by Jeff Hastings (our perennial winner) in second. Third place went to Tom Zimmerman in his first series since taking the boat over from his father, Jake.

Between the end of the spring series and the beginning of the summer series the Lightning sailors and families of R.B.S.A. take time out to host the Annual Delaware Governor's Cup Regatta. This Regatta has traditionally been the highlight of the season for the Lightning fleet and this year was no exception. Great competition, great weather and great fun highlighted the Regatta that was won by Jon Schwartz, followed by John Schneider, and Bob Hutchinson, all of Red Bank, New Jersey.

The summer series turned out exactly the same as the spring series, with Fred Mertes 1st, Jeff Hastings 2nd and Tom Zimmerman 3rd. The close of the season for Fleet 325 was the Third Annual Fall Regatta on September 20th and 21st. This year we finally got a chance to extend the Fall Regatta to two days (it had been a one day regatta for the past two years) and things went very well. The Fleet found a variety of wind conditions to contend with. Our own Jeff Hastings won the Regatta by the slimmest of margins over second place Bob Hutchinson of Red Bank. Third place went to John Richardson of Severn Sailing Association.

Our fleet continued to grow in 1975 with the addition of two new Lightning Sailors. Bob Currie and Bill Atkinson joined our fleet and took up an active role in the club and on the race course. One familiar face that was conspicuously absent this summer was that of Bob Purnell who sat out the summer recuperating from surgery. All reports are that Bob will be back next year and we all look forward to that as he still hasn't told any of us how he gets around the course so fast in light air!

Fleet 325 would like to extend a warm invitation to one and all to join us at the Governor's Cup Regatta (3rd weekend in June) and the Fall Regatta (third weekend in September). These regattas are great fun and equally important they are free! For information contact Fred Mertes, Box 80 Bay Drive, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971.



No wonder this father-son team wins — there's only two of 'em. Photo credit — Bill Babel.

This year was no exception to the excellent sailing conditions on the beautiful waters of Grand Traverse Bay. The winds were consistently strong, the only exception being on the weekend of our invitational regatta. Rain and light air persisted all weekend, but in spite of the conditions, the races were close and exciting. Club members did very well in the regatta. Bill and Tom Babel with crew member Jeff Jones finished first, while Tom Lindsay with crew members Bruce Hutchinson and Shane Evans finished second.

The GTYC sailing season started May twenty sixth and ended September sixth. As usual the Babels in old number 9921, outfitted with new spars and sails, finished first. Tom was at the helm this year while older brother Bill did all the foredeck work and handled all the technical aspects of sailing. The Babels are excellent sailors and sailing together in their newly outfitted boat appear to be unbeatable.

Tom Lindsay finished a solid second only a few points behind the Babels. Tom with crew members Bruce and Shane sailed very well all season. However, Tom seems to have an affinity for cold water. For the second consecutive season, number 10437 has refreshed its skipper and crew at the jibe mark. This happens to Tom only once a year. Too bad it's always in early June when the waters are numbing cold.

Pat Tobin with his all female crew consisting of Kathy Green, wife Susan Tobin and at times daughter Jennifer Tobin, finished in third place. Pat's formula for success is (1) having good equipment (new sails on 11794 certainly enhanced performance), (2) researching, (3) experimentation and (4) intimidation of crew. Pat has done very well in all areas except convincing the crew that they are intimidated.

Fourth place this year goes to George Brown. George, with crew members Dick McLean, and Pat Mullins, who replaced George's wife Irene, did a fine job all year. Realizing a ship can have only one captain, Irene abandoned ship this year to seek more peaceful surroundings. Perhaps if George were more open to suggestions he could beat arch rival Pat Tobin.

Dave Dykstra and Max Strickland, with crew member Jim Coats found that persistence pays off. By sailing the old wooden heavy weight in the required number of races they were able to nail down fifth place. Tom Babel assisted Dave and Max in two races this year sailing number 5023 to a second and third place finish. And all this time Dave and Max, who usually finish last in the fleet, have been saying "the boat is just not competitive." It appears now that the sailors have not been competitive.

Other sailors on the course this year were Ken May, Greg Griffin and Sandy Blumenfeld (Sundays only). Fleet number 326 is looking forward to next season and would like to see many other Lightning owners in our area get involved in racing.

SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329)

Dixie District

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain	E. Joseph Friebele
Fleet Secretary	Elaine Friebele
Fleet Lieutenant	Charles White
Fleet Champion	Bill Buckley
Runner-Up	Don Delorme

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5025	.....	Daniel C. Buck
5075	.....	Walter Wappaus
8104	Fury	Tom B. Burgher II
8585	.....	George P. Allison
9007	Do Somethin	John W. Richardson
9406	Brer Rabbit	Raymond D. Watts
9523	.....	Frank G. Mullins, Jr.
10048	.....	C. L. White
10752	Yankee	William H. Buckley
10800	High Hopes	Donald R. Hope
11062	.....	Malcolm Sutherland
11305	Lord Jim	Dr. James Gilbert
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg
11767	MIT	George Shapiro
11792	Ill	Dr. Edwin M. Ortiz
11911	Whale	Myron Jonsberg, Jr.
12079	Deo Gratias	F. C. Robert Hollmann
12275	.....	William F. Ward, Jr.
12338	The Virginian	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
12365	Hoot	Stephen C. Harper
12470	Lightning Bug	E. Joseph Friebele
12752	.....	William H. Buckley
12765	.....	Christopher B. Kuhn
12772	.....	H. Warren Cooper

The 1975 season's activity began with a series of racing seminars organized by Don Delorme to keep us all thinking sailing and thinking improvement during the cold months. Fleet 329 speakers and invited outside speakers talked on boat and sail handling techniques, strategy and tactics. These seminars are always very enjoyable and rewarding as the experts struggle to pull the rest of us turkeys out of the tank. The highlight of the series was a talk by Bill Shore on strategy and tactics which was lucid, witty and deep. Everyone, the local heavies included, learned from this one.

There were some who needed more sailing activity than seminars during the winter. Some of these hardy (or crazy, depending on how you look at it) sailors joined in Severn Sailing Association's very active frostbite program this year for the first time. The likes of Don Delorme, John Richardson, Joe Friebele, Ed Ortiz and Doc Gilbert were to be seen on a number of Saturdays from November to March putting their boats in the water and telling their crews how much fun it was going to be and that "it really won't be very cold once we get out there." Weather conditions ranged from downright balmy to downright cold. Light to moderate winds and smooth water prevailed generally to produce very enjoyable sailing. A lot of races over short courses and an informal atmosphere in general kept the mood light and as relaxed as sailboat racing can ever be. Fact: a frostbitten crew is a dedicated crew.

John and Jay Richardson gave everyone something to think about during the frostbite series as they two-handed their boat, including the complete Lightning spinnaker act, most of the time. So it can be done after all. Why not in fact have crew-of-two as a racing option to help with the eternal crew supply problem?

During the regular sailing season we welcomed new members Chris Kuhn, David Bird and Tom Burgher into the fleet. A new invitational regatta, the Oktoberfest, brought the number of annual regattas hosted on Fleet 329's home waters in Annapolis to seven. This season, in addition, we hosted 40 boats in the Dixie District Championship. When the dust and foam of this season's schedule had settled Bill Buckley had emerged as fleet Champion and Don Delorme as Runner-up. Joe Friebele was awarded the Most Improved Skipper award for the past two seasons. Quite deservedly, too; Joe has made great strides each season and is getting heavier by the month.

Fleet 329 sailors showed very well in major events during the year. Don Delorme won the Miami regatta and was fourth overall on the Southern Circuit. Not content with this, he went on to take fifth at the North Americans. The hosts showed no hospitality at all on the water to visitors sailing in the District Championship as the home fleet captured four of the top five places. Bill Buckley was District Champion, Don Delorme second (how do you beat these two, anyway?). The first three places in the overall standing of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association went to Fleet 329 sailors as well.

Jill Harper, Steve's petite teenage daughter, showed everyone how it's done by finishing second overall (missing first by the merest gnat's eyelash to John Richardson) in the SSA Annual regatta. Wow!

Our congratulations to Fleet 50 of the Potomac River for wresting the Fleet 329-Fleet 50 Challenge Cup away after several unsuccessful tries in past years.

We all suffered a great loss in December 1974 when Bill and Gwen Garwood died tragically in a plane crash. Bill was truly a super crew and had crewed regularly for Don Delorme during the past several years. At the time of their death they were negotiating the purchase of their own Lightning. The Garwood Memorial Trophy has been dedicated to their memory as a perpetual trophy for the Frigid Digit Regatta held in Annapolis each October. Bill and Gwen were delightful people. We all miss them.

SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)

New England District

Sailing on Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	Robert Ayotte
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. John T. Bennett
Fleet Champion	Robert Wherland
Runner-Up	David Closson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7022	Galaxy	L. B. Flint
8241	Go-Mo-Shun	David Closson
8512	Shuttle	Robert Ayotte
8612	.....	John S. Russell, Jr.
9521	Spindrift	Arthur Unsworth
10732	Tern II	John Bennett
10818	.....	Dr. Donald P. Todd
10857	Mutiny	Robert Custance
11653	.....	Allan Whatley
12266	Bluebeard	Robert Wherland

Last year we recorded that there are two things in life that are certain: "taxes and Dave Closson winning our Fleet Championship." We were wrong: this year Bob Wherland in "Bluebird" copped six firsts in eight races, each one by a sizeable margin, handily winning our Fleet Championship! Bob also won the coveted "Pop" Closson trophy. Dave took second place. It is to Dave's credit that he undertook this season to train a young and previously untried crew to sail with him. They performed very well indeed! Allan Whatley captured third place. Indefatigable Bob Ayotte squeezed ahead of Bob Custance in the final race to secure fourth place. Bob Custance received the most improved skipper trophy.

Our aging Fleet Captain, wearying of weekly crew problems, sold Typhon to another skipper on the lake who has not yet been bitten by the racing bug, but hopefully soon will be. Bert Flint, now the senior skipper of the fleet, sailed in only two races and, by taking fourth place in each, demonstrated the consummate skill that only an experienced, canny skipper possesses.

The fleet awarded a special trophy - a toy windmill - to Bob Ayotte for competing in every single race held over the past two seasons. His interest and zeal well justified his election as Fleet

Captain for the 1976 season. Ellen Bennett is our new Secretary-Treasurer relieving Joan Wherland (Bob's expert spinnaker handler) after years of devoted service. Dick Flint repeated as our official starter and crashboatman.

There is a rumor abroad that Bert Flint has acquired Bob Wherland's "Bluebird" and that Bob plans to purchase an even gofaster Lightning. Also that Bob Custance and Jack Russell will be on the course next season in new boats. Prospects are really shaping up for the Fleet's 1976 series.

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338) Central New York District

Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

Fleet Captain Maurice H. Gardner
Fleet Secretary Richard Millard
Fleet Champions Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial
Runner-Up James Dickson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
316	Hugh A. Crisp
394	Robert H. Denham
1272	Maurice H. Gardner
5155	Cornell C. Cawley, Jr.
6515	Richard B. Millard
7123	Harold B. Hansen
7809	James R. Buhrmaster
9241	Norman O. Hanson
11323	Harry J. Baldwin
11519	Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial
12115	James Dickson
12173	Richard J. McGuire
12573	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster

After years of giving the fleet an equipment advantage, Dale Brown and Walt Nial finally turned in jury-rigged relic #316, for a new glass model. Early in the season, last years champion, Jim Dickson, gave them a run for their money, but Dale and Walt walked away from the field in the second half of the season. Though it gave the race committee headaches, overall competition was much improved. Five boats finished within ten seconds in several races this year.

Since we now have a nearly even split of glass and wooden boats, we are considering the establishment next year of a special trophy for those of us who still believe that if God meant us to have fiberglass boats, he would have planted fiberglass trees.



Fleet 338 winners: left to right — Bill Topke, Terry Topka, Jim Dickson (2nd), Walt Nial and Dale Brown (1st), Lois, Ken and Lou Buhrmaster (3rd).

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain Andy Loree
Fleet Secretary Bob Schoonbeck
Fleet Champion Andy Loree
Runner-Up Bob Schoonbeck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6889	.....	Dave Anderson
9259	Took	Mary Ann Bates
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter Northrup
10606	.....	Don Lambrix
11134	.....	Tim Miller
12104	Awful Risky	Walt Hallenbeck
12177	.....	Mac Cowles
12371	Dandy Lion	George Roth
12372	.....	John Scott
.....	.....	Alan Graettinger
.....	.....	Linda & Bob Schoonbeck

Something new was added to the Pentwater racing season this year with the first Lightning Regatta - FIRECRACKER 30 - an event that was enjoyed by all but somewhat disappointing from the standpoint of attendance by outsiders. It did give the Pentwater fleet an opportunity for Lake Michigan sailing and even though the weather wasn't the best, it was an enjoyable experience. First two places were taken by visitors - Garry Demarest taking 1st and Dave Furry taking 2nd with Pentwater's Al Graettinger taking 3rd. It showed that Pentwater needs to take advantage of the big lake more often if they are to compete!

The Hewitt series this year was taken by Alan Graettinger with Jeff Lambrix 2nd and Tim Northrup 3rd. One of the pleasures of this year was the fact that there were many good sailors out each week and it was hard to predict who would be first.

The Commodore's series was won by Jeff Lambrix followed by Tim Northrup and Chris Cowles third.

The Season Series - Sunday only series for the whole summer, was won by Andy Loree with Bob Schoonbeck 2nd and Jeff Lambrix 3rd.

The post season Herb Behr trophy was won again this year by Alan Graettinger whose name has become well known to this fleet.

It is interesting to note that with hardly an exception, the placers this year have all come up through the ranks of the Pentwater Yacht Club junior fleet. In addition to getting an early start, early competition has paid off with results. Skippering their own boats has given them a feel for sailing far superior to that learned as a crew member and they have added much to the pleasure of all.

In addition to the regular series this year, another Race Week was held and the winner of this series was a new member to the Lightning race scene, George Roth. Closely behind was Tim Miller followed by perhaps the most mentioned skipper of the season, Jeff Lambrix. The races during this week brought many new crew in to active racing and will help provide a continuing source of pleasure to these new sailors as well as the oldtimers who depend upon a continuing source of crew.

In all, it was a great season and all are looking forward to another one next year.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Commodore Chase Hess
Vice Commodore Gene Matthews
Fleet Secretary Vicki Matthews
Fleet Champion Gene Matthews
Runner-Up Bob Novack

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
483	Hesperus	Jonathan B. Hayes
6936	Puff	James Truelsen
8172	Vim	Henry Kelley
8266	Drumbeat	Cliff Lohs
8393	Tumbleweeds	George Cole
8992	.....	Audrey Matteson
9173	Suegeo	George M. Ensign
9996	Red Witch III	Mel Boyington
10222	Algae	Bob Novack
11536	Snow White	Gene Matthews
11641	.....	Paul Palmer
12790	.....	Steven B. Novy
.....	.....	Richard F. Vlasak

At Lake Geneva Sailing Club's awards banquet, Gene Matthews and Co. wore a path to the trophy table for the third successive year. Gene and sons Matt and Ken retained the fleet championship and a good share of special events silver.

Gene is so well supplied with help that daughter Vicki again had to find a berth crewing for Jim Truelsen and skippering the boat during Jim's absences. Vicki hasn't set the race course afire, but she



Action at the Oxie - Tryg Jacobson leads Eric Graf and Mike Steffanson around the jibe mark.

did manage to come up with the Club's sportsmanship trophy.

And Ken was awarded the Hayes plaque which goes annually to the junior member contributing most to Club activities. Too bad about Jane (Mrs. Matthews) and the family cats. They didn't get a thing!

Meanwhile, back at the lake, it was another duel for runner-up between Buck Boyington and Bob Novak. Last year Bob edged his rival, but this time their records were so precisely balanced there was no way, short of a match race-off, of avoiding a co-runner-up title....and the resulting engraving costs.

The Sherwood Memorial race went to Novak, followed by Matthews, with a third going to young and coming Jay Matteson. In the Illinois Trophy it was Matthews, Novak and Boyington. The Chase Hess Cup went to Navak, with Steve Novy second, and Boyington third. Matthews, Novy and Novak finished the Cobb Memorial contest in that order. And the Gage Marine event, sailed while the big cats are away, went to Matteson, Hank Kelley and Paul Palmer.

Although of little interest to the Lightning clan, this report should probably note the Club's first "big boat" race, a contest for several small stock cruisers owned by old and rickety former Lightning skippers, ancients who no longer relish the prospect of hiking and dunkings but who seem reluctant to retire completely to shuffleboard and checkers. This first event was won, in boat for boat competition, by Jack Waterfield and Dick Larson in their Helms 25. It's nice to see the old folks out in the sun.

Highlight of the year was another successful Oxie Memorial Regatta, attracting 38 starters. The series went to Bruce Goldsmith and co-skipper Jeff Baker. Sheboygan's Rick Larson was second, followed closely by Don Basler, of Chicago Corinthian. Five races were sailed in light to moderate winds.

There was good news and bad news at the banquet. The bad concerns the City's new policy, favoring local taxpayers to the possible exclusion of all others in granting next year's moorings. At best, there is a note of uncertainty for both new and long time members.

The good news came from starter Chase Hess, who ended another uncertainty for the fleet with the announcement that he would be on the job again next season.... but with a demand for more time off!

That can be negotiated, Chase!

LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Lanier out of Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet Captain Dick Scott
Fleet Secretary Nancy Scott
Fleet Treasurer Fred Crawford
Fleet Lieutenant Chuck McMurray
Fleet Champion Gordon Ettie
Fleet Runner-Up Dick Scott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6523	.....	John E. Waldo
9402	.....	Kenneth Wallace
9570	Ariel	William L. Pulgram
10111	Lord Jim	Robert Schindel
10821	Cavu	Joseph D. Stites
10875	Thunder Too	Pete R. Dennis
10877	Thunderbolt	Fred W. Crawford
11007	.....	C. A. McMurray, Jr. & Julian C. Shaw
11299	Eager	Ronald B. Wolff
11491	Pink Panther	Gordon P. Kellogg
11723	Ol' Blue	Hayden Harriass
11881	Do It	Reginald Brooks
11934	.....	Dan Duffey
12331	Hot Chocolate	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12457	Sazerac	Gordon E. Ettie
12691	Long Gone	Elaine S. & James N. Howard, Jr. & Sr.
12736	.....	John Brian Johnstone
12849	Hot Ruddered Bum	Alan L. & Bruce G. Purdy
.....	.....	Charles A. McMurray, Jr.
.....	.....	Julian C. Shaw

Fleet 348 had its best year yet with great competition within the fleet, great competition in the Southeastern District Circuit and wound it all up with the best Atlanta Cup Regatta yet.

James Howard, Newton's son, was the winner of the L.L.S.C. small boat Frostbite series in the family Lightning. In the L.L.S.C. Commissioning Regatta on March 22-23, Lightnings took three out of the first five places. Gordon Ettie took first, Ken Wallace fourth, and Joe Stites fifth. We don't yet understand how a Haser and 470 could squeeze in there but the did.

There were a total of 42 Lightning fleet races scheduled in the Spring, Summer, and Fall series and 37 races sailed with 8 different skippers winning silver for the top three places in the three series. Gordon Ettie won first place in the Spring series and put us on notice as to who we had to beat. Chuck McMurray took second and Laurence Pulgram won the third spot. In the Summer series Newton Howard, last years Fleet Champion, took first with Ken Wallace and Bob Schindel taking second and third places respectively. In the Fall series Gordon Ettie took first again. Gordon Kellogg came in second and Dick Scott won third place over Newton Howard in the last race of the season. The Fleet Champion for the year is Gordon Ettie with Dick Scott Runner-up on the basis of the Spring and Fall series standings.

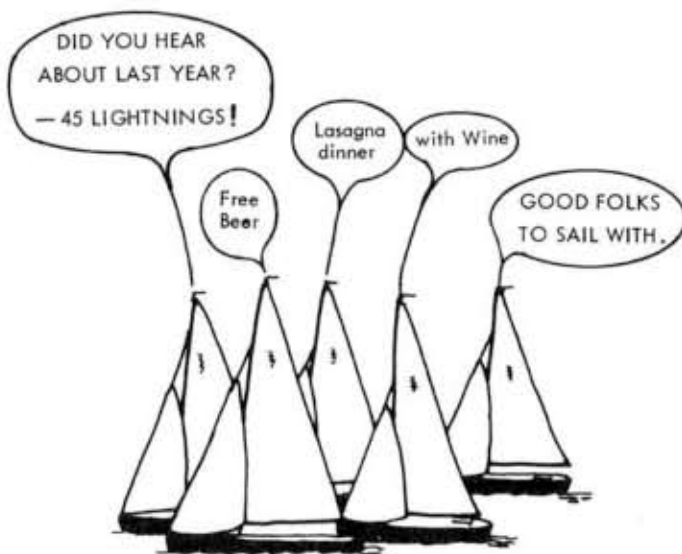


If we don't hurry and get this thing untwisted we just may compromise our position! — Atlanta Cup

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The Southeastern District Circuit included seven regattas in the district with at least one member of Fleet 348 participating in each regatta. Our Fleet Champion, Gordon Ettie, made 5 of the 7 regattas and took third place in the circuit and Newton Howard came in eleventh. Next year we expect that Fleet 348 will make a much improved showing in the Southeastern District Circuit.

Two boats from Fleet 348 skippered by Laurence Pulgram and James Howard competed in the Lightning Junior Championship at Columbia, S.C. Laurence Pulgram finished seventh and was given an opportunity to sail in the National at Hilton Head but could not make it. However, Gordon Ettie, who had qualified for the Nationals in the Southeastern District Championship and also qualified for the Championship flight at Hilton Head, finished nineteenth in the North Americans. We are quite proud of his record but we expect even more next year.

The highlight of the year was the annual Atlanta Cup Regatta on the first weekend in October. Participation improved from 29 boats in 1974 to 45 boats in 1975. The competition was great. John M. McIntosh of Savannah took first, and also first in the District Circuit, with Randy Brooks also of Savannah in second place. Dr. Cully Cobb of Nashville took third place, Bill Sloger of Lake Hartwell fourth, and Tom Waters of Lake Murray taking fifth. We had a lot of fun hosting Lightning sailors from as far away as Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., High Rock, N.C., Charleston, S.C. and Jacksonville, Fla. The ladies of our fleet prepared an excellent lasagne dinner complete with wine and after dinner Dick Scott showed movies of the 1975 North American Championship races at Hilton Head as viewed from the stake boat at the jibing mark.

All in all a most successful season. We know we are having an impact when local sailors are selling other one design boats to get into the Lightning Fleet competition on Lake Lanier.

HARVEYS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (350)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Harveys Lake at
Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Bill Craig
Fleet Secretary Bob Casselberry
Fleet Champion Paul Priebe
Runner-Up Bill Craig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5920	Sly Vixen	Bob Casselberry
9331	Rage	Dick Garman
12363	Red Baron	Paul Priebe
12779	.....	Bill & Bill Craig, Jr.

No Report.

FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNING DE NITEROI (351)

Brazil District

Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Niteroi, RJ, Brazil

Fleet Captain Sidney Finizola
Fleet Secretary Jose Luiz Couto
Fleet Champion Herbert Hasselmann
Runner-Up Carl Blackman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1560	Japy	Roger Jansen
3754	Almar II	Alzir Faria
6793	Eala	Carl Thomas Blackman
6939	Pinduca	Alex do Prado
7682	Fragata IV	Ricardo Frischtak
7866	Mixuruca	Ingo Esche
8233	Fandango	Herbert Hasselmann
12472	Xiva	Sidney Finizola & Jose Luiz Couto
12812	Flash Rider	Denis R. Clemence

No Report.

HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain William McCarthy
Fleet Secretary Joe Barron
Race Committee Representative
James H. Schwartz
Fleet Champion Tom Varley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4890	.....	James H. Schwartz
6662	.....	Tomas Johnstone
7688	.....	James Rose
9859	.....	Michael O'Donnell
10475	Kee Co Bee	Warren Schieser
11269	Way To Go	Joe Barron
11319	The Ms.	Alice Dawson
11796	.....	Charles Schmidt
11865	.....	Tomas Johnstone
12015	.....	Ehmann Miller
12346	Irish Mist	Bill McCarthy
12395	Sunrise	Tom Varley
12593	Streaker	Jim Andrews

Tom Varley won handily both the Saturday & Sunday Spring & Summer series. At times it appeared he was in an entirely different race from the rest of us.

Our next runner up was Tom Johnstone sailing Sacre Bleu.

While Tom Varley seems to be consistently sailing away with the silver it appears Jim Andrews in Streaker is starting to put it all together. At our annual fall Hoover-Leatherlips Regatta Jim sailed to four firsts to win the series. His victory secured the Mayors trophy for yet another year at Hoover.

Our social season was filled with truly memorable events the most spectacular of which was a Luau complete with flaming torches, roasted pig, grass skirted wahinies and flowing Hawaiian music. It was the type party that should last forever.

It seems the season was all too short with docks out November 1, 1975. Needless to say there will be many thoughts of sailing while gazing into the fire this winter awaiting the spring thaw and a happy first launching.

RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB (357)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Delaware River at
Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Fleet Captain George L. Betz
Fleet Secretary Bruce R. Kloss
Fleet Champion Franz Schneider
Runner-Up Bruce R. Kloss

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4774	Hustler	Martin Gennett
5558	Mary Jo	Raymond M. Horwitz, Jr.
6929	.....	George Rhawn, Jr.
7278	.....	Bruce R. Kloss
8181	HA HA	Tom Slook
8379	Ta 'Aroa	Franz Schneider
8782	.....	Charles Yates
9970	.....	William S. Bliss, Jr.
10072	.....	Charles E. Smith
10249	.....	John K. Emery
10852	.....	Dr. Paul J. Grotzinger
11157	Truckin' On	Dr. Keith, Randy, Mark &
	Home	Martha Young
11666	Cirrus	John Teigland, Jr.
12081	.....	George Betz
12140	Daisy	Dr. John Fenlin
12167	.....	John C. Perkins
12438	Holy Terror	Horst G. Seydel
12728	Arrakis	Steve Sherman

The Red Dragon fleet had an active varied program this past season.

During the winter months we had two fleet parties. Our hosts for the first were Art and Jane Reis while John and Salley Fenlin held the second. There was always well attended events and were mared only by short business meetings.

Our Spring Series ran from May 11th through June 29th. We sailed twelve races which saw Mark and Franz Schneider co-skipper their Ta 'Aroa to a first place position. Second spot went to George Getz while Art Ries nipped John Fenlin for third.

On Memorial Day nineteen boats showed up for our regatta which was won by Mark Young. Second went to Mark Schneider and third was David Betz.

It was our turn to host the New Jersey State Championship this year. Twenty-eight boats were on the line and the boats from the bay area soon learned that it can blow on the river too. Nine boats broke down in the first race. The great majority of these were goose neck failures on the new aluminum spars. Dave Ruiter of the Metedeconk River Fleet emerged the Jersey Champion. Club mate

FLEET 357



SAILING ON THE DELAWARE RIVER
AT BEVERLY - NEW JERSEY

MEMORIAL DAY REGATTA MAY 30-31

INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA JULY 4-5

LABOR DAY REGATTA SEPT 5-6

FALL LIGHTNING REGATTA SEPT 18-19

Bill Newman was second and Gamma Trophy winner Bill Clausen finished third. Bill sails with the Ocean City fleet. Doc Fenlin was the first Red Dragon boat finishing in ninth place. Franz Schneider had to drop out of a middle of the fleet position in the first race with a broken WOOD MAST. A ten year old splice sheared resting the point of the splice neatly on the deck. Thanks to resident boat builder Harry Horner, Ta 'Aroa was back in commission for the Bay Head Regatta the next weekend.

Our July 4th regatta was dominated by the Penn Manor Fleet. Gracious Allen Crew finished first and Gerry Bell was third. Holding up the honor of the Dragon, Art Reis finished second. We were all happy to see young Bucky Kloss pick up his first regatta win in the last race.

John Fenlin lead a field of eleven boats sailing in our summer series that ran from July 4th to Labor Day. Second at the finish line went to John Emery and third to Chuck Smith and family.

Labor Day saw another good turn out. Unfortunately some winner intoxicated with the glory of combat snatched the final results before this reporter could copy them.

Franz Schneider won our fall series that ended November 2nd. Tie for points but in second place was Bucky Kloss. John Emery finished third.

We decided to try something new this year for our fleet championship series. Rather than striking an average score based on our three club series events it was decided to designate six Sundays as Championship dates. An effort was made to pick times without conflicts and dates on which we historically had low turn outs. The idea was to stimulate interest and boost participation. It did seem to work. Franz Schneider emerged as fleet champion with a 13.25 point advantage over second place Bucky Kloss. Bucky in turn had a 6.75 point advantage over third place John Emery. John Fenlin edged out Chuck Smith for fourth spot on a boat for boat basis tie. Both were only 1.25 points behind the Emery team. Thirteen boats participated.

Our season was not without our usual run of cook-outs and parties on our sprawling club lawn. The annual Shad Dinner in the Spring added an element of festivity to float launching in April. In October a lobster dinner suitably rewarded voyagers returning from the marathon race around Burlington Island.

Last years Junior series did not get off the ground this year as many fathers were faced with the reality that just maybe the kid was better than Dad. Bucky Kloss Jr., Bill Smith, Robert Slook, and Mark Schneider have all emerged as very respectable competition.

Certainly this can go down in the record book as a good year for the Red Dragon Fleet.



"Red Dragon Canoe Club wrapped up for the winter."

LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358) Switzerland District Sailing on Lake of Murten at Switzerland

Fleet Captain Ernst Schar
Fleet Secretary Marlyse Divernois-Merz
Fleet Champion Peter Bernasconi
Runner-Up Urs Wyler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7805	.....	Dr. Herbert Carnes
8190	Sarabande	Rolf Buchschacher
8191	Liz	Walter Senn
8623	Aphrodite	Robert Bodmer
9067	Chico	Louis Dilger
9068	Milan II	Werner Schmid
9131	Triton IV	Dr. Ernst Hausamann
9357	Viola II	Erich Messner
9362	Jumegal	Dr. Jacques Bachmann
10276	Carpediem	Ernst Baumann
10464	Baba Yaga	Ueli & Max Aebi
10465	Malibu	Hans F. Meyer
10715	Hausi	Ernst Schar
10898	El Lloron	Bernhard Kunzer
10899	.....	Daniel Fischlin
12088	Noa III	Peter Bernasconi
12089	Raiatea	Ulrich Beck
12307	Dambema	Dr. Bernhard Gruninger
12310	.....	Dr. B. Hadorn
12312	Quicksilver	R. Fluhmann & M. Divernois
12635	Polymero	Jack Beck
12637	Waggu	Rudolf, Urs & Peter Wyler

We started the sailing season with a ski-training in Berne's Lower Alps. During six trainings and one training-week on the lake we prepared ourselves for the races of the 1975 season.

This year, especially two boats were successful. Mr. Wyler and his sons won the District-Point-Championship, the Cami-Kaze-Cup and the "Pfauen-Cup" with 17 starting boats. Peter Bernasconi and his crew beat the 10 adversary boats in the Fleet-Championship. Another outstanding result for this crew was the fourth place they brought back from the European Championship in Finland.

As the social occasions are almost as important as the boat-races, I would like to cordially thank the family Wylers and Mr. and Mrs. Divernois on this occasion for their invitations and realization of the two merry sailing-parties.

Moreover, I especially thank those who took some work off my shoulders and who energetically supported my training of the juniors of the fleet.

For next year I have a special wish: I would like to meet each member of the fleet at least once a year at one of both the social and sailing occasions.

NORMANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (366) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay at Normandy Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary Margaret Mary Dimon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12	Kathy's Mink	Frederick P. Collani
9546	Hot Canary	Ted La Pier
10270	Ecstatic	Edward Schwalje
11972	Scream Mimi	Mimi Dimon
12789	.....	Charles Thrower

No Report.

COHASSET LIGHTNING FLEET (369) New England District Sailing on Cohasset Harbor at Cohasset, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain William Kelley
Fleet Secretary Taffy Nothnagle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6335	Papillon	John B. Meyer
7379	.....	Bob Koure
7520	Free Spirit	Geoffrey Nothnagle
9540	Shannon	Kathleen Kelley

No Report.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372) California District Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California

Fleet Captain Mark Patty
Fleet Secretary Ann Patty
Fleet Champion Wayne Fitch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9169	Genie II	Bill Hole
10369	Borne Free	Wally Breuner
10481	Pooh! Son of	Wayne Fitch
10809	.....	Jack McCarthy
11511	Peppermint Patty	Bruce B. Arnold
11514	Molly Brown II	Stan Starkey
11548	.....	Joseph T. Watson
11744	Raggedy Ann 2	Mark Patty
12713	.....	Wayne S. Boutell
.....	.....	William A. Ruhl

It would be hard to believe that any fleet had more fun than we did this year. Traveling is our thing in the Bay Area, and this year we broke all our mileage records, gas shortages or not, as each active member accumulated thousands of miles on the road. Our normal Small Boat Racing Association schedule takes us to a full season of racing at various yacht clubs all around the Bay Area. On any weekend we might be sailing the shifts of a lake, climbing the swells of the Pacific Ocean, or letting it all out, blasting around San Francisco Bay. We love this variety that few fleets are afforded.

This was also the year of the San Francisco attack on any fleet within range. Our first confrontation with the Southern California boats occurred at the California Circuit, Easter Week. Five of our "war-mongers" made the trek to the sunny South and a week of racing and great fun. Our Fleet's performance was worth the trip as we took home the major share of a whole variety of laurels.

With the sweet taste of victory still with us, we immediately planned a surprise attack to the North. In the early morning darkness we penetrated the borders of the Pacific Northwest District. We set up camp for a few quick "Z's" at a rest stop to be fresh for the final plunge into the enemy entrenchment at Eugene Yacht Club, where our small force of three would take on an enemy battalion of thirty. When the now-famous Battle of Blickle Hill had ended, we bounced merrily home with an acceptable performance of a second by Wayne Fitch, sixth by Jack McCarthy, and ninth by Mark Patty.

We hosted the Pacific Coast Championships, sailed in a full variety of San Francisco Bay conditions. Wayne Fitch honored us with a second and Mark Patty with a fifth. We had a great time with the PCC's and look forward to hosting them again in 1977. Also a thanks goes to the participants from the North and South for coming to sail at our home.

Our last major offensive of the season was again directed South. Five of our gang scooted down to Lake Cachuma near Santa

Barbara for the "Billie Boswell Memorial". Super weather, super wind, super camping, and a super 1, 2, 3 performance by Wayne Fitch, Stan Starkey, and Mark Patty.

Every fleet has a success story; this year, unfortunately, ours is Wayne Fitch. Wayne started the season with unbelievably wonderful bad luck. His new sails kept disintegrating; then he broke his mast — too bad. He suffered inexcusable delays getting a new oval at a time when Eastern water was still hard. However, good things must end and he finally got things back together again and commenced to be fast. Fast enough to lead our Fleet at major regattas into the Winner's Circle, and fast enough to come from way behind in Fleet standings to Fleet Champ. Congratulations, Wayne! Although we shouldn't admit it, we love you!

Capsize King of the year was Mark Patty who made Wayne's comeback a little easier by dumping three times in late season races.

We gained a new member in the form of Bob Smith. Bob hasn't missed any event since he started. What more could a Fleet want in an active new member?

Jack McCarthy broke his mast at the PCC's. If he moves as well as Wayne with the new oval, then next year we'll all have one.

There's always next year, and we're looking forward to another one like this one. Stan Starkey will be working hard to regain the Fleet Champ title, everyone else will be working just as hard to see that no one but themselves get it. Wayne won't get it because we're planning to sink his boat under the Golden Gate.

FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNINGS DE PERNAMBUCO (373)

Brazil District

Sailing on Timbo River at

Maria Farinha Beach, Recife, Pernambuco

Fleet Secretary Leonel Balicas
Fleet Champion Carlos Russel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8548	Cobicado	Luiz Roberto Guedes Alcoforado
8878	Fetche	Epaninondas C. Albuquerque Filho
9041	Netuno	Leonel Balicas
9078	Orange	Carlos Alberto Correia Araujo
9214	Flash	Luiz Fernando Salazar Oliveira
9301	Pandango	Luiz Gonzaga de Araujo Carvalho
9774	Jangadeiro	Ernesto de Oliveira Cavalcanti
11710	Irema	Ricardo Essinger
11713	Xamego	Mario Jacome Filho
12440	Patua	Carlos Augusto Basto Russell
12524	Adamastor	Joao Augusto de Carvalho

Fleet 373 is located within the premises of the Cabanga Yacht Club by the riverside of the Timbo river and only a few hundred yards away from the Maria Farinha beach, in which waters the local regattas are run.

The club premises are found inside tough woods of huge swinging coconut palm trees and smelly cashewnut trees which makes it a charming place.

The Maria Farinha beach itself is a beach of very low depth waters and so, the Lightning regattas can only be run during full tides. The beach is also a small waves one, as it is protected by a natural straight wall of reefs, found a few hundred yards from the coast. Because of this, the place is not used for normal navigation. There are supposed to be sharks in these dark green hot calm waters however, so far, and for many years, nobody has seen or heard about one. So, if anyone wants to join us in our regattas, no sharks to be afraid of.

The fleet, presently, is formed by four fiberglass boats and five wooden boats. There is not much hope of having more fiberglass boats as they are not manufactured in Brasil and the import restrictions make it a very difficult job. The fleet suffers from the distances from the main competition centers, Rio and Sao Paulo, as a four or five days truck trip is required to have boats there, and so, technical interchange becomes also very difficult.

As to the 1975 fleet performance, the results are these:

The local championship is held by the skipper Mr. Carlos Russel whose crew are his two sons "Beto" and Emilio. Three boats attended the national championship in Sao Paulo. An eight place was held by Mr. Joao Augusto Carvalho, and a 7th place by Mr. Carlos Russell. Two boats, the same above, are qualified to attend the next Pan American championship.

The fleet wants to spread the message that being located in quite a touristic place, foreign Lightning skippers and crew are welcome for information interchange. The Cabanga Club has its headquarters close downtown Recife and is prepared to receive inside its premises small and medium size sailing yachts. So, all facilities will be given to those who want to visit us here in Recife.

DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

Michigan District

Sailing on Douglas Lake at
Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain John G. Young
Fleet Secretary Earl J. Peters
Fleet Champion Earl J. Peters
Runner-Up Maurice Olsaver

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2541	.....	Wendell Judson
2843	Thunderbird	Graham Paton
7207	Don Quixote	Howard Eddy
9394	Spirit	Manley Osgood
9663	Daddy-O II	Maurice Olsaver
10198	Mer Sea	John G. Young
11055	Nanshe	Richard S. Crane
11214	Mod Mid	Earl J. Peters
12178	Ursa Major	G. Rene Hall
12754	Shrub	David O. Peters

At the completion of our season, Earl Peters rated fleet champion with Maurice Olsaver runner-up, followed by Howard Eddy, Bud Osgood, Rene Hall and Jack Youngs.

Fleet #374, sailing on Douglas Lake, is a group of families who have cottages for R & R. There is a very competitive spirit and a beach party after each race day, boosts interest and slows the adrenalin so that husbands, and those wives who have crewed, can return to their cottage and enjoy a peaceful dinner hour.

The annual three-race Labor Day regatta was a wind-swept, rain drenched affair with Dave Peters, wife (Shrub) and Rick Chapman taking honors.

Weather conditions altered the seasons-end "cook out" as completion of the final race called for hot showers and dry clothing. After the "laundry" was hung up, we proceeded to an inside get-together at fleet captain, Rick Crane's. During the meeting, he presented two trophies — a second place trophy for the Labor Day series, won by Jack Young, who also acquired the "bottoms up" award for his exploit just after crossing the finish line of the last race. The other trophy, most improved record, was given to Maurice Olsaver.

Blending the adventure of racing with the sheer pleasure and relaxation of sailing should result in a good 1976 season.

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Lansing at
Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain Tom Caterino
Fleet Secretary Sandra Hurlbutt
Fleet Champion Robert Hill
Runner-Up Ray Yerkie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3618	.....	James Haughey
5885	Red Baroness	Raymond Yerkie
7877	Beaux-Jangles	Fred D. Hurlbutt
8288	.....	Thomas Caterino
11468	Rubber Duckie	Anton de Kok
11488	Diligence	Robert M. Hill
12328	.....	Marian Stevens

Fleet 387 had a very active sailing season. Thanks to abundant rainfall, the water level remained high all during the racing season.

The number of racing enthusiasts rose considerably for our fleets this year. We were able to have five or more boats on the starting line each Sunday.

Robert Hill remains fleet champion. Ray Yerkie finished second and Anton de Kok third.

Our annual Tune-Up Regatta was held May 3-4. Bill McKinley and crew took first place. Gary Cameron, John Corbett and Charlie Schreck finished second, third and fourth respectively.

FLOTTA DI FORMIA (389)

Italian District

Sailing on Formia Bay, Italy

Fleet Captain Giuseppe Chiota
Fleet Secretary Giuseppe Chiota

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8729	Surprise	Circolo Nautico Caposele
9679	Antonilla	Giuseppe Chiota

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL FARO (390)
Italian District
Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Cervia, Italy

Fleet Captain Sergio Cottignoli
Fleet Secretary Sergio Cottignoli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9599	Claudia	Giovanni Tampieri
9940	Lauretta	Giacomo Mongardi
10170	Margherita	Sergio Cottignoli

No Report.

WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB (391)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Captain James Marlow, Jr.
Fleet Secretary James Hudson
Fleet Champion James Marlow, Jr.
Runner-Up William Sloger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10101	.....	James G. Hudson
10149	Bud Man	Joe Ross
10327	Tar Baby	Bryan Lyndon
10432	Mistral	James Marlow, Jr.
10553	Aunt Mary	Morris Clayton
10723	.....	George Cocorus
10807	Maggie	Thomas E. Bates
10810	Jubilee	George Story
10885	.....	Albert M. Rickman, Jr.
11007	Blue Jeans	Kilby D. Smith, III
11343	.....	Thomas A. Babb
11738	Tabasco	William Sloger



What did he say?

"The racing schedule consisted of 25 races sailed between April and October. Our new fleet champion is a newcomer to Lightnings and to racing. He has gained proficiency in a very short time, having purchased his Lightning in mid 1973.

We have added an enthusiastic sailor to our fleet this year. Kip Smith recently purchased #11007 and we look forward to his presence on the line next spring.

Our annual regatta was given a new name — The Jib n' Tonic and a record 33 boats sailed in varying conditions. The winds were light and shifty Saturday, but on Sunday blew at about 25 knots for a real all-around test of sailing skills. It was won by Tom Waters of Orangeburg, with Gordon Etty second, Gordon Kellogg third, and William Sloger, Jr., fourth."

MANITOWOC LIGHTNING FLEET (393)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan at
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Ron Schapey
Fleet Secretary Bob Waid

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9763	Circa	Billie E. Williamson
9823	Hunky Dory	Robert A. Waid
10632	Oden	Ronald Schaper
12380	Flatus	Karl M. Miller

Fleet 393 kicked off the 1975 season with an organizational meeting in May which was well attended by skippers, crews, and several prospective new boat owners. Courses were established to the north and south of the Manitowoc harbor entrance with races scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 6:00 and Saturday afternoons at 1:00 from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A Lightning film was enjoyed by all following the meeting.

The season saw the fleet grow to five boats with the addition of Ruben Kluczinski's boat, "In Laws". Ruben had just completed rejuvenating Lightning #1259 and she promises to be very fast indeed. With two more boats being overhauled and a new skipper looking for a boat to buy, we anticipate a larger fleet for 1976.

Weather was exceptional this year, especially for Lake Michigan which is noted for having either too much or too little air. Most Wednesday races were run on the short course as winds generally fail just before sunset, while Saturdays usually saw strong westerlys make for exciting races. Ron Schaper took top honors in both the Wednesday and Saturday series.

In addition to regular Wednesday and Saturday races a special Labor Day Series was held on Sunday and Monday. Strong northeasterly winds piled four and five foot seas into Manitowoc harbor and foul weather gear was the order of the day for all sailors.

By Labor Day the salmon have moved inshore and our course was crowded by sports fishing boats. It was a credit to the fishermen that they realized a race was in progress and made way for the flying Lightnings.

Karl Miller, avid midwest district regatta sailor, proceeded to show us what heavy weather sailing is all about and took both races by wide margins.

The awards banquet in January caps off a fine season of racing in Manitowoc, and everyone looks forward to a larger fleet and favorable winds next spring.

NASIJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (394)
Finland District
Sailing on Lake Nasijarvi in Tampere, Finland

Fleet Captain Pentti Vesanen
Fleet Secretary Timo Lonroth

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7895	Matti Kokko
8216	Matti Parssinen
12257	Antti Ruuskanen

For many years Nasijarvi Lightning Fleet 394 has been divided into two parts. This summer only about four boats sailed on Nasijarvi Lake and an equal amount of boats on Mallasvesi Lake. Unfortunately this summer cooperation of this two parts of the fleet has been very poor.

In June there was one ranking race of Finnish Lightning District on Nasijarvi Lake. Then we had visitors from Pori and Helsinki fleets. After heavy winds and exciting races Ruuskanen won the regatta and Lahdemaki from Pori was second. At the beginning of August another Regatta was held in Tampere. There were only two boats on line and Salo with famous Vib won two races and Vesanen won one.

Sailors in Valkeakoski sailed about eight tune-up races. Although activity on Nasijarvi and Mallasvesi Lakes wasn't very great, two sailors of fleet 394 races quite a lot all around Finland. Koivisto from Valkeakoski took part in a long distance race on Pajanne Lake and he was with Ruuskanen in Keuruu the place of European Championships this year. Ruuskanen won the European Championships, was second at the Finnish District Championships and won the ranking series but this summer he didn't sail but once on Nasijarvi Lake.

All Lightning sailors in Fleet 394 hope that next summer is better and more new boats would race on the lakes of the area of our fleet.