



Fleet 62 Champ Jeff Reisch flanked by Crew Gerald Minor and Jeff, Jr.

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET (62)

Southern District

Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain at

New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Jeff Reisch
Fleet Secretary Tommy Allen
Fleet Champion Jeff Reisch
Runner-Up Tommy Allen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9235	Gone with the Wind	E. Carlton Guillot
9455	Wild Goose	Ross Allen
10812	.....	Richard B. Foster
10951	The Rock	Guy Richards
11990	Niki	Jeff Reisch
12335	FF	Larry Frost, Jr.
12887	.....	William B. Appel
13170	Ticonderoga	Tommy Allen
Life Member		Gene Walet
Life Member		Gilbert Shieb
.....	.....	Gil Whitworth

With the 1977 Sugar Bowl Regatta scheduled for the day after Christmas 1976, we did not have our usual Yankee invasion and the local sailors were able to fight it out in private. Tommy Allen, with his crew of Jean Paul Lanaux and Micheal Tubbs, won with Buck Ballatin second, and Billy Appel, third.

The second off-season regatta, The Mardi Gras, sailed in February, took place under beautiful sunny skies in spring-like weather. The series was won by Hoggey Herman of NOYC sailing his brother Cal's boat while Cal crewed for O.J. Young in the Southern Circuit. Tommy Allen, of the home fleet, took second in the series with Greg Florian of Decatur, Ill. getting third.

Our official sailing season beginning with an Opening Regatta on April 17th and closing with a Final Regatta in mid-October, was chock full of races nearly every weekend. Only a few of the high points will be covered here. One of the best was Southern Yacht Club's annual One-Design Regatta, sailed each year the last weekend in May. This years event in a close series, went to Tommy Allen with Cal Herman coming in second.

The biggest series this year was the Southern District Championship hosted by our club. Normally, the home town boys do well on their own course, but not this year. The Championship was taken by Rick Skinner of Fairhope, Alabama. Second went to Debby Lallande of Morgan City, third to Cal Herman of NOYC, and fourth to Marshall Walker of Shreveport, La. The best the host fleet could do was a fifth by Tommy Allen.

For the record, Past President of the ILCA Ross Allen, was General Chairman of the Regatta and did a beautiful job. At the Annual Meeting Larry Frost, Jr. of our fleet was elected District Commodore with Fran Frost getting the job of secretary. Also at the Annual Meeting the members accepted an invitation to sail the 1978 District Championship at the Gulfport Yacht Club under the General Chairmanship of ILCA Life Member, Gene Walet. We're all looking forward to it.

Mid-season Tommy Allen returned to form to win the Capdeville Regatta, and tie the Labor Day Classic with Buck Ballatin. At the end, however, it was all Jeff Reisch, who for the past several years had been an unhappy also-ran. He finally put it all together with his crew of Gerald Minor and Jeff, Jr. to wrest the Fleet Championship from Tommy who had won it a total of thirteen previous times. To put icing on the cake Jeff also won the final regatta.

This year, as last, no single boat dominated the racing, and with everyone in Fleet 62 getting new sails this Fall, the racing should be quite competitive in 1978.

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Maple Bay at Maple Bay, British Columbia

Fleet Captain G. Blumel
Fleet Secretary D. Barber
Fleet Champion P. Idema

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11283	.....	George A. Maggs
12245	Desiderata	Peter Idema
12475	Ketchup	George Blumel

The 1977 racing season has been one in which our yacht club has undergone a great transition. A new causeway with electric crane has been installed, as has a floating breakwater, a 180 berth marina and a dry storage area for dinghies. The activities attendant to the installation caused some disruption to our sailing activities, but the last race of the season (a 12 mile long-distance race) saw two of our four Lightnings launched from the front of the club, a long awaited occurrence in Maple Bay. This convenient launch facility, coupled with the close competition we enjoy leaves us with the hope that we can attract more members to our fleet.

The racing season saw spirited and close competition among our four boats, and despite the dominance of P. Idema and G. Blumel, each of us managed to finish in the winners circle at least once. The coveted Lightning Championship Trophy was taken home by P. Idema, with G. Maggs finishing second. (George Blumel was in Germany).

Our most challenging long distance race was the 45 mile "Round Saltspring Island Race", entered by 5 lightnings and won by Don Gillingham (a former crew member with G. Blumel), who edged out his former master approximately 1/2 (one-half) mile from the finish line (at 3 AM. the next morning!). The final finisher (yours truly) arrived back at the Bay a full twenty-four hours after the start having had a beautiful star-light sail. (It took my crew and I about 2 days to straighten out all the kinks.)

It gave us great pleasure to see George Maggs nominated as the third Honorary Life Member of the MBY Club. The second Honorary Life Member is the man who introduced Lightnings to Maple Bay, Hunter Vogel. The Fleet is honored indeed to number men of this calibre among its members.

We of Fleet 64 extend a hearty invitation to any Lightning sailor to come and sample the most beautiful inland salt-water sailing anywhere. To the heartiest among you we extend a challenge to come to Maple Bay and take us on in the "Round Saltspring Island Race."

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Robert C. Mahnke
Fleet Secretary	Pamela Mahnke
Fleet Champion	John Esser
Runner-Up	David M. Barrett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8889	Betsy	Robert J. Casper
9549	.....	Marvin F. Whalen, Jr.
9634	Bluefin	Byron K. Roe, Jr.
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
10387	Barb III	Guy Scrivner
10799	Ragtime	David M. Barrett
11442	Rampage	Dean S. & Karen Anne Cady
11589	Ruddigore II	Alexander M. Cutler
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
11903	Windy	Robert C. Mahnke
12342	Bluette	Allen N. Rieselbach
13026	RoeBoat	Byron K. Roe, Jr.

Lake Michigan — at least Milwaukee's part of her — once again showed herself to be a wayward, contentious, difficult mistress upon which to race small boats. Half the month of June was lost to storms, and most of July and August were spent in light air. Mal de mare and frustration were Fleet 69's greatest tactical problems on the water. John Esser, the "Doc," proved himself the master of the big blue lady, instructing us all in a three month course on how to sail a nineteen foot, sloop-rigged, hard chined, bendy-mast centerboard boat called a Lightning twice around a three-cornered course. He actually threw a second place finish out in the season series scoring. Not that John was alone out on the Lake. Runnerup Dave Barrett, who is intense, quiet, who sails in a precise, logical sort of way and who won silver in MYC's Brill Series, Commodores' Regatta, Labor Day Regatta and the Little Mackinac, gave him a good run for the Fleet Championship. Dean Cady and his daughters had nearly as many first place finishes as John. Now the Cady Family sails with FLAIR: when they win it is usually a horizon job. They missed eight races during the season, which, given John's and Dave's consistency, they couldn't overcome. Dean, Dana and Karen did, with characteristic flair, win a fifth in this year's Governor's Cup in Buffalo — certain compensation for a few races missed in Milwaukee.

Once again in 1977 Fleet 69 acted as concertmaster to four Milwaukee Yacht Club events; the Commissioning Ceremony, in which John Esser was installed as Club Commodore; the Marine Handicap, a regatta for centerboard and keel boats using Portsmouth ratings and co-sponsored annually by the Marine National Exchange Bank; the Brill Series, for Lightnings and Flying Scots; and the Little Mackinac Race, another handicapped event, which sends keel- and centerboard boats out into Lake Michigan toward a mysterious buoy — position uncertain — and back again. Fleet 69 also had the privilege of hosting three major Lightning regattas this year, the P&T — a Lake Michigan Championship event, won by Gordon Ettie of Chicago Corinthian, the Junior Midwest Districts, and the Midwest Districts, won on the final day in a gale by Bruce Goldsmith.

1977 was a pretty good year for Fleet 69. The oldtimers proved themselves to be still the best, that consistency is the name of the game. But there is a new competitive feeling about the place. A feeling that some of the younger sailors want to take it to the perennial winners and are willing to try hard enough to do it. What could be better for the Fleet and the Class than more and better competition?

RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY (70)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River at Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Sandy Huntsman
Fleet Secretary	Denis Farley
Fleet Champion	Sandy Huntsman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1481	Taterbug II	Wayne Tate

6556	Fiddler's Green	Arthur Hunnewell
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
8101	Avenger III	John English
8502	Dawn Mere	James M. Kelly
9885	My Guard Check	Michael Hoydis
9932	No Problem	David Pezzutti
9971	Irish Mist	Pat Bennett
10300	.....	David Harper
10378	.....	Reid N. Dickerson
10408	.....	Jeffrey F. Chandor
10480	.....	Anthony J. Price
10702	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
11205	Wind Song III	Alfred J. Miller
11237	.....	Don Olson
11327	Bam II	V. N. Vaughan Jr. & III
11688	.....	Thomas Sabella
11958	White Lightning	David E. Van Holle
12366	Right-on	Charles Roden
12499	.....	Bob Hutchinson
12509	.....	Tom McKeon
12690	Think Positive	Maurice K. Shaw & Michael Hagler
12716	My Honey	Richard C. Davis
12739	Six Pack	Denis Farley
12800	.....	Arnold & Jon Schwartz
12832	.....	Alan Schroeder
13045	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
13051	.....	Pat Corr
13053	.....	Ralph Messersmith
13177	.....	John Schneider
.....	.....	John Brewster
.....	.....	Jack Huntsman
.....	.....	Dick Robrock



Sandy Huntsman, Fleet 70 Champ looking good at the N.A.'s — crew Eric Olving and Patty Meade.

No one can ever accuse our fleet of being inactive. We start before the leaves are on the trees in April and end when the leaves are coming off in October. In addition, we have a growing number of sailors who do not think this is enough and attend the Southern Circuit. This year there were 6 skippers sailing 5 boats. John Schneider and Sandy Huntsman/Denis Farley sailed the entire circuit while John Brewster and Jon Schwartz sailed two regattas, and Al Schroeder sailed at Savannah.

This was the year of the wind, especially in the spring, and it seemed like everyone wanted to win the capsized award of the year. Brewster, Huntsman, Jon Schwartz and Farley all had one each on the Circuit but that was hardly the end. Denis finally beat out Jon by a score of 4 to 3 by seasons end while Les Hathaway won the crew prize for participating in 4 capsizes.

Our Long John Regatta in April was again one of the most successful on the east coast with 59 on hand for two light air races and one heavy one. Fisk Hayden and Dick Hallagan, both from Sodus Bay, N.Y. showed the way ahead of Joe Friebele, Bill Shore and Jack Elfman. We look forward to having everyone back in 1978.

Ralph Messersmith sailed well in the windy Spring Series to take first ahead of a host of hungry competitors. Bill Clausen finished second for the second straight year followed by Jack Elfman, Bob Hutchinson and Sandy Huntsman. Per tradition, we all gathered at Mary's mansion to celebrate and crown the champion.

Sandy Huntsman and his female crew got moving in the Memorial Day Regatta and hung on nicely in the strong wind of the last day to win the 5 race event. Dave "Gorilla" Devlin and Bob Hutchinson were 2nd and 3rd.

In June, a number of our fleet raced two weekends at Metedeconk in CAD country. Bob Hutchinson emerged as New Jersey State Champion on the first weekend, and Sandy Huntsman sailed tough on the next weekend to finish 3rd.

Back at MBC, Sandy won the Independence Day Regatta and moved closer to the Atwater Trophy for the best score for the 3 Holiday Regattas. Dave Von Holle and Rob Held took 2nd and 3rd.

It isn't every year that we have a representative at the World's and our fleet was proud to have Bob Hutchinson in attendance. Bob finished 11th overall, sold his sails to an Italian, and promptly switched sailmakers on his return. It seems Hutch wasn't going as fast as he thought he should go.

The highlight of the season was the Met District Championship at Lake Wallenpaupack. We broke all records by having 14 boats from the fleet make the 140 mile trip. First of all, it was a great party, and second of all, we had some fleet members do well.

John Brewster returned from a tour of duty in Iran, borrowed a boat, won the first race, and also won the regatta. Lucky for us, John went back to Iran after the regatta.

Fifteen year old Jack Huntsman in his first year as a Lightning skipper sailed a strong series to take second, a point behind John, while MBC skippers, John Schwartz and Denis Farley took 3rd and 4th in the 38 boat fleet. Individual race winners were all from MBC: Brewster, Dave Von Holle, and Farley.

Talbot Ingram, a noted Comet and Laser sailor, borrowed the same green boat that Brewster won the Districts in and won the National Sweepstakes on our river in August. Hutch had two firsts on Saturday but was late for the third start when he was out testing the wind and didn't hear the guns.

Kevin Corr and Jack Huntsman attended the Junior NA's at BCC and while they didn't win, they were the two youngest skippers in the series and bear watching in 1978.

There were 5 sailors from Fleet 70 at the NA's and they were all trying to make the Blue Fleet. John Schneider and Sandy Huntsman made it which is the first time two from our fleet have made it in the same year. They finished 15th and 27th respectively in the tough competition.

Denis Farley barely made the green fleet but got going when it counted to take 2nd, and Jack Huntsman made the green with ease, but found the light air a problem and finished 28th.

Jon Schwartz capsized twice, broke a mast in the qualifying races, and wound up in the Yellow Fleet. He and his stalwart crew of Arnold Schwartz and Les Hathaway then went out and won to become King of the Turkeys.

Somehow, while all these things were going on, we had a summer series. The winner was Reid Dickerson, followed by Charlie Roden, Pat Corr, and Ralph Wilson.

Denis Farley won the Labor Day Regatta with Sandy Huntsman in

2nd and an easy winner of the Atwater Trophy. Bill Mergenthaler and Jack Huntsman co-skipped to a 3rd.

The rainy fall series was strictly a two boat event with Denis beating out Jack Huntsman. Von Holle, Dickerson, and Ken Roden were the other trophy winners.

We added six new members during the year: Tom McKeon, Ralph Wilson, Brud Patterson, Mike Haydis, Mike Smith and Bob Kane. Since we only lost the Robrock's who moved to Chicago, we are still the fastest growing fleet in MBC despite being the largest.

While many of the same names keep popping up in the winners circle, we have a number of up and coming skippers who are getting tough. Watch out for Dave Pezzutti, Al Schroeder, Tony Price and the always tough Hagler/Shaw syndicate.

And then just before the end of the season, Walt Colantuono bought a competitive used boat which he sailed with son and daughter, Larry and Laurie. Walt can't wait to start that long season next April.

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71) Ohio District Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Ken Gilbert
Fleet Secretary	Barry Wilson
Fleet Champion	Bill Buckles
Runner-Up	Jack Mueller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedy Too	John L. & John B. Horton
8650	Pip	Richard Donaldson
9498	Bonnie Lass	William Summers
9974	Brandywine	Bud Nelson
10612	.....	Gerritt C. Kuechle
10646	Sting Rea	John Rea
10790	Green Boat	Lewis E. Wallner, II & Thomas J. Scanlon
11533	S.O.S.	John Zangerle & O. Eugene Wood
11700	Rag Boat	Jim Disch, Jr.
11840	Laurie	John Stuart
11876	Aprthak-Siddee	Ken Gilbert
11912	Blue Bird	Wally Sellars
11931	Oliver	Harry Hooker
12806	.....	Scott Gazelle
12880	Jenny	Jules Gerlack
13059	.....	Bill Buckles
13102	.....	John Mueller
13109	.....	Barry Wilson
13152	.....	Dave Austin
13181	.....	Jack Mueller
Honorary Member		Charles Judd

In 1977, Fleet 71 had a busy schedule with several new social functions as well as the Ohio Districts. One of the new social events was the Ebenezer Sneade Volleyball Tourney which brought sailors from all of the Club Fleets and power boaters together. We also started the Buddy Series, which was a number of quick races around a very short course.

This year seems to be the year of the nickname. For example we now have: Dave "Foremost" Austin, Judy "Tumbles" Austin, Nancy "Don't touch the Committee Boat" Mueller, Bill "The Aerialist", but the East German judge only gave him '5' "Buckles, Barry "This ain't the Dodgems" Wilson, Jim "I don't want to sail in the Districts" Disch, and Bill "it wasn't tuned" Rudge to name a few.

Many thanks to the Fleet members who helped out with our social program. This year we even had a western style rodeo. Our special thanks to our friend Ed Disch for his superb mark setting at the Districts, for his ever-present race course patrol, and for his unique Edie VI race. Depending upon who you talk to it is a kind of folded dogbone with a circle around the olympic course with a couple of figure eights thrown in for good measure, or at least something like that. We appreciate Ed Kennedy's fine work on the Districts, the second year in a row that he has helped us.

We welcomed new boat owners this year — Lewis Wallner/Tom Scanlon, Jules Gerlack, and Brad and Ted Samuels. Also a special note. We have a fleet member who ought to win some kind of award for

trailer maintenance. We had fine support this year on the race course from Jack and John Horton, Wally Sellars, Jack Mueller, John Mueller, Bill Buckles, Harry Hooker, Brad Samuels, Jules Gerlack, George Auer, Scott Gazelle, Ken Gilbert, Dave Austin, Jim Disch, Barry Wilson, and Dick Scofield. Fleet 71 enjoyed one of its best years. Watch out Columbus!

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73)

Colombia District

Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain Gian Luca Fiori
Fleet Secretary Jorge Uzategui

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6097	Antonio Cortes
6371	Italo Di Ruggiero
6372	Carlos Hernandez
6987	C.N.M.
7292	Santiago Rubio
7451	Miguel Cano
8133	Gian Luca Fiori
8911	Antonio Paccini
8957	Alvaro Vargas
8972	Guillermo Castillo
8973	Roberto Londono
10669	Roberto Matarraz
11660	Mauticio Jacob
11750	Vicente Hernandez
11926	Jaime Casabianca

See District Report.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain Vince Daube
Fleet Secretary Bob Ohlsen
Fleet Champion Lloyd Irish
Runner-Up Roger Grohne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6446	.....	Don L. Johnson
7903	Blixt	Bill Wis
8811	La Portena	Jon Klingenberg
9213	Sunshine	Denny Heisler
9678	.....	Richard Meek
10100	.....	Bob Ohlsen & James Lackman
10527	.....	Gary Quinlan
10603	.....	Robert S. Schaub
10700	.....	Edward Cave
10932	Brown Hound	Jake R. Watson
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd Irish
11133	Full House	J. Parke Boyer
11290	.....	Eugene Laurent
12083	Argo V	Welland A. Hause
12120	Boat	Richard F. Olson
12268	Gambit	William E. Badorek
12321	Bon Homme II	Al Kirkman
12458	Aeolus VI	Bob Buckles, Jr.
12464	.....	J. Roger Miller
12540	.....	Carl Sternaman
12554	Pink Champaign	Vince Daube
12974	B.C.	Greg Florian
13078	.....	Roger & Todd Grohne

Racing or fun? This season it was not a question of which, but how much of both the average Lightning sailor and his crew could stand. The Lightnings are the largest class sailing on Lake Decatur, have the most competitive and largest group racing, and have the best attendance at the fun sailing functions.

Our racing season was close and hard fought. There were several new masts and a lot of new sails brought to the lake this past spring. Roger Grohne had the only new boat, but the older craft got their share of



Action at the Inter-City Regatta.

varnish, paint, polish, and "T.L.C." Greg Florian won the Spring Series, Vince Daube was second, and Carl Sternaman was third. The Summer Saturday Series was won by Lloyd Irish, with Carl Sternaman second, and Roger Grohne third. Carl Sternaman made his steady progression into a first place finish in the Summer Sunday Series with Dan Ohlsen second and Roger Grohne third. Todd Sternaman did not need as long a warm-up as his dad. When the father-son act let the son take the tiller, Todd won the Fall Series. Roger Grohne took second and Jim Lackman finished third in this final series. The Lightnings were also well represented in the club's Ladies Series; B. J. Daube finished first and Barb Ohlsen finished second. Two fleet members are sailing on collegiate teams this year. Greg Florian is on the Tulane team and Dan Ohlsen is on the Cal Tech team. Roger Miller is the Commodore of the Mississippi Valley District this year. Trophies and recognition aside, everyone in the fleet was a winner in some way. There was a lot of help and advice shared by old hands with the new sailors. The end of the season brought closer and closer finishes in the fleet. It occasionally also brought new winners and high finishes for new sailors. Next year this is going to be one tough league.

The Inter-City Regatta was an outstanding success this year under the chairmanship of Vince Daube. The winner was Bill Buckles, a former Fleet 74 sailor. But class really tells in the fact that Bill also won the sportsmanship award named after his father, Bob Buckles. As usual, the rest of us were most successful at drinking a canoe full of beer and then going to Natalie Buckles' house for some serious partying and bench racing. Join us next year—we'll get another canoe.

Roger Grohne put on the ultimate "fun sail" with his "Pirates of the Caribbean" moonlight sail and costume party. There were forts to attack, villages to burn (these were floating on the water and with the torch, dacron sails, and a good breeze...), and buried treasure to find. It is hard to imagine how much fun buckling all that swash can be.

Next year? We would like to grow and we would like to get more people actively racing. I don't know if we can enjoy ourselves more, but I know we will put on our fun hats (Gary Quinlan and Lloyd Irish had a couple of beauts at the Impromptu this year) and try. Come see us, come to our Inter-City Regatta, we would love to have you.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain	Ed Deeb
Fleet Secretary	Howie Rinehart
Fleet Treasurer	Rod Johnson
Fleet Champion	Tom Destasio
Runner-Up	Bill Day

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2093	Finesse	Philip Coggon
3322	Nordvind	Mons Grinager
5403	Lydia	A. C. Neff
7545	.....	Vince Accordinio
7616	.....	Rod Johnson
8182	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
8272	.....	Martin Low
9100	Madame Blue	Thomas De Stasio
9369	.....	Greg Avedikian
9801	.....	Steven C. Sebastian
10030	Charade	Joseph Fleming
10033	Grasshopper	Charles Blandina
10620	Dandy Funk	Adam Brown
10737	Beth III	Eve Hall
10769	Different Drummer	Edward Deeb
11273	Lemon Up	Bob & Susan Graham
11507	.....	Bill Reeve
12277	.....	Richard & Lenny Weitzman
12642	.....	Howie Rinehart
12842	.....	William Day

Fleet 75's 6-month racing season of 29 scheduled races began on May 1, 1977. Only one race was cancelled for lack of wind. Perennial Lightning ace Tom DeStasio in Madame Blue captured the spring, summer, and fall series with his loyal crew Ed Bonacci and Thad Cook. And that's no Mickey Mouse. Second place winners were Marty Low, Bill Day, and Gary Hurban. Bill Day, Marty Low, and Howie Rinehart placed third.

The Nyack Boat Club of which Fleet 75 is a part, distributed participation awards to those skippers sailing at least 60% of each series. Nine skippers received awards for the spring series and six for the summer and fall series. Tom DeStasio was presented a special award at the Annual Boat Club Dinner staged by the Lightning and Open Fleets for the Most Active Lightning Skipper.

Fleet captain Ed Deeb ran away with the "Most Soggy Sailor Award" when he turned his boat over twice in the same day. Ed was able to get his boat, *Different Drummer*, under control for the Annual Dinner where she lured dinner goers, while Ed cajoled couples into a Landlubber's Competition.

Rod Johnson spent the spring sprucing up his boat and it sure showed. Not only did it look good, but he placed fourth in the fall series.

Bill Day made quite a recovery from last winter's operation to place second in the summer series.

Dick Weitzman, handicapped without his son Lenny, still has his boat moving well.

Howie Rinehart became the owner of another Lightning and is looking forward to next year.

The sailing season ended with the Left-over Trophy Race. The race had 14 starters vying for left-over Windmill, Penguin, and other class boat trophies not seen in years around Nyack. The race was followed by a wine and cheese party, a good time was had by all.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain	Wilmer Wright
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	George Sereno
Fleet Champion	Tom Jungjohann
Runner-Up	Richard Doherty

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
981	Debrak	Steven Peskor
1225	.....	Richard P. Henzel

3667	Pixie	Michael L. Myerson
6803	Nic-O-Time	Nic Hambas
7445	Bionic Boat	Neal Smith
7535	Cordelia	Raymond Mercier
8755	.....	Alan Boekhout & Rob McIntosh
9386	Anwyl	Russell Morton
10096	Sparkle Plenty	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Bill Wright
10679	Caprice II	Richard Zuegel
11050	Re Quest	Ernest Hamilton
11051	.....	Larry Stephens
11074	Kopykat	Howard Stickney
11372	Tequendama	David M. Garrett
11395	Air Express	Wm. A. & Wm. A. MacDonald III
11456	Bottoms Up	P. Thomas Jungjohann
11766	Arethusa	Edward J. Massare
11924	Tamar	Dr. Jakob Schaechter
12400	Windswept	Andrew Smith
12423	Hooch	Richard Vickers
12883	Reunion	Arnold & Steven C. Sals
12884	Zing	Anthony Orlen
12924	Gen Eva	Gene Wheeler
13079	Blue Jacket IX	Dr. John & James McIntosh
13080	Misty Beethoven	James McIntosh & Jamie Jamison
13081	Irish VI	Richard Doherty
13082	.....	C. Edwin Howe
13083	Sea Fever	Albert H. Platt III
13182	White Cap	Dr. Robert Jamison
13185	Spar Trek	George Sereno



Fleet Champion Tom Jungjohann

The addition of eight, count 'em, eight brand spanking new Lightnings to Fleet 77 this year was one of the many highlights of our 1977 season. A person would think that with all that shiny new fiberglass floating around Irondequoit Bay waving thirteen thousand-plus numbers on their mainsails that the skippers would be sailing on egg shells. On the contrary, this season proved to be one of the most competitive in our history.

Tom Jungjohann in *Bottoms Up* needed the last race in our 51 race season to squeeze out a .025 point victory over Dick Doherty's *Irish* for the Fleet Championship. As if that wasn't close enough, Steve Sahs sailed *Reunion* to a .003 point edge for fifth place over our resident master sailor Dr. John McIntosh in *Blue Jacket*.

'Fast Eddie' Howe, in his beautiful new *Anemone* locked up third place over all along with a first place in the summer and fall series to take home the most improved trophy for 1977.

Tony Orlen in *Zing*, the orange Lightning whose transom we all have memorized, was fourth over all. Fourth place, by the way, was only .8 points behind first.

Every year we have an event in which the skippers get to show how easy it is to sail a Lightning. This is our single-handed series. Nine skippers participated this year, sans crew, in this popular Saturday series.

Tom Jungjohann took top honors in the single handed series this year. When asked how one jibes a chute with no one steering he replied, "Quickly!"

An early spring warm spell saw Kirk Reynolds win our annual Newport Invitational Regatta under perfect sailing conditions. 44 boats showed up from the north east U.S. and Canada this year and word is spreading that this is a top notch event.

Participation by our fleet was at an all time high. Fields of twenty or more boats were not uncommon on a typical Sunday.

Special note should be given to members Steve Sahs and Tom Jungjohann who sailed in the N.A.'s this year.

Larry Stephans, a first year member, won the "Missal" Series while veteran Al Platt took home the "Burns-Hanna" trophy. Howard Stickney won the B-fleet championship and has his sights set on the top five next year.

Fleet 77 was represented at every major regatta in our district and as far away as Quantico, Va. where we took four boats. Several members are stocking up on sun tan lotion for next spring. St. Pete, watch out!

Fleet 77 would like to thank all the members and visiting friends for making this year a great success.

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

Lake Erie District

Based on the Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain John Boyce
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Duchscherer
Fleet Champion Fritz Dusel
Runner-Up Rick Hensel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
895	Half Fast Sailor	Tom Pace
7549	Shadow	Jack R. Hensel, Jr.
9373	Putt-Putt	Mark Bryant
10482	On The Fritz	Fritz Dusel
11126	Air Bear	David C. Duchscherer
12246	Splash Gordon	Gordon & Norman Compson
12555	Little Boomer	Tom & T. Robert Lafferty
12818	Mariah	John C. Boyce
13179	Top Banana	Ted Kumrow

As the summer of '77 came upon us we started to repair the damage caused by the Winter of '77. Through a concerted effort by our entire club membership we managed to get our season underway by mid May, despite some of the worst waterfront damage seen in recent years.

This season Fleet 78 exemplified the axiom of the Lightning Class that one-design racing provides the closest of sailing competition. On any given Sunday, it was typical to see five boats abreast, spinnakers flying, moving up the river bow to bow.

The season opened with Gordy Compson getting the gun in the Art Little Tune-Up series by one point over Dave Duchscherer. Mark Bryant followed with a clean sweep in the Law Series, winning all of the races. Although Mark did not sail in too many of the races at the Club, he was an invaluable aid to our overall fleet improvement.

The Compson Series was won by Rick Hensel, with the lead changing weekly among the leaders. Gordy Compson finished second and Dave Duchscherer third. Rick, again, prevailed over the same two in the July 4th classic, "Bridge to Bridge" race. On the downwind start he screamed into the lead, never to be caught, while the rest of the fleet blanketed one another. At the finish it was D. Duchscherer second with M. Remmes third. "Topsy-T" Taggart brought in 10482 somewhat later but cleaner.

This season the Lightning Championship series consisted of five races with one throw-out. This most important series was not decided until the fifth race when Fritz Dusel finished one-half boat length ahead of runner-up Rick Hensel to take the championship. Tom Lafferty took third place thanks to his perseverance in finishing following flipping in the early going of the fourth race.

This year Sandy Beach hosted the Tri-Club regatta and destroyed our reputation as perfect hosts by winning the "Ole-Oken Bucket" team racing trophy for the third straight year. The regatta weather was wild with some of the best planing conditions of the season and some of the wettest crews of the year. In the latter category special commendations go to "Topsy-T" for flipping twice in three attempts.

Labor Day brought out a twelve boat fleet to race up the river, around the water intake, and back. The Hank Duchscherer Trophy was taken by the "George Blanda" of the river, Tom Lafferty.

This year, for the first time, we had a Home Series for the racing which was done during the District Regattas. Dave Duchscherer won this award with a three way tie for second among Fritz Dusel, Gordy Compson and Tom Lafferty.

Finally, the overall results compiled for the Commodore's Trophy went to Rick Hensel - First, Dave Duchscherer - Second, and Gordy Compson - Third.

The highlight of this season, as always, is the Haul-Out regatta. Open to all classes of boat, including auxiliaries, the Haul-Out attracts 70 plus boats from all over western New York and southern Ontario. This year heavy East winds resulted in some long, hard, up river boats and challenged skippers in all classes.

Fleet 78 representatives were, once again, the most active participants in all District Regattas. With Mark as our sailing leader, the S.B.Y.C. skippers placed higher in regattas than in years before, and the enthusiasm of these skippers and crews is unequaled in the Lake Erie District.

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at
Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Rick Bernstingle
Fleet Secretary Anne Peterson
Fleet Champions Tom Moriarty &
Rick Bernstingle
Runners-Up John Vann & Sons, Inc.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
7912	Libra	Barry Buehler
7924	The Yellow Submarine	Don Johnson
9053	.....	Charles Zarembo
9093	.....	John Bauer
9894	.....	Steven Kurlansky
10003	Bumble	Thomas V. Moriarty, Jr. & Rick Bernstingle
10066	.....	James Fennema
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson
10901	Puff	George P. Mitchell & Aristedes K. Manthous
10909	W. S.	William & Bonnie Shore
11603	Mar-Bar	John P. & Chris Vann
11856	Ambush	Bruce W. Seiffert
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	Entropy	Andy Fulchiero
12185	Largo Too	Bryce E. Tate
12621	Puff-Puff	Nelson N. Hoffman

This past summer was a very exciting as well as a very successful one for our fleet, for many reasons. The first being that we had very strong participation in all of our races including our Individual Series and our Summer Series. This strong participation made it necessary for all of us to get as much out of our boats as possible because the racing was very close.

The season started with Nelson Hoffman winning our Independence Day series. The races were sailed at a steady 15 knot Southwest breeze. However, Nelson had a lot of strong competition from Moriarty & Bernstingle, Vann & Sons, Peterson & Seiffert.

The Summer Series went to defending champions Tom Moriarty & Rick Bernstingle. They defended their throne very successfully by sailing very steady all summer long. When they weren't winning they were finishing second or third. John Vann & Sons sailed to a very strong second followed by George Mitchell & Aristedes Manthous, Nelson Hoffman & Bruce Seiffert.

The Labor Day Series was won by Dave Peterson who did a Horizon Job on the fleet by winning all three races. It must be said that after he got his mainsail recut in mid July that when he raced he never was beaten.

While it was an exciting and successful year in our fleet racing, it was even more exciting & successful at regattas we traveled too. First of all at the districts we qualified three boats for the North Americans.

Lead by Dave Peterson who won with two firsts and a third was Rick Bernstingle and Nelson Hoffman. Dave continued his winning ways by winning the Long Island Sound Championships (with Nelson Hoffman second), and the Northeast Championships. However, these were just his tune-up races. He went on to win the Presidents Cup at the North Americans with finishes of 1,4,1,3,1,2,1. Many felt he would have done quite well in the championship division if he could have kept his wooden boat bailed out in the qualifying races. He proved this by winning the last qualifying race, in a moderate breeze.

We are all eagerly waiting next spring when we are going to start our season earlier. All in all it was a very exciting year and we are planning on an even more successful season next summer.

VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Fleet Captain Gerry Caunter
Fleet Secretary Derek Neale
Fleet Champion Gerry Caunter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
626	Red Devil	Peter Runkle
6751	.....	Matthew Henley
7071	Waibalong	Cornelius G. Zandbergen
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris
8337	Olympia	Gerry Lockhart
8605	Barak	John Lamble
9268	Pirko	Dick Pearce
9820	My Fir Lady	Josh Fitch
10065	Ghost Ship	Brian Coleman
10522	Joker	Derek Neale
11426	Invicta	John Morrison
11645	Martini	Gerry Caunter

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AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Greenwood Lake at

Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Nick Santoro
Fleet Secretary Jeannette Santoro
Fleet Champion Chet Howell
Runner-Up Nick Santoro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6008	Annikki II	Ronald Wulff
8632	.....	James C. Cosmas
8671	.....	Kern Strickland & Roy A. Zangrando
9059	.....	Ole Olsen
9191	.....	Henry Wallhauser
9704	Magic	Nicholas Santoro
10218	Roach	Jeffrey Thomases
10229	Triton II	Milton Titon
10735	.....	Herbert Dickert
11607	Gem	Irwin Kwartler
12013	Dilly Dilly	Gus H. Zimmerman, Jr.
12045	Stax	Royal Sengstacken
12603	Last Chance	Chet Howell

Fleet #95 began its activities in March by joining two other Metropolitan District Fleets in sponsoring a Lightning at the Suffern Boat Show in an attempt to recruit new sailors for our respective fleets. Our exhibit booth was manned continually by volunteers from each fleet.

Our sailing schedule commenced in June with the first of four six race series. While Ron Wulff was quick to get back into the swim of things with his capsized on opening day, it was Chet Howell who picked up where he left off last season by winning the first three series of the 1977 season. Second place honors for these three series were shared by Ole Olsen and Nick Santoro. In July three boats from our fleet travelled to the District Championships held at Lake Wallenpaupack — all three returned.

In the last series of the season, Nick managed to turn things around with two firsts and two seconds giving him first place for the series over Chet, who finished second. Once again it was Chet Howell with the help of veteran crew, Chris Nearing, who had the best record in the Fleet and who retained the Fleet Championship.

Our regular season drew to a close with the annual Labor Day Race, a one race event sailed over an extended course. This time it was Roy Sengstacken who took charge and successfully fought off the challenges of Chet, who finished second, and Gus Zimmerman.

At a Fleet meeting held in August, Gus Zimmerman was chosen to be Fleet Chairman for 1978 and Anne Sengstacken was picked to fill the post of Fleet Secretary. We wish them well during the coming year.

Once again Fleet 95 hosted the annual Whiskerpole Regatta, one of a three weekend series in September that go to make up the Short Circuit. Boats representing six fleets in the Metropolitan District competed in spite of the unrelenting downpour that persisted throughout all three races. While the first three places were taken by visiting sailors led by Tom Bierman of Lake Mohawk who won the event with first place finishes in all three races, our own Ole Olson survived a broken jib halyard in the second race to finish fourth over all. The cold and damp weather helped to make the delightful dinner put on by Jeannette Santoro and Maga Cosmas even more welcome and it was heartily enjoyed by all.

We hope the winter passes quickly so that before too long we can get out there and do it all again.



Bill Clausen, Henry O'Hern & Karen Huntsman in "Reject" still right-side-up at the C.A.D. Districts.