

## NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on North Chesapeake Bay of Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain .....	Robert S. Crowder
Fleet Secretary .....	Priscilla Crowder
Fleet Champion .....	Tom Thompson
Runner Up .....	Bruce Hardy
Fall Series Winner .....	Cliff Matson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6617	Mischief	Thomas S. Webster, Jr.
9600	.....	Ann E. & Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
9852	Alhara	Bruce Hardy
10025	Sundown	Tom Thompson
10168	Interlude	Edward H. Kris
10420	.....	Ann E. & Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
10852	.....	Victor G. Wareham
11771	Windy	Robert S. Crowder, Jr.
Life Member		Charles Trayford III

The North East River Lightning Fleet 192, sails in the mouth of the Susquehanna River at Havre De Grace, Maryland.

This year with an infusion of new blood the fleet is making a recovery from a period of low activity. The year started in February and March with a recruiting drive with advertisements in the local newspapers followed by a campaign to interest local known unaffiliated Lightning Owners and inactive fleet members. A series of classroom seminars were conducted in April and May followed by a series of mini races in May and June.

On July 16th and 17th the fleet hosted the Dixie District Junior Championship. While the turn out could have been better, it was heartening to see the spirit of competition and comradeship displayed between the participants.

The Fleet Championship was held in real drifting conditions over the Labor Day weekend. A runoff race was necessary, with Tom Thompson just beating Bruce Hardy at the wire for the hotly contested Championship.

The silver Wallace E. McKee memorial tray, symbolic of our Fall series was won by Cliff Matson and his family. While the turnout was spotty, the sailing conditions were good. The last three races were cancelled when the wind conditions dictated that discretion rule over valor. Race ten saw Bruce Hardy and his crew take an impromptu swim when he became careless at the final jibe mark.

We are looking forward to next season with lots of anticipation, hopefully with a larger membership, some new gear and sails and a new boat or two.

## MISSION BAY FLEET (194)

### California District

#### Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain .....	Warren Gross
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer .....	Al Poindexter
Fleet Champion .....	Myron Lyon
Runner-Up .....	Charles Gotschalk

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8627	Fastenuf	Hank Fastenau
9172	U-3	Bernard & Warren Gross
9832	Puddleglum	Kirk A. Johnson
11625	Now	Fred Knauer
11662	Tangerine	Charles Gotschalk
11735	Nameless Terror	Myron C. Lyon
13116	.....	Richard Brewer
13186	.....	Myron C. Lyon
Life Member		Alan Raffee
.....		Hugh Kimball

At our annual Installation Dinner in January, Hugh Kimball was installed as the new Fleet Captain, and John Lyon as secretary-treasurer. However, when the Kimballs moved to Seattle in July, and John Lyon left for college in the Fall, these officers were replaced by Warren Gross and Al Poindexter.

After the "Frostbite Series" the Kimballs were on Cloud 9, having won their first Series ever. Charles Gotschalk was second, Knauer third. The five race Winter Series was won by Myron Lyon, the first of his many wins this year. Kimball took another trophy for second place, and Gotschalk was third.

Series I, in March, was won by John Lyon, son of Myron, with Kimball second, and Daira Gross, third. The Spring Regatta, held at Coronado Y.C., was also won by John Lyon, with Warren Gross second. The others, not in contention for the trophy, came in early because of high and very gusty winds. Heavy chop and waves, made it a question of survival, rather than racing.

The eleventh Southern California Lightning Circuit had 20 boats participating, with skippers coming from as far as Buffalo and Vancouver, as well as the usual crowd from San Francisco and Redondo Beach. We enjoyed having Tom Allen, frequently North American and World Champion, here for the first time since he won the North American's at MBYC in 1961. We had beautiful weather and fresh breezes all week. Tom won the overall Circuit and demonstrated his great sailing ability by winning every race except one, in which he was over early at the start. Myron Lyon took advantage of that lapse, and won the Easter Regatta portion of the Circuit at MBYC by 3/4 point over Allen. Further details on the Circuit are contained in the report of the California District. The eating was as good as the sailing, with fantastic dinners hosted by KHYC, Bernard and Muriel Gross, Myron and Andrea Lyon, and MBYC. As it said on the cake, "Lightning Sailors Have More Fun." Incidentally, preliminary reports indicate that a great attendance for the 1978 Circuit (March 19-24) is expected, and we urge all Lightning skippers to come, especially those in Portland, Seattle, Klamath Falls, and Vancouver, in addition to our usual participants.

The Memorial Day Series, five races in the ocean, was won by Myron Lyon, who took a close series over Gotschalk; Knauer was third. Myron followed this by winning Series II, with Gotschalk second and Fastenau third. Myron Lyon continued his winning streak at KHYC in the YRU Regatta; his son John was second and Mike Boswell of KHYC, third. A couple of weeks later, Myron was successful at KHYC again, winning the California Districts for his first time. MBYC's Barber twins also placed with a third.

In July the Barbers won the Firecracker Series handily, with Knauer second, and Sundsmo (who bought the Kimball's boat when they moved to Seattle), third. That month we also had our big annual social event — the Beer Bust and Abalone Feast, hosted by the Bradys in their beautiful garden on a perfect evening. Hank Fastenau had done the necessary diving to get the abalone.

In August, Chris Gotschalk (son of Charles) won all three races to take Series III. Myron Lyon had three seconds and John Lyon three thirds. Series IV was taken by Charles Gotschalk with a coin toss, after he and Myron Lyon finished in a tie.

Three of our skippers trailed to San Francisco for the Pacific Coast Championships. Myron Lyon took second, losing by one point to Nelson of Portland. His crew, Al Cohe, went overboard in one race. Charles Gotschalk gathered in third place. John Lyon would have finished in the top five if he hadn't gotten back late from having breakfast downtown Sunday morning — he got 19th in that race.

Myron Lyon won the five day Labor Day Series. In a very close battle for second place Gotschalk's 3-1-3-3-1 for 10½ points topped the Barber's 2-3-2-1-3 for 10¼ points. A week later Myron kept his winning streak alive by capturing first place at the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta at beautiful Lake Cachuma. The three lead boats were very close in all the races. Lyon had 1-1-3, Gotschalk 2-3-1, and Gross 3-2-2. At the District meeting which followed the BBQ dinner, it was announced that Myron Lyon had been elected Vice-President of the International Lightning Class Association.

In September our Bowen Memorial Regatta was won by Chris Gotschalk, who had ended up with Myron Lyon at 5¼ each; Gross took third. After Mark Patty came Kurt Johnson, our fleet's latest acquisition from Tennessee, for the fifth place trophy. In October at KHYC's Hurricane Gulch Regatta, Charles Gotschalk battled three close races with Mark Patty, who won the Regatta. Boswell was third and our Al Poindexter, fourth. At MBYC our Spook Series ended with Myron Lyon and Knauer, both at 5¼, but Lyon won on 2 out of 3. Charlie Gotschalk was third. Although we still have to finish our Fall Series, and sail our Turkey Series, it looks as if Myron Lyon will edge out Gotschalk for the Fred J. Knauer Trophy as Outstanding Lightning Skipper of the Year in Club races; he also has definitely won the same trophy for Regattas, and he is Fleet Champion for 1977. Truly this has been the year of the Lyon.

**SURF CITY (196)**  
**Central Atlantic District**  
**Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain ..... Frank Temme  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Les Hunton  
 Fleet Champion ..... Jack Elfman  
 Runner-Up ..... Frank Temme  
 Saturday Series Champion ..... Jack Elfman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
787	Jeanie	John H. Elfman
7733	Tori II	George A. Christie
10306	Rebel	Charles C. Harris
10370	Blew Cheese	Les Hunton
10771	Warlock	Frank & Thomas F. Temme
11122	Punch	George Schmidt
11739	Rip City Express	Jack Elfman & Maryellen Carducci
11753	Escape II	Carl O. Berg
12454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
12553	The Pink Panther	Glenn L. Weber, Jr.
13053	.....	Ralph Messersmith
13063	Asp	Jack Elfman & Maryellen Carducci
Life Member		Howard J. Mullin

Another successful season has come and gone for Fleet 196. Most club races saw fleets of 7 or 8 boats turn out for the competition and as in recent years Jack Elfman was the man to beat. As it turned out, Jack wasn't beaten too often and once again emerged as the Fleet Champion. Ralph Messersmith and the Temme brothers also kept a torrid pace all season long. The remainder of the fleet hung tough, however, and the pack kept growing tighter as the season progressed. Much of the credit goes to Fran Temme whose sailing classes brought several young and enthusiastic crew members to our service and what a job they did! Hopefully they will be skippering their own Lightnings in the future.

This year's most improved skipper award went to 19 year old Lint Weber who sailed solid, consistent races all year long. Lint is a very industrious fellow, and for this first regatta chose to mix it up with the "heavies" in the District Championships. Although finishing out of the money, he was in the thick of each race, and will be one to reckon with next summer.

The fleet was sorry to see the departure of Chuck Swartley from active participation. Chuck was last year's most improved skipper and sailed some dandy races. However, he did manage to convince Les Hunton, a crew of many years at the club, to reach down into his change purse and buy the Blew Cheese, thus keeping her in the fleet. Les claims that if he ever learns port from starboard he's going to be a terror.

The highlight of the season was the Central Atlantic District Championship which was hosted by Surf City. In conditions which ranged from serenity to a howling screamer, Jack Elfman outran a fleet of 28 Lightnings to carry off the top prize. Also in the money were Fran Temme 5th and Ralph Messersmith 8th. Jack and Ralph went to Buffalo where both performed extremely well.

Once again this year it was Elfman who kept Surf City on the map. His performances throughout the racing circuit were outstanding. Among his many good finishes were firsts in the CADs and the Surf City Annual, seconds in the Atlantic Coast and Pennsylvania State Championships and a strong finish in the North Americans.

Finally, Fleet 196 wishes to heartily thank Race Committee Chairman Gerry Murray and his able assistants who gave so unselfishly all season long so that we Lightning folks could enjoy ourselves every weekend.

We wish everyone a warm and prosperous winter and we hope to see everyone when the first white shape goes up in the spring.

**CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)**  
**Lake Erie District**  
**Based on Lake Chautauqua,**  
**Chautauqua, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Jeff Digel  
 Fleet Champion ..... James D. Neville  
 Runner-Up ..... David J. Ingram

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
9392	.....	M. Hirsch
9701	Temptation III	Frederick R. Franke
10922	.....	James & Cherie Neville
11251	Bete Noire	Ted Bailey
11469	Rangy Lil	Tom & Dave Ingram
11619	O. B. Joyful	R. W. Cornell
11620	Atiler the Hun	Doug & Robert Bargar
11870	.....	Paul Branch
12038	Enlil	Kevin Dietly
12601	Second Wind	J. Bailey
12614	Fledermaus	Jonathan Oram
12778	.....	Clinton Wilder
12811	Burly Girl	John Turney
12855	Julia	Jeffrey Digel
12910	Stinger	John C. Wallace, Jr. & Sr.
12947	.....	Doug & Robert Bargar
13222	.....	James D. Neville
.....	.....	Dave Hill



*Jim Neville and crew in World Class form.*

The summer of 1977 was marked both by keen competition on Lake Chautauqua and an increase in participation at outside regattas by Fleet 198 members.

The season got off to an early start at the Cornball Regatta. With eight or nine CYC Lightnings participating, the fleet was well represented by spotty but strong finishes by boats "from the other end of the lake." At the Niagara Invitational Regatta at the Buffalo Canoe Club, a strong contingent of Chautauqua sailors ventured off the "pond" and onto the lake. Fleet 198 showed good speed in the light Lake Erie slop on Saturday, but on Sunday strong winds and high seas proved tough to take.

At the District Championships in July the fleet continued to show

its enthusiasm. The nine boats from Chautauqua put in a respectable performance — the Ingram brothers qualified for the NAs while three other Chautauqua crafts placed in the teens. Both the river current and the unusual courses seen at the Niagara Sailing Club will be difficult to forget.

Perennial Fleet Champion, Jim Neville, sailed in the World Lightning Championships in Switzerland. He, along with his sisters, Nancy and Candy, were able to take advantage of the "Chautauqua-like" conditions that prevailed and brought home a fourth place finish.

Back on Chautauqua Lake, the July and August Series proceeded without interruption. The results were as follows: Missing only two official races while in Switzerland, Jim Neville managed to finish first in the July Series. Dave and Tom Ingram finished second, and in a closely contested battle for third, Cherie Neville triumphed. In August, Jim again took first. John Turney sailed to a second place finish and the Bargar brothers, who shared the helm of "Afternoon Delight," squeezed into third place.

With still growing interest and enthusiasm, the Lightning Fleet at Chautauqua looks forward to another successful and enjoyable summer of sailing.

### CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206)

#### Argentina District

#### Based at Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fleet Captain ..... Martin Canepa  
Fleet Secretary ..... Maria C. de Pascuchi  
Fleet Champion ..... Mario Isola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4351	Swan IV	Angel Vila
8411	Repunte V	Javier Pascuchi
11037	Marmolin	Carlos Collet
11043	Mancarron	Mario Isola

Although our fleet still remains small at the Club Nautico Olivos, we are at a stones' throw from the Yacht Club Olivos (both on the same port) and very near the Club Universitario de Buenos Aires, also on the Rio de la Plata. Sailors from the three clubs rally 'round for the 4-6 race championships we have scheduled for most weekends of the period March-December. January and February are the summer months when we rest our weary bones and take our much-needed vacations.

Our local District Championship in 1977 totalled a fleet of 22 Lightnings which is one of the highest in recent years. There are 22 oval masts in Argentina at present and 22 enthusiastic crews that enjoy an even competition.

Carlos Collet has handed over 11037's tiller to his son Daniel, who is doing very well. Martin Canepa has stepped off 11043 after many years to skipper a borrowed boat, with borrowed sails, tiller, mast, etc. It is a good addition to the fleet as he sails consistently well.

Angel Vilas' 4351 is a rather heavy and much battered hull, but with an oval spar and a satisfactory set of sails, it is generally among the leaders at the windward mark.

We are very close to solving the lack of equipment problem which is the only limitation that keeps the Class from growing further. Hopefully during 1978 we will have an important increase of Lightnings sailing on the River Plate.

### NORTHEAST YACHT CLUB FLEET (207)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland, Ohio

Fleet Secretary ..... Joe Podnar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8705	Zubenelgenubi	Albert Suster
9475	Golden Eagle	Joseph Podnar
11278	LaBiche III	Lud Lekson
11310	Rondo	Dr. Edward Chester
11338	Mains Ale	Robert T. Mains

No Report.

### NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)

#### Southern District

#### Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain ..... Cal Herman  
Fleet Secretary ..... Buck Ballatin  
Fleet Champion ..... Buck Ballatin  
Runner-Up ..... Cal Herman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5484	Miss Cookie	Glen Ladnier
6218	Yellow Submarine	Dennis Mahler
7421	Sarah J.	Dr. Wm. Pelon
9012	Dutch	Glen Higgins
9319	Cajun	Roger Evans
9423	.....	Terry E. Passman, M.D.
9696	SB	Buck Ballatin
10026	.....	Jerry Lemann
10757	Leprechaun	Eric Michaelis
10816	.....	Buck Ballatin
11238	Frumious Bander-snatch III	Gene Van Norman
11483	Super Mink	Cal Herman
11615	.....	Walter Tyree

No Report.

### ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215)

#### St. Lawrence Valley District

#### Sailing on Lake St. Louis at Montreal, Canada

Fleet Captain ..... Archibald Cameron  
Fleet Secretary ..... Russel Scrim  
Fleet Champion ..... Archibald Cameron  
Runner-Up ..... George Layton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5389	Kismet	Sam Woosey
7850	Windfall	F. E. Collins
9666	Mistarris	R. Taylor
9694	Sara B	F. H. Boone
11266	Gosling	Peter F. Winstanley
12311	Sail La Vie	G. Layton
12361	Plasduirel	A. Kuiper
12564	.....	Robert & William E. Neapole
12597	Old 97	Dr. A. Cameron
12769	.....	M. Brossard
12827	Sheila VIII	R. C. Scrim
12882	.....	Andre Noel
13149	.....	G. Layton

Our activities this season were somewhat spotty partly because our Fleet Captain and Great Leader, Dr. Archibald Cameron sold his boat at the Canadian Open in Thunder Bay and thus reduced his activities thereafter. Also, Russ Scrim acquired a Whitby 42 and the "learning curve" on this boat interfered with his Lightning activities throughout the season, particularly on the weekends. We missed the Neapole brothers who were among the absent — mostly because of overseas travel.

On the other hand, competition was keen among those who came out and we were delighted at the increased participation of Andre Noel who ended up the season with two, or maybe even three, boats. Archie Cameron has ordered another new boat, so all is not lost and we are looking forward to renewed activity at a higher level for 1978. He again ended up the season as Fleet Champion.

The big news for us was Cameron almost winning the Canadian Open. He had it in the bag but, unfortunately, there was a mix-up with the Race Committee when they changed the course in the second to last race and he was disqualified. In any event, he made an excellent showing and obviously is a man to be heard from in the days ahead.

There is considerable enthusiasm in the Fleet towards the Southern Circuit. If current plans develop favorably, we should have an unusually large contingent. We are certain that this project will help encourage renewed vitality and enthusiasm for Lightning sailing.



## SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216)

### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Joe Disette  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Lee Klopfenstein  
 Fleet Champion ..... Bill Boice  
 Runner-Up ..... Lee Klopfenstein

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6262	Tuit	Bob Kelsey
7169	.....	Bill Stewart
7855	Yellow Jacket	John E. Johnson
9903	Moxie	Dennis Bergevin
10102	.....	Jim Peters
10366	Schuss Boomer	Jim Schofield
11060	.....	Ben Eynon
11164	Sauerkraut	Lee Klopfenstein
11797	Sully	Dr. Hugh Sulfridge
12002	Sea of Joy	Bob Camp
12285	.....	Tom Burk
12533	Dr. Seuss II	Richard Burrow
12721	Sea Bee	Carl Hesse
12733	Carousel XII	Bill Boice
12933	Spirit of '76	Ed Woods
13133	Carousel XIV	Joe Disette



Fleet Champion Bill Boice (middle) with crew Burris and Greg Smith.

This year we hosted the Michigan Junior Districts, combined with our State Invitational. Many of the Seniors appreciated the combined event because they could participate in the Senior Invitational by crewing for a member of their own fleet while keeping an eye on their own pride and joy. Ideal conditions prevailed both days with 8-12 mph winds out of the Northeast. Al Peloquin, Joe Disette and Dave LaRue served as race committee for the event. George Nichols and Roger Bauer did an excellent job serving on our stake boat, so the results of the Juniors were as follows: Jim Morse, Adrian - first, Kyle Miltzer, Fenton - second, Bill Crow, St. Joseph - third, and Cully Hesse, Bay City - fourth. The Senior event was won by Hank Hodgson of Devils Lake, with Dave Fury of Fenton, second.

The 15 week evening Cowl Series continued to be popular this year. Weather conditions were favorable as only one race was lost due to heavy winds. Bill Boice won the closely contested series with a low total score of 17 points. Consistent sailing in all weather conditions resulted in 6 firsts and 4 seconds for Boice. He narrowly defeated Lee Klopfenstein, who posted a season score of 19 points for second place. Jim Schofield led the fleet to the finish line on 3 occasions, which helped him secure third place for the season. The newest member, Cully Hesse placed fourth for the season. Adding to fleet competition were Dick Burrow, Hugh Sulfridge, Chick Burda, and Jim Peters.

We want to welcome Denny Bergevin, Bill Stewart, Tom Burk and Ed Woods, as new members of the fleet. We hope that one of our top skippers, John Johnson will return as an active member after spending this season building a new home.

Fleet 216 wound up the 1977 season with a closely contested Labor Day Regatta. Joe Disette returned after two season's absence to take second place in this event. Bill Boice was first, and Carl Hesse took

third after missing much of the season fulfilling his obligations as Club Commodore.

Next year Fleet 216 hopes to welcome all Michigan sailors to our new club house, improved facilities, and mosquito-less swamp land.

## LAKE ZURICH (219)

### Switzerland District

#### Sailing on Lake Zurich at Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain ..... J. Weilenmann  
 Fleet Secretary ..... H. Zollinger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5384	Trixi	H. Tobler & J. Sulger
6203	Manta	W. Ruetschi
6377	Kon-Tiki	E. Bieffer
7588	Marika	H. Vogel
8942	Asandra	R. Meier & P. Dill
9130	Tabu III	R. Berger
9479	Tempest	Ch. Huwiler
9487	Babar	H. Gunther
10277	None Such	Werner Christen
10483	Escape	W. Binggeli
10904	Sucuri	Dr. H. Hotz
11489	Reuel III	Prof. H. and Hansjurg Zollinger
12091	Aallotar	P. Voellmin
12092	.....	H. Kueng & F. Zimmermann
12164	.....	F. Andersen
12315	.....	Dr. E. Heim
12318	Exuperantios	R. Moser
13070	Hacora VI	Hans Rahn
13072	.....	Ch. Huwiler
13074	Reuel III	Jurg Weilemann
6 Lightnings	.....	J. Sulger/Segelschule
Life Member	.....	O. Weber

Although the number of Active Members has further diminished in 1977 a hard core of sailing cracks stepped up activity considerably. Fleet 219 has been represented in every major national or international regatta. Even our 'veterans' were set on fire by the enthusiasm of our younger sailors and were seen at our regional races.

Nevertheless, we couldn't have made it without the help of our neighboring fleet Greifensee which supported our efforts of re-activating racing activity on Lake Zurich. It was the first time since many years that our traditional autumn-regatta saw more than 10 boats participating. However, we are sorry to say that our annual Lightning-Weekend had to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions and lack of interest.

Still, we think that after years of inactivity our fleet is coming back to life and we feel a definite up-trend for 1978. A new competitive Swiss Euro-Lightning will certainly help. The past season was not bad at all - the next one will even be better.

## HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225)

### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay, Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Richard B. Stevens  
 Fleet Secretary ..... John H. Treadwell, II  
 Fleet Champion .....  
 Runner-Up .....

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5612	.....	Richard B. Stevens
5841	Zig-Zagger	R. B. Stevens
6602	.....	Len Phillips
9886	Rejoice	Aime' Hall
10118	Yea Hootie	Robert Doyle
10707	Vikingen	Dave & Robert Parker
10709	Zelda	Dr. Harry McMillan
10712	May Day May Day	May P. Robinson & John Treadwell, II
12948	.....	Dr. Irwin Stone

No Report.

# BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226)

Florida District  
Sailing on Biscayne Bay at  
Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain ..... George L. Freeland  
Fleet Secretary ..... Alis M. Freeland  
Fleet Champion ..... Jim Pinion/Randy Clee  
Runner-Up ..... Jorge Freeland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2073	.....	James M. Sapp
3151	Sonata	E. Richard Braggalla
7485	Brumus Too	Dwane Elmore
8038	Zephyr	Gregor J. Hargrett
8368	Bose Behr	John Behrmann
9421	Tabasco	Alan Westcott
9975	Golden Hawk	Joe E. Baumie
10230	.....	Steve Witherspoon & Donald M. Riedel
10827	Preparation H	James O. Pinion
10886	Faster Horses	Tim K. Tripp
11616	The Crimson Dynamo	David Brennan & Howard Sutter Marc Pearl
11981	.....	Dr. David Behringer
12111	.....	George L. & Jorge L. Freeland
12893	Panache	John A. Swenson, M.D.
13218	.....	Charlie Beedle
Life Member	.....	Michael D'Agostino
.....	.....	Fred Hutchinson
.....	.....	Randy Lowe

Lightning Fleet 226 is the OH WOW group in one-designs on Biscayne Bay. During the past three months, we have doubled our membership and added three more boats to the racing scene. We are famous for our parties as well as our sailing skills.

Highlights of our social year included an "over-night" sail to Elliott Key in March, a "Tacos/Nachos/Beans Supper and Sailing Seminar" in April (which earned money to buy a swedge tool set), a "Ya Gotta Be Kidding" *Lady-Skippers-Only* race in June with a Keystone Kops course and a stern-first, Bikini-Tops-Flying finish, and a Dutch-treat Fleet Dinner after the BBYRA Awards in October. We wound up a fantastic year for Lightnings in Miami with our annual Christmas Dinner Party and Fleet Awards in December at the Freeland's home. Seventy members and friends gathered for barbeque, sangria and all the trimmings provided by the group. Add a guitarist, a hand-writing expert, a Chinese auction and slides of past races — not to mention "trophy presentation" — and you have some idea of why this party is a hit.

One-design races are scheduled one week-end each month, sponsored by the five local yacht clubs (Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Coral Reef, Biscayne Bay, Key Biscayne and Miami Yacht Clubs) which comprise the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association. In addition, we have several annual regattas, the District Championship and the Southern Circuit Mid-winters.

B.B.Y.R.A. 1977 "Lightning" championship was won by our District Commodore, Jim Pinion and Randy Clee. Texan Jim and Randy have really gotten their act together this year on *Preparation H* (10827). They took the honors at Coconut Grove Sailing Club's annual regatta on Oct. 22/23rd, with 2nd place going to Don Riedel and 3rd to 16 year old Sam Pearl. Coral Reef's annual regatta on December 10th had winds gusting to 30 knots. Pinion and Clee took a first in both races. (A big cheer to Reid Hutchinson who is usually the 3rd member on this dynamite boat.) 2nd place went to Dr. Jack Swenson from Palm Beach racing his new Lightning (13218) for the first time. 3rd place to Joe Baumie and Frank Adkinson, Jr. (also racing with us for the first time in 9975). Nine Lightnings raced in our final regatta for 1977. We were the largest fleet of one-designs present.

Congratulations to the three Fleet Champions for 1977. 1st Place going to Jim Pinion/Randy Clee, 2nd place to 16 year old Jorge Freeland and 3rd place to Mike D'Agostino and 17 year old Freddie Hutchinson (younger brother of Reid Hutchinson). Pinion/Clee win the "Nelson" perpetual trophy for the year. Trophies were framed "original" pencil sketches of Lightnings rounding the windward mark, done by Miami sailor/artist Zoe Todd. Charlie Beedle and Alan Westcott were presented with engraved lucite sloops, honoring them for their years of devotion and service to the Lightning Class and to Fleet 226. Every

member has received the beautiful "I.L.C.A. — 40 years" decals for their boat and car. 1978 will be action packed with Lightnings as the "hot" boat in one-designs on Biscayne Bay.

# BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET (227)

New England District  
Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Commodore ..... James Leamy, Jr.  
Fleet Vice-Commodore ..... William Stevens  
Fleet Secretary ..... Douglas Wilson  
Fleet Treasurer ..... James Gallipo  
Fleet Champion ..... David Stagg  
Runner-Up ..... James Leamy, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11393	.....	David Stagg
11886	.....	James Russell
12077	Raider II	James Leamy, Jr.
12486	.....	Ray & Raymond Harrington, Jr.
12981	.....	Paul Schoenbuecher

Although we have decreased in size in the last two to three years, Fleet 227 is still afloat. We sailed a full race schedule in 1977 consisting of our regular summer series and three weekend regattas.

Dave Stagg jumped off to an early lead in the summer series, and won both the Memorial Day Regatta and the Stowell Series on July 4th weekend. Jim Leamy came on strong in the latter part of the season, and ended the year by sweeping the Bellrose Memorial Series on Labor Day Weekend. The final tabulation for fleet champion gave the honors to Dave Stagg by a narrow margin.

Ray Harrington, Jr. proved to be a definite threat to the fleet leaders. Although he was unable to put it all together, he did have his share of first place finishes. The Schoenbuechers, with 15-year-old Carl at the helm, provided additional competition. Carl's performance in the latter part of the season assured the fleet of a tough contender in the future.

Scholastic and social responsibilities associated with medical school prevented Jim Russell from sailing regularly with the fleet. Although infrequent, his appearances were greatly appreciated, especially when he brought his topless crew. Jim represented Fleet 227 in the New England District championships, and went on to the North American championships, where he placed 23rd in the President's Cup.

Bill Potter's boat, due to hull problems, spent much of the 1977 series in dry dock. Looking back, it seems as though Bill's boat also spent much of the 1976 season in dry dock. To insure against his retirement to the list of permanently inactive skippers, Bill was elected Fleet Captain for 1978.

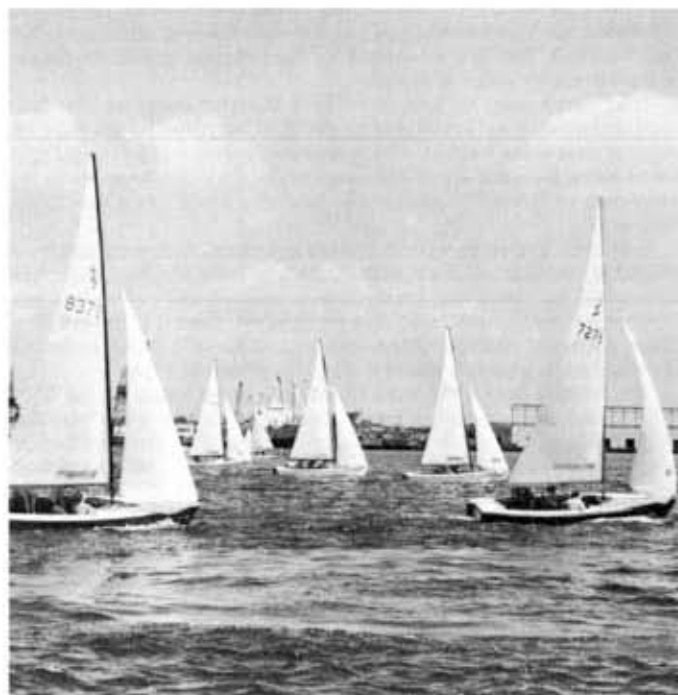


David Stagg our Fleet Champion.

**RIVERTON FLEET (228)**  
**Central Atlantic District**  
**Sailing on Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain ..... William Graff  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Djoerd Hoekstra  
 Fleet Champion ..... Djoerd Hoekstra

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5092	.....	Dominick Dragotta
5693	.....	Bob Eisele
6001	Slo Gin	William Graff
7278	.....	Walter F. Cincotta, Jr.
8536	Trop Chere	Bob Haag
8616	Enterprise	Hugh J. Hutchinson
9628	.....	Frank A. Helsel
10079	.....	Thomas B. Hollyday
10401	Peapod	Robert Stern
10526	.....	Steve Perkel
10545	.....	Peter F. & Earl Marvin
11217	.....	Tom Donlon
11543	Trial	George J. Miller
12900	Natural High	Weld Cox
13230	Typhoon	Djoerd Hoekstra
Honorary Members		Betty & Dale Allen
.....	.....	Melvin J. Buckman
.....	.....	Fred J. Schlobohm



*Lightnings at Riverton, N.J.*

Photo Credit — Thomas Barnett

Riverton had its most successful season in many years. The number of our boats has increased quite remarkably to twenty, and so we once again can give our up-river neighbors at the Red Dragon Canoe Club and the Penn Manor Yacht Club some good competition.

With the increase in number of boats, have come new social activities, fun things to do like picnics and games, as well as stronger fields at our various club series. Our very successful Wednesday Night Series, for example, saw 8-10 boats for each of ten evenings. We also were able to hold a Fall Series again for the first time in several years. One of the extracurricular activities was a Lightning-Come relay race, which was sailed in Flying Juniors in 25 mph winds, followed by a picnic and a volleyball match.

The Governors Cup Regatta in June was won by Franz Schneider from the Red Dragon Canoe Club; this was the first year in recent memory that the Governors Cup Trophy itself was awarded to the

winner of the Lightnings as well, so Franz went home with lots of silver. The Lightning Regatta in September was won, again, by Bill Clausen from Great Egg Harbor. The Gamma trophy, which is awarded to the skipper who compiles the best overall record in the three-regatta circuit comprised of Red Dragon, Riverton, and Penn Manor, was won this year by Gregg Funari of Red Dragon, who sailed his new boat consistently fast.

The results of our local series are given below:

Thaw-Out Series — Tom Barnett, first; Ed Termini, second; Walt Cincotta, third.

Club Championship series — Djoerd Hoekstra, first; Peter Marvin, second; Tom Barnett, third.

Wednesday Night Series — Tom Barnett, first; Bill Graff, second; Walt Cincotta, third.

Summer Series — Bob Haag, first; Walt Cincotta, second; Tom Barnett, third.

Fall Series — Frank Helsel, first; Bill Graff, second; Steve Perkel, third.

We are sorry that Tom Barnett decided to take a breather from active sailing; fortunately his boat stayed in the fleet when he sold it to Steve Perkel. Tom is also the "official" fleet photographer, and the accompanying picture shows his professional touch.

Our season came to an end with the Riverton Yacht Club's Awards Dinner the day after Thanksgiving when Fleet Captain Bill Graff was elected to the Yacht Club's Board of Directors.

We are looking forward to 1978 when Riverton will host the Central Atlantic Districts.

**CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229)**  
**Pacific Northwest District**  
**Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon**

Fleet Captain ..... Jerry Boyle  
 Fleet Sec'y.-Treas. .... Ralph Mergen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4359	Batchelor Button	Ralph Batchelor
4397	.....	Ralph Mergen
8961	.....	Gib Haller
9226	The Great Pumpkin	Ralph Mergen
9819	Aquarius	Dr. Donald Brinton
11429	Crackerjack & Superman	Jack Culver
11965	Gone With The Wind	Jerry D. Boyle
12078	.....	Kathy Lawrence
12650	Lianona	Richard Masker
12675	.....	George McBride



*A dry year in Oregon.*

"drought (drou), n. 1. Dryness; want of rain. 2. A dry spell, esp. when protracted." That pretty well defines Fleet 229's sailing season in 1977. The drought in Oregon did it to our normal and accustomed place for sailing — Fern Ridge Reservoir. No water! Mud flats greeted the beached sailors and generated unlimited frustration all summer.

In spite of very low water, we managed to squeeze in two or three weekends on the lake in late June. The Barber Series, the annual "Oregon only" race was held and included participants from the Portland and Klamath Falls Fleets. John Benedetti, Fleet 283, took the honors.

All other fleet activities in 1977 depended entirely on using someone else's water. Two great races in Newport on the Oregon coast in spring and fall provided challenging opportunities to battle wind, current and the Portland Fleet. Travel to Klamath Falls for a great Memorial Day event, and Portland's regatta held on Yale Lake in Washington's cascades rounded off an unusual season. The districts in Seattle were an interesting hodge-podge of heavy air and drifter races attended by members of Fleet 229.

All in all, 1977 was a season to be remembered for its lack of home port sailing that we have taken so much for granted year after year. Perhaps the most missed was the "around the campfire" fellowship normally found when sailing every weekend at home. Our beautiful club grounds were virtually abandoned after June. As this article is written, the normal Oregon rains are falling, promising a great year for 1978.

### FLOTTA DI MARIVELA ([Italian Navy] (235) Italian District

Fleet Captain ..... C. A. Piero Bernotti  
Fleet Secretary ..... C. C. Ettore De Angelis  
Fleet Champion ..... C. C. Bruno Magoni  
Runner-Up ..... C. V. Luigi Merola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9347	Turbine 2nd	.....
10673	.....	.....
10674	.....	.....
10675	Lampreda	.....
10676	Palamita	.....
10677	Sugarello	C. C. Ettore De Angelis & C. C. Bruno Magoni
10739	.....	.....
11776	.....	.....
11778	Aguglia	.....
11779	.....	.....
11780	Lacerto	T. V. Sisto Gaio
11781	.....	.....
11935	Leccia	C. V. Luigi Merola
11937	Salmone	.....
11938	Sarago	C. C. Lino Leuci
11939	Dentice	S.T.V. Luigi Turco
11940	.....	.....
11941	Luccio	T. V. Mario Giordano
11942	.....	.....
11943	Temolo	C. F. Piero Caricato
13068	.....	C. C. Giovanni Rizzieri

The skippers of the fleet dominated the Italian Championship. Bruno Magoni is the new District Champion and Luigi Merola the runner-up.

The other boats of the fleet are used as school boats, for this reason the rigging, fitting and sails are not competitive. We hope to have new boats next year.

### LAKE DUNMORE FLEET (243) New England District Sailing on Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Vermont

Fleet Captain ..... Don Brush, Sr.  
Fleet Secretary ..... Christine Brush  
Fleet Champion ..... Don Sherburne  
Runner-Up ..... Don Brush, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10649	Hop-Op	W. E. Wright

11212  
11663  
13172  
13208

DCBee  
Et Dippo  
Wild Goose  
.....

Donald C. Brush, Sr.  
James Reiman  
Donald Brush, Jr.  
Donald Sherburne

No Report.



8763 Sindbad the oldest boat at the World Championship.

### FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249) Italian District Sailing on Garda Lake at North Italy

Fleet Captain ..... Orazio Tessari  
Fleet Secretary ..... Luigi Tezza  
Fleet Champion ..... Nando De Amicis  
Runner-Up ..... Salvatore Tremante

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8620	Finalmente	Eugenio Ambrosini
8763	"Sindbad"	Nando De Amicis
9171	Paomass	Salvatore Belgenio
9450	Tretepe	Luigi Tezza, Salvator Tremante, G. Bruno Perin & Gino Filippini



9677	.....	Francesco Cottino
9787	Sturn	Gigi Venturi
10092	.....	Vincenzo Butteri
10455	R5555	Arnaldo Libralato
10513	.....	Giuseppe Nardini
10523	Giovanna	Adriano Gobetti
10672	Ortella	Dr. Francesco Broglia
10782	Nereide	Orazio Tessari
11534	Else	Guisepp Tanzi
12781	.....	Mario Bernini
12851	.....	Fernando Zanella
12854	.....	Mario Dalto
12903	.....	Marco Peduzzi
12997	.....	Ugo Quintily
12998	.....	Renato Colombo
13120	.....	Lino Tusetto

The activity of the fleet has increased. Salvatore Belgenio with his daughter and son, Paola and Massimo, joined the regatta activities stimulated by De Amicis and Tremante.

In the beginning of the season, Gino Filippini won the regattas on Trasimeno Lake and at La Spezia, but after this he ceased his activity.

Nando De Amicis, with his son, Alberto, and Matteo Bertolaso, was the runner-up in the Di Lorenzo Memorial Trophy Regatta held at Porto San Giorgio, third in the Italian Championship, and 13th in the European Championship. Nando and his crew were also 43rd in the World Championship at Spiez, Switzerland.

Salvatore Tremante with Luigi Tezza and Giambruno Perin took part in the Italian Championship (10th place) and the Europeans (24th) place. Salvatore Belgenio and his home-made crew were 13th in the Italian Championship and 27th in the Europeans.

We hope to host a regatta at Garda Lake in the near future!

## HALLWILER AND SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)

### Switzerland District

#### Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Hallwil, Sursee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	.....	Christoph Luthy
Fleet Secretary	.....	Heidi Beck
Fleet Champion	.....	Edgar Merz
Runner-Up	.....	Hans Luthy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8189	Benjamin	Klaus Hutter
8768	Csardas	Heinrich Leimgrubler
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
9356	Dany	Manfred Kuttel
9503	Quand Meme II	Thomas Huber
9781	Thetis	Peter Buhl
10999	Barato	B. Kuenzli
11108	Carpe diem	Armin Gehring
12306	White Star	Edgar Merz
12317	Skippy	Paul Hofer
12320	Quand Meme III	Hans A. Luthy
12571	Joy III	Rudolf Jerzog
13076	.....	Alfred Flubacher
Life Member	.....	Hans Luthy
.....	.....	Hans Ruffli

There are almost forty Lightnings on our two lakes. Eleven of them are quite active in the fleet and participate in training, regattas, and other fleet activities. The highlight of the year 1977 had to be the World Championship on the Lake of Thun. Four or five boats wanted to participate and had to qualify in difficult selection races held in 1976 and in the spring of this year.

In early March we began with the usual training organized by Ruedy Herzog in Hallwil. The Swiss national trainer Albin Molnar gave us much professional help and critiques with his video tape recorder. At the end of April one of the selection races was held at Sempach. Sometimes we have wind at Sempach; and it blew up to a beautiful eight. Only half of the participating boats were qualified. There were capsizes, broken masts, and other misfortunes. *Quand Meme III* lost his skipper and finished eighth.

In May the Swiss Championship was held on the Lake of Zurich. Our fleet was represented by Luthy (9th), Herzog (14th), Merz (15th),



Kathy and Hans Luthy before the big championship: "It will not be easy!"

Kunzle (17th) and Taschler (21st). Ruedy Herzog participated at the European Championship at Numana and finished 17th out of 34. His son Peter was crewing for Lambelet (Fleet 169) and got the very good third place; bravo!

Selected for the World Championship were Herzog, Luthy and Kunzle. Only *Quand Meme III* took part with skipper Hans Luthy. His son Christopher, and daughter-in-law Dominique, just arriving home from a fantastic trip to California, crewed for him. They placed 33rd and were not unhappy. There was a great time in Spiez, together with old friends coming from overseas, Italy and Finland.

Autumn came and most of us were tired of traveling. So only Christopher Luthy and Edgar Merz sailed the dramatic race on the Lake of Greifensee (Fleet 309). Puffs of a beautiful kind were seldom and the spinnaker flying was a question of luck. We used it and got third and fifth out of twenty! Within our fleet we hardly had time to be together. Next year we will do it more. We will be a family of happy Lightning sailors with a growing fleet again.

We just began the new season with a fondue party in October; it was great!

One last word; Dominique and Christopher had a great time in California with the San Francisco Fleet 372. Many hearty thanks to Stan, Gail, Jack, Linda, and all the others who invited them to sail in San Francisco Bay and to spend such a good time in friendship. Come see us soon!

## KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Harmon Dunathon
Vice Captain	.....	R. Kimball Leiser
Fleet Secretary	.....	Dotty Brown
Fleet Champion	.....	Fred Schaaf
Runner-Up	.....	Tom Kennell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Jennie	Art Lofgren
7961	Cirrus	Dick Eckstrom
9249	Jamp	Dr. Pat Patrizio
9632	Celebration	Thomas C. Kennel
9731	.....	Gerald Levine
10490	.....	Clyde Rathmann
10888	Katy-D	Harmon Dunathon



11539	More Grief	Larry Korner
11901	.....	Bill Brown
12125	Cop-Out	John Copley
12711	7-11	R. Kimball Leiser
12743	.....	Galen Powers
12885	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
13124	Scudder	Dick Eckstrom



9731 pulls ahead, "Temporarily"

George Kalinich, an originator of Lightning sailing at Keuka Lake, charter member of Fleet 252, and winner of the Lightning Association Steketee Trophy in 1976, passed away this winter. At the 1977 spring meeting, the fleet membership paid tribute by voting a new memorial trophy to typify the interest and enthusiasm represented by George. Mark Bryant then showed us how to rig and tune a Lightning, conveniently located off the 9th hole at the Corning Country Club. For golfers, this incredulous sight was amplified as a gust of wind started the boat and trailer moving. After dinner, Mark expounded on starting and racing tactics. Each of the captains left the meeting primed for aggressive starts and eyeing others as potential "turkeys".

Well, 1977 was a great summer. Eighteen races covered the summer series, following a good Memorial Day and June series. And once again, the Champagne Regatta attracted 65 boats. World Champion, Tom Allen, District Aces Hallagan, Penfield, Hayden, Mark Bryant and Fleet 252's bests Kennel, Schaaf, Leiser and Eckstrom were there. We even brought in ringers. Glenn Levine from the RPI sailing team, Don Tylor from Chicago Corinthian Club, and Ms. Burns and Ms. Penfield to help Copley and Powers. Allen wasted no time in showing why he is World Champ. However, he was buried on the start of the afternoon race, setting the stage for the Saturday Evening Festivities. Fleet Captain Copley declared that the two hundred guests tied for the champagne drinking, roast beef eating and rock and rolling. The adrenaline was flowing for the start of the final race Sunday morning. After three recalls, the race committee lengthened the starting line and, yup, another first for Tom Allen. However, with solid consistent performances first place went to Mark Bryant, a three time winner. There was a good sportman's award to the captain who picked up Brent Olmstead after Ms. Burns caused him to fall overboard and a good sport award to Ron Hogan who consistently placed in the high 60s.

Talking about other stories, remember when the Korner's self rescuing boat took off leaving them in the water and requiring a power boat — John Wayne horse-leaping rescue? Then there's the September day with the gusting west wind which capsized Brown and Eckstrom before the race started...and Glenn Levine's one race, one first, and returning to school undefeated...and Rich Schaaf's winning the Labor Day and September series, showing Fred that he is ready — willing, and able...and Bea Levine crewing and being first at each mark, then watching Harmon Dunathan drift by at the finish line; and when Glenn Patrizzo started captaining...and when Smolik and Simon showed Harmon that sweet taste of a first and ..... and, and, gee — I can't wait for May, 1978.

Oh, by the way, Fleet Champ is Schaaf, then Kennel, Korner and Eckstrom.

## SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB (253)

### Dixie District

#### Sailing on Susquehanna River at Long Level Lake

Fleet Captain	John Basehoar
Fleet Secretary	Tom Johnstone
Fleet Champion	Starling Mikell, Jr.
Runner-Up	Fred Bush

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2454	.....	Mike Filepas
8735	.....	Stewart Whittier
9474	Nemesis	Barry L. Dunwoody
9895	Shawnee	Frederick S. Vetterlein
9897	.....	Dr. Charles Doland
9904	Fort Knox	Dick Henle
9928	Melody	Ed Kohler
10302	Rainbow IV	Edwin Schwoebli
10391	Jack Tar	Mel Gardner
10442	.....	Robert L. Kelley
11062	.....	William Reis
11216	.....	Charles Cockerham
11253	Conquest	John D. Basehoar
11865	Sacre Bleu	Tomas Johnstone
12137	Eleison	Fred Bush
12923	Wisp	Don Dallmeyer
12941	.....	Starling Mikell, Jr.

After an eventful pre-season tune up race in which two boats capsized, Fleet 253 started with a Memorial Weekend Regatta in which 28 boats competed. John Richardson of Severn Sailing Association went home the winner, followed by Al Mast of Sassafras River, Bill McShane of Sassafras River, Bill Buckley of Severn Sailing Association, and Tom Johnstone of the host club. The next big weekend was July 4th, where light winds prevailed. In a two race series, Fred Bush beat Starling Mikell, Jr. by one point, with Tom Johnstone third.

Labor Day had even lighter winds and only one race was completed. Leading the small fleet were Don Dallmeyer, Barry Dunwoody, and Tom Johnstone. The final big event of the year was the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta. This time heavy air prevailed, with several boats capsizing in the first race. After three exciting long races, Mike Huffman, who recently moved to Pennsylvania from Buffalo, N.Y., emerged the winner over Jack Elfman and Bill McShane.

The regular club series saw a variety of wind conditions and fleet sizes. The following trophies were awarded for each series: Spring, 1st, Starling Mikell, Jr., 2nd, Fred Bush, 3rd, Barry Dunwoody. Summer, 1st, Fred Bush, 2nd, Charles Cockerham, 3rd, Barry Dunwoody. Fall, 1st, Starling Mikell, Jr., 2nd, Charles Cockerham, 3rd, Fred Bush.

All boats are now in storage with everyone planning on those changes they will make for more speed next year.

## HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262)

### Mississippi Valley District

#### Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain	Anne Beesley
Fleet Secretary	John C. Boden
Fleet Champion-Summer Series	Bob Hochstetler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4254	Fantasy	Billy Summer
7498	Beginner's Folly	Ray Hudgens
10537	My Brother's Mistress	Cully & Dr. Jim Ward, Jr.
11672	Scepter	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.
11690	Schmetterling	Tom K. Hudgens
11900	Sea Jay	John C. Boden
11989	Hyperbole	Dr. Cully A. Cobb, Jr.
12000	Clancy	Dr. James Wert
12082	Metro-Gnome	Dr. Donald W. Sherburne
12264	White-Lightning	Robert Hochstetler
12471	Fancy	Barney E. Mead III
12511	.....	Walter England
12708	Angry Pigeon	Bob Llovet
Life Member		Ross H. Bryan

No Report.

**CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266)****Mississippi Valley District****Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois**

Fleet Captain ..... Mitch Bohnenkamp  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Tomas Aquino  
 Fleet Champion ..... Matthew Burrige  
 Runner-Up ..... Augie Paolo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1	Blitzen	John C. Ryan
2559	.....	George T. Eisenhoffer
6310	Pussy Cat No. 1	Rev. Ed Barbier
7275	.....	Charles W. Watt
8645	.....	Frank P. Eppert & Sam D. Gibson
9242	Cetacean	William Luebbers
9559	.....	Edward Golterman
9955	Shibul	Robert B. Liepold
10053	.....	Chuck Engdale
10105	Rapid Travel	John Norris
10711	Wacky Tacky	Leonard A. Knobbe
10939	Edge	Harry G. Kumpis
11044	Mari	Robert Nebelsick
11091	Bottoms Up	Mark Fahey
11184	Mast Transit	Lawrence M. Walsh
11211	UPN-ATM	Ralph E. Schmidt
11218	Pooker II	Terry D. Blaies
11326	.....	Ron Bladon
11425	.....	Robert A. Horn
11473	Hekarwe	Lawrence Kahn, M.D.
11496	Intrepid	Joseph Hanaway
11598	Witchcraft	Joseph L. Goltzman
11637	Auggie Doggie	August Paoli
11800	.....	Robert "Lal" & Matthew Burrige
11815	.....	Mitch Bohnenkamp
12032	Bald Eagle II	Stuart Bernstein
12169	White Lightning	Joe Webber
12378	.....	Glenn Hegel
12506	Mist	John D. Folwell, Jr.
12701	.....	Tomas I. Aquino
12741	Bubble Trouble	Robert J. Stanley

The six month sailing season at the Carlyle Sailing Association, Carlyle Lake, Illinois was just about ideal this year. Good wind was present through the spring, summer and fall and some super races were held. The "One of a Kind" Regatta which was hosted by the CSA at Carlyle Lake this past spring was an outstanding success for all involved including the many spectators. The news of the super sailing on Carlyle Lake is obviously spreading.

Many of the Fleet members participated in the Club racing program. However, the top positions were tenaciously held on to by the established champs. The winner of the Championship Series was young Matthew Burrige. Matthew also took a first in the Labor Day Impromptu Regatta and led the Lightning Fleet in the Whale of a Sail Regatta. On the national level, Matthew placed third in the Junior North Americans and for the first time in the short history of the Carlyle Sailing Association, earned a spot in the Championship Series of the North Americans, qualifying 18th out of 35 boats. Matt is going to be hard to beat for a long time to come.

Taking the runner-up position in the Championship Series was Augie Paolo who also swept first place in the spring, summer and fall series. Glen Hegel finished third and Bob Nebelsick took fourth place. Mitch Bohnenkamp, assisted by his young but improving crew (his two daughters) finished in second place in the Whale of a Sail and the number 5 position in the Impromptu Regatta. Keep up the great work, girls.

In June, the Mississippi Valley Lightning District Regatta was held at Kentucky Lake. Bob Wardwell from Chattanooga, Tennessee finished first followed closely by Augie Paolo and Matthew Burrige of CSA. Two Nashville sailors, Bob Hochstetler and Tom Hudgens rounded out the top five positions. In June of 1978 the Mississippi Valley Districts will again be held at Carlyle Lake.

All in all it was an outstanding season for sailing and racing this year. The Fleet put the new observation building to good use. The already excellent facilities for boat handling underwent continued

improvements. Now if we could just build some condominiums on the property, we would be ready for the North Americans.

**BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB (267)****Central New York District****Sailing on Lake Ontario at Brockport, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Allan Waugh  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Ray Nelson  
 Fleet Champion ..... Ray Nelson  
 Runner-Up ..... Allan Waugh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5201	Pumpkin	Allan Waugh
7125	Cookie Monster	Fred & James H. Burch
10736	.....	Thomas Tickner
11010	True Blue	Raymond L. Nelson
12014	Charisma	William Dalter

Sailing on Lake Ontario was great this season, as usual. We were very happy to welcome two newcomers to the fleet, Tom Tickner and Bill Dalter. In addition, Ken Lindsay brought his boat here from Michigan and joined us for a weekend late in the season. We look forward to having Ken with us on a regular basis next year.

A back injury prevented Fred Burch from defending his Fleet Championship. We sincerely hope he will be sailing again next season. Fred's absence permitted Ray Nelson to regain the big bowl. Al Waugh was the most consistent sailor, and was rewarded with the PM Handicap trophy in addition to the fleet runner-up spot. Besides local sailing, one or more of us attended five different regattas in the Central New York District and enjoyed that privilege very much.

**LAKE OF BIEL (268)****Switzerland District****Sailing on Lake of Bielersee, Switzerland**

Fleet Captain ..... Martin von Gunten  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Greti von Gunten  
 Report ..... Hortense Petraglio

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8293	Knorke	Jurgen Lehmann
10718	Samia II	Martin von Gunten
12399	Light Sha	Dr. J. C. Hess

No Report.



*After ALL is said and done.....1977 Fleet Champions, Tony, Laura, and Steve Chavez.*

# **INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)**

## **Indiana District**

### **Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana**

Fleet Captain .....	Robert Carter
Fleet Secretary .....	Kenneth V. McGinity
Fleet Treasurer .....	Bill Higgins
Fleet Champion .....	Tony Chavez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6231	Ginger	Bo Zaiser
7223	Hannabelle	Dr. Austin Gardner
8543	Old Blue	Wm. F. Perkins
8677	Indy Go	Bill Saeger
8679	Astarte	Burl Harmon
9019	Krystal Ann	Richard T. Eddy
9050	No Excuse	John Leath
9120	Glass Slipper	Maurice Liverette
9776	Peptide	Philip Perlstein
11198	Obsession	Albert Light
11144	Sandpiper	John Buckner
11203	Checkmate	Robert Carter
11453	Double Hedder	Dr. Walter B. Tinsley
11531	After All	A. E. Chavez
11860	Good Grief II	Ron Scherrer
11919	.....	Ken Wood
12222	Sam's Song	Ken Wood
12294	Yellow Jacket	Mike Carroll
12393	Chubasco	Robert J. Schubert
12445	Ivory Cay	William M. Hall
12545	Irish Mist	Kenneth V. McGinity
12843	Luff-Thy-Neighbor	Robert D. Kinsey
12844	Jody Girl	Richard O. Crum
12899	.....	George F. Hunt

Practice makes perfect! An old saying which applies to sailboat racing even more than most other team sports. Our new fleet champion Tony Chavez with his loyal, steady and hard-working crew, daughter Laura and son Steve proved this point by participating in 37 or 41 races held during our season from early May until early November. The practice paid off as they finished consistently among the leaders in all local races, placed fifth in the Districts and won both the Spring and Fall "A" Series.

This year, we changed our method for determining the Fleet Champion from results in a single regatta to best percentage performance in both the Spring and Fall Series with at least twenty-two at home starts required to qualify. The changed format was successful with a 16% increase in boats starting in one-third more races than in 1976. In addition, twenty-three of twenty-six fleet boats got to the line this year with Mike Connelly and his family, our newest members, taking part in eighteen races - a great start. Mike joined the fleet after visiting our exhibit and talking with members in a January 1977 local boat show. For the second consecutive year our fleet, under the chairmanship of Bob Kinsey, exhibited both an old and new boat as a way to attract new members and keep interest up among old timers during the off season.

The season was sprinkled with many social events beginning with the Indiana Open Regatta in early May and ending with the Long John on October 30th. A LeMans evening race and supper, pool party and picnics at the point were all part of the fun.

Last but not least, Bill Saeger was elected District Commodore to succeed George Buckingham and June Schubert was re-elected District Secretary during the District Regatta at Muncie. Congratulations... you'll have our support.

# **MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273)**

## **New England District**

### **Sailing on Massabesic Lake at Manchester, N.H.**

Fleet Captain .....	David Batchelder
Fleet Secretary .....	Ethan V. Howard, Jr., M.D.
Fleet Champion .....	Richard Hale
Runner-Up .....	Dennis Collins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
563	.....	Philip Smith
644	Scarezem	David Batchelder
5613	Duck Soup	Russell Cavanaugh

6111	.....	Philip Smith
7299	.....	Bernard M. Woods
8515	Mirage	James Richmond
8516	Irish Viking	Dennis F. Collins, Jr.
9419	.....	Burton Coplan
11160	.....	Ethen Howard, Jr., M.D.
11401	.....	Ronald Adams
12455	Banana Split	John Webb
12841	.....	Robert Allen
13169	.....	Richard Hale



*Don Brush makes clean sweep at Massabesic*

Massabesic's 32nd Annual Regatta had all the makings of a good mystery story for sailors .... Would there be enough wind to sail? Definitely not on Saturday when fifteen Lightnings were towed back and forth from the starting line several times during the miserable, drizzly, windless afternoon.

Doc Howard's famous Vodka Punch saved the day as minutes after sampling Doc's secret recipe, disappointed sailors' dispositions brightened. Doc's Punch was followed by a catered, Prime Sirloin Steak Dinner and, spirits restored, everyone was anticipating terrific sailing conditions for Sunday.

**SUNDAY WE HAD WIND!!! 30 knots and GUSTING!!! YAHOO!!!** We had two exciting races and broke for lunch. The third race was a **BOOM BUSTER!** The winds were **GUSTING!** spinnakers were **FLYING**, and Lightnings were **CAPSIZING!** Seven Lightnings went over, six during the race, and one nonentrant at his mooring. He has been nominated for a "special" club award.

All three races were won handily by Don Brush of Vermont. Buck Wynn of Spofford, N.H. came in a solid second place. Third place was taken by Massabesic's own Dick Hale who is sailing a Lightning for the first time this year!!!

Our 32nd Invitational Regatta was a smashing success with Lightnings coming from all the New England states.

Here's hoping everyone reading this will plan on attending our 33rd Invitational Regatta the weekend following Labor Day, September 1978.

Come for Great Sailing, Superb Steak, and Massabesic's most talked about tradition, Doc Howard's **FAMOUS PUNCH!!!**



**MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)****Mississippi Valley District****Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Lake at  
Hernando, Mississippi**

Fleet Captain ..... Gerald Richardson, Jr.  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Crit Currie  
 Fleet Champion ..... Lee Breazeale  
 Runner-Up ..... Crit Currie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7719	.....	Andrew Cowan
8306	.....	Sam Pearson
9230	.....	Richard Blount
9756	.....	Bill McKelvey
9791	Pam	Dan Shipley
9876	.....	Lewis Nolan
9999	Four of a Kind	Crit Currie
10049	.....	Max Sheldon
10977	.....	Per Huffeldt, Crit & Brad Currie
10980	Sunday's Child	Stuart Carson
11326	.....	Ron Bladon
11386	.....	Broadus Sharpe
11387	Odd Couple	Bill Baxter
11887	.....	Jim McDonnell
11967	Trouble	Gerald Richardson, Jr.
11999	Full House	Bradford & Crit Currie
12260	.....	McNeil Ayres
12267	Zipper	Wilson Fly
12340	.....	Jim Bryant
12715	Moonshine	Lee Breazeale
13231	.....	James Bryant, M.D.

The Delta Sailing Association welcomed four new skippers this year. Ron Bladon, Max Sheldon, Jim McDonnell and Charles Simco joined us for the enjoyment of sailing.

Mid-March started the year for the more hearty sailors. They were gradually joined by the rest of the racing fleet as weather conditions improved. The racing fleet eventually swelled to 24 boats. After nearly 100 races the last weekend in October brought another competitive season to a close. Lee Breazeale is again our Fleet Champion and Crit Currie is again second. Per Huffeldt who came to us last year finished third, followed by Broadus Sharpe fourth, and Bill Baxter was fifth.

The annual club regatta, the Hernando DeSoto, was again held to coincide with the Memphis Cotton Carnival. Our fleet took all of the trophies this year. Crit Currie finished first, Dave Pittman was second and Lee Breazeale was third.

The annual petticoat regatta gives the women from the fleet a chance to skipper for three races in one day. The two trophies awarded to the Lightning Fleet went to Nancy Breazeale who finished first and Bobbie Richardson who finished second.

The rookie regatta was held again this year. Jim McDonnell won the first place trophy and Ron Bladon won the second place silver.

Crew trophies will be awarded for the most improved crew members for 1977 at our winter party. Crew participation is an important part of any competitive fleet and trophies represent an important part of their recognition. Congratulations to our trophy winning crew members listed in alphabetical order - Chuck Breazeale, K. William Chandler, Jr. and Mike Hicks.

**CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280)****New England District****Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Mass.**

Fleet Captain ..... Stuart Nickerson  
 Fleet Secretary ..... H. William Oliver  
 Fleet Champion ..... Stafford Frazier  
 Runner-Up ..... David Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8710	Havoc	Robert M. Campbell
8953	Lucheden	H. William, John E. & David W. Oliver
9714	Wind's Will	Stephen O. Cutting
10234	Fever	Charles Sweet

10439	Isolde	Dr. Stewart & Stewart Armstrong, Jr.
10765	Yasu	Anne & Tim Dickey
10795	.....	Stuart Nickerson
11096	Nike II	Stafford Frazier
11142	Alii	Charles Ruykhaver, Jr.
11249	Muma Works	David Jones
11440	Ice Fire	Andy Scherding
11751	Scruples	A. Preston Moore
12841	.....	Dwight W. Webb

The summer of 1977 once more saw Stafford Frazier capture the Season Series to become Fleet Champion. Stafford's consistent excellence was clearly indicated by the other trophies he took home: first in the August, Saturday and Sunday series (tie); winner of the Fox Cup, Tea Cup and Frazier Memorial Trophy, and second in the July series.

The greatest threat, and most improved skipper of the year, was David Jones, who finished second in the season series. Although he failed to finish first in any event, he was second in the Saturday, and third in the August and Sunday series; as well as taking second in the Fox Cup, Tea Cup and Frazier Memorial.

Bill and David Oliver came in third for the season, with firsts in the July and Sunday series (tie), and in the Coffee Cup.

Other season-long participants included Pres. Moore and Matteo Moore, sailing only in July; Bob Campbell, who shifted from his own boat to take the helm of the Moore's in August; and the Dickey's. The two Stu Armstrongs sailed regularly in July. Charlie Sweet scored a come-from-behind victory in the Commodore's Race in July, but was seldom able to return to Wellfleet during the rest of the summer. Stuart Nickerson sailed less often than usual at Wellfleet this summer. One reason for his absence from Wellfleet was his trip to Spiez, Switzerland to participate in the World Championships in mid-July, where he did moderately well in the shifty mountain winds on Lake Thun.

The Wellfleet Regatta, enjoying a better date (13-14 August) than last year, drew more visitors, including N.A. Champion Bill Shore and the present Lightning Class President, John Schneider. Shore cleaned up with three firsts, including a horizon job in Sunday's heavy weather race. Stuart Nickerson and David Jones of Wellfleet finished second and third, while Jack Burwell of Portland took home fourth place silver. We are looking forward to our largest regatta next summer, when we will act as hosts for the New England District Championship.

Participation in fleet races was down slightly from last year. Our core of regular racers is about the same, and we are looking forward to new blood from two sources. Bill Webb, after one year's trial in Rhodes 19 races, has bought another Lightning and will be back with us again next summer - a welcome addition.

This last summer's Junior Program was highly successful. Head Instructor Eric Lewis and his assistant Tim Richards generated great enthusiasm among the Juniors, some of whom raced in Lightnings.

It seems very likely that graduates of his program will begin to take part in the fleet races, either in presently owned family boats, or in newly acquired additions to the Fleet.

**COLUMBIA FLEET (283)****Pacific Northwest District****Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, Washington  
and Columbia River, Portland, Oregon**

Fleet Captain ..... Dennis Torgeson  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Vance Smith  
 Fleet Treasurer ..... Patti Fischer  
 Fleet Champion ..... John Benedetti  
 Runners-Up ..... Philip F. & Philip P. Parshley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5728	.....	Royal H. Raymond
7111	Viola II	L. W. Alluisi
7497	.....	Daryl Mercaley
8084	Sweet Roll	Richard Larsen
8349	Torrid Turkey	Dave Hickman
8382	.....	Donald Fager
8497	An' Son	John Sanford
9298	Abel Skipper	Richard Lewis
9433	.....	Vance Smith

9657	The Jolly	
	Green Giant	Paul & Mark A. Fischer
10180	Mercedes	Woody Woodward
10267	Stronger Than Dirt	Tom Hawkins
10541	Daddy Don't	Bud Haugen & Dick Zimmerman
10692	.....	Robert Slusher
10693	The M & N Special	Andy Merz
10731	.....	Walt Holman
11141	Chaquita	Paul Anderson
11873	Ms.	M. L. Pershern
12056	Animal	John Benedetti
12219	Preparation H	Herm Fischer
12376	Wight Lightning	John Michael Wight
12426	Natterjack	Tim & Anita Cannell
12485	Moving Van	Van Conklin
12856	Tomato Sloop	John Dees
12879	Snoopy	Jim Nelson
12990	.....	Philip F. & Philip P. Parshley
13012	.....	Dennis Torgeson
13046	.....	Kenneth Conklin
13054	.....	Bruce Deitz



"John, can I have a light? No Trish I'm opening a beer."

How do you begin to describe the 1977 racing activities of the most active fleet on the West Coast? It won't be easy without our own section in the yearbook. The Portland Fleet started its Lightning promotion early in the year, on January 14th to be exact, with our boat display in the Portland Boat Show. Fleet Captain Dennis Torgeson's brand new boat was the eye catcher to start the questions from the interested public. Ninety persons signed up for a demo sail at a later date. Next, our fleet hosted the Pacific Northwest Mid-Winter District Meeting, attended by 85 district sailors. The highlight was guest speaker Bruce Goldsmith who deftly demonstrated on Jamie Nelson's new boat (Bruce's previous boat *Snoopy*) the sail trim that will get you the gold.

Our actual racing began on April 3rd on the Columbia River, since our usual sailing lake, Vancouver Lake, was almost empty with little prospect for the usual Oregon rain. The "Great Oregon Drought" was on! We had six new boats this year with 22 actively racing out of our 38 boat fleet. It was apparent from the very beginning that the Parshley

clan, namely Dr. Phil, son Phil Jr., and daughters Maryann and Lisa, were out for all the "iron" this year in their new boat. Phil Jr. started off by winning the first Sunday series of 11 races with Paul Fischer 2nd, Smoke Fischer 3rd, John Benedetti 4th and Van Conklin 5th. The first Tuesday series started April 26th with Dr. Phil winning the first, second and third races and a lowly third place to win the series despite a strong effort by Vance Smith 2nd, John Benedetti 3rd, Smoke Fischer 4th and John Dees 5th.

Next, off to the first out-of-town regatta on April 30th in Newport, Oregon. A nice warm-up for the really tough ones ahead. Dennis Torgeson won his first "iron" with 1st and John Benedetti 2nd. Then came the big one — Memorial Day Regatta, — usually held at Eugene Yacht Club (one of the finest racing facilities in the Northwest), however, because zip rain equals zero water, Klamath Falls Fleet Captain Dick Marlett ("Old Yeller") invited all of the district to K. Falls. So 24 boats were on the line including three from California and three from Canada. After a great 5 race series Portland's own John Benedetti was 1st, Jamie Nelson 2nd, Smoke Fischer 3rd and Phil Parshley 5th. Back in Portland for the second Tuesday series, this time John Dees took his first 1st, John Benedetti 2nd, Bruce Deitz 3rd, John Sanford 4th and Woody Woodward 5th. This year's Fleet Championship race was going to be a tough one!

Then came June 18th, our regatta, held at Yale Reservoir in Washington, 40 miles from Portland since that same tune "No Water in Our Lake" was still being played. Twenty-eight boats from throughout the district gathered for the best racing conditions encountered the entire year. Unfortunately, (for Portland) the Seattle fleet took home the first three places with Portland's Bruce Deitz 4th and Ken Conklin 5th (both sailing new boats and also relatively new Lightning sailors).

We were out for revenge when Seattle hosted the Districts on Lake Washington in Seattle. The racing was pure gut busting on Saturday and Sunday delivered a drifter. Dr. Phil put it all together and bested the entire district for 1st with Jamie Nelson 3rd and John Benedetti 5th.

In between all the racing we have annual campouts which are definitely non-racing events and few boats ever get into the water. We have an abundance of beautiful camping areas close to Portland including some great picnicing islands on the Columbia River. Back to the racing, this time the Pacific Coast Championship was hosted by the San Francisco Fleet at beautiful Richmond Yacht Club on the BIG Bay. Our Fleet sent five boats, with one of them, Jamie Nelson, winning the PCC's with Dennis Torgeson 6th, Phil Parshley, Jr. 7th, John Benedetti 9th and Smoke Fischer 15th.

Back to Portland again for a joint sailing club (CYC/VLSC) Tuesday series, producing finishes of 1st for Phil Parshley Jr., 2nd for John Benedetti, 3rd Paul Anderson, 4th Woody Woodward and 5th Bruce Deitz. Then we had the "Italian Ran Away With 1st Place" series in the fall. Six races, 17 hot racers and 3 firsts and 3 seconds gave John Benedetti a 1st, Woody Woodward 2nd, Paul Anderson 3rd, Maryann Parshley 4th, and Dennis Torgeson 5th. Phil Parshley ventured back to the state of Washington to Lake Chelan and again bested the Seattle sailors to win the regatta. Once again the Portland fleet headed north to Seattle for their PIYA regatta on Puget Sound. After five very tough races (gut busters again) Phil Parshley gained a 2nd and Bruce Deitz 3rd. If you have been paying attention during this lengthy report you will have noticed constant mention of Phil and Phil Jr. Parshley and John Benedetti. Well, the Fleet Championship after counting 40 local races was won by John Benedetti with only a one point edge over the Parshleys who received the Fleet Runner-up trophy. John Dees was declared Most Improved Sailor — coming from 16th place in 1976 to 5th place in 1977!

The last big sailing event of the year which the Portland Fleet looks forward to with gusto is the Annual Pacific NW District Team Races. Held this year at Kitsilano Yacht Club, Vancouver, B.C. the racing was challenging, committee work super and five teams from Canada, Washington, and Oregon hotly contesting to bring home the coveted "Scuttlebutt" trophy. We didn't win.

The last big social event of the year is the presentation of our fleet awards at the annual Christmas Party. The award most not sought after is the "Broken Rudder" trophy, awarded to the sailor who displays a unique ability to do un-cool (mostly dumb) things like going for a ride on a catamaran (though always anti-catamaran) and falling into San Francisco Bay at the dock at the Pacific Coasts (in front of everybody!) — what a clutz. That person is none other than our resident Lightning Vice-President, John Benedetti (now a 2 time recipient)! Just in fun, John. Thanks to all the great support from our sailors, fleet officers, and just fine people — we had a great one in Portland, Oregon in 1977!