

LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Algarrobo	.318	Grand Traverse Y.C.	.326	Marblehead Harbor	.189
American Y.C.	.96	Granite Lake Fleet	.457	Marine Corps D&E Command	.354
Ancon Y.C.	.264	Great Egg Harbor	.99	Marsala Lightning Fleet	.449
Androscoggin Lightning Fleet	.450	Great Sodus Bay	.108	Marvilla Lightning Fleet	.235
Annisquam	.151	Great South Bay	.178	Massabesic Y.C.	.273
Armada Del Ecuador	.411	Greater Charleston	.429	Mayfield Y.C.	.13
Atwood Lake	.212	Green Bay	.112	Memphis	.274
Awosting Yacht Sq.	.95	Greenwich Cove	.7	Merrimac River Fleet	.121
Bay Head Y.C.	.3	Guarapiranga Lake	.462	Metedeconk River	.34
Belle Haven Y.C.	.7	Guayaquil	.272	Milwaukee	.69
Biscayne Bay	.226	Gull Lake	.137	Mission Bay	.194
Black Rock Y.C.	.17	Harbor Island Y.C.	.262	Mississinewa Reservoir	.420
Bodensee-Untersee L.F.	.404	Harraseeket	.244	Mobile Bay	.135
Bombay Harbour Lightning Fleet	.451	Harveys Lake Lightning Fleet	.350	Morgan City	.443
Bomoseen Y.C.	.227	Hawaii	.143	Muncie Sailing Club	.460
Brant Beach	.173	Helsinki	.166	Nasijarvi	.394
Brockport	.267	Henderson Harbor	.225	Neahtawanta Y.C.	.403
Buckeye Lake	.43	Higgins Lake	.110	New Orleans	.209
Buffalo Canoe Club	.12	High Tor	.41	Newport Y.C.	.77
Buffalo Y.C.	.81	Higuerillas	.342	Niagara S.C.	.59
Capricornio	.319	Hoover Y.C.	.353	Niantic Bay	.85
Carlyle Sailing Association	.266	Housatonic Boat Club	.6	Normandy Beach Y.C.	.366
Catawba	.365	Hudson Lightning Fleet	.376	North East River	.192
Cedar Point	.126	late Clube de Brasilia	.375	Northeast Y.C.	.207
Centerboard Y.C.	.14	Indian Harbor	.7	Northport Bay	.98
Chautauqua Lake	.19	Indian Lake	.23	Nyack	.75
Chautauqua	.198	Indian River Y.C.	.72	Ocean City Y.C.	.430
Chelsea Y.C.	.39	Indianapolis Sailing Club	.270	Odd Winds	.296
Chequesset	.280	Jamsan	.469	Okanagan	.368
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	.5	Jardim Guanabara	.401	Olivos	.206
Chinook	.229	Jayhawk	.60	Oulu	.307
Clark Lake Y.C.	.416	Juanita Bay	.414	Palmetto	.440
Clarks Hill	.257	Jyvaskylan	.328	Parkway S.C.	.406
Club Lago San Pablo Fleet	.447	Kemin	.310	Parthenon	.286
Club Nautico Bahia Blanca	.445	Kentucky Lake	.242	Paupack Sailing	.16
Club Nautico del Calima	.419	Keuka Lake	.252	Penn Manor Fleet	.422
Club Nautico del Muna	.73	Klamath Lightning Fleet	.455	Pentwater Y.C.	.340
Club Nautico del Tomine	.432	Kotka	.298	Perry Lightning Fleet	.438
Club Regattas Lima	.261	Lake Arthur	.441	Peruvian Naval School	.452
Club Universitario Buenos Aires	.446	Lake Champlain	.301	Pichidangui	.346
Club Universitario de Regatas	.265	Lake Davenport	.167	Pontiac Y.C.	.54
Cohasset	.369	Lake Delta Yacht Club	.4	Pontoosuc	.417
Colombian Navy	.275	Lake Dunmore	.243	Porin	.306
Columbia	.283	Lake Fenton Y.C.	.53	Pultneyville Y.C.	.61
Comox Bay	.437	Lake Geneva S.C.	.345	Pymatuning Y.C.	.36
Conneaut Lake	.180	Lake Glendale	.444	Pyhaselka Lightning Fleet	.428
Cowan Lake	.303	Lake Greifensee	.309	Raabe	.308
Crescent Sail Y.C.	.51	Lake Hartwell	.391	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	.70
Cuba Lake	.115	Lake Keystone	.402	Red Dragon Canoe Club	.357
Dallas Corinthian	.35	Lake Lanier	.348	Red Jacket	.125
Decatur	.74	Lake Mohawk Y.C.	.25	Rehoboth	.325
Del Faro	.390	Lake Monroe Sailing Association	.464	Riverside	.7
Devil's Lake	.31	Lake Murray	.341	Riverton Y.C.	.228
Douglas Lake	.374	Lake of Biel	.268	Rocky Point	.7
Dunkirk Harbor	.311	Lansing S.C.	.387	Rocky River	.71
Flotilha de Lightning de Niteroi	.351	La Spezia	.321	Roma	.271
Flotilha de Lightning de Florianopolis	.162	LaVallette	.104	Royal Hamilton Y.C.	.118
Flotilha de Lightning de Pernambuco	.373	Leatherlips Y.C.	.27	Royal Lake of the Woods	.320
Flotta de Anzio	.278	Lega Navale Italiana	.312	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	.215
Flotta de Formia	.389	London	.347	Rush Creek	.435
Flotta degli Estensi	.355	Loviisa	.299	Sabazia	.381
Flotta del Conero	.466	Madison Beach	.129	Saginaw Bay	.216
Flotta del Lario	.467	Manhasset Bay	.133	St. John's River	.461
Flotte del Garda	.249	Manitowoc	.393	St. Marys	.400
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	.169	Mansfield	.150	Salamis Fleet	.251
Flotte Murtensee	.358	Maple Bay Y.C.	.64	Salinas Y.C.	.405
Galway Lake	.338			San Francisco Bay	.372

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Sandusky Bay386	Stockholm Lightning Fleet433	Valkea Kosken468
Sandy Beach Y.C.78	Surf City196	Vancouver90
Santa Monica Bay102	Susquehanna253	Vierwaldstattersee281
Sao Paulo147	Syros Island465		
Sassafras River314			Waccamaw Fleet463
Savannah127	Tawas Bay152	Washington50
Sempachersee250	Temple Reef S.C.279	Wateree459
Severn River329	Thousand Islands382	Wawasee Y.C.154
Sheboygan187	Tippecanoe Lake S.C.425	Western Connecticut7
Shreveport175	Toledo42	Western Narragansett Bay119
Silver Lake Y.C.47	Toronto Bay146	Willow Bank Y.C.164
Skaneateles Country Club1	Trasimeno453		
Smith Mt. Lake377	Triad415	Yacht Club de Chile317
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South Skaneateles Lightning Association439	Union Lake Y.C.458		
Spofford Lake145	Universitario de Regatas424	Zig Zag Yacht Club277
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Lightning Red Flannels Regatta

September 23 and 24, 1978

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
Montrose Avenue (4400 North) & Lakeshore Drive
(east of the outer drive)

Saturday, 23 September, 1978

9:00 - 11:00 am Registration \$6.00

10:45 am Skippers Meeting

12:00 Noon Start 1st race, 2nd immediately after

Sunday, 24 September

10:00 am Start 3rd race

Trophies - Skipper and Crew - First Five Places
Awarded Immediately After Last Race

Lightning Fleets

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain James Simpson
Fleet Secretary R. B. O'Brien, Jr.
Fleet Champion Jim Simpson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tar Pot	Bob O'Brien, Jr.
10014	Puff	Bob O'Brien, III
11569	.....	H. Corbin Day
11908	Envy	Robert & Thayer Adams
12210	.....	James Simpson
13158	Ja-Ja-Gut-Gut	Bob & Thayer Adams
Life Member		Mrs. Kenneth Miller
Life Member		John S. Orelup

Fleet 3 was enormously proud of I.L.C.A. President Bob Adams, his wife, Tay, and daughter, Jennifer, who, along with many Lightning sailors from the United States, journeyed to Switzerland for the World Championships. Bob skippered his 'old' Lightning *Envy* and, with Tay and daughter Jennie as crew, finished tenth!

This summer marked the conclusion of Bob's presidency of the I.L.C.A. and his fellow members of Fleet 3 admire his accomplishments which emphasized youth sailing, the start of an excellent women's program, as well as more and better communications and personal relations world-wide among Lightning sailors.

Jim Simpson, our Fleet Captain, had an active year sailing the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Series and finishing as the Bay Head Yacht Club Fleet Champion. Although the July series did not pan out, a very active August series was sailed among seven boats. Corbin Day finished second for the Series and young Bob O'Brien was third.

Plans are already afoot for a strong revival of Lightning sailing next year, particularly among the Juniors. The Club has just purchased a competitive Lippincott and will actively promote the Lightning among the youngsters to insure the viability of our Fleet.

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB (4)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Delta, Rome, New York

Fleet Captain Barb Brodock
Fleet Secretary Barb Brodock
Fleet Champion Col. Harry L. Winberg
Runner-Up John Martin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
86	Viking II	Eskil B. Ringdahl
8917	.....	Arthur Peel
9424	.....	Joe Alari
10725	.....	Robert M. Carrier
11277	Y-Not	Walter McCann
11624	"Huh?"	John Martin, Jr.
12270	Five-of-Diamonds	Dr. Fred Diamond
12720	.....	Christine Van Slyke
12823	Naval Orange	Col. Harry Winberg
13160	Sub-Lime	Barb Brodock
13166	Lil' Jimbo	Maj. John R. Little, Jr.

In June we were proud to host the 1st leg of the N.Y.S. Triple Crown Regatta. We got in 5 races, with 20/22 mph winds on Saturday, a slower Sunday of 10/15, but steady. The awards went to the top five places with Fisk Hayden, Liverpool, taking home almost everything. This included our new award, "The Ringdahl Trophy" to be presented to the winner of the 1st Leg (only) of the Crown Series, and donated by Eskil Ringdahl, (#86) Rome. We thank Eskil for such an impressive piece of silver.



Fisk Hayden, right, getting some assistance with his silver.

C.N.Y. Commodore Dick Hallagan took second with a one point difference, followed by Kirk Reynolds, Skaneateles, Merle Pindell, Manlius and Dr. Jeff Penfield, Fayetteville. A local was 6th with "super skipper" Tom Allen at the helm (but a less-than-super crew!). Saturday evenings' buffet dinner was followed by music for dancing (or telling each other what went wrong).

A sailing club gives no awards to tennis playing sailors; the Tom McAuliffes, Hallagan and Allen, who went on into the night with the rackets. Stam - in - a !

There was an "all-out" club effort, sailors and non-sailors working for the Lightning weekend. We hope the C.N.Y. people enjoyed their visit with us.

Memorial Day weekend our beautiful lake gave us EVERYTHING... gusts to forty on Saturday, easing off for Sunday, a drifter on Monday. Saturday Bob doubled his mast before take-off. Everyone had cold swimming except for Jack. 13160 got the Saturday gun, then Mark Doyle, Barb and Art had three successive knockdowns, taking the swimming honors. Our finale for this weekend was Jack (we don't know if he can swim) Martin, Dr. Skip Van Slyke second, Colonel Harry Winberg third. They are good in the water, too.

The July 4th weekend water was warmer for Art on Saturday. Then the calms set in for the next two days. Harry got the first, Skip Van Slyke second, then ties with Bob and Jack for third position.

Labor Day weekend had two post-poned races because of heavy rains, no winds. The Air Force swept the civilians with the "Colonel Crew"; Colonels Winberg, Kozuma, and Mahoney. Everything they did was right. We totalled that weekend with Jack second (wife Sukie and sister Marilyn taking orders), Dr. Skip doing third with Tony Kimball and wife Chris, now known as the 'Jaunty-Lass'.

The travellers on a small scale included Jack & Harry who tried the 3rd Leg of the Triple Crown at the Keuka Champagne Regatta. Their report was....champagne first, weather 2nd, L.D.Y.C.....somewhere in the pack. We sailed again at the Onondaga Invitational in September, 12823, 13160 and 13166. On arrival we were greeted by a beautiful sun, a graceful lake and moderate winds. But for the sun, everything changed, 5 races were decreased to 3 when the wind started screaming to 42 by the meter. Once again, it was an Air Force endeavor with Major Skip Little, Colonels Winberg, Mahoney and Abel, and all available offspring for crews. The group practiced their over-hand strokes again!

One skipper, Angie Norelli, in a boat he had never sailed previously made a respectable 6th place finish in one race, despite a light crew, a 720°, late start and one sand-bar! After cancelled races, drying out, we

adjourned to an open house hosted by the Tom McAuliffes. Their hospitality took away some of our thoughts of 'stowing it all in' and forgetting about Sunday. Major 'Skip' compared Onondaga 'action' to 600 combat hours...hazardous!

With a finale to 1977, we can't forget: Corinthian awards to gals who 'hung-in-there' all season, Sukie Martin, Carol Carrier and Chris Van Slyke; well earned under difficult situations, i.e., 'I told you what to do! Why'd you do THAT?'

Overall seasonal to Harry, plus the Spinnaker Award, 2nd to Jack, third to Bob.

Remembrances of Dave Woods' seaplane and his touch and go landings, adding some extra chop to Delta.

Walt McCann enjoying the winning gun with heavenly assistance from Father Bud Humphrey (who was using his 'divine guidance' system).

A fine Commodore, Sherm Pike.

Knowing that the Diamonds will 'sparkle' next season...

That Bob Carrier will be an excellent Commodore....

That Harry will never be without a crew on his new 42 footer...

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain Bud Wilson
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Fred House
Fleet Champion Gordon E. Ettie
Runner-Up Dick McClure

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
639	Silk Purse	Dennis Walaski
5133	XPG	Fred Bell
9161	Dozo	Dave Hovey & Patrick Grotto
9591	Scram	Tom Blount
9607	Harem Scarem	Fred G. House
9697	Hussy	Chuck Hlinka
9958	Schuss	Cliff Stettler
9987	Andiamo	Roger Seitz
10250	Z-Boat	Bill Zamzow
10479	Phoenix	Dick McClure
10557	.....	Joseph Angioletti
10721	T.N.T.	Tom Tambling
10862	Rights of Man	Dave Brown
10930	Fission	Bob Smither
11446	Frolic	Dick Hinze
11490	Miss Wretched	James E. Baker
11556	Goose	Hank Briele
11701	Karma/Sutra	Bill Crowell
11703	Dandelion	Bob Holland
12034	.....	William L. Marting
12133	Kennebec II	Nick Smith & Gail Norstrom
12136	Spindrift	Bud Wilson
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12394	Hardtack	Ken Gustafsen
12402	Lyntog	Bernie Kornhaber
12457	Sazerac	Gordon E. Ettie
12702	.....	Donald Tylor
12830	.....	Russell O. Crawford
13103	.....	John R. Nye & Cyril J. Touff
13199	Snoopy	Bruce Goldsmith
.....	.....	Richard P. Anderson

The 1977 season was again very gratifying for Fleet 5 with an active racing program consisting of five club series and two regattas. Consistently good sailing weather brought an average of 12 boats to the starting line each Saturday and Sunday. Newcomer Gordon Ettie provided a new dimension to Club competition by winning most of the races he participated in.

The Fleet Championship Series was won by Gordon Ettie with Richard McClure and Dennis Burke finishing second and third respectively. Three active Club competitors mixed it up for the Corinthian and Commodore Series with the former being won by Dennis Burke followed by Richard Hinze and Richard McClure. The latter by Richard Hinze followed by Richard McClure and Dennis Burke.

The Ding Dong Series and the Wednesday night Moonbeam Series were won by Fred House with a show of dogged persistence. William Zamzow and Don Tyler finished second and third in the Ding Dong while Richard McClure and Richard Hinze were second and third in the Moonbeam Series.

The Club-sponsored Hobelman Sunlight Regatta was won by none other than Gordon Ettie with Richard McClure and Richard Hinze second and third. The Fleet-sponsored Red Flannels Regatta attracted many out-of-town sailors again this year. The winner was Bruce Goldsmith with John Corbett of Pontiac Y.C. and John Johns of Douglas Lake taking second and third places.

The year 1978 promises to be at least the equal of 1977 with respect to participation of fleet members due to the body politic's collective resolve to "BEAT SAZERAC" (property of Mr. G. Ettie). Even beyond this desire to take revenge on 12457, the continued and growing interest in Lightning sailing at Chicago Corinthian creates an environment which allows full opportunities for competition to all interested sailors. This interest and participation will again in 1978 result in Fleet 5 remaining one of the most active Lightning Fleets in the country.

HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB (6)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at

* Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Theodore Dombroski
Fleet Secretary M. James Geraghty
Fleet Champion Benet McMillan
Runner-Up Vaughan Lee

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6013	Scamp II	William Kidd
7279	.....	Malcolm Bryant
7366	Blue Chip	Robert G. Thorpe
9973	Mirage	Rick O'Brien
10746	How Cum	Richard N. W. Hayes, Sr., & R. Neil Hayes, Jr.
11579	.....	L. Benet McMillan
11674	Sail-on	Vaughan Lee
12119	Pa-da-Lin	Theodore J. Dombroski
Life Member		Edward R. Olsen

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BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)

Lake Erie District

Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie

Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Doug Oak
Fleet Secretary Bob Dobmeier
Fleet Treasurer Ed Roseberry
Fleet Champion Ed Roseberry
Runner-Up Stu Anderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9	.....	Tom Allen IV
6670	.....	Matthew D. Georger
8503	Glockenspiel II	Stuart Anderson
8510	RA	William R. Potter
9111	.....	Robert H. Bear, Jr.
9845	.....	Lawrence Bone
10006	.....	Matt Bryant, Jr.
10031	Restless	William W. Hughes
10303	OZ	Robert J. Adams
10565	.....	Matt Bryant, Sr. & Jr.
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11000	Thermis XI	Karl Smither & Robert M. Dobmeier, Jr.
11117	.....	Jay Hansen
11450	Yo-Yo	Francis M. Huffman
11869	Golden Vanity	Robert C. Enger
12066	.....	David MacFarlane
12080	Green Machine	A. Douglas Oak

12411	.....	Richard P. Ferrick
12487	Upstart	N. A. Wrobel
12729	Berry III	Ed Roseberry
12770	.....	C. O. Jones, Jr.
12791	.....	James R. Maxson
12802	Westwind III	Thomas M. Ward
13211	.....	Thomas G. Allen III
.....	.....	J. Y. Sloan

Fleet 12 had a tremendous 77 sailing season! The instant recap reads as follows: First and most important, we had a lot of fun. The "champ" regained his title at the Worlds. The racing was superb and we initiated team racing. We had a race series for training some of the newer skippers. Fleet 12 and B.C.C. members hosted another great North American Championship.

It all began in early spring when Doug Oak, president of Fleet 12, set up a series of meetings. A number of goals and projects were outlined and various sailors put in charge. By and large, we accomplished most everything we had in mind.

The traditional Eby Invitational series began the season. We had a large number of boats anticipating the NA's later in the season. Since the Worlds were going to be held soon in Switzerland, many other top skippers were "tuning up". Tom Allen was seen often on the race course in the early season checking out new sails. Fleet 12 is very proud that Tom Allen — Brenda and Tommy Allen, Jr. regained the World Championship in Switzerland.

Stu Anderson organized four evenings of team racing. The races were run on a shorter course with multiple races each evening. The tactics were interesting and everyone enjoyed this innovative program.

Ed Roseberry, Jr. made special use of the Wednesday Meyers Series for training new and prospective Lightning skippers. Ed coordinated our "A Skippers" as crew on each of the boats in the series. What an opportunity for a new skipper having Stu Anderson or Tom Allen on board as crew! This program was aimed at fostering more interest and developing better talent for our regular races.

The Fleet 12 auction was back this year and Matt Bryant Sr., auctioneer, sure brought in the dough! We all got together for a fun time and raised enough funds to stage a good Fleet 12 Beer Party at the North Americans.

Tom Ward did a marvelous job of running the North Americans. It was terrific to see so many of the Fleet 12 members busy launching boats, hauling trailers, measuring sails, running races, patrolling and providing sleeping quarters. Fleet 12 would like to thank all the B.C.C. members who helped, especially our scorekeepers. Fleet 12 was represented by Stu Anderson and Tom Allen who placed in the top ten of the NA's.

The girls enjoyed the Mother Carey series won by Ms. Coleman and the old salts lead by Ward Willday proved they can sail forever.

As noted above our Fleet Champion and runner-up for the second straight year are Ed Roseberry, Jr. and Stu Anderson respectively.

MAYFIELD YACHT CLUB (13) Central New York District Sailing on Great Sacandaga Lake Mayfield, New York

Fleet Captain Wm. Weifenbach
Fleet Secretary Bill Schultz
Fleet Champion Rob Klug
Runner-Up Ed Koenig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8899	Escape	Edward G. Kruszona
9528	Larc	Carl E. Grund
9844	Nach Regen	Lewis P. Hays
10097	Savage II	Donald Kerr
10244	Trepidus	Wm. Weifenbach
12084	.....	W. R. Schultz
12130	Viva	Sam Folger
12379	.....	Robert Klug
12636	Kittiwake	Edgar F. & Douglas E. Koenig
13143	.....	Gerald & Walter Ryan

Fleet 13 had another exciting year of racing on Great Sacandaga Lake. Twenty races were completed rather than the customary eighteen even though eight races were cancelled and rescheduled because of light air, heavy air, and insufficient boats on the weekend of the District Regatta. The Sailing Committee of the Mayfield Yacht Club must be commended for their patience and help in making this a successful season.

In the July Series Rob Klug was first, Bill Schultz second, and third place was held by Ed Koenig. For August Rob Klug continued his hold on first place, Walt Ryan roared into second with a new boat, while Bill Schultz was third. Overall Rob Klug was first, Bill Schultz second and Walt Ryan third.

Three boats went to the Districts this year and Rob Klug's performance brought him a trip to the North Americans. The Klugs and Ryans graciously hosted cook-outs where the day's races were analyzed with the aid of the usual refreshments and food which identify this activity. We expect to have at least one additional boat joining us for the 1978 season. It is supposed to be a brand new one. In the meantime, we will be thinking about the 1978 season while sitting before a fire or while riding a ski lift.

PAUPACK FLEET (16) Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains at Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Roger Lengel
Fleet Secretary Peter Boettcher
Fleet Champion John Rowley
Runner-Up George Madel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7298	.....	Franklin H. Shive
7931	.....	Neal W. Merrill
8676	Rooster	Herm Henschen
10301	Mimsy II	Joe Mark
10460	.....	Susie Porter
11801	Moby Duck	John Rowley
11907	Mach I	George Madel
11960	.....	Hank Fretz
12159	Ichabod	Roger Lengel
12416	.....	Peter Boettcher
12867	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky

Lincoln Rowley will replace Mindy Rowley on John's boat in 1978! That will mean that *Moby Duck* will not be as far ahead of the fleet until Lincoln learns all the finer points of sail handling and attendant skills. Should 1978 be a summer with "normal" weekend winds, George Madel and Stan Moldawsky are sure to be up front! Stan has a fast boat and is beginning to understand its kinks and George finally broke down and bought a new suit of sails; he popped from sixth in 1976 to Second in '77 like a cork!

Our Fleet had the pleasure of hosting the "Mets" this year and planning started early (February) to insure a smooth run. The effort paid off! This was a Fleet effort as no one person or even three could have arranged such a fine week-end. And blessings of all blessings, three quarters of the thirty-eight boats competing were registered, weighed, measured and stamped true blue Friday evening. The few boats remaining Saturday morning left some room to breathe and enjoy meeting old friends.

We had the first weekend of the Short Circuit Regatta September 10th and 11th. Twenty-eight boats from the District had a good windy week-end and fine social affair to close out our season.

The year was good, happy, and busy!

BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (17) Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Bridgeport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Harry Turton
Fleet Secretary Michael N. Curran
Fleet Champion John E. Meyer
Runner-Up James Nelson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2795	Restless	Robert Goodenow
9122	Thor	Ralph Sperry, Sr.
9428	'Sno Bird	Thomas H. Tamoney, Jr.
9944	Footloose	Michael N. Curran
10382	.....	Harry Turton
10492	Esprit	Jeff McCormick
10730	Seven C's	Robert F. Cahill
11874	Fiddler's Green	James Nelson
11890	Zephyrus	John E. Meyer
12124	Ariel	David W. Orange & Gordon R. Burrows

1977 was a banner year for Fleet 17. The roster of active Lightnings grew from 7 to 14, a rate of growth undoubtedly not matched by many other fleets and attributable in large part to the enthusiasm and energy of all Fleet 17 members. Flushed by success, all are working for equally impressive growth in the upcoming season.

As part of its commitment to growth, the fleet played host to the Connecticut-Rhode Island District Championship and Connecticut Governor's Cup regatta on July 16-17, attended by over thirty boats. Another major regatta, the Long Island Sound Lightning Championship, will be hosted by Fleet 17 in August, 1978.

The fastest Lightning in the fleet in 1977 was *Zephyrus*, skippered by John Meyer. In a close second place was *Fiddler's Green* (J. Nelson) followed by *Footloose* (M. Curran), *Ariel* (D. Orange and G. Burrows), *Thor* (R. Sperry) and *Sno-Bird* (T. Tamoney).

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain Richard Harding
Fleet Secretary James J. McDonnell
Fleet Champion James J. McDonnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9332	Blew Mac's	J. J. McDonnell
10035	.....	Edward W. Burger
12700	.....	Will Wendell
12785	Peacemaker	Richard Harding

The Memorial Day Long Race was the opener for the season. The 18 miles to Long Point and return was a closely fought battle all the way, but Jim McDonnell edged out Will Wendell and Dick Harding at the finish line.

The thirteenth Annual Cornball Regatta was moved up to June 11-12 this year. There were 24 boats representing 10 different yacht clubs from Toronto to Cleveland. Bill Buckles of the Cleveland Y.C. was the winner. Mark Bryant of Sandy Beach Y.C. was second and Ron Cochrane of the National Y.C., Toronto, was third. As usual, it was a fun regatta with good winds, good sailing and an overall good time.

In the July Fourth Series, Jim McDonnell and his crew could do no wrong and chalked up four first place finishes to lock up the series. Dick Harding and Ed Burger finished second and third.

The Labor Day race to Long Point and back was run thru light, variable, shifty and flukey winds. Jim McDonnell was the lucky leader at the finish, but Dick Harding and Ed Burger were gaining fast in second and third place respectively.

During the year Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club initiated a combined fleet handicap series for Thistles, Lightnings, Flying Scots and O'Day Daysailers. The Lightning Fleet made a very fine showing with Jim McDonnell ending the season as winner and Dick Harding fourth.

Congratulations to Ed Burger and his crew Cindy and Chuck Hodges. Newcomers to our fleet this year, Ed and his crew finished up third in the overall Hi-point Series for the year. Ed was awarded the "Most Improved Sailor" trophy. Great job, Ed. Chuck and Cindy hope to get a new boat next season so we are looking forward to lots of action out there next year.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain Howard R. Eckels
Fleet Secretary Richard H. Collier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7424	Captain America	James R. Goslee III
9702	Grey Ghost	Harry S. Robertson
11138	Cock Pit	Jay & Helen Limbaugh
11485	Page One	Alex Kaye
11567	Placebo	C. J. Detweiler
11640	Windsong	Gordon D. Scullion
12287	.....	Ted Siferd
12412	If III	Thomas L. & Mark Wilkins
12415	Bob Cat	Robert Strempe
12559	Big Red Machine	John Butler
12797	.....	Bernie Malcolm
12875	.....	Howard Eckels
12881	.....	John Timmermeister
13189	.....	Dick Collier

No Report.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Jim Wavle
Fleet Secretary Marcy Wavle
Fleet Champion Bob Graham
Runner-Up Tom Bierman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5617	Bali Hai	Larry Kenny
9984	.....	Robert Watters
10207	.....	Martin Jachts
10220	.....	Victor Haines
10480	.....	Richard Schoell
11420	.....	Bob Graham
11448	Tomato Sloop	David MacDonald
11565	.....	John Kindschi
11572	Apple Jack	James E. Wavle, Jr.
12166	.....	Ronald Beard
12337	Moriah	William W. Wagner
12912	Ruptured Duck	Tom Bierman
13154	Jackie	Armond R. Tomassetti

Sailing on Lake Mohawk is keener than ever. This is in ready evidence provided by the close competition for series championships and in the local regattas. Our past best skippers are still our best skippers but they are being pressed harder and those of us doing the chasing know they are going faster. Bob Graham, our consistent Fleet Champion, demonstrated his speed at the Atlantic Coast Championships by finishing in the money winning one of the races in the process. Two of our boats sailed the North American Championships and the fleet fielded five boats for the nine race Short Circuit Regatta held at Lake Wallenpaupack, Penn., Greenwood Lake, New Jersey, and Lake Mohawk, New Jersey. Those five entrees finished in the first five positions and this without the benefit of our Fleet Champion, Bob Graham.

Our local series scoring showed Bob Graham winning the Spring Series followed by Tom Bierman, Dave MacDonald, Ron Beard, and Jim Wavle. The Summer Series was won by Bob Graham. Tom Bierman sailed into second while Ron Beard, Dave MacDonald, and Jim Wavle captured third, fourth, and fifth respectively. Dave MacDonald came through with a first in the Fall Series with Ron Beard, Tom Bierman, Bill Wagner, and Jim Wavle close behind in the next four places. Fleet competition is very close. As-a-for-instance, in the fall series the difference between first and fifth place was only .6 of a point using average finish scoring.

Dave MacDonald improved steadily all year winning several races toward the end of the year. This in part due to a fine young crew he has trained. Scott Walker won the Crew Of The Year award for his efforts.

Another of our up-and-coming skippers, Jim Wavle, sailed the North Americans and finished fifth overall in the Short Circuit. Jim has been sailing only two years and certainly earned the Most Improved Skipper award.

The fleet sustained some major damage before the season began this year when three of our Lightnings became the down range deceleration areas for a misguided automobile. Bernie Cole's *Gramboko* 18990, was

converted to fireplace kindling while Bob Watters managed to repair the hole in the bottom of his. Bob Tomassetti's *Jackie* sustained major damage to the chine area but he did a beautiful job of repairing it. He bought a new boat but we wonder about the repair job on the old one. Not only does it look good, it goes good. While demonstrating it to a prospective customer he walked away from the rest of the fleet; easily winning a race. Hopefully, he'll soon get the new one to move that fast.

Our sailing school and enthusiasm of the skippers in training new crews and skippers has been very effective in the growth of our fleet. Next year we'll see three new skippers at the starting line. Marty Jachts has Bob Tomassetti's proven 10207 well in hand. John Kindschi, who has crewed for Jim Wavle and Ron Beard, is moving to the tiller of his own *Lightning* next year. Our local Sun Fish fleet has provided us with another excellent skipper. Dick Schoell has won so many races in the Sun Fish fleet they finally took up a collection to help him buy a *Lightning*. I'm happy to report he'll be sailing the more stable of Tom Bierman's last two boats.

It looks like we will field some good competition for the District Championships which will be held here next year. If not on the race course, at least at the elbow bender, if past experience is any indication. Our social activities as a club and as a fleet were outstanding this past year thanks to Sharon Bierman. She managed many excellent diversions throughout the year even when the water got hard. We finally found out how to beat Bob Graham—take him bowling!

Lake Mohawk's capricious winds provide the normal degree of equipment and crew failure as the many turtle awards at the end of the year prove but the "piece-de-resistance" must have been when Bill Wagner brought the committee boat flag home at his mast head. The picture unfolds this way: one capsized resulting from a boat oscillating under a spinnaker, the boat being righted with a bent spreader and the masthead fouling the committee boat flag standard in the righting process, tipping the boat at the dock by pulling on the shrouds to retrieve the flag pole, breaking the wooden mast in the process making the retrieval much easier. Said he was thinking of upgrading the fleet by getting an oval mast anyway.

1978 promises to provide better competition than ever as our eager new skippers prepare to open season on the front runners. Now if we could get some control over the wandering garages placed at random about the lake we'd really have something.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

Ohio District

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain Bill Hilsman
Fleet Secretary Carl Clipp
Fleet Champion Mike Denning
Runner-Up Ron Schulster

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2662	Big Bertha	Franklin H. Beck, Jr.
5900	Skunk	Robert J. McBride
7466	Passerby	Don Trimmer
8002	.....	Harry Minck
9099	Pirate	Dick Denning
10353	Lease This Space	Eric & Bill Hilsman
10960	Ess Bee	John W. Uttley
11332	Miss Judy II	Warren Baltimore
11499	Clipp Joint	Carl Clipp
11932	.....	George Seiple
11982	.....	George Hodge
12787	LADY BE GOODer	Ron Schulster
12840	Moby Pink	Bill & Eric Hilsman
12895	Thump-Thump	Paul Howald
12986	.....	Tom Brugh
13006	.....	Bucky Powless

The summer of 1977 was the year where the past three years of hard work by everyone in Fleet 27 began to pay off. Anyone seeing the start of a Fleet 27 race in 1974 could easily have mistaken it for an America's Cup race. Now we have ten to twelve members racing at home and four or five travelling the regatta circuit. With prospects for at least two new members next year and hopefully some more of our

sailors on the regatta circuit, we are eagerly awaiting the 1978 season.

Our racing season started the first Sunday of April, which almost coincided with the ice melting on the Scioto. Paul Howald showed up with his new boat and quickly sailed away with the Spring, Memorial Day and Summer Series. Mike Denning and Ron Schulster finished behind Paul on Memorial Day and Bill and Eric Hilsman were behind him in the Summer Series. Ron finally got cranked up and won the 4th of July Series, with Paul Howald second and Bill Hilsman third. George Hodge came out of a thunderstorm right-side-up to win the Labor Day Series, followed by Ron and Eric, who switched placed in the Fall Series. Mike Denning, who was unable to sail the Labor Day Series because of school, used his consistent sailing on Memorial Day and July 4th to win his first Fleet Championship.

We hosted our third annual Windshift Regatta on June 11 and 12. Twenty boats showed up for the second leg in the Ohio Governor's Cup race. Ron Schulster, Bucky Powless and Dick Pugh of Cowan Lake all entered the last race with a chance to win. Ron finished just within the time limit to win that race and the regatta. Other trophy winners were Bucky Powless, Dick Pugh, Tom Varley of Hoover Yacht Club, and Paul Howald.

Our out of town travellers included Paul Howald, George Hodge, Mike Denning, Ron and Dixie Schulster, Bertie Gerling and Carl and Charita Clipp. Ron was the most active traveller, going to St. Pete, Bay Week and the North Americans, where he sailed in the yellow fleet. Ron managed to make it home in time to go to Cowan Lake where he won the regatta and with it, the Ohio Governor's Cup. After all the work Ron has put into our fleet, everyone was quite happy with his win. Our end of season fleet awards party was held in November. "Winners" were: George Hodge, Most Improved Skipper, his crew Bertie Gerling, Most Improved Crew and Swimmer of the Year. Eric Hilsman received the "Broken Spinnaker Pole" award, which incidentally, just about matches the rest of his fittings. Carl Clipp was elected Fleet Captain and George Hodge was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the 1978 season. Our congratulations to Ron Schulster on his election as Ohio District Commodore for 1978.

We had a great year in 1977. Plan on joining us at the Windshift in 1978.

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

Michigan District

Based on Devil's Lake at Manitu Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain Dr. Charles Smith
Fleet Captain Elect Steve Thomas
Fleet Secretary Bill Nuoffer
Fleet Champion Hank Hodgson, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9480	.....	William Nuoffer
9650	Red Carpet	Dr. James & Phillip J. Reynolds
11449	.....	Dan R. Bruggeman
12548	No Excuses	Dr. Charles Smith
12724	Mellow Yellow	Dr. G. Thomas Poirier
12773	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
12777	Loophole	George Sipel, Jr.
12861	.....	Bob, John & Jim Morse
12931	.....	Jack Tibbs
12939	.....	Doug Kapnick
13021	.....	Steve Thomas
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal
Life Member	.....	Barnie Crittenden

Lightning Fleet 31 sailors participated in an active schedule of racing throughout the summer. Fleet Captain elect, Steve Thomas, inaugurated his new boat by winning the Decoration Day series. However, Hank Hodgson won the Fourth of July and Labor Day series to take the Fleet Championship. Our fleet was very proud of Hank who also won the Michigan Districts. Merrill Bales won the first and second summer series and was runner-up for the Fleet Championship. Merrill also won the night race and Sportsmanship Award. Doug Kapnick won the stay at home series. Charlie Smith received the Novice and Most Improved Skipper awards. Bill Draheim was awarded the Junior Sailing trophy and Outstanding Crew award. Karen Hodgson was also the recipient of the Outstanding Crew award.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

Ohio District

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet CaptainDale S. Burkhardt
 Fleet Secretary Clem B. Shriver
 Fleet ChampionClem Shriver
 Runner-Up Tom Daugherty

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
123	Suits-Us	William C. Blank
5314	Siren	Robert S. Manard
8637	.....	Tom Daugherty
10896	.....	Dale S. Burkhardt
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	.....	Ralph Lawry

No Report.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Metedeconk River at Ocean County, N.J.

Fleet CaptainWerner Schon
 Fleet Secretary James G. Carson
 Fleet Champion George Francis, Jr.
 Runner-Up Jay Lutz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2674	Knock On Wood	Richard A. Tell
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9006	Second Verse	Michael Coscia
9633	Shazam	E. Kenneth Snedeker, Jr.
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
10988	.....	James J. Daley
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas
11784	.....	Jay Lutz
11933	Barbarella	David S. Ruiter
11972	.....	Margaret Mary Dimon
12405	.....	Werner Schon
12695	.....	Frank Di Fazio
12789	Little Feat	Charles Thrower
12965	.....	Richard Jeske
13084	Fuzzy	James G. Carson
13162	.....	Robert Tell
13184	.....	James G. Carson

This was a routine year for Metedeconk River Fleet 34, except for one major turnaround; Jay Lutz bought Jim Carson's *Ugly Fuzzy* and repeatedly beat him with it. Jay started the season by being fifth overall on the Southern Circuit. Mr. Carson, sailing a new, *Fuzzy*, claims he was there but failed to jingle the silver until Miami. Such was the pattern of the year.

George Francis, Jr. sailed consistently to win the Fleet Championship. Lutz, runner-up sailed fast enough to win but found a number of ways to lose races (i.e., upset, round marks in the wrong direction, etc.) Mimi Dimon won a close battle with Fleet Captain Werner Schon for third, as did Jim Daley to nose out Dick Thomas for fifth. Rick Tell, still getting the feel of a new boat, was seventh ahead of Frank Di Fazio, a newcomer to our fleet. Once again, the overall Club Championship was sailed in Lightnings with Paul Gelenites an easy winner. Metedeconk hosted the New Jersey States and the Spring Tuneup Regatta on consecutive weekends in June and, despite sailing on the River, played the part of perfect host by letting visiting sailors win. Jay Lutz was the top local sailer in both. Once again, Metedeconk hosted an active Spring Series, won by *Fuzzies* Francis and Schon. A storm plagued Fall Series was won by Monmouth's Bob Hutchinson.

Toward the end of Spring, the traveler's saga began with Mr. Lutz picking up a second in the Cedar Point Spring Regatta. At the Worlds, Fleet 34 was represented by Mr. Carson who wound up eighth overall. The Districts were marked by Lutz coming in second (again), Dave Ruiter fourth, and Carson using a breakdown as an excuse. On to the Junior North Americans, where four Metedeconkers sailed and Jay Lutz

finally cracked the barrier winning it all. Congratulations CHAMP! Paul Gelenites scrapped to a fifth with George Francis, Jr. and Teddy Forhecz back in the pack. At the North Americans Carson and Lutz fought it out for top qualifier with Jim coming out on top (believe it or not.) However, it was a different story in the finals as Jay streaked to a third with Jim trailing in fifth. Two in the top five — not bad, guys! George Francis, Jr. and Charlie Thrower put on valiant efforts, but were doomed by light air.

In the meantime, Carson won the BBYRA Championship for the 10th time in 21 years, beating out Tommy Schon, who finished second. They were followed by Mimi Dimon, Charlie Thrower and Dick Thomas for a complete Metedeconk sweep. On the Fall regatta circuit, Lutz and Carson repeated the three/five sequence at the Atlantic Coast. Jim changed his pace by moving south and getting a fifth at Annapolis and a first at Quantico, thereby winning the Barney Mead Trophy for best combined score in these regattas. At the Nashville Bluenose Regatta Jim once again proved himself master of consistency by picking up yet another fifth. However, at the Dallas Thanksgiving Regatta, Carson found the heavy going to his liking improving his position to third. If it sounds like Carson did a lot of traveling, he did — more miles in 1977 than any other Lightning sailor with the exception of Tom Allen — and he's in the business.

Metedeconk has the "heavies" to compete on an International scale. However, travelers do not make a fleet. Fortunately, Fleet 34 is enthusiastic at home as well as away, with a good fleet of local sailors and an abundance of up and coming Juniors.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Ohio District

Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Robert W. Scher
 Fleet Secretary Herb Jestel
 Fleet Champion Randy Ruhlman
 Runner-Up E. L. Caldwell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2885	Gale	John Glasson
5312	Dutchman III	Charles W. Burgess
5323	Cigan II	Frederick R. & Frank E. Lange
6530	.....	Bob Baumgardner
7126	New Wine	Edward E. Werley
7904	Bounty	Dr. James Martuccio
8330	Hot Canary III	Dick Maras
8635	Hot Canary	Curt & Dr. C. H. Maltbie
9080	Blitz	George Cummings
9375	Windjammer	Stanley M. Haw
9619	Spray	John Nunn
10163	Witch Wathego	Homer Benson
10210	Venture II	Kenneth B. Finnie, Sr.
10273	Old Yeller	Don Courtsal
10280	Aphrodite	Richard H. Brautigam, Jr.
10525	Giant Killer	E. L. Caldwell
10789	Lemon Twist	Donald H. & Robert A. DeSplinter
11063	.....	Bob Lilly
11240	Ruler V	Gordon R. Miller
11278	LaBiche III	Lud Lekson
11651	High Voltage I	Jerry King
11671	Blue Purr	John & Peter Swartz
11768	.....	Tom Sankey
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe
12271	Puffin	Robert W. Scher
12313	Blue Fox	Dave Lewis, Jr.
12420	Ruler VII	Jon & Randy Ruhlman
12620	Torlik	Jon & Rob Ruhlman
12848	Gotcha Again	Dr. John Borland
12898	.....	Dr. Ralph Snelson
12916	Most Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
12972	.....	Joe Redding
12973	.....	George Prince
12983	.....	Dave Kuntz

The twice-a-weekend racing of Fleet 36 begins the Saturday after spring Work Day early in May; this Eager Beaver Series was won by Jon Ruhlman, with Jack Borland runner-up and Commodore Don Courtsal

third. The Spring Series saw Jerry King winning first; Courtsal, second; and Rob Ruhlman, third. The Fall Series was won by Chuck Maltbie, Al Caldwell was second, Don Courtsal third.

The Fleet Championship is determined by the Saturday and Sunday Summer Series combined results. This year's Fleet Champion was Randy Ruhlman, repeating again from last year. Runners-up were Al Caldwell, Chuck Maltbie, Rob Ruhlman, and Bob Baumgardner, in that order.

The Independence Day Regatta saw our own fleet copping the trophies: Chuck Maltbie, first; Bob Baumgardner, second; and Rob Ruhlman, third. We hope more visiting Lightning sailors will join us next Fourth of July, so we can share the silver!

Fleet 36 members can always be counted on to make a good showing in the corrected-time, club-sponsored races. This year's successful Lightning winners were Bob Baumgardner (two firsts), Randy Ruhlman, Bob Scher, and George Prince.

Our usual six race Stay-at-Home Series (scheduled to coincide with the three weekends of District and North American championship racing) was renamed the Goof-off Series this year, and it featured some fun competition as dreamed up by our imaginative fleet racing chairman, Jack Borland. Districts weekend found the stay-at-homers engaged in team racing, with the two teams each winning one. Rotating skipper races, where each crew of the boat had to skipper two legs including the mark rounding and the usual skipper was helmsman for three of the seven legs, comprised the next two races. Fun "trophies" for this pair of races were sets of T shirts saying "First (Second/Third) Rate Skipper", and (for the youngest and lightest-weight crew) "Under Rated Skipper." The fifth race in the Goof-off Series was a Rig-ger-ous Race, where the unrigged boats were moored (some tied stern-to-dock) and the sails (each in a separate bag) were piled in one heap on the lawn, awaiting a LaMans start. At the signal, a mad scramble for the required "proper" sails was followed by a dash to the waiting boats and an immediate start upon reaching the line. The final Goof-off-Race was called a Weight Watchers Race, where a boat received one point for each person on board and one point per boat beaten, with high points winning. Perhaps due to the heavy weather of that day, three of our usual top-flight skippers (who sailed with the regular number of crew) finished ahead of all of the "extra-handed" boats. All in all, it was a fun mixture of sailing and "goofing off", while fleet members who represented PYC at the North Americans: Randy Ruhlman, Peter Swartz, and Rob Ruhlman, were doing some really serious sailing.

Our awards dinner was held at the lovely home of Fleet Captain Bob and Betsy Scher; hard-earned trophies were presented to the season's top skippers. A weekend of gracious entertaining was culminated at Sunday brunch hosted by Bob and Bridget Frymier.

A fleet with high caliber sailing, whose social activities are also top notch, just seems to attract new members. So we were pleased to welcome eight new skippers to our Lightning fleet this year: Bob Cotton, Tom Fry, Lud Lekson, Robert Lilly, Jim Martuccio, Ralph Meacham, Ralph Snelson, and John and Peter Swartz. Best wishes for many successful sailing years!

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain	William C. Gordon
Fleet Secretary	Frank Newman
Fleet Champion	William C. Gordon
Runner-Up	Stephen Schwark

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2125	.....	Thurlow W. Burnett
6454	.....	William S. Graff
6731	Natasha	William Jones
7359	.....	F. David Petelinz
8607	.....	J. Douglas Wright
8783	Fox's Reward	Frank Newman
9496	.....	Thurlow W. Burnett
10381	Winklehawk	Explorer Post #381
10779	Half Vast	Joe Sullivan
10796	Irish Mist	Robert J. Ascott
11158	Blue Chips	William C. Gordon
11604	Toy Boat	Stephen Schwark
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York
.....	.....	Harry C. Becker



Bill, Brian and Steve reaping the reward for "Blue Chips."

We started our '77 season by going to the Mid-winter meeting in New Jersey. A few of our other preracing events was the annual dinner and speakers night sponsored by our fleet.

April started our sailing season. The spring series was won by Bill Gordon, second place honors went to Steve Schwark. In the B series first place went to Bill Gordon and second place Frank Newman. The C and D series were both won by Bill. Frank took second in the C series, with Steve capturing second in the D series. Bill Gordon, with the assistance of Brian Sloat and Steve Calhoun become Fleet Champ for the second year. Steve Schwark was runner-up again. At the CYC Open Regatta Bitler/Lewis took the silver followed by Gary Hurban and Roy Sengstacken.

Our fleet was represented at several away regattas by Sam York, Tammie Korber (sailing the Explorers boat), Frank Newman, Steve Schwark and Bill Gordon. Marty Minot a member of the Naval Academy sailing team skippered Newman's boat at Shattamuc; the results proved the boat is fast and Frank needs more practice. Our Explorer Post continues to grow and has just acquired another Lightning. We are happy to welcome two new members to our fleet — Jim Van Fleet and Tad Burnett. Tad took top honors for our fleet in the Club's Long Distance Race. Bill Gordon sailed his Lightning to the top spot out of 37 boats in the CYC handicap. He also proved he can do it alone by winning the single handed race against 28 boats.

Something new this year was an oldtimers race. With six boats on the line, skippered by former Lightning owners, Eric Fuegel took top honors. Our plans for next year are to promote the class for new members and attempt to increase the number of boats on the starting line.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	Eric Schreck
Fleet Secretary	Tony Schweiker
Fleet Treasurer	Billy Meyer
Fleet Champion	Bitler-Lewis
Runner-Up	Bill Meyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8883	.....	Tony Schweiker
9662	Meliora II	George Bitler & Mark Lewis
10784	"Heads Up"	Eric Schreck
11076	.....	Jan Terlouw
11227	Heuristic	Paul J. Krick
11583	Big Moment	M. H. Whitnall
12991	Afternoon Delight	Bill Meyer
13044	.....	Nick Mazzeo

The 1977 sailing season was an outstanding one for Fleet 41 Lightning sailors. Mark Lewis and co-skipper, George Bitler, along with crew, Barbara Bitler, repeated as winners of the Hudson Circuit. During the course of the nine races sailed at three Hudson River fleet locations, the weather presented every possible challenge from the heaviest to the lightest conditions. The Bitler-Lewis syndicate also repeated as Fleet Champions, but the club competition is stronger than ever. Bill Meyer, sailing with wife, Donna, and alternate kids, Wendy and Billy, sailed consistently well to nail down the runner-up position. Bill also had the best showing of the home fleet in the Sutherland Regatta with a third overall, and placed third in the Greenwood Lake Regatta of the "Short Circuit." Paul Krick, sailing with new crew, Beth and Nick Mazzeo, finished the season in fine form with a convincing win in the "Last Blast" Regatta, and a first place in the fall series. Nick and Beth have purchased #13044 and are looking forward to sailing their new boat next season. Not to be outdone by all the improvement, Eric Schreck beat the local "hotshots" on a few occasions, turning and perhaps amazing several heads in the process. Eric Jr., daughter Carol, and young crew, Eric Knight and Frank Wanstall, consistently hang tough, particularly in the heavy stuff. Game for anything is freshman sailor Tony Schweiker, with teenage crew, John Knight and Don Wickstrom.

1977 also resulted in the net expansion of our fleet with additions of skippers, Gurrin Kane, Nick Mazzeo, and Jan Terlouw, and the loss of *Huff* and *Puff* owned by teenage twins, Mike and Jeff Rosenberg.



Greg and Matt Fisher - Runner-up and North American Lightning Champions.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)

Ohio District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet SecretaryMarty Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3612	.....	Walter Grubb
10638	Bomer	Mike Hein II
10860	Still Crazy After All These Years	Greg Fisher
10956	Schuss	Matt Fisher
12265	.....	Willie Petersilge
12810	.....	Steve & Dan Roshon
12845	Gray Fox	George Fisher
12896	Hang on Sloop	Jim Dressel

The Buckeye Lake Fleet is one of the proudest fleets in the world this year. 1977 will be a year that will never be forgotten at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club or by its Lightning Fleet.

Matt Fisher and his brother Greg finished 1, 2 in the Lightning North Americans at Buffalo. Matt and Greg literally grew up at Buckeye Lake and have been in Lightnings literally all their lives. For the two of them to finish in that order is almost beyond comprehension. Mary Lou Ford and his Dad crewed for Matt, while Patty Burton and John Wilson crewed for Greg. Halfway through the last race of the series it became certain that neither Matt nor Greg could not finish any worse than second and the whole last lap and final weatherleg was a race between themselves for first place. Greg was unable to put another boat between he and Matt and Matt was able to cover the boat that could be the point that Greg needed and so they finished that one point apart. What a finish to a great series!

During the same week of the North Americans, Willie Petersilge with a crew of Dan Dressel and Dan Roshon, all three of whom are fine Lightning sailors in our fleet, won the Sears Cup which is emblematic of the North American Junior Championship. They won this after winning the semifinals at Buffalo Canoe Club and the Quarter finals at Put-In Bay, Ohio. These three skippers plus Mike Hein, another Junior Lightning Skipper are looking forward to great sailing careers in the Lightning class and Buckeye Lake is very, very proud of them.

In addition to these great championships, Greg Fisher won the Ohio District Championship, Jim Dressel won the Shakedown Regatta at Indian Lake, and Greg and Matt came in 2nd and 3rd respectively at the Buckeye Lake Snowball Regatta (won by Bruce Goldsmith). Greg also won the Anisquam Yacht Club Regatta in Massachusetts and finished 2nd in the Blue Nose Regatta in Nashville. Matt finished 2nd in Savannah on the Circuit, while Jim Dressel finished 5th at the St. Petersburg Regatta.

Matt was not racing with the fleet most of the summer because of his being on the United States Collegiate Sailing Team with 5 other members that raced in England and Ireland for two months. He returned home just in time to pick up his Lightning and drive to Buffalo.

Although we're looking forward to 1978, this is one year that we are bathing in our laurels for our season of 1977. You can't blame us for that!

Good Luck and Good Sailing!

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET (47)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Yacht Club Commodore	Hoss Bone
Yacht Club Vice-Commodore	Mark Dadd
Fleet Captain	Peter Bone
Junior Fleet Captain	John Buziak
Fleet Secretary	Sally Bliss
Fleet Treasurer	Bud Van Arsdale
Social	Maggie Dadd
Fleet Champion	Bill Neal
Runner-Up	Mark Grinder
Junior Fleet Champion	Paul Mokdessi
Junior Runner-Up	Kevin Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
755	Whoops	W. Dana Jones
4737	.....	Joe Elias
7398	Widgeon	David Saunders
7949	Bye-Bye	Calvin DeGolyer
8004	Cirrus II	Justus A. Emens
8766	Tric Trac	Bob Foster
9065	CKG II	Carl Lyons
9119	Paget II	Bud Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster	Wm. Humphrey, D.D.S.
9417	.....	Charles H. (Mick) Griffin
9631	Right On	Earl Fowlston
9739	Hustler	Mark Grinder
9845	.....	R. D. "Hoss" Bone
9905	Frustration	Mark Dadd
10098	WHY!!	Jack Hackemer
10120	.....	Barnie Matteson
10701	.....	Joe Elias
10808	Jane III	Bud Van Arsdale

11566	Al R's	Rob Williams
11587	Sleazy Rider	Edwin Willse
12150	Port Sallid	Paul Mokdesi
12170	Banshee	John Buziak
12240	.....	W. Todd & Peter W. Jones
12725	French Fry	Bill Neal
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss & Bill Van Arsdale
12984	.....	Kent Lyons
13110	.....	Peter Bone



Left to right - Peter Humphrey, Bill Neal and John Humphrey, Peter & John with their Jerry Blake Memorial Trophy.

The 24th Annual Silver Lake Yacht Club dinner brought to a close a successful year of sailing. With a 22 boat membership and active racing participation, this is one of the largest Lightning Fleets in the Erie District. Commodore Bill Neal opened the meeting with the announcement that the Race Committee Barge's mortgage will be liquidated by Mrs. Joan Mokdesi in memory of her husband, Dr. George Mokdesi. The barge will be named the GEM, a compilation of George's initials. George was an enthusiastic sailor; now son Paul is skippering their Lightning. Honored guest was Ms. Roxanne Walton, who has looked after the feeding of the hungry sailors.

Our new Commodore, "Hoss" Bone praised immediate Past-Commodore, Bill Neal, for two years of successful leadership, then introduced brother Peter Bone and sister-in-law Becky, who presented the trophies for the year.

The WILLIAMS' STAY AT HOME TROPHY was presented to Dave Saunders, with crew Dave Haddad and Cal Abplanalp. Dave sails the oldest boat on the lake, which shoots down the theory that one must own a newer boat to win races.

The CALDWELL BUCKET, awarded for the Turn-up Series of five short races, back to back was awarded to Mark Grinder, with crew Joe Hiezmann and Ken Thompson.

A 6 race series, sailed over two days, THE BILL HUMPHREY MEMORIAL, was won by Todd Jones with brothers Peter and Kevin. Returning skipper, Barney Matteson with crew, wife Sybil and son David, placed second, and Doug Bliss with wife Sally and son Bill placed third. Bill Bliss at 10 years old, is the youngest crew member in the fleet, and he shows signs of following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps. Earl Fowlston received the Mid-fleet award.

The three race JANE VAN ARSDALE MEMORIAL series, sailed over Memorial Day weekend, was won by Mark Grinder and crew, wife Lora and Joe Heizmann. Bud Van Arsdale, with his imported all girl crew Marije and Pam placed second, and "Hoss" Bone with brothers, Pete and Larry as crew, was third.

The annual NEAL MEMORIAL TROPHY was sailed July 3rd and 4th. Commodore Bill Neal won his father's Memorial trophy, placing first in all three races with crew John and Peter Humphrey. Doug Bliss with Sally and Bill were in second place, and Hoss Bone with Pete and Larry were in third place. Todd Jones received Mid-fleet recognition.

Labor Day weekend's BENEDICT MEMORIAL TROPHY series saw Mark Grinder's boat winning the series with Hoss Bone in second place and Doug Bliss in third place, and J. A. Emmens's boat and his newly trained crew, Stephen and Roger Slade taking Mid-fleet position.

The SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 10 race series was won this year by Bill Neal, second place was Mark Grinder and third place, Todd Jones. The Club Championship Mid-fleet position was held by Rob Williams.

The MOST IMPROVED SKIPPER trophy based on two years accumulative points was awarded to Mark Dadd. The C. L. VAN ARSDALE MEMORIAL trophy for the best positioned Silver Lake boat at the Harvest Regatta, was awarded to Bill Neal, who sailed to a 5th place overall. Bill Neal also received the Mid Neal-Brown Memorial Trophy for the Silver Lake skipper sailing the best Away Races. One of the most treasured awards, the JACOB HOFSTEAD MEMORIAL TROPHY for the best crew, voted on by a panel of skippers was awarded to Joe Heizmann, a crew member for four years on Mark Grinder's Hustler.

This year the first Jr. Club Championship series was held for skippers under 19 years of old. Winner was Paul Mokdesi, second place, Kevin Jones and third place, Dave Matteson. It is hoped that this will be an annual series.

John and Peter Humphrey were awarded the JERRY BLAKE MEMORIAL TROPHY at the Lake Erie Lightning District Series held at the Niagara Sailing Club. John and Peter crew for Bill Neal.

Peter Bone and Bill Neal and their crews sailed the Erie Districts and qualified for the North Americans. Mark Grinder and crew sailed the Northern Fall Circuit, earning a 4th place.

The twentieth annual HARVEST REGATTA at the Silver Lake Yacht Club was the largest event in the Lake Erie District. Fifty-eight Lightnings gathered from as far north as Toronto and east from Keuka Lake, to sail three highly competitive races. Courses were laid the length of the lake under the direction of Regatta Race Committee Chairman, Jack Grinder, assisted by Ken Thompson. Platt Fowlston, Fred Shade, Jr. and Ruth Fowlston manned the Committee Barge. Sue Eaton was in charge of scoring. Dr. Bergeson, Dave Saunders, J. A. Emmens, and George Sommerholder ran crash boats. Vice Commodore "Hoss" Bone's delegation of responsibilities created a smoothly run regatta. Welcomed by Jo Mokdesi's committee, the sailors passed through registration under the direction of Dorothy Emmens. The cocktail party flowed smoothly at Dr. Williams' grounds with Earl Fowlston in charge. Doug and Sally Bliss, Mark and Lora Grinder, and Peter and Becky Bone planned attractive and tasty meals, decorations and entertainment. Jean Neal was in charge of promotion. Each member worked and contributed according to his talents.

Trophy Winners: First place - Richard Hallagan, Sodus Bay Yacht Club; Second Place - James Neville, Chataqua Lake Yacht Club; Third Place - Fisk Hayden, Cross Lake Sailing Association; Fourth Place - Larry Hamilton, Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Canada, Fifth Place - Bill Neal, Silver Lake Yacht Club.

WASHINGTON, D. C. FLEET (50)

Dixie District

Sailing on the Potomac River

Fleet Captain	Harris Hulburt
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	Dieter Grotheer
Activities Chairman	Frank Gentile
Newsletter Editor	Frank Gallagher
Membership Chairman	David Pyle
Fleet Champion	Mike Arnold
Runner-Up	Frank Gallagher
Junior Champion	Anne Jacob

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
239	Blitzen	Walter K. Hendron
3145	Bit Bucket	Harris J. Hulburt, Jr.
6441	.....	Joseph J. Cowan
7294	Celeste	Thomas G. Murnane
7324	.....	Hank Thedick
7373	.....	Julie Coyle
7605	Red Herring	David A. Hays
7844	Syrena	George C. Wachnik
8202	Blitzen II	Leigh E. Doptis
8445	Currahee	Frank D. Moore
8697	Stormy Petrel	Al B. Davis

9842	Blarney	William Hart McCarthy
10063	By Lo	David A. Pyle
10213	Last Chance (?)	Philip Tierney
10258	J. Bones	Arthur Gatenby
10745	Breezy II	Harris J. Hulburt, Jr.
10814	Fast n Loose	H. Dieter Grotheer
10817	Big Green	James Dillard
11159	.....	Ken Drews
11369	Miscellaneous	Skip Heller
11673	.....	William Hart McCarthy
12168	Tallyho	Windy Randolph
12365	Energize	Frank Gallagher
12989	Jabberwock	Malcolm E. Arnold
13017	Potomac Brave	Frank Gentile
.....	.....	E. R. Buchanan

12060	.....	Mike Williams
12103	Nokomis	Dick Drew
12121	.....	Vincent T. Boyle
12227	Pucker Power	Arlyn W. Kinkel
12369	Short Shirt II	Ron Summers
12383	.....	Marlow Lee
12614	Fledermaus	Jono Oram
12871	Dandy Lion	Bob & Linda Schoonbeck
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Dick Drew
.....	.....	Fred Eng

For those of you readers who need a change while visiting the Nations Capital, we recommend a trip across Memorial Bridge, just south of National Airport. The place is called Washington Sailboat Marina, which is the home of Fleet 50. Lightning races are conducted nearly every weekend from spring through fall, sponsored by either Potomac River Sailing Association or National Yacht Club. We race a Spring Series, two Summer Series and a Fall Series in addition to three major Regattas, the Memorial Day (Spring) Regatta, Walter Collier and President's Cup Regattas in September.

As in the past, Fleet 50 members met during the winter about once every month at members' homes, holding seminars and discussing our favorite sport. A number of seminars were held together with our not so distant sister Fleet 329, from Annapolis. We were fortunate to have had Jim Crane, Jim Lippincott and Bill Shore, lecturing at different occasions on the subject of racing tactics. Our own Doc Hulburt started with the first seminar by telling us how to get the boat and gear ready for the coming season.

Racing on our home waters got started soon after the ice had melted on the Potomac with the PRSA Frostbite Regatta. Grotheer, Arnold and Davis lead the fleet. Next in line was a four weekend Spring Series, which started a year long battle between defending Fleet Champion Frank Gallagher and prior multiple Fleet Champion Mike Arnold. This series ended with Arnold leading Gallagher and Jim Dillard. Our first major regatta for the year took place on Memorial Day weekend off Hains Point. (In this race area wind shifts are not detected by compass, but by observing landmarks such as the Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Capitol, or Crystal City.). Top finishers were Gatenby/Dick, Arnold, Grotheer, Gallagher. In the Walter Collier Regatta Arnold finished in front of Morgenstern and Gallagher, thereby ending the suspense over who would be the next Fleet Champion. Using the combined scores of the Memorial Day and Collier Regattas, Mike Arnold again became Fleet Champ, with Frank Gallagher second, and Dieter Grotheer third. The following weekend in the President's Cup Regatta, Grotheer finished ahead of Gallagher and Morgenstern with Gallagher being awarded the Bill Lyon Trophy for best performance in both the Collier and President's Cup Regattas. The Fall Series, won by Mike Arnold, completed a successful 1977 season.

During the summer our juniors, conducted their own series at which Ann Jacob defended and retained the Fleet 50 Junior Champion Title. Thanks to Ann for organizing the races and to the Seniors for lending their boats and helping. Congratulations go to Windy Randolph, our new Fleet 50, Division B Champion.

Many thanks to Doc Hulburt and his co-officers for leading Fleet 50 through a successful 1977.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

Michigan District

Based on Lake St. Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Arlyn Kinkel
Fleet Secretary	.....	Ron Summers
Fleet Champion	.....	Fred Eng
Runner-Up	.....	Vince Boyle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
8588	Rage	Tom Vickers
10349	Blue Max	Robert Lees

The 1977 season fleet racing was exciting during the year with all boats participating. Fleet Captain Fred Eng won the Wednesday night series and also placed first as overall Champion. The Boyle family took the Sunday series title and second place overall with both Vince and son Dennis doing the skippering. This year with the loss of our former Fleet Champion Bob Knop, just about everybody took their return at a first place finish. It was this kind of competitive spirit that led to extending the Wednesday night series for 2 extra weeks.

CSYC hosted the Annual Lightning Invitational Regatta in June. Twenty-three boats participated, headed by guest Bruce Goldsmith. The first race tested the swimming ability of many as the winds were estimated at 20 knots gusting to over 30. With similar conditions in the second race, Bruce Goldsmith's boat was dismasted, and it was several hours later until Bob Schoonbeck's damaged boat was brought in with the mast still buried in Lake St. Clair. Saturday night and Sunday morning saw a lot of activity as damaged goosenecks, boom vang, etc. were replaced or repaired. Sunday's winds were blowing even harder. An episode which seemed amusing to many saw Bob Werenski, currently in third place, dash out late for the starting line after a last minute boat repair and capsized minutes after putting up his chute. Bob did finish third as the remaining races were called and was the only Crescent sailor with a trophy.

The skippers and crews were treated to free beer and chips following the Saturday races. Over eighty people stayed to participate in the delicious Bratwurst dinner and enjoy a rehash of the day's adventures. We would like to invite all to come to Crescent's Invitational in June next year.

Although we concentrated on Fleet races, Bob Schoonbeck, Vince Boyle, Fred Eng and Arlyn Kinkel did participate in at least one Michigan Regatta. Bob Werenski, Dick Drew, and Vince Boyle represented Crescent at the Michigan Districts. Bob Schoonbeck after getting his boat repaired survived a broken toe at Traverse City and traveled to Ohio to participate in the Buckeye Lake Snowball Regatta. Fred Kinkel was the only junior from Fleet 51 to participate in the Junior Championships at Bay City.

This season we saw 3 new boats in our fleet and some upgrading of the older boats. New members Tom Vickers, Bob Lees, and Mike Konon were welcome additions to our fleet this year. We also welcome Jono Oram to the Fleet and look forward to next season's races.

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Dave Nickels
Fleet Secretary	.....	Al Bauer
Fleet Champion	.....	Herman Nickels
Runner-Up	.....	Paul Militzer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9965	Polution	
	Solution	Dennis Staley
10310	Peace	Robert S. Aquirre
11451	.....	Ronald Rohlman
11793	.....	Carl Pohly
12191	Wild Goose	John Kerr
12330	.....	Herman Nickels
12334	Bligh Spirit	Paul Militzer
12734	Demon	Dave Furey
12763	In Between	Al Bauer
13031	.....	Morris Gushen
13077	.....	Dave Nickels

The 1977 Fleet Championship again went to Herman Nickels. The race for runner-up position went right down to the final day of racing, with Paul Militzer earning second place and Dave Nickels third. David Furey again earned the Traveling Trophy for having the best record in away regattas. Morris Gushen was given the Margaret Nickels Award for being the most improved sailor in the fleet.

Paul Militzer was elected Commodore of the Michigan District for the 1977-78 sailing season.

Our Michigan District Team Races again were very successful and enjoyed by all. Douglas Lake finished first with a record of five wins and one loss (to Devils Lake). Pontiac #2 team was second and host Lake Fenton was third.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54) **Michigan District** **Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan**

Fleet Captain John A. Scott
Fleet Secretary Dr. William Green
Fleet Champion Bill McKinley
Runner-Up John Corbett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
837	Love Too	Keith Thatcher
1789	.....	Peter Wells
7959	Flip	F. Leslie Huntwork
8668	Jolly I	James D. Jolly
8744	Five J's	John H. Ostrander
9855	Bardy	J. F. Ensroth, MD
9964	.....	William D. Scott
10116	.....	William Balman
10515	Why Worry	John Corbett
10608	Ole*	Jim Olson
10703	.....	Lawson W. Letzring
10806	Sundancer	James H. Sipple
10905	.....	Michael Goran
11065	Eagle	Eugene Bego
11202	Singin' Sails	Dale W. Clixby
11394	Spirit	Robert R. Sturgill
11452	Generation Gap	Paul R. Schneider
11520	Ache II Win	Dave Scott
11545	Kermit	John Edwards
11743	Vector	Donald Fraser
11795	Whistlin' Wind	Richard Adamson
11807	Mon Amie	James L. MacDonald
11808	White Cloud	Dr. William Green
11813	Evie	James Fryfogle, M.D.
11844	.....	Roger Asbury
11927	Shazam Too	Dr. O. L. Smith
11966	Thizzzzit	Lou Zednik
11987	.....	Dennis McCarthy
12033	.....	Eugene Peterson
12176	Summer Snow	Les Kastura
12205	Water Mark	Lauren L. Bowler
12296	Uwila	W. D. Boyd
12333	.....	David O. McCain
12358	Sea Weed	Charles E. Schribner
12404	Patton's Tank	Richard Patton
12570	Teacher's Pet	Robert H. Mathers
12612	Gord-on-Bleu	Gordon Gotberg
12660	.....	Alex Clark, Jr.
12707	Victor	Jim McCoy
12756	Luffer	M. D. Bleitz
12780	Escargot	Victor Brooks
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12890	In Sure	William F. McKinley
12959	.....	Max M. Clixby
12961	.....	Joseph A. Callahan
12978	.....	Clarence Holman, III
13004	The Sting	Richard Abbott
13088	.....	Robert F. Knopp
13112	.....	Clarence Holman, Jr.
13155	Cough Drop	Glenn Smith



Fleet Champion Bill McKinley sets up for another Horizon Job.

The 1977 season got off to an early start on May 1 with our annual Bug Out Regatta. Bill McKinley got the "bugs" out early and won the regatta which kicked off the 84 race schedule organized by Fleet Captain Lauren Bowler. Our schedule consists of races on Sundays and Wednesday evenings and it provides competition for all comers because we averaged 15 boats on the line for the entire race schedule.

The sailing skills of Fleet 54 as a whole seem to be improving as many races listed the winner as someone other than the "regulars". The balance of our fleet's skills can be seen in our awards list. Winners of the Sunday-Spring series: Bob Mathers, first; Jim McCoy, second; Lou Zednik, third. In the Sunday-Summer series: Lou Zednik, first; Wally Smith, second; Bob Mathers, third. Wednesday night Spring series: John Scott, first; Bob Knop, second; John Corbett, third. In the Wednesday Summer series: Lou Zednik, first; Rick Mullen, second; John Scott, third. When the cold winds of fall began blowing, Lauren Bowler, Gordon Gotberg, and Bob Mathers were there on Sunday to take first, second, and third, respectively, in our Sno Ball series. The running lights came on during the Fall Wednesday Night series to help Gordon Gotberg win the Die Hard Series followed by Jim McCoy and Bert Okma.

Our Club Commodore Lou Zednik showed his leadership both on and off the water and also earned the Clarence Holman Award as the most improved sailor in the fleet. The Good Sportsmanship Award went to Gordon Gotberg. Bill McKinley captured the Michigan High Point Trophy by being the highest PYC finisher in the Michigan Districts. For his outstanding contribution to our club in keeping "Old Blue", our race committee boat, going, Bill Boyd was the recipient of the Ray Ransom Award.

The Club Championship was a hotly contested race. The top 12 skippers are allowed to sail this series on the July 4th holiday weekend. This year Bill McKinley was our winner followed by John Corbett and Jim McCoy. Only 3½ points separated the three boats.

We tried one new innovative idea to encourage the development of all skippers this year. On two race days we allowed skippers race credits if they crewed for another skipper. The intent was to let the better skippers sail with the newer skippers without a penalty. The results

were encouraging and we will continue the idea next year. As a further inducement to developing skills of our fleet, we hold our Challenge Regatta on Labor Day and disallow the Club Championship qualifiers from sailing. This allows some hardware to go to our up-and-coming skippers. This year's Challenge winners were, in order of finish, Bill Green, Bob Capps, and Dick Abbott.

The Club's participation in sailing goes beyond fleet sailing, too. John Mathers and Kevin Gotberg ably represented the club in the Michigan Junior Districts and the Bemis Cup. Our wives, Jackie Sipple, skipper, Jay Edwards, and Esther Callahan represented PYC in the Adams Cup. We sent two teams to the Lake Fenton District Team Races and managed a second and a fourth out of the seven teams represented. And when the Michigan contingent left for the North Americans, six of the thirteen Michigan qualifiers were PYC sailors.

The Annual White Cap Invitational Regatta is always the high point of our season. Under the guidance of our Vice-Commodore, Dick Patton and his wife, Bette, we sent 41 boats to the line in our two day event. With a "whistler" on Saturday and a near drifter on Sunday, the whole spectrum of skills was tested and Gary Cameron, once again, was not found wanting. However, PYC sailors were not too disheartened as we were able to place four boats in the top ten. As the membership departed the club after our fall work party, the words "Wait till next year..." were heard drifting off in the fall winds.

We can hardly wait!

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59) Lake Erie District Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, N.Y.

Fleet Secretary Bob Starck
Fleet Champion Cal Schmiede
Runner-Up Ted Sullivan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
8150	.....	William E. McNutt
10002	.....	John Swanson
10008	.....	Kevin Farry
11501	Yellow Bird	Dale Taulbee
11788	Vampira II	Judy Walker & Philip C. Barth II
12877	.....	Dalvin H. Schmiede & Robert B. Starck
12938	.....	Theodore Sullivan

1977 was a busy year for Fleet 59. In addition to our regular club races and annual river championship, for the first time in history we hosted the Lake Erie Districts.

The Bowen Lightning Championship, emblematic of the club championship, was won handily this year by Cal Schmiede. Cal also showed well in many other area regattas throughout the season and was our representative at the Worlds at Lake Thun.

In Cal's absence in Switzerland, Bob Starck took the Wardell Series and Judy Walker the Blake Memorial Series. This is the first year in memory that a different skipper has won each of these trophies.

The racing results of the Lake Erie Districts are listed elsewhere on these pages. Suffice it to say that although taking on a regatta of this scope turned out to be a monumental task, the club came through with flying colors and a good time was had by all. Bob Starck and Judy Walker qualified for the N.A.'s.

Our annual Niagara River Lightning Championship was won for the umpteenth time by the original river rat, Stu Anderson. Bob Starck almost caught him this year, but when the chips were down, Stu came through again. Ted Sullivan sailed a consistent series to garner third in this regatta, and rounding out the top five were Judy Walker and Jack Swanson.

Come on down and see us at the river championship next year.

JAYHAWK FLEET (60) Central States District Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain Harold "Bud" Hunt
Fleet Secretary Howard Paul
Fleet Champion Fritz Toussaint
Runner-Up Bill Merrillat

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1985	Dream Come True	Robert P. Davis
6779	.....	Stephen J. Craig
7001	.....	Harold Hunt
7461	Cornflower	Ralph Persson
8761	.....	Robert R. Pooler
10682	Woodstock	Willard B. Nicks
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11339	.....	Jack M. Newell
11736	.....	Howard Paul
12508	Streaker	Bill & Chris Merrillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint



Klotzbach in the lead.

Under the leadership of Fleet Captain Bud Hunt a growing and enthusiastic Lightning Fleet is emerging and building a strong base for years to come.

Fleet racing seemed somewhat abbreviated at the beginning of the season but as boats and hardware were conditioned, things started to happen — competition was at it's maximum as positions changed frequently through the course of most races and interesting situations occurred. At the close of the season Fritz Toussaint in *Southern Comfort* emerged victorious.

The Prairie League Regatta, August 6 & 7, proved to be quite an event with 12 boats qualifying — racing in all types of air and what a party! John Gall (Fleet 438) finished 1st, Bill Merrillat 2nd and Don MacClymont (Fleet 438) finished 3rd. The home Fleet will have a better showing in 78!

Chris Merrillat represented the home fleet well in bringing home a 2nd from the Central States Districts.

In anticipation of Ross Freeman, David Thurston, Stacey Florence, Hall Bowling, William Patterson and Bob Sommers joining the Fleet; 1978 should be an interesting year.

In all '77 has been a great year — good food, good drink, good sailing and great people.

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (61) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario, Pultneyville, New York

Fleet Captain Dick Arnold
Fleet Secretary Dan Tomlinson
Fleet Champion Dick Arnold
Runner-Up Dan Tomlinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2850	Ah Choo	Lewis R. Thomas
4724	Boat	Winton Brown, Sr.
6394	.....	Andy Potter
7300	Orange Crate	Dr. Richard Arnold
11608	.....	Daniel W. Tomlinson
12613	Dyspnea II	Dr. Daniel Koretz, M.D.

No Report.