

LAKE CHARLES FLEET (399)

Southern District
Sailing on Lake Charles at
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Larry Frost
Fleet Secretary Fran Frost
Fleet Champion Larry Frost
Runner-Up Richard Hebert

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8287	.....	H. Allen Greene
11056	El Jefe	Jeff Hooper
11058	Libra	Ernest C. Hunt
11866	Dixie II	Jimmy Welch
12117	Green-Go	Jimmy W. White
12335	FF	Larry Frost
.....	.....	Robert Cox



Fleet Champ Larry Frost and his crew doing their thing!

The Lake Charles Yacht Club has as a big part of its activities, an almost year around sailing program. We started our year with a Tune Up Regatta. We had a good turn out in all classes and Larry Frost won the Lightning races.

This year many of our club races fell on the same weekends as out of town regattas. So, skippers had to make a choice. Larry Frost and Allan Green went to Shreveport. Going out of town cost Frost first place in the Spring series but Shreveport is always a great place to go. The Spring series at the club was won by Jimmy White with Frost coming in second.

The club hosted its annual Contraband Days in May. The "out of towners" won it all, Ballatin and Cal Herman were first and second. Both skippers are from New Orleans. GYA was sailed in Fairhope, Alabama. Frost and White were the only skippers who went, but White did not stay for the entire regatta. He came home and sailed in the club races the same weekend giving him another first in the Summer Series. Frost again finished second.

LCYC and Fleet 399 hosted the annual Southern Districts. As usual with a big regatta the weather was unpredictable-variable to fluky. Cal Herman won first with Larry Frost second and Buck Ballatin third. Larry Frost represented Fleet 399 at the North Americans. Upon returning, in fact the very next weekend, Frost went to Labor Day Regatta in New Orleans and came home with a third place trophy. A few weeks later he went to the Fall Regatta in Fairhope and won the Overton Perpetual Trophy.

Back in home waters, the club held its Fleet Championship Series. Frost won easily making it the third year in a row.

ST. MARYS LIGHTNING FLEET (400)

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8441	Adam's Rib	Al Siegfried
9884	Sandbagger	Robert Kruger
10894	.....	Dr. Ken Miller
11515	.....	Roger Henkener
11777	.....	Dr. Robert Wilkins
12046	.....	Addis & Tom Katterheinrich
.....	.....	Phillip Cornett

Our club series started May 4, 1975. The next week, Wilkins and Kruger sailed at Indian Lake's Shakedown Regatta. The following week Fleet 400 ran the Interlakes Regatta sponsored by our club. Two more weeks of club racing, then the Lightning's turn for our Fifth Thundermug Regatta. The report is in the Aug. issue of Flashes. Five more weekends of racing and preparing for the Ohio Districts to be held at our club, July 10-13. This report is in the Sept. Flashes. We sailed the summer at home except for one run up to Devil's Lake, Mich., Katterheinrich and Wilkins decided to crew for Kruger on this one. We felt with a combined experience of thirty some odd years, well, you know it worked. We sailed like we did way back then. We really had fun though. But then, isn't that what sailing is really all about?

LAKE KEYSTONE LIGHTNING FLEET (402)

Central States District
Sailing on Lake Keystone at Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fleet Captain Eric R. Michaelis
Fleet Secretary James R. Head
Fleet Champion Eric R. Michaelis
Runner-Up Richard Bartlett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7115	.....	Ted Hobson
9470	.....	Richard S. Bartlett
10517	.....	James Head
10543	Windycrest	John Evinger
10757	Leprechaun	Eric R. Michaelis
11111	Capricorn	G. C. Spillers, Jr.
11367	.....	Jack Zink
11736	.....	James Head
Life Member	.....	Stan Brander

This year the Fleet Captain became our Fleet Champion. With determined consistency Eric Michaelis and his family crew of Peter and Catherine won the honors. Hilda, his spouse, crewed only when the Captain ordered! His son, Peter, is doing well in the club junior races.

Jack Zink, with his usual consistency and determination (and one must consider that he has not sailed for a year) won the Districts at Topeka. Further, he was just fresh from winning the Baja 500 where a 'tack' is something to be avoided.

Jim Head, son John, and Dick Bartlett were in fourth spot at the Districts despite breakage in each race.

BODENSEE FLEET (404)

Switzerland District
Sailing on Lake Bodensee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain V. Schaal

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9481	Desire	P. Broglie
10288	Butterfly	P. Eigenmann

No Report.

JUANITA BAY SAILING FLEET (414)

Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Lake Washington at Juanita Bay

Fleet Captain Bruce Cosacchi
Fleet Secretary Ron Loewen
Fleet Champion Greg Zettler
Runner-Up Bob Forgie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6560	.....	John A. Cournoyer
10319	Six Pak	Richard Ensminger
10498	Perhaps	Stuart Cohen
10694	Katydid	Bob Kennard
10699	.....	John Stam
10867	Blue Jay	Frank Paine
10945	.....	J. Robert Forgie
11031	.....	Richard Muffett
11141	.....	Jim Muri
11457	Mrs. Henry VIII	Greg Zettler
11470	.....	Ronald P. Loewen
11482	.....	Earl P. Lasher III
11636	.....	Rod Johnson
11722	.....	Kurt Seiffert
11974	.....	Frank L. Wise
11975	.....	John Woodward

Fleet 414 had a very competitive year with four different skippers taking first place in the various series; Evening series, Bob Forgie, Twilight series, Rod Johnson, and Spring series, Greg Zettler. Greg also won the Championship race series with Bob Forgie close behind. Bob is probably one of the most improved skippers in the fleet and has done well in the regattas on the circuit as well. Frank Paine won the Holiday series.

Fleet 414 participated heavily in the "out of town" regattas and took home winning trophies at Eugene, Oregon, Portland, Oregon, Vancouver, B.C. (District Championships were won by Rod Johnson), Seattle P.I.Y.A., and Lake Chelan. Kurt Seiffert was untouchable at Lake Chelan with three straight wins! Our team also won the team races held in Seattle under less than ideal conditions of heavy rain and extremely high winds.

We all look forward to next year, and expect the good competition and fine sportsmanship that made 1975 great.



Greg Zettler shows winning style during the Fleet Championship Series.

TRIAD (415) Southeastern District Sailing on High Rock Lake at Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain David Pfefferkorn
Fleet Secretary Bill Pleasants
Fleet Champion David Pfefferkorn
Runner-Up Clayton "Corky" Gray

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6848	Chantrelle	Warren & Carl W. Osborne
9568	.....	Robert H. Proffitt
10396	.....	Roger Efird
10519	Good Grief	E. J. Markushewski
10728	No Trump	Dr. William Montgomery
11027	Check-Mate	Sam Booke
11052	Snake Bit	Harry Anderson
11503	Joe Bstpink	Ed Idol
12281	Moon Shine	Henry M. Booke
12336	.....	William W. Pleasants
12701	Tigre III	David Pfefferkorn
12740	.....	Frank Banese
12776	.....	Clayton "Corky" Gray

The Triad Fleet 415 continued its steady growth during the season with the addition of three new members, Terry Reynolds, Mike Quigley and Roger Efird. Roger sailed a boat with a long history of wins with several fleet championships to its credit. As well as new faces, new boats appeared as investments were made in the newest of racing equipment.

The apparent success of the mini-series of the previous year led the fleet to continue the practice of having two seasons between April and October. The first of the series was won by Corky Gray, but David Pfefferkorn dominated the final series and captured the overall Fleet Championship. David's win ended Corky's hold on the coveted title; however, not to be denied silver, Corky completed the season a close second and a former fleet champion, Penny Booke, took third place honors.

June seventh and eighth ushered in the annual Triad Lightning Regatta. In typical 415 style the event grew, increasing from twelve boats in 1974 to twenty-two in 1975. The weather was ideal but home crews could not manage to reap the rewards of a fine regatta. Tom Waters returned to Orangeburg, S.C. with first place metal and crew trophies. A keg of free beer, a barbeque Saturday evening, as well as entertainment by guitar playing David Pfefferkorn and accompanist characterized the fun and fellowship of the week-end. The Labor Day holidays brought another enjoyable week-end even though the wind was less than cooperative.

The fleet completed its eighth successful season as members planned a frost-bite series in hopes of maintaining the sailing skills through the winter months. The sailors of Fleet 415 look to the coming season with expectations of a bigger and better year.



Fleet 416 Champion Jim McCluskey and crew 'Get It Together' for a winning season.

CLARK LAKE FLEET (416)

Michigan District

Sailing on Clark Lake, Jackson, Michigan

Fleet Captain	George Bender
Fleet Secretary	Bill Meadowcroft
Fleet Champion	Jim McCluskey
Runner-Up	George Bender

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2945	.....	Ted L. Townsend
9489	Froth & Sloss	George Bender
12285	Au Revoir	Bill Meadowcroft
12723	.....	Ted Townsend

The 1975 season at Clark Lake was encouraging from the standpoint of new boats and upgrading the fleet. Racing, however, did not entice many members out of their lawn chairs, with the result that only three boats qualified for the season. The year-end regatta was the usual success, however, participation was also reduced in all classes.

MISSISSINewa LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (420)

Indiana District

Sailing on the Mississinewa Lake, Peru, Indiana

Fleet Secretary John Nixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6902	Shibicamajo	Bill Lester
11199	.....	Explorer Ship 5802
12234	Happiness Is	Y.M.C.A.

This pore ol' fleet just never seems to get its feet off the ground, but it still wound up with a highly successful sixth annual October regatta, attended by 25 boats.

The only active racer is John Nixon. He races at Wawasee and can help only during the middle of the week. But one never knows when a hot shot will move into Peru or neaby Grissom Air Force Base.

The WANFINLRAPMUP regatta, held Oct. 18-19 occurred during the only, absolutely only, sour weekend in September and October. But the people keep coming back and more new faces are added each year.

The cocktail party at the Nixon house took place instead of Saturday's racing, but Sunday three were squeezed off. Bruce Girkins, Toledo, N.C.Y.C. was first, followed by Hank Hodgson, Devil's Lake Mich. YC; John Mueller, Cleveland YC; Burt Preston, Mansfield (Ohio) Sailing Club. Then there was a surprising three-way tie for fifth; John Brewster, Corinthian YC (Chicago); Merrill Bales, Devil's Lake; and George Buckingham, Wawasee (Ind.) YC.

PENN MANOR LIGHTNING FLEET (422)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Van Sciver Lake, Tullytown, Pa.

Fleet Captain Pete Murray
Fleet Secretary Gerry Bell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5074	.....	J. Robert Bauman
8405	Judy	Charles Groff
9430	Liki Tiki	Gregg J. Funari
10380	Hizakite	Gary Swangler
10766	Peachunk	Paul Hamm
11124	Swampy-Skunkbucket	Dwight Hutchison
11182	Menace II	George Dennis, Jr.
11340	Lemoncort	Martin F. Feybusch
12165	Ooga-ooga	A. Peter Murray & Gary Blanchard
12695	.....	Jerome Montana

There were no new Lightning sailors racing, and several established boats were out for the season so this was not exactly a landmark year for Lightning Fleet 422. There were, however, several good races in June and August.

Activity off the lake was good this year. Phil Dennis sailed the majority of the season with world's qualified, Bill Newman at the New Jersey shore and the North American Championships. Phil says he will be sailing at the lake next year, so we'll wait and see what tricks he has in store for us then.

Exclusive of Phil's collection, four pieces of silver were brought home by three boats from Fleet 422. They were won by Dwight Hutchison, Greg Funari and Gerry Bell.

The coming year has already started off well with several new members and new programs. Throughout the winter the fleet is having seminars on boat handling, tuning, racing rules, strategy and tactics. In the spring we will combine experienced and non-experienced sailors and put into practice what has been learned in seminars.

YACHT CLUB PAYSANDU (423)

Uruguayan District

Sailing on Rio Uruguay at Paysandu, Uruguay, South America

Fleet Secretary Carlos Fraschini

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4349	Ayra	Daniel Zannier & Pablo Patrone
4438	Osiras	Charles Celeri & Bernardo Rasnik
8403	Pilotin II	Carlos Fraschini
8414	Timbo	Homero Maria Came
11376	Dirki	Homero R. Came

No Report.

HAMPTON ROADS FLEET (426)

Dixie District

Sailing on Lower Chesapeake Bay at Virginia Beach, Virginia

Fleet Captain Dan MacLean
Fleet Secretary Dan MacLean

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11568	Molaga	Cdr. O. L. Woodbury
11648	Sea Otter	Daniel P. MacLean, Jr.

No Report.

PYHASEKLA LIGHTNING FLEET (428)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Pyhaselka at Joensuu, Finland

Fleet Captain Osmo Tanskanen
Fleet Secretary Hannu Susitaival
Fleet Champion Osmo Tanskanen
Runner-Up Martti Hartikainen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7183	Annina	Hakon Susitaival
11892	Hulrop	Martti Hartikainen
12581	Tico-Tico	Osmo Tanskanen
12760	.....	Reino Moller
.....	Carolina	Kauko Ryhanen
.....	Sextant	Mr. Ahola

During the past season Pyhaselka fleet there is amounted up to 6 boats and there is good hope for still more increase next year. The regatta for fleet championship was hold in very bad weather, + 5 C° and 6-8 bf., two masts were broken and also other minor accidents happened.

THE GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Charleston Harbor at Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Henry Russell
Fleet Secretary Pam Russell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	Craig Trayer
8760	Shazam	Leslie W. Hall
10009	Acid Queen	Elizabeth A. Sposato
12029	.....	Harold L. Hintz
12704	Limon	John A. Gastright, M.D.
12709	Second Wynd	Henry Russell
12742	Summer Wind II	Harvey McCormick

For the Greater Charleston Lightning Fleet, 1975 was a year of growth and enthusiasm. We were joined by four new members: Craig Thayer, Paul Hydrick, Richard Sposato, and Joe Nemeth. Three of our members ordered new boats, and it wasn't long before several of the other boats sported new oval masts, sails, and super go-fast gadgets.

In keeping with our reputation of being a traveling fleet, we took at least half our fleet to every invitational regatta held in our district. We even had a few die hards to venture off to the Frigid Digit in Annapolis and the Blue Nose in Nashville. Due to this extensive traveling, we have had to postpone our fleet championship races until winter. However, with our good Charleston climate, this shouldn't be a problem.

We are very proud of Harvey McCormick who qualified in our district regatta for the North American Championship held in Hilton Head, S. C., this year. After sailing well in the qualifying races Harvey earned a place in the Championship Fleet.

Our annual invitational was held on August 2 and 3 with thirty boats registered to race. In spite of occasional periods of light air and some showers, the racing was intense with some noisy action at the turning marks. If anyone thought the mark roundings were noisy, they should have caught the party Saturday night at one of the local pizza parlors. When it was all over Sunday, John McIntosh was first, Tom Waters second, Harvey McCormick third, Gordon Ettie fourth, and Bert Berry fifth.

Our fleet testifies to the ability of the Lightning to be a family racing boat as most of our crews are our wives and kids. Promotion of the Lightning class in our area and an active sailing season promise to make 1976 a busy year. Good Sailing!

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Gordon Buzby
Fleet Secretary Eleanor Parker
Fleet Champion Gordon Buzby
Runners-Up John Parker, James Kavle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7195	Sandpiper	William H. Lindsay, Jr.
10373	April	Stokes F. Burtis, Jr.
10764	Minnums	John A. Pfister
10775	Eljon	John J. Parker
10778	Bee Hive	Gorden Buzby
11061	Peaches	George P. Glenn, Jr.
12687	White Lightning	Dr. C. James Kavle

Fleet 430 had an active season at its home base, the Ocean City Yacht Club. The ocean breezes were consistent throughout the summer, however, the currents proved to be a major factor in 1975, causing many races to be finished close to the time limit. There were separate Saturday and Sunday series of races. A special Fourth of July "America's Cup" regatta, Labor Day "Flag Officer's" regatta, and the usual Ocean City multi-class regatta were also held.

The Fleet Champion, on the basis of a first in the Sunday series and excellent sailing in the Saturday series was Dr. Gordon Buzby, assisted by his knowledgeable crew, George Gaynor and Jane Golden. First place in the Saturday Series and Third place in the Fleet championship series was Dr. James Kavle with his sons, James Kavle and Edward Kavle. Special congratulations go to Dr. Kavle for achievement in his first year of Lightning racing, and to Mrs. Kavle for her work with our Lightning Fleet and the Ocean City Yacht Club. Second in both series and the Fleet championship series was John Parker, with his wife Eleanor and Bob Leonetti. Third in the Saturday series was Bill Lindsay, with his wife Denise and son John Lindsay as crew. Third place honors in the Sunday series went to our junior skipper (17) Gidge Glenn, assisted by his father and mother, Dr. George Glenn and Peaches Glenn. It should be noted that Gidge Glenn recorded the largest margin of victory this year, 45 minutes (Do you believe it?), in winning the third race of the "America's Cup" regatta. The number of different skippers receiving trophies proves that strong competition has grown in our fleet. The highlight of the awards banquet was Dr. Buzby receiving the Sportsmanship Trophy.

Bill Clausen of Fleet 99 won the Ocean City Open Regatta with three firsts, assisted by his crew, Carol Parker and Erv McGargee. John and Eleanor Parker crewed for Bill Clausen in the fall to win for the second straight year the Gamma Trophy (Delaware Valley Championship series).

Fleet 430 was again encouraged by strong interest shown by the Juniors of the club. Scott Eckenhoff's crewing interest in Lightnings has resulted in our commodore, Mr. Ted Eckenhoff, purchasing a Lightning. We welcome their addition to Fleet 430. More and more crews were seen skipping this season which we hope will create the growth of interest by the Juniors of our club. WE hope our growth continues in 1976.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)

Texas District
Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain Richard Guinan
Fleet Secretary John Haynes
Fleet Champion Bob Thomas

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5241	Leakin' Lena	Tom Kurth
7496	Slot Machine	Greg Porter
10275	Pokey	Mike McManus
10318	Go 4th	Bob Glatter
10538	Sweet Pea	Joe Gordon
10987	Blast Off	Bill & Harris Garrett
11046	.....	John W. Blakemoore
11118	Road Runner	John Haynes
11311	Rockwall Success	Bob Thomas
11877	Waterlog	Warren Lewis
11955	.....	Richard Guinan
11956	Shady Lady	Roger Wach
11957	The Sting	George Hatfield
12003	Blood, Sweat & Tears	Rick Tears
12052	Bewitched	Sylvan Newman
12099	Bubbles	David Pittman
12488	Corks On	Bill & Harris Garrett
12530	Heath Kit	Bill Snook
12834	Tequila Sunrise	Duncan Porter
12837	.....	Jim Craig

Our sailing season will end with the 1975 edition of the Texas Thanksgiving Regatta, which, at this writing, is a few days off. The 1974 edition was spent indoors enjoying the fellowship of competitors frustrated by impossible weather. Last year's disappointment has not kept anyone from attending his year. Pre-registration indicates a forty boat fleet, including such luminaries as Bruce Goldsmith, Tom Allen, Bill Buckles and Papa John Mueller.

Our fleet has enjoyed a year of rapid growth. There have been more transactions in new and used boats than space permits accounting. During the year, we were pleased to welcome as new members of the fleet, Harris and Barbara Morgan, Vernon and Judy Goldberg, Irwin and Irma Grossman, Byron Bynum, Joe and Cindy Gordon, Keith Renard, and Tom and Paula Kurth.

Steve Gilson has gone "inactive" due to poor health, but, hopefully, he will return sometime in 1976. David and Barbara Pittman recently announced that David is being transferred to Memphis where they plan to become active in Fleet 274.

In our fleet, competition is not dominated by a small group of elites. This has not always been the case and we find that when there are six or seven boats fully capable of winning any race, sailing becomes more exciting. Bob Thomas won the Fleet Championship Series this year. The fleet attended the Shrevesport Holiday in the Dixie Regatta and placed seven boats in the first ten with Duncan Porter winning the Regatta. The Texas Districts were held at Rush Creek and were won by Jim Craig with Duncan Porter finishing second. Jim Craig and Bob Thomas represented our fleet and the Texas District at the North Americans. Fleet representatives also attended regattas at Memphis, New Orleans, Lake Charles, Lake Palestine, Lake Dallas, and White Rock Lake.

Our goals for 1976 include a bigger and better Thanksgiving Regatta, better fleet participation in out-of-town regattas, better participation in weekly fleet races, and expansion of the fleet.

COMOX BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (437)

Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Comox Bay at
Comox, B.C., Canada

Fleet Captain E. W. Nieuwejaar
Fleet Secretary E. W. Nieuwejaar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1450	High Flight	J. L. Riddell
3328	M.D.G. Ross-Smith
7288	J. Eric Hiebert
7909	M. Ole Jespersen
7976	Arthur Ball
8139	Egil Nieuwejaar
10231	Alex D. Fulton
.....	Eric Jackson

No Report.

PERRY LIGHTNING FLEET (438)

Central States District
Sailing on Lake Perry,
Northwest of Kansas City, Missouri

Fleet Captain Donald MacClymont
Fleet Secretary John Gall
Fleet Champion John Gall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10324	.....	Dave Picket
11048	Seaducee III	Don MacClymont
11791	Charisma	Richard Patton
12422	Dog Meat	John Gall
12428	Bull Ship	Brad & Scott Hamilton

Fleet 438 welcomed Dave Picket as a new member of its traveling squad in 1975.

We again had the dubious distinction of sailing more races at other clubs than our own. We thank everyone for their hospitality and sure wish we could get some more Lightning skippers to show at our lake. Honest...there is water in it, and the winds do blow.

Our first major regatta was the Central States District held on Lake Shawnee in Topeka, Kansas. The winds were super, the hospitality excellent, and the competition keen. John Gall finished second and Don MacClymont third, after making some futile challenges at catching Jack Zink from Oklahoma.

The next weekend John Gall, Dick Patton and Brad Hamilton made their annual pilgrimage to Decatur, Illinois where the tricky winds of Lake Decatur, and some excellent sailing by the locals, did them in. They came home empty handed.

Then it was time for our Firecracker Regatta on the fourth of July. John Gall had "Dog Meat" moving and won the regatta going away. It took Don MacClymont two races to find his way around his own lake, but he did save face by doing fairly well in the third race. Dick Patton didn't get lost until the third race and Brad was only "half lost" the whole time. Needless to say, we let our guests, Bill Buckles, Greg Florian, and Bill Merrill take home some silver while we went out to practice on our own lake.

Next, it was back to Lake Shawnee for their "All Class" Regatta. Not being on our home waters, we fared better. John finished first, Dick Patton third, and Don fourth. Don also proved it was not a good idea to try to fly the spinnaker on the weather leg. He says that the spinnaker would not come down but rumor has it that he really thought it would help. What some people won't do to win a race!

Brad and Scott Hamilton with Christ Merrill headed down to the Junior Nationals and to this date, have refused to tell how they did. Perhaps they spent too much time looking at transoms without the hard chine.

John and Brad then headed for the North American Championships, where both improved their standings substantially, from the last year.

John finished 11th in the President's Cup, out of 35 boats and Brad finished 19th out of 35 boats in the Governor's Cup. Brad would have finished in the top ten but was over the line early in the last race and, though he finished sixth in the race, he picked up a bucket of points because of his failure to start correctly.

Labor Day we split the fleet up. John went to Lake Carlise, Illinois, Brad and Don went to Lake Jacomo, and Dick stayed home.

John won the Impromptu Regatta at Lake Carlise with two firsts and a second. Brad came out of nowhere and won the Lightning Class at Lake Jacomo. Don broke his mast on the way to Lake Jacomo, borrowed a boat, and finished third.

John Gall bought some long underwear and headed for the "Red Flannel" Regatta at Chicago where he finished third, right behind Bruce Goldsmith and Bob Smither. Evidently itchy long johns keep the skipper's concentration at high levels.

Scott Hamilton signed on as Bill Buckles crew for the 1975 Lightning Worlds in Ecuador. They finished 11th against many of the top Lightnings in North America, South America and Europe. John may have won the Fleet Championship but Scott gets the award for traveling furthest to race a Lightning.

1975 was a very good year.....1976 will be better.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440)

Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Murray
at Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Marshall Sansbury
Fleet Secretary Wayne Catoe
Fleet Champion Wilburn Brewer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
633	Charydus	Bill Sandow
825	Helen	Paul V. Ryan
6843	Scramble	Charles E. Gise
8081	.....	Robert B. Neel
9070	Tsotskeh	H. W. Matalene
9143	Windsong	Richard C. Hohn
9505	Frigate	Mike Webster
9740	.....	David Dodge
10616	Foxy Lady	Donald A. Babb
10815	Nugget	Wayne B. Catoe
10992	Seetenfel II	Paul F. Rodesiler
11412	Somethin' Else	Wilburn Brewer
12282	Honky	Marshall A. Sansbury

The 1975 sailing year for Fleet 440 can be summed up as simply "GREAT." Our season began as usual with club races in April. The fun was joined by Bill Sandow, the Catoes, the Babb and the Websters — all new additions to our Fleet. The Fleet also added the Neels, the Hankins and the Pattersons later in the year.

The annual Lightning Invitational hosted by Fleet 440 on Lake Murray in May drew 27 boats from the Carolinas and Georgia. Our Fleet also "hit the road" this season and participated in all seven circuit regattas with as many as six boats traveling in search of silver.

The highlight of the season was the Junior Championships hosted by our Fleet in August. Paul Rodesiler did his usual good job in coordinating this event with most of our Fleet members taking vacation to help stage the regatta. Somehow everything went smoothly, including a ½ gallon of vodka which mysteriously disappeared from a picnic table. If this event wasn't enough, the Rodesilers, Brewers, Sansburys, Babb, Gises and Wilsons took off for Hilton Head for the North Americans to help measure sails, weigh hulls and masts and man stake boats throughout the week.

All the action and publicity brought attention to Lightning sailing in the Midlands of South Carolina. Lightnings were the largest class at our Open Regatta with 21 boats participating. Wayne Catoe of Fleet 440 took fifth place.

The fall series brought hot competition on the home front. All the tidbits of closely guarded information picked up from the "heavies" at the North Americans and on the circuit were put to use. Wilburn Brewer must have collected the most secrets because he handily won the fall series and edged out Paul Rodesiler for Fleet Champion.

The skippers wives, most of whom are active crew members, don't hope for another sailing year like we just had — at least not soon. But we all had a good time and look forward to a larger fleet and just as much fun in 1976.

We'd like to invite any Lightning skippers to come on down and join us. Ya'll come.

LAKE ARTHUR FLEET (441)

Lake Erie District
Sailing on Lake Arthur at
New Castle, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Maury D. Eggers
Fleet Secretary David R. Weill, III
Fleet Champion Maury D. Eggers
Runner-Up David R. Weill, III

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4582	Poitin	M. J. O'Connell
7935	Brand X	Maury D. Eggers
10033	Robin's Nest	Richard Singer
10047	.....	John B. Harrell
10081	C'Est La Vie	David R. Weill III
10241	Red Baron	J. Richard Porter

The Lake Arthur Lightning Fleet has had perhaps the best season in its existence. We have increased our membership by two more boats - while that may be slight in large fleets, to the original four members of Fleet 441, it represents a 50% increase in participation. Lake Arthur is in a State Park. Our fleet races in conjunction with the Moraine Sailing Club; the club organizes racing under the

jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Due to the high number of starting classes (18) and the small number of race dates (7), the fleets have mixed starts. Lightning Fleet 441 starts with boats of similar Portsmouth number - Thistles, Flying Scots, 505's, Flying Dutchman. In all about twenty boats are on the line in any one start. With the different speeds, it makes for some interesting racing.

The Fleet Championship series produced a lot of exciting racing this season. With new equipment and well-drilled crews the competition between boats was very keen. The first place finisher was Maury Eggers in Brand X, whose perfect score was a model for us all to emulate. Second place finisher, David Weill in C'Est la Vie and third place Richard Porter in Red Baron battled it out to a finish that showed a 0.25 point difference in final standings. Fourth place finisher Mike O'Connell in Poitin showed only a 3 point difference. One of our new members, Richard Singer, has shown great skill and quick learning during the season. We expect Robin's Nest to place high in the standings next year. John Harrell in 10047 gave support to the racing activity by service on race committees and had time to participate in a few races. We hope to see him our next year for as many as he can.

All of us at Lake Arthur enjoy the camaraderie and good sportsmanship that a small fleet like ours provides. We have really improved our racing skills this year. New boats, new equipment and sails add more "go fast" to our Lightnings. Our crews practiced agility and stamina, skippers learned to use racing tactics, and the boats moved against each other better than ever.

In 1976, we hope to travel to more regattas in and outside the Lake Erie District. Next season should find more 441 members around the Eastern Regatta Scene.

WINNEBAGO LIGHTNING FLEET (442)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Winnebago out of
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Dick Stokely
Secretary/Treasurer Tom Grebe
Fleet Champion Dick Stokely
Runner-Up Jeff Oberg & John Scharf

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1726	.....	John Walton
3495	Nomad	Dennis Rodman
8730	White	
	Lightning	Richard W. Stokely
8930	Halcyon Days	Thomas W. Grebe
9181	Rag Bag	Ralph Drumwright
10080	Our Spirit	John Scharf
10909	Zip	Ted J. Ziebert
11547	.....	Richard E. Schorse

Fleet 442's fourth season had its great moments. Sponsorship of the third Lighthouse Regatta provided a chance to see the Midwest District's best skippers in action. Good winds made it a challenging contest, under the able direction of veteran judge Ed Malone.

The decision to sponsor the district Juniors was also fortuitous. A compatible group of fine young people showed up to challenge crews made up of the most promising local youths who could be assembled. The boats were handled competently in strong winds. The indomitable spirit of the young people made it a joy to host the regatta.

Social events of the season were organized by the Fond du Lac Sailing Club, bringing Lightning owners together with cruising sailors and skippers of the city's unique fleet of 5.5 meter boats. Their common interest in sailing makes it a close-knit organization. Weekly races sponsored by the club provided Lightning owners a full racing program with every variety of weather.

With a turnover of fleet membership, attention has been now diverted to activities that built interest, capabilities, and confidence among new owners.

LAKE GLENDALE LIGHTNING FLEET (444)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Glendale at Prince Gallitzin
State Park, Patton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Charles B. Austin
Fleet Secretary John Wylie
Fleet Champion Charles B. Austin
Runner-Up Don Packer
Third Place Bill Kittka

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5204	Dyanna	Herman Gibb
7870	Apres Ski	Charles B. Austin
10023	.....	William F. Kittka

No Report.

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)

Italian District

Fleet Secretary Gianni Pellegrino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8758	Shark	Pasquale Teri
11325	Joker	Salvatore Buscemi
11790	Eliana	C. V. Banca Italia
12009	Barracuda	Natale Cudia
12026	Zeus	Enzo Linares
12027	Wind	Gianni Pellegrino
12058	Eros	Pasquale Amato
12059	Lian	Nuccio De Vita
12061	Zaza	Nuzzo Giacalone
12070	Big	Pino Guarrato
12071	Happy First	D'Andrea Andrea
12193	Joshua	Franco Riti
12537	Luktor	Raineri Gambina
12556	Seagull	Genna Vito
12717	Rebel	Lucia Michele

First of all we are proud to say that during the first week of August our "Circolo Velico" has organized the Campionato Italiano Lightning to which 16 boats have taken part.

Among the most important events of the season was the Siculo-Calabro Championship with the participation of more than 10 boats; the Coppa Marinella; the Pernice-Piccione Trophy and many other social regattas.



"#12556 looks in pretty good shape — if he doesn't get a "header"!"

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

Fleet Captain Harvey Mercier
Fleet Secretary Clinton P. Carhart
Fleet Champions Bob & Lynn Foster
Runner-Up Harvey Mercier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
67	Richard Hoddinott
70	Ruth E. Ault
82	Clinton Carhart
2461	Harvey Mercier
7896	Bob & Lynn Foster

The time has come to batten down the hatches on another sailing season at Androscoggin Lake. This past summer has been one of the best seasons ever, both in terms of good sailing weather and the enthusiasm which accompanied our weekly races. Some of the high points accumulated during the duration of the racing season are as follows:

Coale 86; Mercier 72; Foster 72; Rothe 70; Horwitz 67; Hinds 50; Carhart 49; Libby 48; Scheirer 43; Rich 37. Lightning Class: Foster 36; Mercier 35; Carhart 24.

Despite the fact that rainy weather washed out the first day of the Labor Day Weekend Regatta, 3 races were held on Sunday with wind conditions which varied from heavy to light. Regatta winners are: Coale-first place; Foster-second place; Mercier-third place.

We would like to start the racing season on June 17th or June 26th, rather than July 4th. We will hold a special Skipper's Meeting in the evening early in the season to discuss the starting date, as well as several possible changes in race procedures. These possible changes include:

1. Elimination of spinnaker penalties and handicaps. 2. Letting skippers race, at their request, without being figured into the computations (this would let less experienced skippers race without the embarrassment of showing up at the bottom of the list of 20 boats).

BOMBAY HARBOUR LIGHTNING FLEET (451)

Sailing in the Bay of Bombay, India

Fleet Captain Dr. E. M. Schimmel
Fleet Champion Derek Cook
Runner-Up Dr. E. M. Schimmel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9698	Trout	Sea Cadet Corps
10082	Wahoo	K. N. Dhunjibhoy & Philip Bragg
.....	Barracuda II	H. Kroll
.....	Merlin	N. J. Cama
.....	Dolphin	C. S. Dugal
.....	Bonito II	H. McBrinn
.....	Porpoise	Colaba Sailing Club
.....	Black Fin	E. M. Schimmel
.....	Amber Jack	Sea Cadet Corps
.....	Dar-El-Beida	Derek Cook
.....	Speedball	Gulshan Rai
.....	Sailfish	R. Kharas
.....	Parvati	Colaba Sailing Club

The sailing season ends abruptly during the Monsoon but prior to that the Fleet had a busy season. Thanks to our efforts we had succeeded in getting the Lightnings selected for the All India Regatta March 3-10. Our Fleet Captain was in charge of all the boats which our Club, the host, had to provide. With some difficulties the number of Lightnings needed were organized.

Twenty-six Clubs participated in the team event. Each team consisted of three boats. The first round of races was run on a league basis with three races simultaneously. The remaining races were on a knock-out basis.

Our team, consisting of Mr. Courtney (two ladies as crew), Mr. Adi Unvalla, and Dr. Schimmel (two ladies as crew), won the All India Team Championship for the Royal Bombay Yacht Club. A lot of tactics were used and a lot of protests were filed to (deter) us but we were all very happy to win.

On the 5th and 6th of April the "Lightning Cup" was raced. This is a yearly Cup, sponsored by the Royal Bombay Yacht Club. The Trophy is offered by Mr. Philip Bragg, the local Lightning builder, and it is a handicap race to and from Mandwa.

Dr. Schimmel won the Cup in his "Black Fin" covering the 24 km. course in 3 hours 19 minutes and 4 seconds. The Runner-Up, Ali Merchant, came in after 5 minutes and 4 seconds. The remaining contestants finished as follows — Gulshan Rai, Adi Unvalla, Pier Squillero, Harry McBrinn, Navroz Cama and Rusi Kharas who had the bad luck to have his boat capsized about 200 meters from the finishing line. On the return leg, under strong wind and choppy high waves, some couldn't hold the boat flat, it was, anyway a very exciting day.

Pier Squillero left India for good, and the Lightning for a few years in a move to Teheran. The fleet will be looking into its organization, with one of the projects to improve the (self made) spinnakers.

TRASIMENO FLEET (453)

Italian District

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake at Perugia, Italy

Fleet Captain Paolo Rosi
Fleet Secretary Francesco De Regis
Fleet Champion Mauro Salvetti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4654	Trainer	Club Velico Trasimeno
7188	Zenith	Francesco & Massimo De Regis
7568	Hidalgo	Giancarlo Chielli

10781	Schiribilla
11168	Svasso
11244	Winny
12547	.....
12565	.....
12576	Contessa
12577	Gavroche
.....	Bianca

Marco Rufini
Giuseppe Lepore
Paolo Rosi & Mauro Salvetti
Angelo Caruso
Paolo Paduano
Sergio Vannucci &
Francesco Castellani
Paolo Rosi
Luciano Bianchi



That weather mark must be up there somewhere!

We began the 1975 activity with a spring regatta. The boat 11244 "Winny" with Salvetti, Saulini and Giappesi was the winner the 9450 "Tretepe" with Remante, Tezza and Perin of fleet 249 was second and 11168 with Trotta, Bomba and Brunelli third.

The more important regatta hosted by our fleet was the District Regatta held September 13 and 14. Taking part, our friends Grandguillaume and Despland of fleet 169 (Lake of Neuchatel in Switzerland), two boats of fleet 249 one of fleet 235 and Gianni Pellegrino of fleet 449. The results were: 1st 12297 - "Gargantua" Grandguillaume Despland Gradguillaume; 2nd 10782 "Schiribilla" Bellini Mattonelli, Rustichelli; 3rd 8763 - "Sindbad" N. De Amicis, Paradisi, A. De Amicis; 4th 11244 "Winny" Salvetti, Saulini, Zucconi; 5th 9450 "Tretepe" Tremante, Tezza, Perin; 6th 7188 - "Zenith" Pellegrino F. De Regis, M. De Regia; 7th 10677 "Sugarello" De Angelis, De Angelis, De Angelis; 8th 7568 - "Zenith" G. Chielli, Magionari, Barbini. The olympic score was adopted.

We offer our congratulations for Lady De Angelis faultless crew of 10677 "Sugarello"

The last regatta in November has been won by our Captain Paolo Rosi.

THUNERSEE LIGHTNING FLEET (454)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Thoune

Fleet Captain Beat Kunzli
Fleet Secretary Jurg Haudenschild

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4849	J. Haudenschild
5008	H. U. Wenger
9354	E. Bechter-Muller
10146	A. Fanti
12067	Dr. med. U. Kaspar
12302	B. Kunzli
12304	T. Bichsel

There are about 15 Lightnings on Lake Thun. Of those, five boats are in a condition to race. One of the five owners was in 1975 travelling into foreign countries and one in military service. Of the remaining three, one boat had a crash and a further boat could not yet be convinced to join the fleet. Remaining is the owner of a boat, but he belongs to another fleet. What's left?

Ten old boats, of which five are in a fleet and whose owners are all family and day sailors. It is a question of time when they will look for replacement for their old boats and what is available?

Comparing price and quality of a racing Lightning with other boats, we feel that in two to three years there will be up to five Lightnings less on Lake Thun. Is it therefore a surprise, if the Lake Thun Fleet has at present some trouble?

Our star-cruise in June was a fine success thanks to good propaganda at the Swiss Championships. Eleven Lightnings participated at the races.

The Hadorn family at Oberhofen received the Lightning fleet at their summer home.

The fleet championship in fall of 1975 ran into trouble because of non-existent wind. This year we do not have a fleet champion.

KLAMATH LIGHTNING FLEET (455)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Klamath Lake at

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Fleet Captain Dick Marlatt
Fleet Secretary Bill Sisemore
Fleet Champion Ken White
Runner-Up Bill Sisemore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8747	Gaye's Ark	Suzanne Gaye
10285	Jacaranda	Richard & Linda Wickline
11151	Saxy	Kenneth White
11428	Late Charge	Dick Marlatt
11785	Fix It	Bill Sisemore

We started our second year as a fleet by sending our "sales persons", Dick and Linda Wickline, to the Pacific Northwest District Mid-Winter meeting. They had a successful trip and convinced the "powers that be" to put Klamath Yacht Club's Mid-Summer Regatta on the PNW Circuit and to give us the 1976 Pacific Coast Championships in 1976.

Shortly after the ice broke up on the Lake, we began the Klamath Yacht Club Spring Series which, just like last year, was followed by the Summer and Fall Series and, just like last year, Ken White took the Fleet Championship by winning all three series. Bill Sisemore took second in all three series. Dick Wickline took third in all three series.

The fleet did a lot of travelling again this year. The whole fleet travelled to the Memorial Day Regatta at Fern Ridge and entered the "also sailed" category. Ken White took a seventh at Vancouver Lake, a third in the PNW Districts at English Bay in Vancouver, B.C., a second at the Barber series at Fern Ridge. Ken was in first place in Newport until he was viciously attacked by a Catamaran. Dick Marlatt placed fifth in the Harvest Regatta.

The fleet sent Ken White, Dick Wickline and Bill Sisemore to the Pacific Coast Championships on San Francisco Bay. We came home with two FIRSTS. Ken took first place in the Regatta. Bill took the less honorable distinction of being the first to capsize. (Fortunately, his crew has not seen "JAWS".)

All six of the Lightnings entered our own KYC Mid-Summer Regatta. Of the 16 Lightnings, Ken White took first, Dick Wickline sixth, Bill Sisemore ninth, followed by Suzanne Gaye, Dick Marlatt and Gene Schrieber.

We have been doing our best to increase the size of the fleet. We financed a boat for Suzanne and Larry Gaye last Winter. They found that by pushing out one side of their garage they were able to get the boat in, and they got to play with it while the lake was frozen. Ken White took Gene Schrieber to the Memorial Day Regatta as a crew - Ken lost a crew after the week-end, but Gene and Linda Schrieber joined the fleet as new Lightning owners. In the same manner, Dick Marlatt lost his Barber series crew when Bruce and Linda Niles joined the fleet with our newest boat. I think the reason for the increase of our fleet goes something like this: The skipper tells his crew to hike. After about an hour of this on a cold, wet day the crew begins to think, "Gee, if I was the skipper of my own boat, I could sit back there in the dry seat and tell someone else to hike." Result: Another boat is about to join our fleet.

The fleet was not without its problems, however. There were several collisions. It got so bad that the local auto speedway asked the Lightning fleet to put wheels on their boats, come to the

speedway and put on a destruction derby - since all of their customers were starting to come out to the Lake to watch us race. Things have quieted down for the Winter - four of the fleet's boats are lined up at the repair shop for the Winter. There is one good side to this, though, it solves the problem of where to store your boat.

Fleet 455 and Klamath Yacht Club are both looking forward to hosting the Pacific Coast Championships in 1976. Bill Sisemore has a theory for the Championship: In 1974, Ken White capsized - in 1975, Ken won; In 1975, Bill capsized - in 1976, Bill is ready?

We hope to see many of you at the Pacific Coast and the KYC Mid-Summer Regatta.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain Antti Aromaa
Fleet Secretary Ritva Pyy
Fleet Champion Hartti Nisonen
Runner-Up Antti Aromaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7178	Orkari	Lauri Kitinoja, Martti & Pekka Kirjavainen
7181	Levanteri	Leif Moller
9166	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen
9438	Kulkuri	Lauri Hamalainen
10664	Cassiopeija	Reijo Lehtinen
10668	Lady Bird	Jarmo Maenpaa & Pentti Salovaara
11527	Papillon	Heikki Leikoski
12258	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
12435	Punkku	Antti Aromaa
12578	Zau	Kauko Hamalainen
12761	VIP	Vesa Tapola
12762	Oho	Antti Hakkinen

The second year of our fleet has been very active. Six new boats have joined us and the total number of boats is now twelve. During the winter when we could not sail we had those monthly Tuesday meetings. We learned a lot about rigging, trimming and tactics. At least 30 sailors took part on every meeting and this shows how much the interest to the class has grown.

When the summer came we could adapt to use all that theory on our weekly practising races. Every week we were 8 - 12 Lightnings on the starting line and it made the race exciting for us and for those on the shore.

The racing season started at the end of May with "On the Rocks Regatta" at Lake Tuusulanjarvi. Our fleet has been participating in all major Lightning regattas in Finland, among those the Finnish Championships with six boats: Punkku and skipper Antti Aromaa and Amarillo with skipper Pertti Pyy and their crews made a "Sailing Excursion" to the Worlds' in Salinas Ecuador. As expected neither of those won but they brought us plenty of film material and sailing knowledge for the next winter's dry sailing.



Fleet Champion Hartti Nisonen (right) and his smiling crew.

GRANITE LAKE FLEET (457)

New England District

Sailing on Granite Lake at Keene, New Hampshire

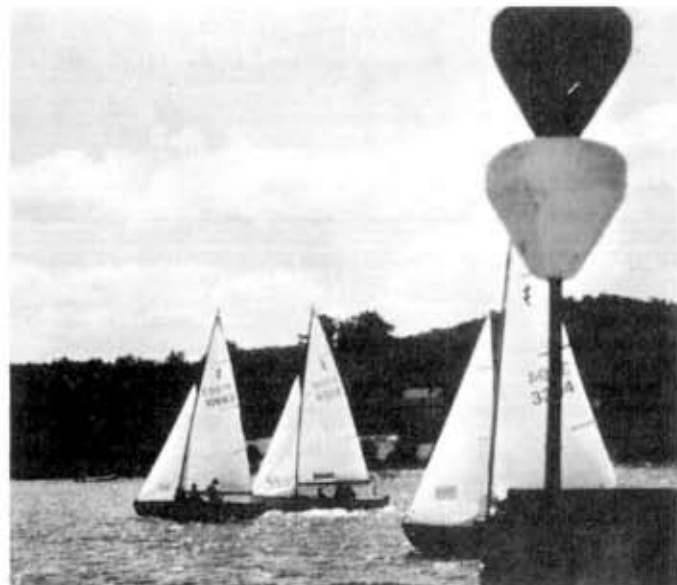
Fleet Captain	Mark L'Heureux
Fleet Secretary	Ronald Lyon
Fleet Champion	Ewing-Kingsburg
Runner-Up	Lyon-Bennett
3rd Place	Mark L'Heureux
4th Place	Ronald L'Heureux

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3394	.....	Roland L'Heureux
6308	.....	Ronald E. Lyon
7420	Bull	James D. Ewing
10683	.....	Mark L'Heureux

Old Lightnings never die — they just form new fleets! Hence, the birth of our fleet on Granite Lake in the Heart of Beautiful Downtown Munsonville, in the township of Nelson, N.H. We are located about as far Nor'east of Keene, N.H., as the well known Spofford Lake Fleet #145 is Sou'west of the same All-American City.

During the summer, our Lightnings compete in an overall series made up of three groups of eight races each. We score on the basis of the five best races of each group, using the Portsmouth Number System, and award an "overall" trophy for the best two out of three results. Sailing with us in this overall series is a Snipe, a Jolly Boat, a 4 Meter, a couple of Surprises, and, once in a while, a visitor with some other class. In the future, we hope to increase the number of Lightnings to the point where we can leave the handicap racing to the others, and start the Lightnings separately. If there is anyone in the area who would like to join us, we would be happy to help them locate a boat. If you've already got a boat, and just need a fleet, come on over!

Late last summer, Jim Ewing and George Kingsburg teamed up to put Lightning #7420, "BULL", on our lake, and the combination of a fine boat, and the sailing skills of her co-owners forced the rest of us to stow our lethargies. Burning of the midnight oil became common place, as we all dove for our books on techniques, tactics, and telltales, (the use of). The order of the day was "lighten your Lightning", so out came floorboards, seats, old iron centerboards, and who knows what else. Well—it's working—by the end of this year the races had become very close indeed, and we all think we can beat them next year.



Mark L'Heureux takes the start.

As for this year, Jim and George and "BULL" kept it all together and swept the whole show. They not only placed first overall in the handicap racing, they also took first place in our Fleet Championship Series held over Labor Day weekend. There is a separate trophy for this honor, which gives them a total of two—just right—they can each polish one. The two trophies, by the way, were each

handcrafted by Don Bennett, co-owner of the Fleet runner-up, #6308. That's not very poetic justice, is it? Next year, Don—Next year we'll do the polishing.

The weather for our Championship Series was a perfect mixture of wind and sun, the competition was keen, and we had 100% Fleet participation, thanks to Al and Marge Armirotto who did a great job as our Committee. Al is a former Towne Class champion, thanks to his crew Marge, and they have run several races for us over the past few years. Thank you friends.

With the onset of winter, our group spreads out geographically, and interests become varied. Until the ice thaws, and the spring breezes beckon, there will be time spent in skiing, iceboating, tennis, and perhaps some travel—with all coming back together once again at the first warning signal of the new sailing season.

WATEREE FLEET (459)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wateree Lake at Camden, South Carolina

Fleet Captain	Bill Canniff
Fleet Secretary	Mike Duggan
Fleet Champion	Sam Cheek
Runner-Up	Bill Canniff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9379	Gael Wynd	William S. Marshall
10516	.....	Richard Vernon
10599	Light'n Bug	Frank W. Oglesby
11553	Nan-Sea	Samuel J. Cheek
11821	.....	Robert A. Rowan
11914	Seven C's	William J. Canniff
11985	.....	Donald E. Goode
12401	Tigre II	George E. Tsigotis
12520	Impulse	Michael L. Duggan

Bill Canniff and Sam Cheek spent a good part of the last five years promoting Lightnings at the Wateree Sailing Club. It all paid off last Fall when six boats were purchased, and our fleet was chartered in January 1975 with eight boats. We now have nine and hope to continue growing in 1976.

Our fleet was well represented on the circuit this year with an average of five boats participating in each Invitational. We carried seven boats to Charleston for a family week-end. Thirty-eight of us invaded one motel and we are already looking forward to a similar trip next season. Bill Canniff was 7th overall in the Southeastern District and Sam Cheek was 10th. The rest of us can only say - "Wait Until Next Year."

Our Spring series began in March and culminated in May. On the final week-end we sailed 3 races to determine the fleet champion. Sam Cheek won the championship with two firsts and a second, Bill Canniff was second with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd, George Tsigotis was third. Bill Canniff designed and fabricated a championship plaque of mahogany in the shape of a spinnaker. It now hangs next to our charter in the most prominent spot in the Clubhouse.

Seven boats were ready for the start of our Fall series on November 2nd, but we encountered what must have been the calmest day of the year and both races were canceled. At any rate, the fall series is scheduled through December 7th which gives us a nine month season.

We held a party for Lightning Skippers and their guests on Friday night before the Wateree Sail Club's Open Regatta. This helped provide 18 Lightnings versus only eight the previous year.

This coming year we will hold our 1st invitational and hope for good participation. Camden is located in the heart of the Southeastern District and our camping facilities are unlimited. Ya'll Come!

ST. JOHN'S RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Southeastern District

Sailing on St. John's River at Jacksonville, Florida

Fleet Captain	Ralph Suhm
Fleet Secretary	Greg Wallace
Fleet Champion	Greg Wallace
Runner-Up	George Chapman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3169	Marvin Weimer
7737	John Zitko
8822	Predator	Ralph Suhm
12274	Greg Wallace
12712	George Chapman



George sure knows how to enjoy our Florida sunshine.

With the purchase of #12712, we got all our owners together and formed fleet 461. Currently, we have five boats: 12712, 8822, 12274, 7737, and 3169. We had some problems getting going this year because of business problems but our 1976 season is looking up with Marvin Weimer planning to purchase a new Lightning. This we are all looking forward to. Our highlight was attendance of the Atlanta Cup Regatta by George and Greg. Needless to say, we had a lot of fun there.

We are looking forward to having more Lightnings here in 1976. We certainly hope that any Lightning sailors who might get transferred here will bring their boats with them. In 1976, we are hoping to get permission from ILCA to join the Southeastern District as this will help us a lot as our members are interested in participating in races and regattas in South Carolina and Georgia. We are planning a Lightning Invitational here in Jacksonville in the first quarter of 1976 which will be a lot of fun. All in all, we have gotten started and plan to be a progressive and active fleet in 1976.

FLEET (462) **Brazilian District** **Sailing in Sao Paulo, Brazil**

Fleet Captain Arne S. Arnesen, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Paul P. Boilesen
Fleet Treasurer Arne S. Arnesen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6558	GTX	Allen Baker
8565	Urucubaca	Michael Norris
8575	Turuna II	Gehard Wiegandt
8795	Juriti II	Paul P. Boilesen
10390	Sagres	Nelson Schmitt
11693	Easy Rider	Thomas Sumner & Arne S. Arnesen
12489	Phreskura	Arne S. Arnesen, Jr. & Glen A. Beeby
12686	Etc	Martin Altman

The Fleet headquarters is located at the Sao Paulo Yacht Club. This Club is the oldest one on the lake. Our Fleet has 16 boats, but only 8 take the races with more seriousness. The first five months of this new Fleet, were to get everyone up to date with I.L.C.A. duties, ensuring that the boats had the right numbers on their sails and having some meetings to try and plan our Fleet Championship.

As the schedule of races in Sao Paulo was completely full for the year, we decided to have our first one in 1976. But during these five months we did quite a lot of sailing, taking part in the State Championship.

Most of the participants of this new Fleet are young boys.

Once a year we have a small problem on the lake. The water goes down and that makes it harder to put the boats in the water. So we have two or three cars that tow the boats near the water so that we can do some sailing. They let the water out, because of expected rains, in the rain season. The wind at this time of the year can be South or Northwesterly, some times during a race you can get a real change in the weather, were suddenly the winds to change around from Northwest to South, the wind then is really strong. During the State Championship we had this wind and the results was that many boats broke their masts and turned over. We still have about 6 to 8 races before we finish our season. These are week-end races that are held on the lake.

During the summer vacation we don't do any sailing, (not racing competition), because most of us travel. The season begins in March and goes until November.

We are looking forward to a good season in 1976. We will have two important events; namely the State Championship as well as the National one. We expect an increase in the total number of races.

LAKE MONROE SAILING ASSOCIATION **LIGHTNING FLEET (464)**

Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Monroe at Bloomington, Indiana

Fleet Captain Ronald Shea
Fleet Secretary Joe Mihelick
Fleet Treasurer Doug Taylor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12163	Doug Taylor
12676	Ronald Shea
12746	Joe Mihelick

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466) **Italian District**

Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Ancona

Fleet Captain Arrigo Archibugi
Fleet Secretary Paolo Gasperini

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8621	Lilian	Fabio Principi
10916	.....	Andriano Pelonara
11167	.....	Dott. Ugo Salvolini

We are proud to announce that 1976 Italian Lightning Championship will be organized by our Fleet.

We invite all Italian sailors and our friends of Greek, Swiss and Finnish Districts to the Italian Championship in June 20 to 25, 1976. Welcome to Ancona!