

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

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| Fleet Captain | | Maurice H. Gardner |
| Fleet Secretary | | Richard Millard |
| Fleet Champions | | Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial |
| Runner-Up | ..... | Kenneth E. Buhrmaster |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 316 | | Hugh A. Crisp |
| 394 | | Robert H. Denham |
| 1272 | | Maurice H. Gardner |
| 2690 | | Jeffrey A. Asher |
| 5155 | | Cornell C. Cawley, Jr. |
| 6515 | | Richard B. Millard |
| 7073 | The Jodi-Bee | Fred Lyngard |
| 7123 | | Harold B. Hansen |
| 7809 | | James R. Buhrmaster |
| 9241 | | Norman O. Hanson |
| 11323 | | R. James Millard & H. Burrows |
| 11519 | | Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial |
| 12115 | | James Dickson |
| 12173 | | Richard J. McGuire |
| 12573 | | Kenneth E. Buhrmaster |

Eighteen races were run this year at Galway Lake with the Lightning Opening Day Series race won by Dick McGuire. First place for the season's races was won by Dale Brown/Walt Nial boat, with Ken Buhrmaster coming in second followed by Jim Dixon in third place.

The Galway Lake sailors were not to be outdone by the Tall Ships Parade. Nearly a hundred boats participated in our own "Parade of the Short Ships". Lightning sailors took prizes for "Most Patriotic", Norman Hanson boat; "Best Decorated", Bob Denham boat; "Best Costumed", Dick Millard boat, and "Most on a Boat", Dick McGuire boat. The "Best Fleet" award was won by the Lightning Fleet.

A committee is busy this winter re-writing the fleet rules and regulations and bringing them up to date. Members working on this are Dale Brown, chairman; with Jim Buhrmaster, Bob Denham, Jim Millard, and Jim Dixon.

The fleet now claims to have the most active number of large boats on the lake. Our newest members, Jeffrey Asher, Fred Lyngard and Hugh Crisp bring the membership up to 15 boats. We're looking forward to another good season with a longer starting line to accommodate all of us.



Parade of the "Short Ships best costumed boat" Dick Millard, [commodore of Galway Lake] Jim Millard, Jean Millard, Well Burrows.

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

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| Fleet Captain | | Don Lambrix |
| Fleet Secretary | | Chris Cowles & Jeff Lambrix |
| Regatta Chairman | | Alan Graettinger, Dan & Pat Fawkes |

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| Fleet Champion | | Alan Graettinger, Arnie & Jenne Samuel |
| First Runner-Up | | Jeff Lambrix |
| Second Runner-Up | ..... | Tim Northrup |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6889 | ..... | Dave Anderson |
| 9259 | Took | Mary Ann Bates |
| 9412 | Alethia | Donald N. Basler |
| 10071 | Wiki-Wiki | Peter, Timothy & Martha B. Northrup |
| 10606 | Willi Waw II | Don Lambrix |
| 11134 | Frantic | Milford M. Miller |
| 12177 | ..... | Mac Cowles |
| 12371 | Dandy Lion | George Roth |
| 12372 | ..... | John Scott |
| ..... | ..... | Alan Graettinger |

Year after year the Pentwater Lightning Fleet has a surprise or two and always an abundant supply of exciting racing. 1976 was no exception. When was the last time you used adhesive tape to hold up your jib?

The season opened in mid-June with the Pentwater Invitational Regatta which attracted boats from Tawas Bay to Detroit. Unfortunately, it had to be scheduled before the club was in full gear and, thus, was sailed without most of the home fleet, but did provide a colorful sight from the beach and the lake. Garry Demarest won comfortably winning three of the four races over good competition. The fleet racing began the following weekend and continued through the end of August. All were blessed with exceptionally good weather during the summer with very few overpowering days—allowing all races to be sailed as scheduled. The racing moved to Sundays only this season, racing two back-to-back, allowing more efficient use of the club's facilities with the expanding sailing program.

A former fleet champion boat *Frantic* with a new crew of Alan Graettinger and Arnie and Jenne Samuel swept honors by winning the June, July, August, and Club Championship Series. Placing second in the June Series was the Lambrix boat which consistently places at or near the top of the fleet. George Roth and Tim Northrup tied for third place. Tim Northrup quickly moved up to second place in the July Series. The Lambrix crew was third while Chris Cowles placed fourth in the series. Jeff Lambrix and Alan Graettinger, two long time Pentwater sailors, and their crews duelled closely on the race course all summer. In the last race of the August Series *Frantic's* Tim Miller was on board to inspire a last second victory near the finish line to capture the series. George Roth placed third and Tim Northrup was fourth.

Following *Frantic* in the championship series (all races) were: Jeff Lambrix, second; Tim Northrup, third; George Roth, fourth; and Chris Cowles, fifth. Other boats providing good competition throughout the season were skippered by Sue Scott, Ramey Galt, Doug Basler, Dave Anderson, Mary Ann Bates, and Bob Schoonbeck. Walt Hallenbeck, after twenty years of enthusiastic racing, retired from the fleet last year, but at least Jim March will be returning the boat to the campaign next summer. Connie Dumas is organizing a new Sail Week '77 which will give everybody some extra fun sailing and a few surprises. 1977 promises to be another great summer!

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

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| Commodore | | Gene Matthews |
| Vice Commodore | | Bob Novak |
| Fleet Secretary | | Vicki Matthews |
| Fleet Champion | ..... | Gene Matthews |
| Runner-Up | ..... | Mel Boyington |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 2018 | Lorelei | Don Labus |
| 6936 | Puff | James Truelsen |
| 8172 | Vim | Henry Kelley |
| 8266 | Drumbeat | Cliff Lohs |
| 8393 | Tumbelweeds | George Cole |
| 8992 | ..... | Audrey & J. P. Matteson |
| 9996 | Red Witch III | Mel Boyington |
| 10222 | Algae | Bob Novak |
| 11536 | Snow White | Gene Matthews |
| 11641 | Maybe | Paul Palmer |
| 12452 | ..... | Bill Connor |
| 12790 | ..... | Steven B. Novy |
| 12822 | ..... | Audrey & J. P. Matteson |

As it always does "when you're having fun", Lake Geneva Sailing Club's season slipped by all too quickly. Aided by an almost rainless summer, scheduled races were run off with few postponements and make-ups. And so, as it is with most northern sailors, it was too soon time to pack things away against the long winter.

Gene Matthews retained the fleet championship, winning the first Sunday series and its Jean Bergman Memorial trophy. Bob Novak took the second series followed by Matthews, but Bob had failed to qualify for the first and, hence, the overall championship.

Buck Boyington took second and third series places, respectively, and finished runner-up to the champ. Third place for the season went to Jim Truelsen, followed by Bill Connor and Henry Kelley, fourth and fifth.

The Club's traditional special trophies again provided some one-shot opportunities to pick up silver. The Sherwood Memorial event went to Steve Novy, followed by Matthews and by young Jay Matteson. Boyington won the Illinois Trophy race with Novak, second and Novy, third. In the Gage Marine contest it was Matthews, Boyington and Kelley. The Chase Hess Cup went to Matty Matthews, with Steve Sickler and Connor second and third. And, in the Cobb Memorial contest it was Novak, Boyington and Gene Matthews.

As usual, highlight of the year was another successful Oxie Memorial Regatta. The small host club was thrilled to find 38 boatloads of new and old friends on the line for a full set of five races sailed in adequate to brisk air. Greg Florian, of Lake Decatur, was the winner. Dick Hinze and Jeff Baker, both of Chicago Corinthian YC, were second and third, followed by Tryg Jacobson and Rick Larson, both of Sheboygan, to round out the five trophy winners. Bob Novak's ninth place topped the locals.

Connor, Novak, Novy, Matteson and Matthews were, to varying degrees, regatta travelers. Novak sailed in the wild Midwest District's at Sheboygan, losing everything except mast, hull and composure in the process. Matthews and Matteson were somewhat luckier at Lake Davenport's Polar Bear meeting where Jay took third and Gene second, despite being twice mired in Mississippi mud.

The Club doubled the number of races for its "cruising class" ... from one last year to two this season. Designed mainly to keep the Lightning retreads from becoming completely sedentary, these long races were run on the Fourth of July and on Labor Day. Jim Flourney won both in his Seafarer 22.

Bob Novak has been elected to lead the fleet and Club next year, while Sue Connor will serve as secretary-treasurer.

A sad note ended the season at Lake Geneva. Life-member Sophia Hess, wife of the Club's well loved starter, was seriously stricken and at this writing remains hospitalized. The thoughts and prayers of all are with Sophia and Chase.



Downwind at Lake Geneva's Oxie Memorial Regatta.

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

Fleet Captain Joe Stites
Fleet Secretary Gene Stites
Fleet Treasurer Buck Harris
Fleet Lieutenant Gordon Ettie
Fleet Champion Gordon Ettie

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 190 | Missy | H. Tennant Neville |
| 6523 | ..... | John E. Waldo |
| 9402 | ..... | Kenneth Wallace |
| 9570 | Ariel | William L. Pulgram |
| 10111 | Lord Jim | Robert Schindel |
| 10821 | ..... | Joseph D. Stites |
| 10824 | The Green Machine | Thomas M. Barnett |
| 10875 | Thunder Too | Pete R. Dennis |
| 10877 | Thunderbolt | Fred W. Crawford |
| 11299 | Eager | Ronald B. Wolff |
| 11491 | Pink Panther | Gordon P. Kellogg |
| 11723 | Tevake | Hayden Harriass |
| 11881 | Do It | Reginald Brooks |
| 12055 | Urge | Randy Brooks |
| 12282 | Honky | Marshall Sansbury |
| 12331 | Hot Chocolate | Richard J. Scott, Jr. |
| 12457 | Sazerac | Gordon E. Ettie |
| 12691 | Long Gone | James N. Howard, Jr. & Sr. |
| 12736 | ..... | John Brian Johnstone |
| 12849 | Hot Ruddered Bum | Alan L. & Bruce G. Purdy |
| 12935 | Lemon Pie | J. A. W. Burrows |
| 13013 | ..... | Charles A. McMurray, Jr. |

It was a very busy year for Lightning Fleet 348. We had a spring and a fall series of fleet races. We (some of us) attended ten away Lightning Invitational Regattas, we provided Lightnings for our teenage Juniors to compete in Lake Lanier Sailing Club's July Race Week, we provided Lightnings for the area Sears semi-final competition, we competed against other class boats in four major LLSC Regattas, we initiated a Junior Lightning fleet race series and had a very successful Lightning Atlanta Cup Regatta.

The first fleet races were on March 20 and the last races were scheduled for November 21. We actually concluded the season on November 20 since on the next day the winds on Lake Lanier were clocked at 30 mph.

Our fleet champion was Gordon Ettie and he was easy to beat only when he turned over. One race he was so inconsiderate as to capsized only after he had crossed the finish line. Of the twenty-one total races sailed in the spring and fall fleet series, Gordon came in first in 11 races. The Etties moved from Atlanta to the Chicago area in November and we feel it only fair to warn Chicago Lightning sailors that Gordon Ettie will give them some stiff competition. Second place runner-up for the season was Ken Wallace by the narrowest of margins over Newt Howard. The way Newt and his son James were sailing in the fall series, if there had been just one more race day, they might have taken second place for the season.

In the spring series, Gordon Kellogg, our original standard of excellence, won the second place trophy with Dick Scott taking third. In the fall series Newt Howard took second and Ken Wallace won the third place trophy.

Our Atlanta Cup Regatta in October was, as usual, the highlight of our season. Although we only had 39 boats, we had a great time sailing against the best in the Southeast. Tom Waters of Orangeburg, South Carolina, won the regatta and a leg on the Atlanta Cup trophy; Cully Cobb of Nashville, Tennessee celebrated his birthday by taking second place; third place was won by that 'Ol Man from Savannah', John McIntosh. He's always high up in the silver in the Southeast. Fourth place went to Wilburn Brewer of Columbia, S.C., his first trophy in the Atlanta Cup Regatta. Finally, the Lake Lanier Sailing Club did make it into the ranks of trophy winners, Newt's son James (more familiarly known to his friends as Sputter) took fifth place. Newt was proud to remind us that with this fifth place finish, Sputter had won silver in the last three Lightning regattas he had sailed in. Nice going Sputter.

We had a great party the Saturday night of the Atlanta Cup with a Bluegrass Band providing lively music for dancing by everyone from young teenagers to old grandparent types. Everyone was having such a good time that even the band had to be reminded that they were playing a half hour past the time they had contracted for. Fleet 348 felt complemented when the S.E. District sailors requested that we move our Atlanta Cup Regatta to a later date so that, with the addition of more District regattas, we would still have the last one of the season. "It's the best place to wind up the Southeastern District Circuit." Thanks friends. Next year we would like to have more of you Yankee sailors with us. Ya'll come!

In June, 1976 the fleet 355 hosted the "Trofeo Di Lorenzo" organized by the Lega Navale di Ferrara.

The final results were: 8763 "SINDBAD" N. De Amicis, P. L. Nobili, A. De Amicis of fleet 249, first; "Leccia" L. Leuci, Astegiano, Giudice of fleet 235, second; 9450 "Tretepe" S. Tremante, L. Tezza, G. Bruno Perin, of fleet 249, third; 10375 "Teucra 3^o" Brighenti, Audi, Bandilli of fleet 355, fourth; 12494 "Horizon 3^o" Nobili, Viviani, Armeni of fleet 355, fifth.

Horizon 3^o took part to the Italian Championship. Unfortunately he desmasted in the 3rd race and the final result was a honourable 6th place.

We hope to increase the activity for 1977.

YACHT CLUB OLIVOS (356)

Argentina District

Sailing on the River Plate at

Olivos, Argentina

Fleet Captain Alberto Ranieri
Fleet Secretary Eric Nordenstahl
Fleet Champion Jose Blanco

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 8075 | Gualicho | Horacio Gonzalez Dume |
| 8412 | Llovizna | Juan Echarri |
| 8802 | Stradivarius | Eric Nordenstahl |
| 9188 | Yatasto | Fernando Bombicino |
| 12467 | Rejucilo | Nelson Corazza |
| 12617 | Yendo | Jose Blanco |
| 12618 | Supergato | Alberto Ranieri |
| 12619 | Mono Negro | Eduardo Fort |
| 12622 | Morsa II | Antonio Gneri |
| 13023 | Chicato | Eduardo Soraide |
| 13024 | Tormenta | Huga Mata |

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RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB (357)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Delaware River at Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Bruce R. Kloss
Fleet Secretary William S. Bliss, Jr.
Fleet Champion Bruce R. Kloss
Runner-Up George Betz

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4774 | Hustler | Martin Gennett |
| 5558 | Mary Jo | Raymond M. Horwitz, Jr. |
| 6929 | Le Couchoen Bleu | George Rhawn, Jr. |
| 8181 | ..... | John Gamble |
| 8379 | Ta 'Aroa | Franz Schneider |
| 9174 | Adiaphora | Richard D. Stevens |
| 9430 | Liki Tiki | G. Funari |
| 10072 | ..... | Charles E. Smith |
| 10249 | ..... | John K. Emery |
| 10816 | ..... | Jerry Tierne |
| 11157 | Truckin' On Home | Dr. Keith, Randy, Mark & Martha Young |
| 11312 | ..... | William Alt |
| 11340 | Masada | Martin Feybusch |
| 11666 | Cirrus | John Teigland, Jr. |
| 12081 | Hasta Luego | George Betz |
| 12140 | Daisy | Dr. John Fenlin |
| 12167 | ..... | John C. Perkins |
| 12438 | Holy Terror | Horst G. Seydel |
| 12727 | ..... | Allen Crew |
| 12728 | Blitz | Bruce R. Kloss |
| 12920 | ..... | Tom Slook |
| ..... | ..... | Dr. Paul J. Grotzinger |

Competition ran high at the Red Dragon this past season. It seemed that on any given day, any one of our seven top skippers could win a race decisively. We are starting to develop a very talented group of skippers and excellent working crews. Several top sailors have recently joined our fleet, and we will field an even livelier group in 1977.

Our Spring Series, Summer Series and Fleet Championship were all won by Bucky Kloss with daughter, Kris and son Bucky, Jr.,

manning the crew positions. The new boat and lots of new sails seemed to pay off. Second place went to George Betz, whose wife Doris responded well to all of George's commands. Franz Schneider, with experienced crew wife Sheila and daughter Kathy, were always tough and finished third a mere ¼ point out of second.

Fleet 357 always holds its annual regatta in the fall, when the weather seems to do tricky things. This year was no exception. Bill Clausen was leading the first race with Djoerd Hoekstra holding down second position. We were on a tight reach going for the leeward mark when suddenly the wind really came up, resulting in a capsized for Bill Clausen and an accident on Hoekstra's boat. This left the way clear for Bucky Kloss to move in and take first place in the first race, followed by Gregg Funari and Mark Schneider. Bill Clausen; however, seems to own this regatta and was flawless the next two races to finish first overall with Gregg Funari taking second and Bucky Kloss third.

Fleet 357 was represented in the Central Atlantic Districts by five of our members. As a result of our showing, special emphasis will be put on grooming our best boats, skippers and crews to be near the line when the gun sounds in future championship races. All in all, 1976 was a good year for us, and we all look forward impatiently to the 1977 season.

FLEET 357



SAILING ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

AT BEVERLY - NEW JERSEY

MEMORIAL DAY REGATTA

MAY 29-30

INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA

JULY 3-4

LABOR DAY REGATTA

SEPT. 4-5

FALL LIGHTNING REGATTA

SEPT. 17-18

LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Murten at Switzerland

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

| 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 | Hans-Peter Schmid |
| 9131 | Triton IV | Dr. Ernst Hausamann |

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| 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 | Milan III | Hans-Peter Schmid |
| 10899 | ..... | Daniel Fischlin |
| 11857 | ..... | Jean-Pierre Durr |
| 12088 | Noa III | Peter Bernasconi |
| 12089 | Raiatea | Ulrich Beck |
| 12307 | Dambema | Dr. Bernhard Gruninger |
| 12310 | ..... | Dr. B. Hadorn |
| 12634 | Blizzard | Sodeco-Saia (W. Tschumi) |
| 12635 | Polymero | Jack Beck |
| 12637 | Waggu | Rudolf, Urs & Peter Wyler |
| 12951 | Santa Fiamma | R. Fluhmann & M. Divernois |

Was 1976 successful for our fleet? This was the question I asked myself when composing this report. Unfortunately, I cannot answer this question only by Yes. On the positive side we can report among others the following points: Events organized by our fleet for the Sailing Club of Morten - Fancywork in wintertime, evening trainings in Avenches, ladies-regatta; Participation of minimum six boats in each of the five races organized by the club; District-regatta as well as those on other lakes were well represented by our fleet. Often, we had more participating boats than the organizing club.; Also, the two outstanding regatta successes ought to be mentioned by this occasion - we ranked first in the European and Swiss Championship and ranked first in the District Championship.

And now to the negative side: In all these "feats and performances" the same five to eight boats were concerned. All the other boats of our fleet could, unfortunately, not be inspired to participate at one of our various events.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those who contributed so much to the performance of our fleet. At the same time I would like to ask them to try to stimulate the more passive members.

CATAWBA FLEET (365)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Wylie at Charlotte, N.C.

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| Fleet Captain | | George McQuilkin |
| Fleet Secretary | | Ric Newton |
| Fleet Champion | | George McQuilkin |
| Runner-Up | ..... | Ric Newton |
| Boat Number | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 10086 | ..... | Harold Bursley |
| 10691 | ..... | Ric Newton |
| 11242 | ..... | George McQuilkin |

Catawba fleet 365 began 1976 with a renewal of its Fleet Charter and a rebuilding program. Two boats were added to the fleet making the outlook for the 1976 racing season the best in several years. The first half of the season was won by George McQuilkin (11242) sailing with oval spars and new sails. The fourth of July series found George McQuilkin first in relatively calm air with Ric Newton second.

As the second half of the season began Newton's 10691 found itself demasted and shortly sported ovals and new sails. The Labor Day series, sailed in variable winds, was won by Newton with McQuilkin a close second with 3,2,1,1,2 and 1,1,5,2,1 respectively. As the season closes it will go "down the wire" with McQuilkin and Newton in a virtual tie for first place.

The closing of the season also found the addition of Gary Angermeier and his 10396 bringing the fleet total to eight boats. It is noteworthy that of the last three new members of the Catawba Yacht Club all have been Lightning skippers.

We look forward to the 1977 season with many of the skippers looking into the addition of new sails and other go-fast items.

OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Lake Okanagan at Kelwona, B.C., Canada

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| Fleet Captain | | Robert Bazett |
| Fleet Secretary | | Robert Bazett |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 7090 | ..... | Neil MacGibbon |
| 9853 | Frolic | Jim MacDonnell |
| 10658 | ..... | Grant McKinnon |

Activities in Fleet 368 have been minimal this year, partially due to a couple of recent changes in boat ownership and also a number of boat owners who were out of town for part of the season. However, in out of town travel, Neil MacGibbon again led the way by attending several of the District races. Also, in the accompaniment of Ted Turton and Doug Black, Neil attended the Canadian Lightning Nationals in Hamilton, Ontario. While in Hamilton, the organizers of this event and particularly David Sprague, proved to be great hosts to our little contingent.

Looking ahead to next year it is expected that we will have at least six competing boats and will then be able to organize more Fleet activities.

COHASSET LIGHTNING FLEET (369)

New England District

Sailing on Cohasset Harbor at Cohasset, Massachusetts

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| 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 |
| 12841 | Flaming Hue | Bob Allen |

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)

California District

Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California

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| Fleet Captain | | Mark Patty |
| Fleet Secretary | | Ann Patty |
| Fleet Champion | | Wayne Fitch |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 8227 | ..... | Bob Smith |
| 9124 | ..... | Leslie Walker |
| 9169 | Genie II | Bill Hole |
| 10369 | Borne Free | Wally Breuner |
| 10148 | Donner Wetter | Alex Namikis |
| 10481 | Pooh | Bob Smith |
| 10809 | Thunder Chicken | Jack McCarthy |
| 11463 | ..... | Wayne Fitch |
| 11511 | Peppermint Patty | Bruce B. Arnold |
| 11514 | Molly Brown II | Stan Starkey |
| 11548 | ..... | Joseph T. Watson |
| 11744 | Raggedy Ann 2 | Mark Patty |

Fleet 372 may be small (six active racing boats) but we're dedicated. This year we trailed our boats to regattas from Oregon to the Mexican border, running up over 3000 miles in the process. During our local racing season we sailed in many conditions and different places, from San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean to inland lakes. To support these regattas and improve the level of our competition we sail with other Lightning fleets whenever possible.

The first of these inter-fleet regattas each year is the California Circuit held during Easter week in Los Angeles and San Diego. Although the 1976 regatta was shortened by a tropical storm coming up from Mexico, we all had a great time with Jack McCarthy, Stan Starkey, Bill Hole, and Mark Patty placing third, fourth, fifth and sixth, and Wayne Fitch ninth. The highlight of the year was the trip to Klamath Falls, Oregon, at the end of July, for the Pacific Coast Championships. There were 42 boats on the line - more Lightnings than some of us have ever seen! This time Jack placed ninth and Wayne 10th, and Stan, with wife Gail and son Mike crewing, placed 11th, to take home the Harter Perpetual trophy for the highest finishing family crew. Our last big traveling regatta was in early September when we all went south to Lake Cachuma (near Santa Barbara) for the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta. This time Linda (Kate) McCarthy took the tiller of "Thunder Chicken" with Jack crewing. This combination proved even more formidable with Kate tying with Bill Hole for second place behind 1974 Governor's Cup winner Warren Gross. Stan and Wayne placed fifth and sixth.

Mark and Ann Patty moved back to Southern California in the middle of the season after being in Fleet 372 for over two years. We're sorry to lose an active boat and such fun sailors, but at least we get to see them at various regattas during the year. We are honored to have

Christoph and Dominique Lüthy as honorary fleet members for the coming year. They are in San Francisco for a year from Fleet 250 in Switzerland where Christoph was fleet captain, fleet champion and runner-up in the 1975 European Championships. Unfortunately their Lightning stayed in Switzerland.

Fleet Champion for the year is Jack McCarthy. He and Kate have been trying for ten years (often coming close) but with that new oval, were finally able to capture the trophy. Congratulations to them and crew Bruce Brown! Wayne Fitch won the Mark Patty Perpetual Turtle Trophy for 1976 with three capsizes, tying Mark's record in 1975.

Next year we look forward to hosting the Pacific Coast Championships and hope Lightning sailors from all over will come to San Francisco to sail with us. We will continue to look for additional active boats and look forward to a season of good sailing and good times in 1977.

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 Howard Eddy
Runner-Up Earl J. Peters

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| 10937 | ..... | Dean W. Ginther |
| 11055 | Nanshe | Richard S. Crane |
| 11214 | Mod Mid | Earl J. Peters |
| 12178 | Ursa Major | G. Rene Hall |
| 12754 | Shrub | David O. Peters |
| 13015 | Don Quixote II | Howard Eddy |

The Labor Day weekend Regatta completed the 1976 seasons sailing activities for Fleet #374 on Douglas Lake.

Three firsts assured Dave Peters the trophy. Although fleet captain Jack Young and Bud Osgood were tied in points, the runner-up trophy was granted Osgood due to the better position in two of the three races.

Howard Eddy earned "Fleet Champion" during the 13 race season with Earl Peters as runner-up, followed by Osgood, Olsaver and Young.

The trophy for the most improved record was given Rick Crane.



Jack Young (center) presents OOPY Trophy to Howard Eddy and sons Dave and Ray.

BRASILIA (375)
Brazil District
Sailing on Lago de Brasilia

Fleet Captain Carlos A. Araujo
Fleet Secretary Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa
Fleet Treasurer Carl D. Kehl
Fleet Technical Purposes

Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa
Fleet Champion Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 3081 | Blitz | Carl D. Kehl |
| 6748 | Dordao | Walter Reinicke |
| 7464 | Que Sera Sera | Samir Kury |
| 8089 | Sunday | Joao Novais |
| 9193 | Cartola | Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa |
| 9774 | Shalom | Antonio Rodolpho Assenco |
| 12263 | Hobby II | Manuel Fernandes Vieira |
| ..... | Murure | Geraldo Guimaraes Leite |

The Fleet 375 - Brasilia, has had a very enthusiastic and active period.

We started in April with a three race Contest commemorating the city day. It was easily won by *Hobby* with Ralph, Villela and Okamoto.

The fleet is getting better day by day and the boat owners are getting new accessories, sails and even changing boats.

This has made our races more competitive, giving chances to everybody to try to obtain first place.

Thanks to a very ambitious calendar, because of which we never passed a weekend without races, we reached a better technic level and the boats became better too.

In September, when the fleet Championship started, we could already feel proud to have very sharp and trained crews, after 23 races in all types of weather and wind.

The first race of the Fleet Championship was won by *Cartola* which was in first place since the beginning and runner-up was *Sunday* with Joao, Mario and Carlos. In the second race, *Cartola* won again after a long struggle with *Blitz* which kept first place until the last windward leg. Joao guided *Sunday* to third place. The third race, again *Cartola* finishes in first place, far away from the second, *Sunday*, in the counting of the points. Fourth race, after being in first place during all the race *Cartola* loses to *Sunday* on the finish line. Fifth race, sensational reaction of *Hobby II* with Fernandes, Francisco and Walcles obtaining first place, arriving before *Cartola* and *Sunday*. Sixth race, this would be the final and decisive race, because of this there was a great deal of tension. With a wind of 18 mph Ralph drives *Cartola* to victory, conquering the title of "Champion of the Fleet". *Sunday* comes before *Hobby II* which arrives in third.

Final standings up to fifth place are *Cartola*, Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa with Dinamary de Vasconcellos Rosa and Heide Kehl, 6 points, first place; *Sunday* Joao Novais with Carlos Araujo and Mario, 9 points, second place; *Blitz* Carl Kehl with Okamoto and Ricardo Kehl, 15 points, third place; *Hobby II* Fernandes Vieira with Francisco and Walcles Osorio, 19 points, 4th place; *Shalom* Luiz Krish with Antonio Assenco and Rodolpho Assenco, 22 points, 5th place.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE FLEET (377)

Dixie District
Sailing on Smith Mountain Lake at Scruggs, Virginia

Fleet Captain Henry Riviere
Fleet Secretary Henry Riviere

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------|----------------------------|
| 651 | Tarantelle | Franklin H. Pritchard, Jr. |
| 5919 | ..... | Al B. Carr |
| 9145 | ..... | William Thomasson |
| 11871 | Jabberwock | Henry W. Riviere |

No Report.

THOUSAND ISLANDS FLEET (382)

Central New York District
Sailing on the St. Lawrence River
at Thousand Island Park, New York

Fleet Secretary Edward F. Beadel, Jr.



Members of Fleet 375 at a party, with Juniors displaying the Plaques.

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------|-----------------------|
| 910 | ..... | Dana Fearon |
| 10117 | T.P.R. | Dr. Paul Clark |
| 10708 | Red Barron | Edward F. Beadel, Jr. |
| 11963 | | Robert Olson |
| 12139 | | John Meyers, Jr. |

No Report.

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| | Fleet Captain | | Giuseppe Chiota |
| | Fleet Secretary | | Giuseppe Chiota |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper | |
| 8729 | Surprise | Circolo Nautico Caposele | |
| 9679 | Antonilla | Giuseppe Chiota | |

No Report.

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)
Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan

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|-----------------|-------|-------------|
| Fleet Captain | | Ray Yerkie |
| Fleet Secretary | | Anita King |
| Fleet Champion | | Robert Hill |
| Runner-Up | ..... | Jim Haughey |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| 405 | Four-O-Five | Gene King |
| 3618 | ..... | Robert K. MacDonald |
| 5885 | Red Baroness | Raymond Yerkie |
| 7713 | Cracker Jack | Jack Kintner |
| 7877 | Beaux-Jangles | Fred D. Hurlbutt |
| 8288 | ..... | Thomas Caterino |
| 10262 | ..... | James Haughey |
| 11468 | Rubber Duckie | Anton de Kok |
| 11488 | Diligence | Robert M. Hill |

Fleet #387 started their year with the annual "Tune-up" regatta on May 1 and 2. Hearty sailors arrived on a sunny-windy Saturday to catch up on news and begin a two-day regatta. With a cold and rainy Sunday, we were happy to offer a large building, recently purchased by the Lansing Sailing Club, to warm up and to present trophies. The first place went to Bill McKinley, Gary Cameron, second; John Corbett, third; and Garry Demarest, fourth.

Monthly meetings are held by our fleet from October through May, meeting in member's homes with discussions on tactics and any other sailing subject matter of interest to members. This year we welcomed three new members into our fleet.

FLOTTA DI FORMIA (389)
Italian District
Sailing on Formia Bay, Italy

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

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|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| 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 | ..... | William Sloger |
| Runner-Up | ..... | Kilby B. Smith, III |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------|---------------------|
| 10101 | ..... | James G. Hudson |
| 10149 | Bud Man | Joe Ross |
| 10432 | Sea Gull | James Marlow, Jr. |
| 10553 | Aunt Mary | Morris Clayton |
| 10616 | ..... | James R. Gasque |
| 10810 | Jubilee | George Story |
| 11007 | Blue Jeans | Kilby B. Smith, III |
| 11343 | ..... | Thomas A. Babb |
| 11738 | Tabasco | William Sloger |
| 12138 | ..... | William F. Lehr |

Fleet activity increased during 1976 with more boats participating in races than during the previous two years. The racing year for Fleet 391 was highlighted by our fleet hosting the Southeastern District Championship. Bill Sloger is our fleet champion. In addition to his sailing prowess, Bill made a significant contribution to sailing at Western Carolina Sailing Club this year by conducting two very successful training programs. Both programs were very well attended, but the one for lady sailors was especially noteworthy.

Kip Smith, our runner-up, sailed his first year as a Lightning skipper. Kip sailed past more experienced Lightning sailors for the whole season, so we cannot attribute his success to beginner's luck. Our annual Jib 'n' Tonic Regatta was plagued by light, or no, winds. We managed to squeeze in only two races. The winner was Tom Waters of the Columbia Sailing Club.

MANITOWOC LIGHTNING FLEET (393)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Ron Schaper
Fleet Secretary Bob Waid
Fleet Champion Ron Schaper

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------|----------------------|
| 1259 | In Laws | Ruben M. Kluczinski |
| 9763 | Circa | Billie E. Williamson |
| 9823 | Hunky Dory | Robert A. Waid |
| 10632 | Oden | Ronald Schaper |

The 1976 sailing season was one of the best in recent years for Fleet 393. The weather was nearly perfect with moderate, steady breezes, and free of the fog that had plagued the lakeshore so often in the past. An organizational meeting was held in May, and it was decided to continue racing in three separate series, the Wednesday night; the Saturday, and the Labor Day series. Separate trophies were given for each series plus the "Good Guy" trophy which is given to the person giving exceptional service to the Fleet. This year the "Good Guy" trophy was presented to Chuck Hunter who with his Columbia 28 acted as committee boat.

In addition, Fleet 393 sponsored a Memorial Day Regatta, and a Labor Day Regatta for cruising boats from the Manitowoc-Two Rivers area to help promote racing generally. An awards banquet was held in September with Dr. Ron Schaper taking the fleet championship for the second year in a row. All hands had a wonderful season, and we are looking forward to another one next year.

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 |
|----------|---------------|----------------------|
| 6142 | Indescribable | Steve Schieltz |
| 8441 | Adam's Rib | Al Siegfried |
| 9393 | ..... | John Tilton |
| 11515 | ..... | Roger Henkener |
| 11777 | ..... | Dr. Robert Wilkins |
| 12046 | ..... | Addis Katterheinrich |

Like many areas lakes, we were plagued by low water, but we still were able to have a successful sailing season. Katterheinrich, Kruger and Wilkins sailed at our neighbors' Indian Lake, Spring Shakedown. Our own Thundermug regatta had a good showing of our club sailors with Tilton, Schieltz, Siegfried, Wilkins Kruger and Katterheinrich sailing. This was a first in a series of three regattas to compete for the new annual Ohio Governors' Cup, won this year by Dick Pugh. The results of this regatta are in the June issue of *Flashes*. A week later Katterheinrich finished a respectable tenth at Leatherlips.

Wilkins sailed at the ill-fated Ohio Districts at Sandusky, where a severe front decimated the fleet and we lost one of our dearest friends from Indian Lake — Charles Lutes. His pleasantness on the course, as well as ashore, will be missed by us all. His fine examples are a credit to our sport.

The members of Fleet 400 ran the Interlake Nationals this year with 58 boats competing. One of our local Interlakers, Larry

Aufderhaar, finished 8th.

The Tiltens and Katterheinrichs with Whistler and Schieltz crewing went to Devil's Lake, Mich. Tilton's season was ended abruptly when a port tack boat climbed his shroud and demasted him. He says he still enjoyed the regatta spectating from a crash boat. However he was doing well against Bill McKinley that evening, blowing toy boats across a pan of water, when rough water cancelled the race. (Ha!)

The top positions of our club's Handicap Series were again almost dominated by Lightnings, sailing against 470's, Hobies and Interlakes, taking 4 of the top 5 positions.

LAKE KEYSTONE LIGHTNING FLEET (402)

Central States District

Sailing on Lake Keystone at Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fleet Captain James R. Head
Fleet Secretary G. C. Spillers
Fleet Champion Richard Bartlett
Runner-Up Eric R. Michaels

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| 9470 | Miss Jayne | Richard S. Bartlett |
| 10517 | ..... | James Head |
| 10757 | Leprechaun | Eric R. Michaels |
| 11111 | Capricorn | G. C. Spillers, Jr. |
| 11367 | ..... | Jack Zink |
| 11736 | ..... | James Head |
| Life Member | ..... | Stan Brander |

Fleet activity ranged from Force 5 to Force 1. Bartlett, with help from some of the keelboat Camper Class took honors as Fleet Champion. Cleve Spillers indoctrinated his new bride to sailing on a day that one ordinarily does not do such. I believe they still speak. Eric Michaels will be moving to New Orleans — a big loss to the fleet. His son Peter is a 'tiger' in Junior Sailing.

SALINAS YACHT CLUB (405)

Ecuador District

Sailing on the Pacific Ocean at Guayaquil, Ecuador

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 11259 | | Orlando Rodriguez V. |
| 11611 | | Werner Moeller |
| 12054 | | Jose Estrada G. |
| 12339 | | Isidro J. Iturralde Puig |
| 12422 | | Mario Coka Barriga |
| 12513 | | Juan Santos Cueva & Juan Santos Garces |
| 12829 | | Jose Estrada G. |

The National Championship was held by Fleet 447 at Lake San Pablo in May and three boats from Salinas and Quayaquil participated.

The first regatta held in Salinas this year was early in October in remembrance of the Worlds which was held here a year ago. Nine boats participated with four of those from San Pablo. This regatta was won by Paco Sola with Dieter Dyck in second place.

We have new boats in our fleet since some were purchased from the American participants at the Worlds. We look forward to more activity next season.

PARKWAY SAILING CLUB (406)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on the Niagara River at Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Ray Filsinger
Fleet Secretary Ray Filsinger
Fleet Champion Des Smith
Runner-Up Dieter Weinmann

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------|----------------|
| 5148 | Evenlode | Donald A. Boon |
| 8033 | Valium V | R. Filsinger |
| 10125 | ..... | Graham Misner |
| 10200 | Brig-o-Don | D. Glenn |
| 12171 | Mistress | D. Weinmann |
| 12300 | Puffin | D. Smith |

It's been the shortest season in memory, this 1976 on the Niagara River. Racing did not get under way until well into June. For two years in a row Des Smith has skillfully piloted his *Puffin* to more wins, on Sunday afternoons, than any of the other Lightning crews. Not far behind, with identical scores, were Ray Filsinger in *Valium V* and Dieter Weinman in *Mistress*. The three boats above are very evenly matched. The winner of any single race is usually determined by continuity of crew and/or marking the fewest errors.

Sailing and racing on the Niagara River's West Branch is uniquely wonderful and satisfying. Both banks are parkland, green with trees and grass. The blue water is a reflection of even bluer skies. The current is gentle at 1½ knots. The wind is a constant challenge, never predictable in direction or velocity. Visiting sailors are always welcome to launch their boats and join our Sunday afternoon races and fellowship gathering thereafter.

JUANITA BAY SAILING FLEET (414) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Lake Washington at Juanita Bay

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Fleet Captain | Greg Zettler |
| Fleet Secretary | Greg Zettler |
| Fleet Champion | Greg Zettler |
| Runner-Up | Frank Paine |

| 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 |
| 10741 | ..... | Mike O'Byrne |
| 10867 | Blue Jay | Frank Paine |
| 10945 | ..... | J. Robert Forgie |
| 11031 | Miss Muffet | Richard Muffett |
| 11457 | Mrs. Henry VIII | Greg Zettler |
| 11636 | Lightning Rod | Rod Johnson |
| 11722 | Zephyr II | Kurt Seiffert |
| 11974 | ..... | Frank L. Wise & Lou R. Callahan |

In club racing the honors were well distributed with Jim Muri winning the Spring Series, Dick Muffet the Evening Series, Frank Paine the July 4 Series, Frank Wise the Labor Day Series, and Greg Zettler the Fleet Championship. In all the club ran 47 races at Juanita Bay.

In regional racing fleet 414 of Juanita Bay (That's Seattle [Ed. Note — up by Canada] in case you've never heard of us) had a vintage year. Ten boats, which is almost the whole fleet, journeyed to various events and some even influenced the outcome of those. For example, Rod Johnson managed to win the District Championships with his rotten old sails and wood spar for the second year in a row. In the Districts overall, Zettler was second and Kurt Seiffert, third, making it 1, 2, 3 for Seattle. We could tell things were going our way when Seattle took places 1 through 6 in the first race against the 31 boat fleet. In other invitations Greg Zettler was first at Eugene, Portland, and Vancouver, B.C., while Rod Johnson won at Lake Chelan. On this overall score, Zettler will receive the NW Circuit Trophy for 1976. For the West Coast Championships, with 42 boats competing in Klamath Falls, Seattle was only able to scrape up 2 old blue boats coats with red spinnakers to send to the regatta. They did O.K. with Zettler, first and Johnson, second (this order decided on the last leg of the last 5 races).

To finish up the season, a stalwart racing team from our fleet under the leadership of Captain Frank Wise journeyed to sail the treacherous Columbia River Gorge Team Races. These races involved the 6 top fleets in the Pacific Northwest District (and the Columbia River belongs to Portland). Against these insurmountable odds, we emerged victorious with the outcome decided in the last race of the series - Seattle vs Portland. We blew them off the river! We won this event last year, but in the entire history of the team races no fleet has won three years in a row. BEWARE!

Fleet 414 is proud of its Lightning sailors who have given their time working for Club and District activities. Special thanks to Dick Muffet for serving as Commodore of our Yacht Club and Bob Forgie who suffered as Treasurer. In support of the PNW Lightning District, Frank Wise wrote the district newsletter and Kurt Seiffert wrote up the PIYA regattas for the *Flashes*. Next year, 1977, Bob Forgie will be Race Committee for Juanita Bay Yacht Club, Frank Wise will be Fleet Captain, and Kurt Seiffert will be Race Chairman for the District Championships to be held in Seattle. Thanks Fellas!



Greg Zettler and crew at the Pacific Northwest Team Races on Columbia River, 1976.

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PONTOOSUC LIGHTNING FLEET (417) New England District Sailing on Pontoosuc Lake at Pittsfield, Massachusetts

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| Fleet Captain | Edward T. Barron |
| Fleet Secretary | Myron H. Culver |
| Fleet Champion | Edward T. Barron |
| Runner-Up | Patty Van Blarcom |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| 9994 | Pussy Galore | J. Paul Jordan, Jr. |
| 11166 | Morning Star | Gordon Tharp |
| 11682 | Canto Del Sol | Myron Culver |
| 11822 | Finally | Edward Barron |
| 12370 | ..... | Albert Van Blarcom |

While 1976 was not one of the better seasons for Fleet 417, 9 of our 12 Lightnings did take part during the season. Ed Barron, our Fleet Captain captured the Fleet Championship by taking first place in each of the 3 Series of races. Patty Van Blarcom took second place in the Spring Series and is Fleet Runner-up. Myron Culver took second place in the Summer Series. The Fall Series was very disappointing due to uncooperative weather conditions. The Vincent Memorial for most improved skipper in the Fleet was awarded to Myron Culver.

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 |
| 8528 | Dipsy Doodle | Don M. Cooper |
| 11199 | ..... | Explorer Ship 5802 |
| 12234 | Happiness Is | Y.M.C.A. |

Our report is the same as in years past. No hotshot to lead the fleet on weekends. But the four non-racing Lightning owners are still interested in what the class does and they turn Peru upside down to get the manpower and facilities to hold the annual WANFINLRAMPUP regatta in October.

This seventh year's turn out of 33 boats tied the record, and most of the racers had been at the NA's this year.

Those racing voted to keep the new October date the same in years to come—the first weekend instead of the third.

Thus the invitation goes out to all for the first weekend in October, 1977. And if you hear of a Lightning skipper being

transferred to Grissom AFB near Peru, or to Peru itself, have him get in touch with John Nixon or any other fleet member. We need a stem winder. (Nixon races in a different fleet.)

TIPPECANOE LAKE SAILING CLUB (425) Indiana District Sailing on Lake Tippecanoe at Leesburg, Indiana

Fleet Captain Herb Gawthrop
Fleet Secretary John Bundy
Fleet Champion John Bundy
Runner-Up Herb Gawthrop

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| 21 | ..... | H.V., Jr., Peter T., & Patricia Gawthrop |
| 628 | Cacique Mara | James Murray |
| 12021 | ..... | H.V., Jr., Peter T., & Patricia Gawthrop |
| 12495 | ..... | John Bundy |

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.

THE GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429) Southeastern District Sailing on Charleston Harbor at Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Paul Hydrick
Fleet Secretary Dottie Hintz
Fleet Champion Harry Hintz
Runner-Up Henry Russell

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 736 | Huntress | Craig Trayer |
| 8760 | Shazam | Leslie W. Hall |
| 9874 | ..... | Paul Hydrick |
| 12029 | ..... | Harold L. Hintz |
| 12704 | Limon | John A. Gastright, M.D. |
| 12709 | Second Wynd | Henry Russell |
| 12742 | Harvey H.A. | Harvey McCormick |

The Greater Charleston Lightning Fleet held its annual invitation at Charleston Yacht Club on July 31st and August 1st. The field numbered in the thirties with many fast boats from all over the Southeast. There was no lack of wind Saturday which was proven by some broken equipment during the course of the day. Sunday provided good weather for the last race, and when it was all over Tom Waters was first; Corky Gray, second; Bert Berry, third; Gordon Ettie, fourth; and Bill Sloger, fifth.

The fleet enjoyed some good races for the fleet championship which began back in the Spring. One Sunday the fleet came out in full force, and using one fishing boat with motor, made up a fifteen minute super-eight film of what a Lightning looks like under sail. We hope to use this in showing prospective members what the boat looks like and the fun involved in sailing the Lightning. By the way; if you don't think the boat lives up to its name, ask the man in the fishing boat how hard it was to keep up with the fleet with a six horsepower motor wound all the way!

The fleet was very proud to have sent two of its skippers to the North Americans this year, Harry Hintz raced in the Governors' Cup and Pete Russell in the Presidents Cup. Both boats placed in the top half of their fleets.

To round out our year the fleet was very pleased to have Bruce Goldsmith give area Lightning skippers and crews some hot skinny on the boat we sail. The talk was most informative, so watch out

Bruce; now we know your secrets! We were sorry to see our fleet captain, Craig Thayer, go up-country, but hope he will find true happiness with 7-11, and the Columbia Fleet.

Ho, Ho, Ho, hope you all got a new boat for Christmas!

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at Ocean City, New Jersey

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

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 7195 | Sandpiper | William H. Lindsay, Jr. |
| 10775 | Eljon | John J. Parker |
| 10767 | Twenty-Twenty | William P. Robinson |
| 10778 | Bee Hive | Gordon Buzby |
| 11061 | Peaches | George P. Glenn, Jr. |
| 11416 | Old Blue | A. Theodore and Scott A. Eckenhoff |
| 12687 | White Lightnin' | Dr. C. James Kavle |

This summer proved to be a very competitive summer for Fleet 430. The race for fleet championship went down to the last race. John Parker, with his wife Eleanor and Bob Leonetti as crew, managed to grasp the championship from our long standing champion, Dr. Buzby. Dr. Buzby, along with his son Gordon and daughter-in-law Linda, came in a very close second. The Kavles, father James and sons Jim and Ed, in only the second season, came in third. Kevin Robinson, assisted by his crew Sheri Luff and A. J., came through with a third in the Sunday series. He also managed to stay upright this season. Our newest member of the fleet, Ted Eckenhoff with his son, Scott, came out in the silverware in the July 4th "America's Cup" regatta.

Besides our Saturday and Sunday series, we also held a Fourth of July "America's Cup" regatta, a Labor Day "Flag Officer's" regatta, and our annual open August OCYC regatta. At the open regatta, we were pleased to welcome four outside boats. Though our club held on to first with John Parker and crew, second went to the Funari brothers, Greg, Gary, and Joel, and third to Bill Clausen and his crew, Irv Megargee and Carol Parker. The strong winds made for exciting sailing. Everyone enjoyed the vigorous sailing and the party.

Though our sailors are competitive at home, several are also traveling outside. Ed and Jim Kavle and Gidge Glenn went to the Junior CAD's. Gordon and Linda Buzby and George Gaynor were joined by Kevin Robinson and his crew at the fall Surf City regatta, finishing fifth and sixth respectively. John and Eleanor Parker crewed for Bill Clausen of Fleet 99 in September to win the Gamma Trophy. George Gaynor, though he chose to be our "dock-daisy" — race commentator on OCYC's upper deck at home, has been the most traveled member of our fleet. Crewing for Jack Elfman, he went to the North Americans (finishing sixth) and won many regattas up and down the Atlantic Coast. He also has the distinction of being on the boat which won both the Pennsylvania and the New Jersey State Championships in the same year.

We had a very exciting season and look for an even more competitive and active summer next year. We hope the interest in our fleet will continue to grow.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431) Long Island District Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton, Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain Hugh Halsey II
Fleet Secretary Ray Rumph
Fleet Champion Tim Rumph
Runner-Up Wally Carucci

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------------|----------------|
| 6350 | Uncle Mills | Wally Carucci |
| 8325 | Chinese Fire Drill | Ray Rumph |
| 10299 | Windy | Hugh Halsey II |
| 11071 | Tipperarey | Bob Cummins |

The 1976 season was another great competitive one with Tim Rumph dethroning Wally Carucci who held the fleet champion cup for 4 years straight.

Again fourteen races were sailed this season from June 19 through Sept. 11 under all types of weather and wind conditions. After the "smoke" settled — Tim Rumph was Fleet Champion with Wally Carucci runner-up. The early season series was won by Doug Wright and Alex Irving II the late season series. The fleet also sailed in the Southampton Town Regatta with variable winds from nothing to about 10-12 mph. Tim Rumph was the winner of the Lightning Division.

Looking forward to another good season next year, with a promise of 2 or 3 more boats additional to the fleet. Anyone in the vicinity of Southampton interested in racing Lightnings — join up!

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435) Texas District Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain Roger Wach
Fleet Secretary Harris Garrett
Fleet Champion Duncan Porter

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5241 | Leakin' Lena | Tom Kurth |
| 10275 | Pokie | Mike McManus |
| 10289 | Black Widow | Keith Renard |
| 10318 | Go 4th | Bob Glatter |
| 10987 | Blast Off | Mrs. Harris Garrett |
| 11028 | Shikari | Peter Hunter |
| 11046 | ..... | John W. Blakemoore |
| 11114 | ..... | Byron Bynum |
| 11118 | Road Runner | John Haynes |
| 11311 | Rockwall Success | Bob Thomas |
| 11877 | Water Log | Warren Lewis |
| 11956 | Shady Lady | Roger Wach |
| 11957 | The Sting | George Hatfield |
| 12003 | Blood, Sweat & Tears | Rick Tears |
| 12052 | ..... | Thomas D. DuBose, Jr. |
| 12488 | Corks On | Bill Garrett |
| 12530 | Heath Kit | Bill Snook |
| 12834 | Tequila Sunrise | Duncan Porter |
| 12835 | ..... | Richard Guinan |
| 12837 | ..... | Jim & Stephen Craig |
| 12838 | ..... | Lance Drewes |
| ..... | ..... | Joe Gordon |
| ..... | ..... | Sylvan Newman |

Fleet 435 is just finishing another active and successful season. We've added several new boats (Newman and Guinan), lots of new black masts, and best of all, five new members — Johnson, Drewes, Dysart, and Hunter. Joe Gordon left us for an auxiliary, but he'll be back. At our Sunday races we had strong competition with anywhere from 10 to 16 boats on the starting line. The Race Committee chairman, Bill Snook, did a good job of keeping track of the scoring, and out of it all, Duncan Porter, who has won just about every other trophy awarded in this area, is taking the fleet championship trophy home for the first time.

This has been Duncan's year, because he also won the Texas District Championship, but he had to work hard to nip Bill Garrett, Rick Tears, and Richard Guinan, who took the next three positions. Porter and Guinan went to the North Americans and came back again suggesting that we buy a wave machine for practicing on Lake Ray Hubbard. (Ed. Note: It might be a good idea for all of us to get one, the 1977 N.A.'s will be on Lake Erie.) One of our hottest sailors is fifteen-year-old Stephen Craig, who finished 7th in the Juniors at Milwaukee, did well in the President's series, and gave Porter a run for his money for the fleet championship.

Off the lake the fleet has been equally active. The monthly meetings featured spirited discussions of racing rules and tactics, instruction sessions for new members, a film session by one of our members on sailing in Singapore, and a camping trip to East Texas. We are also working closely with a group in nearby Ft. Worth in hopes of getting a Lightning fleet started on their lake. Fleet members traveled to regattas in Nashville, Shreveport (where Jim Craig took first) and New Orleans (where Bob Thomas "tied" for first with Buck Ballatin of the home club and a shrimp boat). And now we are looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving Regatta, with about 30 boats, half from out of town, and featuring such names as Goldsmith, Shore, Allen, and Buckles. Even the weather will be good this year!

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 Donald R. MacClymont

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 68 | ..... | Steve Collier |
| 11048 | Seaduece III | Don MacClymont |
| 11791 | Charisma | Richard Patton |
| 12424 | Dog Meat | John Gall |
| 12428 | Bull Ship | Brad & Scott Hamilton |
| 12971 | ..... | William Collet |

How the winds did blow for the Perry Fleet this year! As was the usual custom, the season started with the Memorial Day Regatta which John Gall won, going away. The Districts were held at Lake Perry and the home fleet did very well in the heavy air. Don MacClymont won the Districts beating John Gall with John's old boat. John finished second; Brad, fifth; and Dick, seventh; even though everyone except Don had a D.N.F. or two. In July the Perry Fleet hosted their Lightning Invitational and again the Perry Fleet did alright. Don finished first, and John second. Fortunately for Don the wind really blew on Saturday because when Sunday came around, the winds were light and variable. Don got caught trying to sneak in at the committee boat and struggled to fifth to keep his first place overall by one point.

John Gall did more than his usual traveling. John hit the Spring regatta in Shreveport, a summer regatta at Lake Geneva, "The Whale Of Sail" in St. Louis, the Red Flannel in Chicago, and the Polar Bear Regatta in Davenport. In most of these regattas, he finished in the top ten. In between, he also went to the Nationals where he placed in the top fleet and even beat some of the heavies in a race or two. Next year we look to John to bring home some heavy silver. Scot Hamilton and Doug MacClymont attended the Junior Nationals and had a super time. The wind and sea were up and even though they "tanked" in a few of the races, they finished in the middle of the fleet and both gained valuable experience.

Don MacClymont and Dick Patton did very little traveling this year. Dick, because he broke his mast in the Districts, and Don, because he was just lazy. We welcome two new members into our fleet, Bill Louisell and Bill Collet. Bill Louisell was new to Lightnings but was seen practicing every weekend. We look for big things from him next year. Bill Collet is a Lightning sailor from way back and though a little rusty this year, he also will be tough next year. The Lightning Fleet at Lake Perry is still alive and well. It's struggling, but alive and well.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Wayne Catoe
Fleet Secretary Paul F. Rodesiler
Fleet Champion Paul F. Rodesiler

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|
| 633 | Charydus | Bill Sandow |
| 736 | Huntress | Craig Thayer |
| 825 | Helen | Paul V. Ryan |
| 8081 | ..... | Robert B. Neel |
| 9143 | Windsong | Richard C. Hohn |
| 9505 | Frigate | Mike & Kathy Webster |
| 10129 | ..... | Bill & Dev Sheffield |
| 10992 | Seetenfel II | Paul F. Rodesiler |
| 11412 | Somethin' Else | Wilburn Brewer |
| 12730 | Miss Joye VI | Tom Waters |
| 12975 | Sea Ya | Wayne B. Catoe |
| 13002 | Lite & Lively | Charles E. Gise |
| 13004 | Touch of Class | Donald A. Babb |

The 1976 sailing season revealed to be a very active and quite successful one for Fleet 440. We have continued to grow, with the addition of five new members: Bill and Marie Bennett, Bill and Dev Sheffield, Preston and JoAnn Scott, Tom and Joyce Waters, and Greg Thayer. We welcome the new competition and wish them luck.

This was a big year for equipment changing with Don Babb, Chuck Gise, Preston Scott and Wayne Catoe buying new boats. It is

going to be tough next year! We were very sorry to see Marshall and Dottie Sansbury, two of our most active sailors move away to Atlanta. We are looking forward to seeing the Sansburys at the spring regattas. In March, Bill Shore came to our club and gave a talk on boat tuning and sail trimming. This event was attended by more than 50 sailors. Paul Rodesiler did a great job in organizing the session.

The fleet hosted our annual Lightning Invitational in May, which drew 33 boats. As usual all the fleet members worked very hard to make this one of the best regattas on our circuit. Silver evaded our Lake Murray Sailing Club fleet members until the last three regattas of the year. At the Atlanta Cup in October, Wilburn Brewer captured fourth place overall, and two weeks later took a first place at the Augusta Open. The next week, at the Lake Murray Sailing Club Open, he took a fifth place, while Don Babb captured a second.

Tom Waters, who joined our fleet this year, but sails out of the Columbia Sailing Club, won the District Championship for 1976. Congratulations Tom. The season ended with the annual Lightning/Thistle Challenge. Unfortunately, due to bad weather conditions, the race had to be called off. The fall series was won by Paul Rodesiler and the spring series by Don Babb, after totaling both series Paul came out as the new fleet champion, wait til next year.

This has been a long season, with 26 fleet races and 7 regattas, for our fleet. Our plans for the upcoming year, is to reduce the number of fleet races and spend more time helping our new members with their boats. Sea Ya!

LAKE ARTHUR FLEET (441)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Arthur at New Castle, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain David R. Weill, III
Fleet Secretary Richard Singer
Fleet Champion David R. Weill, III
Runner-Up J. Richard Porter

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|--------------------|
| 4582 | Poitin | M. J. O'Connell |
| 6918 | ..... | Ronald L. Pridgen |
| 7935 | Dragon | 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 sailing and racing activity of Fleet 441 can be described this year with just a few well-chosen words, "not much." The departure of our former fleet captain, Maury Eggers, and his band of pirates in Ol' 7935 seemed to reduce the fever of competition this year. David Weill and his crew sailed C'est La Vie to victories in the season championships and Bicentennial series. Dick Porter spent some time in Canada and Alaska and was able to sail to the number two spot in the fleet championships, but seemed to learn something about mast rake and came on very strong at season's end. Dick's boat, *Red Baron*, became a consistent challenge in the latter days of the season and swooshed to victory in the October drifter that ended this summer's racing. Michael O'Connell and his gourmet crew could always be counted on to stimulate good thinking about: rules, boat speed - especially when attempting to cross the fleet on port tack, or techniques of repairing rubrails. Aside from Mike's sojourns to Africa or other commonplace destinations around the world, *Poitin* was a challenging competitor and usually out on the line looking to go in harm's way.

Due to other extenuating circumstances, our new fleet secretary, Richard Singer, was only able to make a few starts in *Robin's Nest*. However, his contributions to the club's activities in general and one finish in particular will be long remembered for years to come.

We are sad to report that our activity has decreased from last season's; we are also unhappy to report that we have lost two boats due to the work-transfer syndrome. We all hope to work hard to increase the activity in our fleet and have more fun next year.

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 Herb Bankstahl

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1726 | ..... | John Walton |
| 8730 | White | ..... |
| ..... | Lightning | Richard W. Stokely |
| 8930 | Halcyon Days | Thomas W. Grebe |
| 9181 | Rag Bag | Ralph Drumwright |
| 11547 | ..... | Richard E. Schorse |

In its fifth season, the fleet tapered off its activities somewhat to suit a loss of members. Five Sunday races were sponsored by the Fond du Lac Sailing Club with other fleets. Four other dates were set up by the fleet members to fit their busy schedules. The nucleus of skippers remaining in the fleet is a group of competitive and competent racers who sail in other fleets as well. The group was saddened by the untimely death of former Commodore Ted Ziebert in the prime of life. He passed away shortly before his old Lightning, No. 10909, won the North Americans in the hands of Bill Shore.

With many new sailors in the area, the fleet expects that some will be converted to Lightnings as time goes on.

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 William F. Kittka
Fleet Champion Charles B. Austin
Runner-Up Kevin Kittka
Third Race Brian C. Anderson

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2805 | ..... | Brian C. Anderson |
| 7870 | Apres Ski | Charles B. Austin |
| 10023 | Ty-Rants | William F. Kittka |

The year 1976 was the fifth season for Fleet 444, six Lightnings sailing with the Lake Glendale Sailing Club. Our racing schedule included 11 regular races, 3 junior races, and 2 warmup races.

In late season we missed Kevin Kittka due to his college graduation trip to Seattle, but hope he and his brothers will be with us again next season. Ex-skipper Bill Austin was missing this season due to moving to near Climax, Colorado after his college graduation.

Our Lightning families, including the Don Packers, are among the many LGSC people who camp regularly at Park View Campground at the northern end of Lake Glendale. An unusual event was a wedding on the water, with bride, groom, wedding party, and many of the spectators in various sailboats. Thirty-two of us plan a charter windjammer cruise in a 95 ft. schooner off the coast of Maine next summer.

Visiting sailors are welcome to join us at our beautiful lake. Bring your banjos, etc.

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES (446)

Argentina District

Sailing on Waters of Rio De La Plata Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet Captain J. Manuel Irizar
Fleet Secretary Hugo Arazí
Fleet Champion J. Manuel Irizar

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| 7743 | Vanigre | Alejandro Ardigo |
| 7768 | Flamingo II | Heraldo Tramaglia |
| 8809 | Catriel | Alberto Suburu |
| 8812 | Igua | Daniel Pisa |
| 8814 | Aguaapey | Eduardo Batkis |
| 9200 | Alegreto | Carlos Schenone |
| 9218 | Morsa | Patricio Soler |
| 11035 | Que Se Yo V | J. Manuel Irizar |
| 11041 | Flamingo III | J. Omar Buquet |
| 11042 | Indio Juerte | Hugo Arazí |

No Report.