

SAN PABLO FLEET (447)
Ecuador District
Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain Dieter Dyck
Fleet Secretary Dr. Ricardo Crespo
Fleet Champion Dieter Dyck
Runner-Up Ventura Sanchez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5860	Pablo Ribadeneira
5866	Dr. Jose Marie Perez & Dr. Juan Quevedo
5868	Cnrl. Gustavo Izurieta
5872	Dr. Jaime Holguin
10114	Mario Ribadeneira
11103	Cnrl. Gustavo Izurieta
11258	Mauricio Martinez
11260	Jorge Matheus
11365	Gunther Langpap & Faisal Misl
12036	Dr. Jaime Holguin
12097	Ricardo Crespo, Jr.
12221	Enrique Espinosa
12338	Dieter Dyck
12510	Diego Ribadeneira
12557	Ing. Ernesto Martinez
12558	Cesar Pallares
12566	Alfred Zeller
12661	Andres Cardenas
12768	Dr. Ricardo Crespo



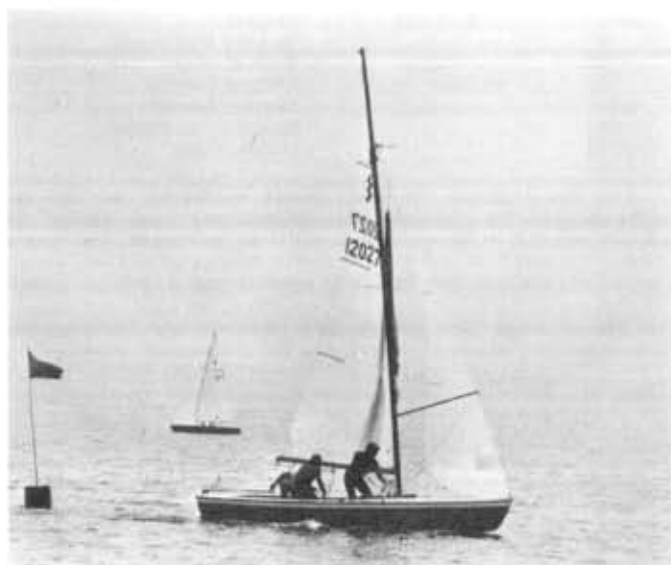
Mario Buckup smiles again in San Pablo.

During the first half year our fleet was very active, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of May we had our yearly fleet championship, which corresponded exactly with the foundation day of our Club and the purchase of our first Dutch Lightnings 10 years ago; 15 boats fought for the honors out of our fleet of 19. The National Championship 1976 was held for the first time, end of May, on our mountain Lake, with 18 boats participating.

Immediately after that we had the chance to invite for a second time top sailors from North and South America for a very interesting regatta sponsored by LARK-Cigarettes and ECUATORIANA DE AVIACION. We were very happy to have Mario Buckup, Bill Shore and Bruce Goldsmith and crews with us. From Peru came Carlos Arteaga and crew. Bruce and Bill were kind enough to hold a few very interesting seminars on boat and sail trim. We thank Shrub Peters again for the kind detailed report on the August Flashes.

We did not know how lucky we were having finished this major event early June, because a week later the level of our lake went down by 2½ feet for the first time, because of drainage ordered by the authorities, leaving all our facilities quite dry. Since June we could only lower our boats into the water with difficulties and activities came to an end. We are constructing new landing stages which will be ready by the end of the year.

Three of our boats were taken to Salinas for the October regattas and were finally racing at the same level as the more experienced sailors from Salinas and Guayaquil.



Fleet Secretary Gianni Pellegrino in Wind #12027.

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MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)
Italian District

Fleet Secretary Gianni Pellegrino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8758	Shark	Pasquale Teri
11325	Joker	Zerilli Pietro
11790	Eliana	C. V. Banca Italia
12009	Barracuda	Natale Cudia
12026	Zeus	Paolo Ricevuto
12027	Wind	Enzo Linares
12058	Eros	Benedetto Renda
12059	Lian	Nuccio De Vita
12061	Zaza	Nuzzo Giacalone
12070	Big	Michele Guarrasi
12071	Happy First	D'Andrea Andrea
12193	Joshua	Franco Riti
12537	Luktor	Raineri Gambina
12556	Seagull	Genna Vito
12717	Rebel	Lucia Michele
12904	Wind II	Gianni Pellegrino
12905	Easy Wave	Roberto Crucitti
13035	Scirocco	Tino Pernice
13036	Lian II	Nuccio De Vita

During the year 1976 we have organized the "Siculo-Calabro" Lightning Championship which was won by Zaza. A large number of boats took part in the championship which for the second time the F.I.V. has invited us to organize. Three of our Lightnings (Zaza, Lian and Luktor) took also part in the Italian Championship which was run at Numana. From Numana the three crews moved to Switzerland for the European Championship, which was the first experience of the kind for our fleet.

In the Italian Championship we got good results considering our still "young" experience in such a championship. Always organized by "the Circolo Velico" we had during the month of August a very nice regatta which saw the participation of more than forty boats (ten were Lightnings). This regatta, called "TROFEO Pernice & Piccione", since 1974 has been a very important trofeo for our zone.

In a few days our fleet will see the birth of four brand new Lightnings which our "excellent" Secretary Gianni Pellegrino together with his partner De Vita are building.

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450)
New England District
Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

Fleet Captain Bob Foster
Fleet Secretary Clinton P. Carhart
Fleet Champions George & Fimmy Place
Runner-Up Bob & Lynn Foster

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
67	Richard Hoddinott
70	Ruth E. Ault
82	Slainlat	Clinton Carhart
2461	Harvey Mercier
7896	Bob & Lynn Foster
12194	George Place

This was probably the worst season weatherwise we have had since the fleet was organized. July 5th race was a real "drifter" and all but two had to be towed in in order to get supper. The races of August 1st and 29th had to be cancelled because of bad weather and for various reasons were unable to schedule make-up races. Despite all that everyone had a good time, and we added a new Lightning to the fleet. George Place brought in a relatively new fiberglass boat that gave us "woodies" a real run for our money. After getting "tuned" in to his new craft, he and his crew became the overall Fleet Champion. However, Commodore Bob Foster, with his built-in radar for changing wind directions gave him some good challenges. The fleet secretary's boat was out of action most of the season because the vital first mate had to work Sundays. The final seasons results including the three day Labor Day regatta are as follows: Champion, George Place and Jimmy Place, first; Bob and Lynn Foster, second; Harvey Mercier and Larry Vautour, third; Ruth Ault and Steve Pakulski, fourth; Rick Hoddinott, fifth.

In conclusion, I should mention that Labor Day was a wild one and it was a miracle that there weren't some capsizes. The secretary's boat on loan to a very good sailor lost its boom, but will be ready for 1977!

BOMBAY HARBOUR LIGHTNING FLEET (451)

Sailing in the Bay of Bombay, India

Fleet Captain	.....	Gulshan Rai
Fleet Secretary	.....	Krishnan Kutty
Fleet Champion	.....	Dr. E. M. Schimmel
Runner-Up	.....	H. McBrinn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9698	Trout	Sea Cadet Corps
10082	Wahoo	K. N. Dhunjibhoy & Philip Bragg
.....	Merlin	National & Grindlays Bank
.....	Dolphin	C. S. Dugal
.....	Bonito II	Da Cunha
.....	Geeta	Colaba Sailing Club
.....	Black Fin	Himmat Singh & Akbar
.....	Amber Jack	Sea Cadet Corps
.....	Dar-El Beida	Derek Cook
.....	Speedball	Gulshan Rai
.....	Sailfish	R. Kharas
.....	Parvati	Colaba Sailing Club

With the advent of Monsoon by end of May the sailing season ended abruptly. The major events were the Lightning Championship Series, Prince Phillip's Challenge Cup, Bombay Harbour Regatta and Lightning Single Handed Race. Dr. E. M. Schimmel won the Lightning Championship with characteristic ease and was crowned Champion. Mr. H. McBrinn was runner-up. Prince Phillip's Challenge Cup is a combined class race with many classes of boats participating. We are proud to report that Lightnings took both the first and second places, beating much bigger boats in heavy seas. Mr. H. McBrinn in *Bonito II* was first and Mr. Gulshan Rai in *Speedball* came second. In the Bombay Harbour Regatta in the Lightning Section on the first day, *Bonito II* with Mr. H. McBrinn at the helm took first place and Brd. S. S. Kalsia came second. On the final day it was Dr. E. M. Schimmel in *Black Fin* who took the gun followed by Mr. Harry McBrinn. Single Handed Race also was won by Dr. E. M. Schimmel. Apart from racing, our Fleet took an active interest in cruising as well as in training youngsters. *Parvati* and *Geeta* (former *Porpoise*) of the Colaba Sailing Club were sailed by the young swinging crowd around the idyllic islands in the Bay of Bombay.

While the old *Porpoise* changed its name to *Geeta* and *Merlin*, *Bonito II* and *Black Fin* took new skippers, poor *Barracuda II* had a sad end this year. She broke her moorings one stormy night and her wreck was found days after some twenty miles away. Fleet 451 mourns her loss.

Dr. E. M. Schimmel and Mr. Pier Squillero left India. They were two stalwarts of sailing in Bombay and Fleet 451 owes its existence to the pioneering work done by them. Members of Bombay Harbour Lightning Fleet place on record the appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by Dr. E. M. Schimmel and Mr. Pier Squillero for the advancement of Lightning sailing in India.

TRASIMENO FLEET (453)

Italian District

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake at Perugia, Italy

Fleet Captain	.....	Paolo Rosi
Fleet Secretary	.....	Francesco De Regis
Fleet Champion	.....	Paolo Rosi
Fleet Runner-Up	.....	Mauro Salvetti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4654	Trainer	Club Velico Trasimeno
7188	Zenith	Gianni De Giorgi
7568	Hidalgo	G. Carlo Chielli
8621	Lilian	Mario & Paolo Nebbiai
9953	.....	Alberto Tavanti
10781	Schiribilla	Marco Rufini
11168	Svasso	Giuseppe Lepore
11244	Winnie	Paolo Rosi & Mauro Salvetti
12059	Arecnames	Fabio Nicchiarelli
12297	Gargantua	Francesco & Massimo De Regis
12547	.....	Angelo Caruso
12565	.....	Paolo Paduano
12576	Contessa	Sergio Vannucci & Francesco Castellani
12577	Gavroche	Paolo Rosi
12968	Dollaro	Nando Saulini



Undecided wind at District Regatta.

This year has been very important for the Lightning at the Trasimeno Lake.

The fleet organized the "Capt. Vittorio Moratti Memorial Trophy", six races valid for the fleet Championship. The winner was Paolo Rosi in *Winnie* 11244, runner-up was Mauro Salvetti in *Svasso* 11168.

Four boats from the fleet 453 took part in the Italian Championship at Numana on Adriatic Sea. This event was the coming out from the fleet in an important regatta. The better results are: seventh *Hidalgo* with Chielli, Nicchiarelli and Mearini, eighth *Svasso* with Salvetti, Saulini and Rameschi. Ombretta Ciurnelli only lady participant was crew in 11244 *Winnie*.

The fleet hosted in September the meeting of the District and the District Regatta. The winner was Claude Lambelet of the Swiss District, Paolo Rosi and Fabio Nicchiarelli of our fleet was respectively second and third.

We hope a great activity for the 1977!

THUNERSEE LIGHTNING FLEET (454)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Thoune

Fleet Captain	.....	T. Bichsel
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jurg Haudenschild

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4849	J. Haudenschild
5008	H. U. Wenger
9354	E. Bechter-Muller

10146	.....	A. Fanti
10716	.....	E. Rolli
12067	.....	Dr. med. U. Kaspar
12302	.....	B. Kunzli
12304	.....	T. Bichsel

During the first meeting of our fleet members, at a Fondue on February 7, 1976, we elected the new captain and set up the year's program.

April 16 was the great day on which sailing started at Neuhaus with beautiful weather, light winds and five crews. The following training until April 19 was dedicated to trimming, general training and good fellowship. The success was great but although we had sent invitations to all fleets no outsider found his way to Lake Thun.

On June 12/13, with fine weather and good winds, eight Lightnings (3 from other fleets) participated in the traditional sailing rally "Sternfahrt". In Spiez the situation was improved. If a prize is to be won Lake Thun can be found. P. Bernasconi was the winner of these District races sailed in changing and moody weather. The local sailors sailed rather unhappily and suffered from slacking of the crews.

Two boats of Lake Thun participated in the European Championship at Grandson. Four "young" crews sailed valiantly, unfortunately without success.

The winds during the "Pfauencup" in Murten made sailing an adventure, two boats of Lake Thun participated.

On the following weekend the ladies' race took place with three boats from Lake Thun. First and last place were ours.

At the long distance race of the TYC Darligen two Lightnings were sailing.

For the first time the championship of the fleet was held on Lake Thun. It was won by Wyler and his crew. Ten boats participated, five of which were of Lake Thun.

Result of the year: The fleet of Lake Thun shows tendency to thrive and grow on a basis of good fellowship.

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	Richard Wickline

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8747	Gaye's Ark	Larry & Suzanne Gaye
10285	Jacaranda	Richard Wickline
11151	Saxy	Kenneth White
11297	.....	Gene Schrieber
11428	Late Charge	Dick Marlatt
11785	Fix It	Bill Sisemore
11879	Shalom	Bruce Niles
13029	.....	Bill Sisemore

The year was started by sending Ken White and Dick Wickline to the mid-winter district meeting in Seattle, with tape recorders in hand to record all the words of wisdom from Bill Shore. When they returned, the Fleet met to hear the tapes. As the year went on, those of us who did not get the chance to go to the mid-winter meeting, had the feeling that Ken and Dick did not tell us everything they learned. (Ken was first and Dick was second overall in our fleet races for the year.)

First place in the Spring and Summer series again went to Ken White. In the Fall series Ken turned the tiller over to his wife and first mate Virginia. Virginia kept the winning tradition of the family and pulled off a first for the Fall series. Dick Wickline took second in the Spring and the Fall series and Bill Sisemore took second for the Summer series.

The fleet hit the Pacific Northwest circuit again. We started off by sending six boats to Fern Ridge for the Memorial Day regatta. Ken White was our highest place finisher with a tenth. White, Wickline and Sisemore survived the rains of Fern Ridge well enough to make the Vancouver Lake Sailing Club regatta where Ken White managed to take a fifth place and Bill Sisemore managed to capsize again. As he came to the surface, Sisemore realized why most of the other boats were not flying their spinnakers, he was heard to say, "Oh well, it was a fun ride while it lasted." White, Wickline and Sisemore returned to Vancouver the next week for the Pacific Northwest districts where White took a seventh. White also took a second place in the Barber series at Fern Ridge. We ended our travels for the year by sending a team to the team races in Portland.

The fleet helped to put on the Klamath Yacht Club Mid-summer regatta. We had six of the twelve Lightnings entered. Our local sailers placed as follows: Ken White, first; Bill Sisemore, second; Bruce Niles, fifth; Suzanne Gaye, seventh; Dick Marlatt, eighth; Gene Schrieber, twelfth.

Our biggest effort of the year was hosting the Pacific Coast Championships. We attracted forty-two boats from nine fleets coming from Southern California to British Columbia and all points between. We believe that this was the largest turn out for the P.C.C. on record. All participants seemed to enjoy the regatta and we are looking forward to hosting the P.C.C. again in the future.

We were unable to get any new member to join the fleet this year, so to keep increasing the size of the fleet Bill Sisemore and Larry Gaye made the long cross country trek to Fenton, Michigan to pick up Sisemore's new boat. He now has two and is hoping to sell #11785 locally. When the Columbia fleet heard that they were making the trip back east to pick up a boat, John Benedetti made some fast moves, bought a boat to add to their inventory, in case they find a sailer in search of a boat. John arranged to get us a double deck trailer. Bill and Larry brought the two boats back about the time ice was starting to form on the lake. Sisemore is now waiting for Spring. We are now holding John's boat for a gasoline lien.

We are looking forward to next year and hope that many of the sailors will come and join us on Klamath Lake.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456) Finland District Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjärvi, Finland

Fleet Captain	Pertti Pyy
Fleet Secretary	Ritva Pyy
Fleet Champion	Pertti Pyy
Runner-Up	Antti Aromaa
B-Champion	Jorma Lehtonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4133	Veteraani	Jorma Rauhalä
7178	Orkari	Lauri Kitinoja, Martti & Pekka Kirjavainen
9166	Marius	Pertti Melamies
9438	Kulkuri	Kelevi Siiskonen
10057	.....	Juhani Haila
10664	.....	Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen
10668	Lady Bird	Jarmo Maenpää & Pentti Salovaara
10911	.....	Matti Sarola
11001	Kohinoor	Jorma Lehtonen
11527	Papillon	Heikki Leikoski
12258	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
12435	Punkku	Antti Aromaa
12578	Zau	Kauko Hamalainen
12750	Obelix	Martti Saari
12761	VIP	Vesa Tapola
12762	Oho	Antti Hakkinen
12908	.....	Martti Saari
12909	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen
.....	.....	Reijo Lehtinen
.....	.....	Lauri Hamalainen

We were happy to welcome six new boats to our fleet during the past season. The fleet can now proudly report to be the youngest, the biggest and perhaps the strongest in Finland.

Racing activity has been good, because 15 of our boats have been seen on starting lines in club races and 7 boats have participated in ranking regattas outside our lake. To activate all members to race we have had since this year the so called B-Champion race, which is open for the newcomers, for the boats in uncompetitive condition and for the boats not sailing outside the Lake Tuusulanjärvi. The first B-Champ is Jorma Lehtonen with his boat Kohinoor.

The racing success has been fantastic. Our team I Punkku-Amarillo sailed first in FC-team racing, team II Oho-VIP were third. In individual competition Punkku skippered by Antti Aromaa, third and VIP skippered by Vesa Tapola, fifth.

Three of our boats: Amarillo, Asterix and Punkku took part in Europeans in Grandson, Switzerland. Boats were first shipped by Wood carrier to Lubeck, Germany and then trailed through Europe over 1000 km to the destination. The trip was very exhausting because Europe was suffering from the worst heat in a hundred years. Crews were very tired - except skippers, who came by air!

Grandson was a very nice Swiss town and Lake Neuchatel in front of it was a wonderful sailing arena, with warm clear water and

unexpected steady winds. Our best greetings to Race Committee and thanks for the nice private camping place and the good race. Our positions were: Amarillo third, Asterix ninth and Punkku fifteenth in the fleet of 38 boats.

This was again a good season for fleet 456 and to guarantee the positive development we have planned the programme for crew training, in order to solve the problem of crew shortage. We wish this action will bring us more active Lightning Sailors and hopefully also some new boats.



The ten years anniversary wedding-trip by L7178. Lightning sailors have more fun!

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	Mark L'Heureux
Runner-Up	Roland L'Heureux
3rd Place	Ewing-Kingsbury
4th Place	Ronald Bogue

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3394	Wetgin	Ronald R. Bogue
6308	Windfall II	Ronald E. Lyon
7420	Bull	James D. Ewing
9525	.....	Roland L'Heureux
10683	.....	Mark L'Heureux

In a pleasant change from the past two or three sailing seasons, our races this summer were blessed with more favorable winds. Not that we didn't have a few drifters mixed in, but for the most part, our races this year were marked by the consistently shifting winds we have all come to expect on good old Granite Lake, in the heart of beautiful downtown Munsonville. Witness this year's picture; — three boats, not far apart, all close hauled, all on the same tack, but on three different headings! Never a dull moment! The picture was taken during our fleet championship regatta on Labor Day weekend, and is typical of the type of weather which dominated the series. Wind strength averaged in the 12 to 15 knot range, and gusts of 25 to 30 knots were not uncommon.

A change in ownership of the mother boat of our fleet, boat #3394, involved three additional local families in our world of sailing. Enthusiastic sailors all, they wasted no time in getting their feet, etc., wet—and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Having turned over the "T.L.C." of #3394 to her new owners, Roland L'Heureux wasted little time in finding a replacement to add to the fleet. She is #9525, and could well be named "Tooth Fairy Too". Her illustrious crew for the fleet championship also wasted no time in getting their feet, etc., wet. As a matter of fact, the jib man in #9525 very possibly established a world record for elapsed time in exiting, and reentering, a Lightning on a hard beat. This was accomplished by a formal test of the forward hiking strap.

The winner of the fleet championship series was boat #10683, skippered by Mark L'Heureux, son of Roland L'Heureux, and very ably crewed by Teresa Knight and Mark Lyon, daughter and son, respectively, of the remaining crew in boat #9525. Mark and his crew took four out of five first place finishes, and allowed their parents the sheer delight of beating them only once. Rumor has it

that Mark would like a better boat for next season—we're not sure he needs it!

Rumor also has it that Jim Ewing will be attending a two week racing seminar this fall—we're certain he doesn't need that! It should be noted that Jim and his partner George Kingsbury managed, with relative ease, to maintain possession of the trophy for the Overall Handicap Series. Word is leaking out that they intend to update the rigging on Bull for next season, and who knows what other surprised they may have planned?

So the pressure continues;—the quality, and the level of enjoyment, of racing in fleet #457 continues to reach new heights each year. In last year's report, I suggested that Don Bennett and I would take our turn at polishing the trophies this year. As it turned out, all we polished were our tools, and our good intentions of refurbishing Windfall II. This season of sabbatical, however, has caused us both to realize that we must be back in the action next year. Meanwhile, we'll see most of you on the ice—Have a Happy!!



A LIFT AND A KNOCK??--OR VICE VERSA??

(Ed. Note — something is wrong here!)

UNION LAKE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (458)

Michigan District

Sailing on Union Lake at Union Lake, Michigan

Fleet Commodore	Russ Brown
Fleet Secretary	Dale Mahrle
Fleet Champions	Spring Series-Ralph Waibel Summer Series-Bill Gregory

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2884	For Sail	Don Farmer
7570	Windrider II	Ron Sesvold
7652	Oh Plunk!	Tag Wager
7994	Sour Krauts	Ed Rowden
10388	.....	Ray Aird
12288	.....	Brian Hussey
12534	Go Blue	John Crawford
12645	Luff Affair	Bill Gregory
12888	Red Baron	Dale Mahrle
12891	.....	Ralph Waibel
12927	.....	Erwin Schwarze
12928	.....	Ken Abbott

This fleet has aged two years since our last entry in the Lightning Class yearbook and, as with all fleets, has experienced the usual amount of growing pains.

Our fleet of 13 Lightnings has been up-dated to include six skippers with new boats. One thing we have learned in our keen competition is that our skippers will go to great lengths to win, even to the point of making additional investment in new equipment. We feel that this is definitely a compliment to our skippers and to the vitality of our fleet.

As usual we continued to offer our skippers the additional challenges of our special regattas. The Memorial Day Regatta's winner was John Crawford in *Go Blue*. Runner-up was Don Farmer in *For Sail*. The Bombshell Regatta's winner was Paul Waibel in *Kirchelle*. Runner-up was Bill Gregory in *Luff Affair*. The Red Nose Regatta's winner was Bill Gregory in *Luff Affair*. The runner-up was Dale Mahrle. The Labor Day Regatta's winner was Bill Gregory in *Luff Affair*. Runner-up was Dale Mahrle.

We also changed our racing format to include a spring racing season and a summer racing season. It was our intention to make the competition for additional trophies and awards even keener. It certainly did that! Our Spring Racing Champion was Ralph Waibel in *Kirchelle*. Runner-up was Bill Gregory in *Luff Affair*. Our Summer Racing Champion was Bill Gregory in *Luff Affair*. Runner-up was Ralph Waibel in *Kirchelle*. Those two skippers, due to their almost identical finishes over the entire season elected to share the Fleet's Championship. The competition was equally keen for the runner-ups.

We continued the "Ms" races. While the enthusiasm is there on the part of the women, the men seem to stay away in droves. Perhaps they're worried about future competition from these novice skippers!!! The more adventuresome in our fleet ventured into the waters of other clubs. Unfortunately our successes were greatly out-weighted by the weight of the water shipped by several of these boats. Oh the agony of defeat! Those skippers did learn to be even more competitive and returned to sail the balance of our season with vengeance.

Our annual Union Lake Yacht Club banquet was attended by a record 53 members and guests. Several of us should have been awarded "Rubber Duckie" awards for sailing "under the weather" that night. Retiring Commodore Russ Brown was presented gifts and a hand of applause for a job well done. Additional gag gifts all relating to the sailing performances of our fearless skippers were presented. In short, a good time was had by all.

In addition to the above executive we have the following people who help make our fleet a success: Vice Commodore, Dave Russell; Treasurer, Debbie Zajoc; Race Chairman, Dale Mahrle; Jib Sheet Editor, Tag Wager; Historian, Sandy Gregory.

We look forward to the continued growth, success, and keen competition of our fleet next year.

WATEREE FLEET (459)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wateree Lake at Camden, South Carolina

Fleet Captain	Samuel J. Cheek
Fleet Secretary	William S. Marshall
Fleet Champion	Sam Cheek
Runner-Up	Michael L. Duggan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9379	Gael Wynd	William S. Marshall
10516	.....	Harold J. Storey
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	Sunkissed	Donald E. Goode
12520	Impulse	Michael L. Duggan
12704	Limon	Dr. John A. Gastright

During our second year, we have gained experience, upgraded our fleet and our members skills. In March we were guests of Fleet 440 when Bill Shore stopped on his way to the Mid-Winters to conduct a seminar. Most of the fleet made the trip in George Tsirigotis' new motor home (rumor has it that they ran out of gas halfway home and took turns breathing into the gas tank to complete the trip.) In November, Bruce Goldsmith's seminar for the Greater Charleston Fleet was attended by Bill and Gail Marshall, who taped the words of wisdom Bruce shared with the group. The next Sunday, most of the fleet and crews gathered at the Marshall's to listen and talk sailing. With instructions from Shore and Goldsmith, Fleet 459 is optimistic about taking its share of silver in 1977.



Sam Cheek, Fleet 459 Champion, his wife Nancy and crew Scott Craycraft with their S.A.Y.R.A. Trophies.

Our Fall Series last year was sailed in light winds for the most part. Sam Cheek established himself as the man to beat early in the series. Bill Canniff challenged but had to settle for Runner-Up. Bill Marshall ended the series in third place. Sam continued his winning ways in this year's Spring Series as the fleet tuned for the Southeastern District Circuit. Mike Duggan was runner-up this time. Long weather legs and tight reaches in 10-25 knot winds provided the twenty-five boats that attended our first regatta in April with super sailing. We gained an appreciation for what it takes to put on a regatta and hope to have an even bigger and better one in 1977.

We sent boats to every regatta on the Southeastern Circuit, the Deep South Regatta, and the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association Championship. We placed five boats in the top twenty-five for the year on the Southeastern Circuit. They were Sam Cheek, Bill Canniff, Mike Duggan, Frank Oglesby, and Bill Marshall. The S.A.Y.R.A. Championship was attended by Sam Cheek and Bill Marshall. They finished first and fourth. Sam was awarded the Raymond Demere Championship Trophy as the top Lightning skipper at the Championship Regatta.

Bob Rowan was unable to campaign his own boat this year, but lent able crewing ability to Mike Duggan much of this season. Two new members were welcomed to Fleet 459 during the year. Newcomer Hal Storey purchased 10516 from Richard Vernon who was transferred from the area. He has become one of the most avid sailors in the fleet. Longtime Lightning Ace Dr. John Gastright moved inland from Charleston and now calls Wateree his home fleet.

Wateree Sailing Club hosted the Adams Cup Quarter Finals for our section. Fleet 459 provided all the Lightnings used by the ladies. Anne Boyd made everyone's boat a winner as she easily took the series. We have had a lot of fun this year and look forward to even more next year. Our 1977 Regatta is scheduled for March 21-22, 1977. Come and join us for super sailing, delicious steaks, and a great time. We Guarantee It!!

ST. JOHN'S RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (461)
Southeastern District
Sailing on St. John's River, Jacksonville, Florida

Fleet Secretary Greg Wallace

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

During 1976 we had several wonderful experiences. We were accepted into the Southeastern District. This has helped us a lot and we attended several regattas including those in Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Anderson, and Atlanta. Our two active sailors had a good time but the competition proved to be very tough. We are looking forward to holding our own Southeastern Invitational Regatta here in Jacksonville on our St. Johns River. Hopefully, we will give some of the hot shots a run for their money.

Unfortunately, one of our fleet members went with another class and we are having a hard time promoting Lightnings here. I believe that one of the best things that could happen to the Southeastern District and to the rest of the districts located in the southeastern states would be for one of the manufacturers to branch out and set up a shop somewhere in this geographic quadrant. Our greatest problem is answering the question, where can I buy a Lightning and having to refer to one of the northern manufacturers.

We are looking forward to 1977 as we hope it will bring new members to our fleet and we will be able to get good representation in the Southeastern District. We want to wish the best of sailing to all our competitors and to all Lightning sailors everywhere. We would like to express thanks to Mrs. Limbaugh for helping us throughout the year and most of all we appreciate the Lightning.

FLEET (462)

Brazilian District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Paul P. Boilesen
 Fleet Secretary Albert G. Lunnerdal
 Fleet Champion Paul D. Boilesen
 Runner-Up Gerhard Wiegandt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6558	GTX	Allen Baker
6632	Kiko	Albert Lunnerdal
7565	Urucubaca	Michael Norris
8575	Turuna II	Gehard Wiegandt & Frank Sarnighausen
8795	Juriti II	Paul P. Boilesen
9284	Malandro II	Francisco Del Re Neto
10390	Sagres	Nelson Schmitt
11693	Easy Rider	Thomas Sumner & Arne S. Arnesen
12407	Perkeo	Peter Pufleb & Manfred Dlouhy
12489	Phreskura	Arne S. Arnesen, Jr. & Glen A. Beeby

Our 1976 sailing season was very active, we had 47 races during the whole year. Here are the most important:

Brazilian Championship held in RECIFE, which is in 3,000 KM (Ed. Note: - 2000 miles) distant from our home lake. Without any expense to our members, we were able to take five complete crews by hiring a special truck and bus for our fleet. This we were able to do to the help of firms and friends. Due to this championship, we became more acquainted with our country and through the hospitality of the fleet 373, we also had the chance to sail in open seas with completely different conditions than in our base lake. The classification of our fleet in this championship were 8th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st. Unfortunately, we had a setback since the truck carrying the boats on the way back suffered an accident in which various boats were harmed.

State Championship, held in August, 1976 where 25 boats participated from all clubs of the lake. There are two categories for this Championship: Class A - Which includes almost only fiberglass boats and last year's Class B Champion and runner-up. Class B - includes wooden boats and beginners.

In Class B we had better results winning the five first positions. In Class A we were handicapped by the brilliance of the BUCKUP'S (MARIO AND ROBERT), that are very hard to beat.

Our Fleet Championship - Six races were held, where rules, prizes and routes were made up by the patronizing crew. We had

picnics, boats changing, "le Mans" starting's, spinnaker starting's and lots of tours through the lake.

After running all these races the championship showed the following results:

JURITA II, Paul P. Boilesen, Martin Jimenez, Tommy Kirsten, first; TURUNA II, Gerhard Wiegandt, Frank Sarnighausen, Horst Hensko, second; MALANDRO II, Francisco D. R. Neto, Antonio J. Camargo, Fernando Frimm, third; KIKO, Albert Lunnerdal, Niels Glens, Dominique Marecha, fourth; GTX, Allen Baker, Allen Baker, Jr., Mrs. Allen Baker, fifth; SAGRES, Nelson Schmitt, Leo Winters, Danny Schmitt, sixth; EASY RIDER, Thomas Sumner, Arne Arnesen, Brian Sumner, seventh; PHRESKURA, Albert Arnesen, Richard Burt, Michael Norris, eighth; PEREO, Peter Pufleb, Manfred Dlouhy, ninth.

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)

Southeastern District

**Sailing on Lake Waccamaw at
 Whiteville, North Carolina**

Fleet Captain Vivian Hollinshead
 Fleet Secretary Dale Klemm
 Fleet Champion Bob Ames

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5564	Spiritus	Steve Small
11017	Salty Dog	Miss Dale Klemm
11898	.....	Tom Hollinshead, Jr.
12798	Esperanza II	Robert G. Ames
12936	Lulu	Charles B. Andrews
.....	.....	Raymond L. Creekmore

This year brought good news to Lake Waccamaw in the form of a fleet of Lightnings. Fleet 463 started out with #12798 (Bob Ames) and #11017 (Dale Klemm), and has now grown to six boats in all with the latest addition being C. B. Andrews, a former Sunfish skipper. With the growth of our fleet, Bob Ames saw a dream of his finally come true.

We have had a lot of unusual experiences (like losing my Dad overboard in Charleston Harbor to bottoms up) on the circuit this past year and hope to have many more exciting times. Waccamaw Sailing Club will hold their first Lightning Invitational in September and we hope that all our fellow skippers will come sail with us on our beautiful lake.

**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

We obtained our charter in 1976 and are anxious to expand our fleet in the coming year. If you are in the area, we cordially invite you to join us for some excellent sailing during the season. We intend being active in the Indiana district regattas in 1977 and hope to host a regatta in 1978.

Our fleet sails every Sunday during the season (May through October) under handicap racing with Thistles, Cruisers, etc. We have beaten the Thistle fleet twice during the 1976 season; so, look out next year!

Lake Monroe is located near Bloomington. The lake has approximately 11,000 acres of water area with many excellent facilities available. Our sailing association is located at Moore's Creek with excellent launching facilities - two hoists as well as a ramp. Currently, we have two small shelter houses accommodating approximately 30 people; however, in 1977, we will be adding a shelter house which should accommodate approximately 70 additional persons.

We believe our lake provides us with excellent sailing conditions and again invite you to join us in 1977.



The beach at next year's European Championships.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)
Italian District
Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Ancona,
Numana and Porto S. Giorgio

Fleet Captain Arrigo Archibugi
 Fleet Secretary Paolo Gasperini
 Fleet Champion Robert Santucci
 Runner-Up Adriano Pelonara

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7813	.....	Giorgio Di Lorenzo
8621	Lilian	Fabio Principi
9308	Agata	Bruno Roccheggiani
9321	Donatella	Pio Natale
10916	Corsaro Biondo	Andriano Pelonara
11167	.....	Dott. Ugo Salvolini
11320	Nibbio	L.N.I. Porto S. Giorgio

The fleet hosted the 1976 District Championship. The climate was wonderful and the wind (six days from 360°) was from 15 to 25 mph.

We are happy to announce that the 1977 European Lightning Championship will be organizing by our fleet.

We invite all European and overseas sailors to the Europeans from June 26 to July 3 at NUMANA!

FLOTTA DEL LARIO (467)
Italian District
Sailing on Lake of Como at
Gravedona, North Italy

Fleet Captain Luigi Guicciardi
 Fleet Secretary Luca Grisotti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8618	Teresa	Renato Peona
8619	Roberta	Luca Grisotti
8702	Lolita	Luigi Guicciardi
9676	Mazzagallo	Massimiliano Bianchi

Our fleet sails on Lake of Como by the Swiss frontier and we hope to program a good activity with our friends of Swiss District.

We will schedule an important international regatta dedicated to "Swiss-Italy friendship." Wonderful sailing conditions almost always prevail at Gravedona.

Welcome to all Lightning sailors!

The Lightning Book is available from
 I.L.C.A., 808 High Street, Worthington,
 Ohio 43085. \$3.00.

