

ODD WINDS FLEET (296)
Central States District
Sailing on Jacomo Lake at Kansas City, Missouri

Fleet Captain Doug Edwards
 Fleet Secretary Harlan Long
 Fleet Champion Don Skouse
 Runner-Up Doug Edwards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
191	.....	Harlan L. Long
5472	G-Whiz	James Nicol
9196	Big Blue	J. H. Dixon, Jr.
9451	Captain's Gig	Doug Edwards
9880	.....	Jerry R. Neill
10050	Plumber III	Calvin E. Beck, M.D.
11135	Aquarius	Donald G. Skouse
12719	.....	William A. Collet
13016	Merry Gale	Dean Arnold

The racing season started early for Fleet 296 this year as activity and preparation for the Central States District Regatta got underway. We were the host fleet for this regatta, which was held at Lake Jacomo June 9-11.

Highlighting the racing season was the come-back sailing of Don Skouse as he took the Fleet Championship. Runner-up was Doug Edwards.

A change in the scoring was made this year with the best nine of twelve races being counted toward the results. Previously, the season was divided into a spring, summer and fall series with the Last Mark Regatta also being counted.

The first meeting of the sailing season was held January 29, 1977, at "Dean's Marina." Refreshments were served. In addition to the officers elected as listed above, Paul Sanders was selected to be the representative on the race and equipment committees and Dean Arnold was chosen to be the representative on the Protest Committee for the Jacomo Sailing Club.

The annual Spring Social was held April 2, 1977, at Capt'n Jeremiah Tuttle's with Fleet Captain Doug Edwards presiding.

KOTKA LIGHTNING FLEET (298)
Finland District
Sailing on Gulf of Finland at Kotka and
Hamina, Finland

Fleet Captain Osmo Savola
 Fleet Secretary Antero Westerlund

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12352	Bella	Osmo Savola
12479	Melanie	Antero Westerlund

This past season was our first active one in many years. We have one boat in Kotka and one in Hamina, and it was not until this year that the skippers found out about each other. Both boats raced actively.

Our team trailed the rest of the participants in the District Championship Team Race, and in the Districts. Our final positions were 25th (*Melanie*) and 32nd (*Bella*). *Bella* participated at the Lake Pajanne long distance race, but unfortunately, could not finish. *Melanie* visited the Lake Saimaa Regatta and lost the silverware to Timo Potosuo and his *Pilpatu*. The points were even, but *Pilpatu* took the deciding, winner's gun. Both our boats also raced in many local regattas.

We closed our racing season at the Tuusulanjarvi Autumn Regatta. Our positions among 19 boats were 7th (*Melanie*) and 18th (*Bella*).

Our racing success was not one of the greatest, but we hope that our activity has promoted the Lightning Class in the Eastern Gulf of Finland. We welcome all our Lightning friends to our regattas in 1978.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN (301)
New England District
Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain,
Burlington, Vermont

Fleet Captain Janice Lange
 Fleet Secretary David Little
 Fleet Champion Vern Emerson
 Runner-Up Dick Fastiggi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7829	.....	Richard Getty
8720	.....	Thomas Heilmann
9526	.....	Randy Rowland
9811	Titania II	Ken Rothwell
10119	.....	Kjell Heitmann
10313	The Hawk	Peter Hubbard
10666	.....	Robert E. Dakin
11504	.....	Janice Lange
11267	Hasenpfeffer	Edward Haase
11432	Peppermint Patty	Vern Emerson
11560	Ciao	Dick Fastiggi
12386	Rubric	David N. Little, M.D.
12922	.....	John R. Hughes
12945	.....	Todd Cox
12966	.....	Roger Walker
12967	.....	Bill Dunnington
12980	The Young One	Bob Young
12985	Hannah	William J. Cimonetti
13172	Wild Goose	Don Brush
.....	.....	Ted Teffner

1977 was a year for modest growth in numbers and increasingly competitive fleet, district, and national racing for members of Fleet 301.

The season began with the Vermont-New Hampshire Championship at Malletts Bay, hosted by our fleet. Visiting co-skippers Bill Shore and Greg Fisher pulled off top honors, but were followed closely by Don Brush, Jr. and Dave Little of the local fleet.

Series A, covering weekend racing in the months of June and July, ended in a tie between perennial Lightning skippers, Vern Emerson and Dick Fastiggi, with the latter getting the nod on tie-breaking procedures. Bob Young sailed a consistent series for third place. Don Brush kept busy building boats and competing at District regattas on the road, but when he sailed at home he was usually out front. Bill Dunnington, last year's Fleet Champion, got off to a slow start with his new boat, started to come on strong in July as the tuning fell into place.

The fleet was well represented at the New England District Championships in mid-July, with nine of the 33 competitors coming from Malletts Bay. Defending New England champion, Don Brush, sailed his brand new boat to second place after an extremely tight regatta-long struggle against John Collins and David Curtis from Marblehead. Pete Hubbard, after a late season start due to illness in the family, ended up in ninth place and qualified for the North Americans. Dave Little, tenth, and Dick Fastiggi, fourteenth, also sailed in the top half of the fleet, but wished they were faster.

Malletts Bay Boat Club's Race Week in mid-August attracted 15 competitive Lightnings. Don Brush, tuning up for the North Americans, took overall honors by winning two of the three races. Bill Dunnington showed his familiar old (but fast!) form to take second place, and Pete Hubbard was third. Visiting ace Len Pratt ended up in fourth place.

Bill Fastiggi and crew of Chris Morgan and Dave Young represented the fleet and district at the Junior North Americans in Buffalo, and ended up a creditable tenth place. Not bad for a district with no formal junior competition! Hopefully, Bill will get another shot at the title next year, and he may not have to twist his father's arm quite so hard.

Series B in late July and August was characterized by variable participation and smaller fleets. When the dust settled, Bill Dunnington emerged as winner, just ahead of Don Brush (who only sailed in half the races). Dave Little edged out a much-improved new Lightning sailor, Todd Cox, for third.

Don Brush sailed well at the North Americans, ending up thirteenth in the championship flight. Pete Hubbard also represented the fleet handsomely, with a fifth place finish in the Presidents Cup. Congratulations to both skippers for dedicated excellence at the national level.

The Chiott Regatta on Labor Day weekend marks the end of formal fleet racing at Malletts Bay. To no one's surprise, Don Brush won the Chiott Cup for the third time in the past four years. Dave Little was second in an extremely flukey light air series. Dick Fastiggi capped off one of his most successful seasons with a third place finish.

Final fleet standings for the summer showed none other than Vern Emerson in first place. *Peppermint Patty* and her experienced crew of Vern, wife Barbara, and Ken Wolvinton have now won the season championship Bob Sidle Trophy for the tenth time in the past twelve years. Second place went to the Fastiggi family team of Dick, wife Pat, and son Bill. Janice Lange, our retiring fleet captain, was awarded the Emerson Trophy for outstanding contribution to the Lightning fleet.

PORIN LIGHTNING FLEET (306)**Finland District****Sailing at Gulf of Bothnia, Pori, Finland**

Fleet Captain Seppo Lahdemaki
 Fleet Secretary Helena Lahdemaki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10667	Sumpi	Pertti Kuuminen
12753	Cobra	Esa Nordling
12757	Fanny III	Seppo Lahdemaki

No Report.

OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)**Finland District****Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia at Oulu, Finland**

Fleet Captain Harry Hammar
 Fleet Secretary Simo Koski

Name	Boat Name	Skipper
9436	Rio-Rita II	Lasse Hammar
12918	Kikka II	Markku Paloma

Our small fleet has been very active and successful this season. Both the boats of our fleet started the season in Italy. This took place at Numana at the European Championship. Success was not as expected, although conditions were like those in Oulu with the exception of the temperature. Rio-Rita II started excellently being second after three races, but lost her chances at a good final position because of protests. Markku Paloma this time was better than Lasse Hammar and their final positions were 15th and 16th. From Italy Lasse Hammar travelled to Switzerland to the World Championship. Markku Paloma had difficulties in getting a crew and he could not take part in the World Championship. The weather and wind conditions at Lake Thun were too difficult for Lasse Hammar (and other Finnish skippers) and his final position was not very good — 44th. Nevertheless we received much experience in those races. The most important race in Finland — the Finnish championship — was held on Lake Hoytiainen at the beginning of August. Both the boats of our fleet took part in it. Lasse Hammar was third losing by only one point to the winner. Markku Paloma with his *Kikka II* was seventh. Finally, it was quite a good season for our fleet.

RAAHE LIGHTNING FLEET (308)**Finland District****Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Raahé, Finland**

Fleet Captain Pentti Martinmaki
 Fleet Secretary Pentti Martinmaki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6834	Tavi	Pentti Martinmaki
6835	Lippa	Hannu Litola
7184	.....	Jorma Heikkilä
13132	.....	Jarmo Hurula

No Report.

GREIFENSEE FLEET (309)**Switzerland District****Sailing on Lake of Greifensee near Zurich, Switzerland**

Fleet Captain A. Fruh
 Fleet Secretary Fred Zobrist
 Fleet Champion Ernst Frittschi
 Runner-Up Albert Fruh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4285	.....	E. Schraner
7241	Margy	Fred Zurkirchen
7274	.....	Alois Schlumpf
7352	.....	Emil Beyer
7353	Sibajak	Werner Uster
7591	.....	Peter A. Giesch

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7802	Popeye	Ure Dohrn
8504	Chinock	Edward Schutz, Jun.
9031	Libelle	Walter Hug
9868	Margy II	Fred Aregger
10466	.....	Albert Fruh
11495	Goja	Hansjorg Sporri
12299	.....	Heinz & Dr. Fred Zobrist
13071	.....	Hermann Himmel
13086	.....	Peter A. Giesch
13090	.....	Albert Fruh
.....	.....	Markus Laager
.....	Karin	Werner Stich

In last year's report I put the question "is the Greifensee Lightning fleet in a position to survive? Is the Lightning an attractive boat at all for the Lake Greifensee?" With great optimism I answered this question positively due to the fact that the production of the new Lightning of Siegfried Meier was taken up. Furthermore, the Lightning was an ideal boat for families and also for the sailing sport.

My optimism was confirmed and rewarded by the increase in the number of boats from 17 to 22 and it is with some pride that we note that our fleet can book one of the best ratio of increase. As five new Lightnings in one year are of some rarity value we should like to come back to the reasons for this development. One of the main reasons is the fact that the Lightning of Siegfried Meier meets with much approval. The second and also very important reason is the fact that these new boats were sold with a discount of SFr. 750. — due to the World Championship in Spiez. 3 of the 5 new Lightnings were bought by former owners of wooden Lightnings, 2 by owners which for the first time made acquaintance with our boat. Although the beginning is said to be difficult, matters went easier as soon as Hermann Himmel's decision for a new boat was known.

With respect to your question about the activities in our fleet I have to point out again that most members of our fleet are family men enjoying their boats mostly for sailing tours. Nevertheless they like it to participate in regattas of our class. Accordingly the district regatta of October 1-2 organized by the sailing club Fallanden was the great event of the season with 21 boats at the start. At this occasion the fleet championship was carried out. The ranking; 1. ZH 13091 - Frittschi/Schurich/Schurich; 2. ZH 13090 - Fruh/Fruh/Gwerder; 3. ZH 5664 - Jager/Grein/Ellenberger; 4. ZH 7802 - Dohrn/Dohrn/Dohrn; 5. ZH 13086 - Giesch/Harry/Harry; 6. ZH 7590 - Gmur/Goren/Gmur; 7. ZH 7591 - Albin/Albin/Straubhaar.

A fact worthy of note is the very good contact with the fleet Lake Zurich, 219, and especially the excellent contact with the management of the district. Without the active assistance of Mr. H. K. Rahn, Commodore, and the secretary, Miss E. Hess, our fleet could hardly have been reactivated and for this help I would like to thank again.

KEMI LIGHTNING FLEET (310)**Finland District****Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi, Finland**

Fleet Captain Kalervo Naykki
 Fleet Secretary Juhani Hedberg
 Fleet Champion Jouko Lehtinen
 Fleet Runner-Up Aulis Naykki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4328	Irene	Erkki Leskio
7177	Marina	Pentti Kropsu
7185	Onnetar	Simo Haggstrom
7186	Pohjantahti II	Esko Raasakka
7891	Irene II	Juhani Hedberg
7892	Anita	Pentti Hedberg
8219	Maria	Kemin Purjehdusseura
8995	Renata	Christian Lindstrom
10059	Wilma	Martti Raisenen
12259	Jutti	Olavi Immonen
12356	Mata-Hari	Kyosti Kolehmainen & Erkki Karvonen
12585	Turso	Taimo Huusko & Veikko Vuori
12913	Viri II	Jari Perkkio
12917	Veera	Kari Jestila & Hanna Kemppainen
12994	Mister X	Jouko Lehtinen
12995	Pohjan-Akka	Aulis Naykki
13134	.....	Heikki Ulen

The 1977 sailing season in Kemi began with a training session in sailing and navigation theory. Many of the Lightning sailors from northern Finland gathered together in our home town to learn new sailing skills.

In April it was time for the local boat exhibition; our Lightning Fleet presented for the public a Lightning, named *Wilma* which had just gotten a new captain, Martti Rasanen. When the ice melted in the Gulf of Bothnia we at last had the possibility of the first regatta this year.

The 5th and 6th of June turned out to be this exciting happening. Two quite new boats, *Mister X* (Jouko Lehtinen) and *Pohjan Akka* (Aulis Naykki) battled for the first position. Other Lightnings, *Turso* (Veikko Vuori) and *Veera* (Kari Jestila) sailed also and made the competition very tough. The winner was *Mister X* in pretty cool weather.

Three Lightnings from our fleet traveled to the Arctic Circle to participate in the Arctic Yacht Race. Sailing in the mid-summer night's sun in the middle of the wilderness was a great experience.

July 9th and 10th was our own Kemi Regatta. Unfortunately, we didn't have our good old competitors from the neighboring town of Oulu; they had traveled to Central Europe for European and World Championships. So, in our regatta *Mister X* won, *Pohjan Akka* was second, *Wilma*, *Turso*, *Viri II*, *Veera* and *Irene II* (Juhani Hedberg) also participated.

Our fleet sent three boats to Hoytiainen for the Finnish Championship. Among 35 Lightnings our fleet took places: 9, 10 and 23rd. Again in the same order; *Mister X*, *Pohjan Akka* and *Wilma*. Besides regattas our fleet participated in some traditional long distance sailings.

The representative of our fleet, Heikki Ulen, was in the European Championship Race as a crewmember on Lightning *Kikka II* from Oulu. Kemi Lightning Fleet now has 27 seasons behind us. We are looking forward very hopefully to new Lightnings every season and junior sailors' increasing interest, in dinghies and especially Lightnings for the future.

DUNKIRK HARBOR FLEET (311)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Dunkirk, New York

Fleet Captain A. J. VanPoortvliet
Fleet Secretary Ruth Hackman
Fleet Champion A. J. VanPoortvliet
Runner-Up Cas Zielinski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1910	Blue Devil	Ernest Sommitz
9123	Apache	Casimer Zielinski
11435	Dutch Treat	A. J. VanPoortvliet



Looks OK up here — let's try it in the water. Photo Credit - Pat Rentz

With only three boats there wasn't much sport in fleet Lightning races this season, especially with Ernie Sommitz's *Blue Devil* so overweight from extra screws in the planking. However, Ernie and family did enjoy their day sailing while Van Poortvliet and Cas Zielinski enjoyed running away from the field in the Club sailboat races.

As usual, the highlight of the season was the Dunkirk Lightning Regatta the weekend after Labor Day. For the third consecutive year opening day races were cancelled due to heavy weather and seas. However, sailing conditions on the second day (Sunday) were good and all 28 entries were at the starting line at 9:30 am for the revised two-race series. Larry MacDonald of the Royal Hamilton Y.C. won both races. In second place overall was Matt Bryant, Jr., of the Buffalo Canoe Club. Next came two veterans, Cal Schmiede of the Niagara Sailing Club and Stu Anderson of B.C.C. Young Mark Grinder of the Silver Lake Y.C. was fifth. The host, Dunkirk Yacht Club, was very pleased with the large number of fleets represented in the regatta and is looking forward to even greater participation in 1978.

LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA ANZIO (312)

Italian District

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Anzio, Italy

Fleet Secretary Antonio Galeota

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9887	Calimero II	Legia Navale Italiana
10019	Play Boy	Antonio Galeota
12375	Coco	Marco Mieli
.....	.....	Mauricio Di Segni

After five years a boat of fleet 312 took part in the Italian and European Championships at Numana on the Adriatic coast. Mauricio Di Segni, the former European Champion of 1962, made his reentry into the Lightning Class with great enthusiasm.

We hope to have more activity in the near future!

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)

Dixie District

Based on Sassafras River, Maryland

Fleet Captain Al Mast
Fleet Secretary Bob Horne
Fleet Champion Tom Hopkins
Runner-Up Al Mast

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1523	Star Dust	Bob Horne
7516	Miss Idler	Dick Winter
7989	Woody	Paul Soentgen
9391	Doc's Boat	Bob Horne
9800	Inversass	Dr. John Farquhar
10190	Misty Morn	Frederick Alden
10246	Glass Slipper	Dr. John Myers
10336	Bayberry	David Scott Ingram
10398	Moon Spinner	Bruce Shannon
11200	De I	Jim & Leigh Hopkins
12031	Incredible	Dr. Jim Ganley
12381	Clair-Voyant	Chas. Witomski
12453	Sassy	Dr. Tom Hopkins
12484	Foxfire	Karen E. Biles
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred Mast
12964	Redoubtable	James T. Elliott, Jr.
13043	.....	Dr. Kirk Williams
13056	Squeeze Me	Bill McShane
.....	.....	Doc Walbert

Do the names Hopkins, Mast, McShane, and Ganley mean anything to Fleet 314 Lightning sailors? Well, between the four of them, they pretty well cleaned up the competition both here and "abroad."

Aside from the "Big Four," there isn't much of a story to tell about racing on the Sassafras last summer, as you will see: The Early Series went to Al Mast, with Tom Hopkins second, and Bill Winter sneaking in third, in spite of his handicap. (It should be noted that Bill McShane

was absent from most of the races.) The Walbert and Buss Neff Cups were taken by Jim Ganley and Tom Hopkins respectively, and the Summer Bay Race went to late-starter McShane, with Tom Hopkins second, and Bob Horne (who?) third.

The Late Series went pretty much the same way, only with the names appearing in different order: Jim Ganley first, Tom Hopkins second (again), and Bill McShane third. Al Mast and Jim Ganley captured the Skipper's and Commodore's Cups, and the Fall Bay Race went to Tom Hopkins, with Ganley and Mast finishing close behind.

The annual Regatta races in August brought victories to Bill Winter and Sally Edson in the Matlack Trophy races, and to John Farquhar and Arlene Meyer in the Taylor Cup races.

Young Kirk Williams was the undisputed Champion of the Open L-fleet, with a very impressive string of solid firsts. Howard Edson and Arlene Meyer each dominated both halves of the season-long Junior L-fleet and Junior B-fleet competition.

The Stardust Trophy was won by Scott Ingram, who finished quite consistently in the (high) middle of the fleet. One of the highlights of the summer was the June wedding of Scott's twin Brandy and "hometown girl" Debbi, who then crewed for Scott.

Not to be outdone, and in order to keep the action in the family, Grace (Ingram) Hopkins won the Butt Trophy. This resulted from Skipper Tom's trying to cop a race by lightening ship.

Our peripatetic corinthians continued to improve their performance at "outside" regattas, beginning with Al Mast's 2nd at the Susquehanna Yacht Club Memorial Day Regatta, and Tom Hopkins' 3rd at the No-Gas Regatta at Annapolis. Mast followed with a 2nd at an Upper Chesapeake Bay YC Regatta, and Mast, McShane, and Hopkins did well at the Delaware Governors' Cup at Rehoboth, where they were pleased to find the Governor, Pete DuPont, a fellow competitor.

While Papa Tom Hopkins was finishing 12th at the Dixie Districts to Mast and McShane's 4th and 5th son Leigh was in Switzerland helping Don Delorme sail to a 5th in the Worlds. Don, Wanda, and Leigh then zipped out to the North Americans, where they finished 9th, while Mast finished 9th in the Presidents' Cup fleet, and McShane placed 12th in the Governors' Cup fleet.

Next came the Maryland Governors' (Acting? Lieutenant?) Cup Regatta at Annapolis, where Mast finished 3rd and Hopkins tied for 5th. McShane jumped down to the Rehoboth Beach Fall Regatta, where he copped a 2nd. All three then journeyed north of the Mason-Dixon Line, where they placed as follows in the Pennsylvania Governors' Cup: McShane - 3rd; Mast - 4th; and Hopkins - 6th.

Bill McShane "finished up" the season by attending the Frigid Digit at Annapolis, with every intention of cleaning up the local competition. Unfortunately, the regatta more closely resembled a fall version of the NA's, and Bill and crew felt fortunate to finish in the top half!

By way of a challenge, how many other fleets around the country, composed of non-"professional," weekend sailors, can boast of a group who can compete on the scale of these guys?

LA SPEZIA FLEET (321)

Italian District

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Golfo di La Spezia

Fleet Captain Roberto Mandrioli
Fleet Secretary Giovanni Vergassola
Fleet Champion Vasco Bardi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7190	Azimut	Francesco Controsceri
8434	.....	Giulio Forni
8448	.....	Mario Fava
9316	Captain Morino	Roberto Mandrioli
11917	.....	Riccardo Laiis
12252	Arcobaleno	Giovanni Vergassola

Fleet 321 hosted the "Augusto Sassi Memorial Trophy Regatta" in May 1977 with 12 participants. Unfortunately only one race was run because there was a storm. The Swiss Skipper Claude Lambelet of Neuchatel was the winner, Gino Filippini of fleet 249 was the runner-up, and Cdt. Mio Coccoloni of the Italian Navy was third.

The boat 9316 *Captain Morino* with Bardi, Mandrioli and Gasperini took part in the Italian and European Championships. They placed fifth in the Italians and 33rd in the Europeans.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325)

Dixie District

Sailing on Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

Fleet Captain Tom Zimmerman
Fleet Secretary Carol Mertes
Fleet Champion Fred Mertes
Fleet Runner-Up Bob Currie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2874	Wild Blue	Harvey H. Haines
6259	.....	Harvey H. Haines
10032	Ande	Robert Currie
10335	China Doll	Jeff & David Hastings
10454	.....	Lloyd Alexander
10845	.....	Wilbur Bulkly
10851	Mystery	John Hazzard
11155	Arsendover	RBSA
11540	Mal de Mar	Joseph R. Sights, Jr.
11597	Espirit	Bill Wainwright
11899	Pisces	Dave Racine
12050	.....	Jacob & Tom Zimmerman
12850	Don't Look Back	Fred Mertes

The 1977 season at Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association was very successful. Our Spring Series began May 8 with two races each Sunday afternoon until May 29. The overall finishes came out with Fred Mertes on top, Tom Zimmerman in second, and Dave Hastings third. Spring gives us the opportunity to have the Bay to ourselves and usually gives us good steady breezes.

The Early Summer Series encompassed 10 races during the period from June 5 to July 10. Again, the elusive Fred Mertes took the top spot, followed by Dave Racine in second, and Dave Hastings third.

In our Late Summer Series, the finishes were scrambled up quite a bit. Bob Currie, skippering his previously winless *Chingadungus*, finally got it all together to take top honors. Bill Buckley, R.B.S.A. Commodore, put in some time to take second with Fred Mertes finishing a strong third.

In addition to our fleet races (28 in all), R.B.S.A. was host to three regattas this year: the Delaware Governors' Cup, the Fall Regatta, and a new addition the R.B.S.A. Multi-Class Invitational. The 11th Annual Delaware Governors' Cup was a great success with our own Fred Mertes bringing the Cup home for the first time in eight years. Mertes was followed closely by Dr. Don Delorme in second with John Richardson, Sr. taking third.

The R.B.S.A. Multi-Class Invitational was held August 13-14. This was the first regatta of this type R.B.S.A. has sponsored and it was very worthwhile with Lightnings, Fireballs, Hobie-16's, and Sunfish. In Lightnings, Doc Delorme turned things around to grab 1st place, followed by Fred Mertes in second with John Richardson, Sr. taking third. Sound familiar?

Our Fall Regatta, held September 24-25, seemed to please everyone with good winds, warm weather, and the bay practically to ourselves. The winner? Who else, but Fred Mertes who polished off a fantastic season at home. Finishing behind Fred were Bill McShane in second with Doc Delorme pulling out a third.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who served as Race Committee Chairmen in the various regattas: Jake Zimmerman for the Governors' Cup, Dan Layton for the Multi-Class, and Co-Chairmen Sarah Hastings and Jake Zimmerman for the Fall Regatta. Also, many thanks to our chief score-person Kitty Racine, and to our Fleet Secretary and odds-n-ends coordinator, Carol Mertes.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to join in the fun at R.B.S.A. in 1978 and experience the best sailing on the East Coast.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

Michigan District

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at

Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Thomas Babel
Fleet Secretary Thomas Babel
Fleet Champion Sandy Blumenfeld
Runner-Up Pat Tobin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3583	.....	Duane R. Merritt
9921	Alacrity	Tom Babel

10411	.....	Bill Babel
10429	Huvna	Dick Thirlby
10437	Pip	Tom Lindsay
10803	.....	Jeff & Ted Jones
11066	Orange	Dave Dykstra
11107	.....	Michael J. Fisher
11256	Marikate	George Brown
11344	Bitschene	Don W. Mitchell
11467	.....	Gordon Cornwell
11794	Blind Faith	Patrick Tobin
11855	Mayflower	Kenneth May
12930	P.M.P.	Sandy Blumenfeld



1977 Fleet 326 Champ Sandy Blumenfeld and crew perform a heavy weather jibe. A great year for Sandy and his 24 different crew members. Good Luck in '78.

Fleet 326 asks 10 questions:

1. The conditions on Grand Traverse Bay this year were — a) cloudy, b) foggy, c) windy, d) calm, e) shift, f) all of the above, g) none of the above, h) b and d only.
2. The preseason favorite(s) was — a) Babel, b) Lindsay, c) P. Tobin, d) Herman Munster, e) all of the above, f) none of the above, g) a, b, & c only.
3. The winner of our great 1977 Invitational Regatta was — a) Hank Hodgson, b) R. G. Demarest III, c) Hank Cawthra, d) Herman Munster
4. The 1977 Fleet 326 Champ is — a) B. Babel, b) K. Lindsay c) S. Blumenfeld, d) R-2, D-Z, e) None of the above, f) Tie between a & d.
5. The boat most likely to sail off the edge of the earth is — a) Marikate, b) Pig Meat Pie, c) Blind Faith, d) Bitchene, e) Mariwer, f) all of the above.
6. Who dumped the most in the 1977 season — a) Jim McGlothlin, b) Kew May, c) Jeff Jones, d) Sandy Blumenfeld, e) Pat Tobin, f) c & e only.
7. Most likely to ignore the rules was — a) Pat Tobin, b) Don Mitchell, c) H. R. Haldeman, d) Richard Nixon, e) Herman Munster, f) c & d

8. The second place finisher for 1977 season was — a) George Brown, b) Bill Howard, c) Ken Lindsay, d) Pat Tobin, e) none of the above.
9. The people that did a great job as race committee were — a) Ken Lindsay, b) Alice Lindsay, c) Dick Babel, d) John McGuffin, e) Jeb Jones, f) Herman Munster, g) All of the above except f.
10. Who tells some really great jokes — a) Don Mitchell, b) Don Melvoin, c) Jim Babel, d) Sandy Blumenfeld, e) George Brown, f) Herman Munster
11. True or false?

All in all we had a great year with some new faces appearing in the top of our final fleet standings. Sandy B. sailed well all year to take an overall first. Steady Pat Tobin was second, followed by George Brown, Don Mitchell, and "The Babel Boat" rounding out the top five places.

Don Mitchell was elected our Fleet Captain for 1978 and says we are going to have some great sailing in "78". We hope Don is correct, but how can he be wrong, because we always have great sailing on our beautiful Grand Traverse Bay.

Answers: 1. f 2. g 3. b 4. c 5. g 6. f 7. a 8. d 9. g 10. f 11. True

JYVASKYLA LIGHTNING FLEET (328)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Pääjärvi, Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain Veikko Miettinen

Fleet Secretary Martti Nurminen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7983	Nina	Heikki Koho
8212	Mary-Ann	Erkki Liukkonen
12255	Musta Maija	Ilkka Lilja & Antti Ahonen
12353	Maya	Juhani Hakkinen
12801	Jyväskylä Scouts
12996	Ilkka Salminen
13136	Vanha Herra	Martti Nurminen

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SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329)

Dixie District

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain Charles White

Fleet Secretary Warren Cooper

Fleet Lieutenant Charles White

Fleet Champion Bill Buckley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7245	.....	Todd Cameron
9007	Do Somethin	John W. Richardson, Jr.
9523	.....	Frank G. Mullins, Jr.
9655	.....	James Bielefeld
10048	.....	Thomas Burgher
10800	High Hopes	Donald R. Hope
11036	.....	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
11288	.....	Rob Pratt
11568	.....	Jim Crane
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg
11767	.....	Milton N. Kabler
11911	.....	John W. Richardson, Sr.
12099	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
12244	.....	Todd Cameron
12275	.....	Charles L. White
12470	Lightning Bug	E. Joseph Friebele
12752	.....	William H. Buckley
12772	Clarissa Marie	H. Warren Cooper
12863	Think Faster	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
12911	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
13209	.....	Christopher B. Kuhn
.....	.....	Gloria Gilbert
.....	.....	Jane E. Heller
.....	.....	Myron Jonsberg, Jr.

Lightning Fleet 329

Invites YOU

to sail with us on the

Chesapeake Bay

at the

Severn Sailing Association,

Annapolis, Md.

Tentative Regatta Dates:

No Gas Invitational	May 13, 14
SSA Spring	June 3, 4
SSA Annual	July 22, 23
Maryland Governor's Cup	September 2, 3
SSA Fall	September 30, October 1
Frigid Digit	October 21, 22

For confirmation of the dates or for further information, watch for ads in the *Flashes* or contact Charles White, Fleet Captain, (301) 974-7857.

Thanksgiving Day in Dallas, Texas finds me with a few minutes to reconstruct the sailing season, and ponder why I'm getting ready for another regatta tomorrow. When I hung up my topsiders at Quantico I was ganged up on by the I.L.C.A. President and Secretary — who lie about little things like the distance between Annapolis and Texas.

Fleet 329 welcomes Mike Gillner, Robert Pratt, and Jim Lippincott to its ranks, while losing Steve Harper to Salt Lake City.

Charles White, our newly elected Fleet Captain, captured our Most Improved Skipper's Award, while Don Delorme distinguished himself with the Swimmer of the Year, for most times capsized. Jim Lippincott started off the year at the Southern Circuit with a second overall. Some other S.S.A. skippers were there — somewhere!

Joe Friebele, in a field of heavies was third at the Long John in Red Bank, N.J. S.S.A.s Men's Champion is again Don Delorme and Jim Gilbert had a great comeback to win our No Gas Regatta. Jim Crane and Don Delorme sailed at the World Championships in Switzerland and came in third and fifth respectively.

The Dixie Districts were held at Severn this year, and Fleet 329 took the top honors with Robert Pratt the Champion.

Joe Friebele and Bill Buckley were the runners-up.

Six boats of the seven district qualifiers to the North Americans were from Severn. Jim Crane was fourth and Don Delorme ninth in the blue fleet. Bill Buckley and Joe Friebele qualified for the Presidents' Cup and Jim Gilbert and Charles White, the Governors' Cup.

Bill Buckley won our Maryland Governors' Cup and Robert Pratt, our Fall Series.

SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)

New England District

Sailing on Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	Rev. Parkman D. Howe, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. H. Terry Closson
Fleet Champion	Robert Ayotte
Runner-Up	Allan Whatley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8241	Go-Mo-Shun	David Closson
10188	Huntress 2	Rev. Parkman D. Howe
10732	Tern II	John Bennett
10818	Pequod	Dr. Donald P. Todd
10847	Teacher's Pet	Bob Kenney
10857	Mutiny	Robert Custance
12173	.....	Allan Whatley, Jr.
12266	Wind Witch	L. B. Flint
12858	.....	Robert Wierland
12859	.....	John S. Russell, Jr.
13101	.....	Robert Ayotte



Could Roberta's weaving hobby have anything to do with Bob's boat name — *Super Shuttle*?

Our 1977 season was dominated by two new boats to the fleet who led us most of the season seldom allowing the rest of the fleet to occupy the first two slots. Bob Ayotte and Allan Whatley both sailed their new acquisitions exceedingly well to finish the season one-two. The rest of us had an exciting season with much shuffling of positions among ourselves. Next year we will improve our speed.

This year was notable for its gentle breezes as compared to 1976; in fact one race had to be called for lack of wind. It was a relief to be relatively free of broken masts, capsized boats, and blown out sails.

The final fleet standings were so close between Bob Ayotte and Allan Whatley that they were finally calculated less than an hour before the awards were made. While Bob was acclaimed Champion, Allan won the Clusson Cup.

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

Central New York District

Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

Fleet Captain	Fred Lyngard
Fleet Secretary	Cornell Cawley
Fleet Champion	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster
Runners-Up	Brown & Nial

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
394	Robert H. Denham
1272	Maurice H. Gardner
2690	Jeffrey A. Asher
5155	Cornell C. Cawley, Jr.
6515	Richard B. Millard

7073	The Jodi-Bee	Fred Lyngard
7123	.....	Harold B. Hansen
7809	.....	James R. Buhrmaster
9241	.....	Norman O. Hanson
11323	.....	R. James Millard & H. Burrows
11519	.....	Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial
12115	.....	James Dickson
12573	.....	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster



From left: Fleet Champ Ken Buhrmaster, daughter Lois, son Lon.

Despite weddings, concerts, several drifters, and sundry things, the Galway Lightning Fleet completed another successful season. Jim Dickson started the summer by edging out Ken Buhrmaster for the opening day trophy, however Ken inched past Dale Brown and Jim for the season championship.

Since our fleet is nearly half and half, fibre glass and wood, we have instituted a "Vintage Trophy" to enhance competition among the latter. Fred Lyngard walked away with the first annual award, and was promptly voted Fleet Captain for 1977-78.

Another new wrinkle saw the fleet sponsor a Lightning race week held each weekday evening during the last week of July. These races featured all manner of crew and skipper combinations, and were swept by one of our guests from neighboring Sacandaga Lake, Rob Klug.

The competition is better than ever, more of our sailors are going to regattas off the lake, and more are considering newer boats or tinkering with the old ones. We are all looking forward to next year.

PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Allen Graettinger
Regatta Chairman	.....	Gail & Bill Bluhm
		Dan & Pat Fawkes
Fleet Champion	.....	Doug Basler,
		George Graettinger & Debbie Roth
First Runner-Up	.....	Milford Miller
Second Runner-Up	.....	Don Lambrix

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6889	.....	Dave Anderson
9259	Took	Mary Ann Bates
9412	Alethia	Douglas S. Basler
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter, Timothy & Martha B. Northrup
10606	Willi Waw II	Don Lambrix
11134	Frantic	Milford M. Miller
12104	.....	James March
12371	Greased	Cliff Dibelka
12372	.....	John Scott
.....	.....	Alan Graettinger

Although many of this year's Pentwater Lightning races were characterized by a noticeable lack of wind, the fleet nevertheless had its usual unusual season. At least one positive result came out of this tame weather — none of the races had to be rescheduled or postponed.

The Club continued with last year's scheduling practice of holding two Sunday-only, back-to-back races and was thereby able to comfortably accommodate both its Lightning and Sunfish fleets. In addition, more diversity in courses to be sailed was accomplished through the setting of a new mark.

Joining in the races as "regulars" this year were Doug Basler and Jim March, as well as many of those from previous years, but Basler definitely emerged at season's end the star, in spite of the stiff competition.

Basler, with his crew of Debbie Roth and George Graettinger, took top honors in the July, August and Club Championship series. Close on their rudder in the July series (for the Herbert Behr Trophy) was the Lambrix boat, crewed by Don, Jeff and Tom Lambrix. Alan Graettinger, Arnie Samuel and Laura Fawkes followed in third place in *Frantic*, last year's championship boat.

Second place honors in the August series (for the Commodore's Trophy) went to the Graettinger-Samuel-Fawkes crew, with owner Tim Miller adding his energies to the total effort. Third place went to the Lambrix family.

In the Championship series, *Frantic* took second place; Lambrix's, third; Chris Cowles and crew, fourth and newcomer Jim March and crew, fifth. Other boats that sailed occasionally, adding to the competition, were sailed by the Northrup's and Ramey Galt.

An enjoyable addition to the races themselves has been, for the past several years, the pot-luck luncheons and the end-of-season Sailors' Dinner. These events, sponsored by the sailors, have become Yacht Club traditions to which all look forward year after year. Next year will be no exception.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Commodore	.....	Bob Novak
Vice Commodore	.....	Bill Connor
Fleet Secretary	.....	Sue Connor
Fleet Champion	.....	Bob Novak
Runner-Up	.....	Gene Matthews

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2018	Lorelei	Don Labus
8171	.....	Don Labus
8172	Vim	Henry Kelley
8393	.....	George Cole
8992	.....	Audrey & J. P. Matteson
9996	Red Witch III	Mel Boyington
12452	Woodstock	Bill Connor
12790	Endries	Steven B. Novy
12822	.....	Audrey & J. P. Matteson
13144	.....	Bob Navak
13235	.....	Paul Palmer
.....	.....	Gene Matthews

It was another battle of the heavyweights this year on Lake Geneva. Bob Novak finally got his new boat cranked up, edging traditional rival and defending Fleet Champ Gene Matthews in a 956-955 series squeaker. The two have been passing the top trophy back and forth for several years.

Gene is blessed with an almost unheard of abundance of good crews...sons Matt and Ken, a very competent daughter, Vicki; and now a daughter-in-law, Matt's new wife, Chris. Obviously, this leaves a Matthews or two left over to crew for the opposition! Gene has a new boat on the way, and there should be another battle next year.

Results of the special races bore a certain sameness. The Memorial Day classic went to Matthews, with Novak second and Steve Novy third. The Gage Marine event had the same three in the same order. On Labor Day it was again Matthews and Novak. This time Jim Haughey was third. Likewise, the Chase Hess Cup race! On July 4th, for the "Illinois" trophy, it was (yawn) Matthews and Novak, but Buck Boyington took third.



Fleet Champ Bob Novak, bearing last year's number 10222, in action at the Oxie.

The fleet is hoping that charter member Boyington has not sung his swan song. Late in the season he turned over racing chores to crewman Russ True. It's good to see another young skipper on the course, but the Club can ill afford to lose a competitor of Buck's stature.

Year's highlight was another successful running of the annual Oxie Memorial Regatta. As previously noted in FLASHES, the five race series was won by Chicago Corinthian's new threat, Gordon Ettie, who bested clubmate Bruce Goldsmith. Milwaukee's John Esser was third; Dick Hinze, also of C.C., fourth; and Bob Novak rounded out the top five finishers. Bob also won the trophy for the best local showing in the regatta.

Overall, it was a rather quiet, perhaps sobering season. In addition to Boyington, the fleet was short two other long time skippers. Hank Kelley and Jim Truelsen, although still active Club members, they were not on the starting line.

Luckily, Jim and Barb Haughey are helping make up the loss, and they were fitting recipients of Lake Geneva's sportsmanship award.

The year ended on a bright note with the return of former Lightning sailors Judy and Don Akerley with their "big boat" entry, and with the comeback of honorary life-member Sophia (Mrs. Chase) Hess, who was taken seriously ill just a year ago. It was great to see Soph and Chase looking happy and well at the awards dinner!

LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Lanier out of Lanier Sailing Club,
Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet Captain	James N. Howard, Sr.
Fleet Secretary	Elaine Howard
Fleet Treasurer	Buck Harris
Fleet Lieutenant	Tom Barnett
Fleet Champion	Ken Wallace
Runner-Up	Sputter Howard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6523	.....	John E. Waldo
9570	Ariel	William L. Pulgram
10111	Lord Jim	Robert Schindel
10821	.....	Joseph D. Stites
10824	The Green Machine	Thomas M. Barnett
10870	Lightning Bug	Rev. John H. Allen

10877	Thunderbolt	Fred W. Crawford
11723	Tevake	Hayden Harriss
12029	.....	James N. Howard
12282	Honky	Marshall Sansbury
12331	Hot Chocolate	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12691	Long Gone	James N. Howard, Jr. & Sr.
12736	.....	John Brian Johnstone
12849	.....	Reginald & Dorothy Brooks
12935	.....	Kenneth Wallace



Start of the third race of the famous "Atlanta Cup"

Photo Credit: Lucia Pulgram - Atlanta

Lightning activity at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club is improving every year. Membership is on the upswing and enthusiasm is at its best as Fleet 348 prepares for the 40-year anniversary of the Lightning Class. Since the latter part of 1976 our Fleet has lost five active fleet members due to job transfers and three fleet members for other reasons; but even with this reduction, enthusiasm is solid and growing within our ranks. There are fewer boats on the starting line than before, but competition is extremely intense and by an influx of new ideas and by experimenting with new concepts we can feel the pendulum swing the other way.

Our biggest success this year has been the "First-Time-In-First-Place" trophy which is awarded to all those participants who placed first at least once during the year. It gives people like me (who competes for next-to-last weekly) a shot at some silver.

Next year we are planning to experiment with a "crew pool" arrangement whereby each week each of the skippers will draw from a hat the name of one or both of his crew (whichever is needed). The participants in the crew pool, known as floaters, will receive trophies at the end of the year for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place floater. These floaters will qualify along the same method currently used by the skippers. The skippers get the advantage of a seasoned crew, share the disadvantages of drawing a greenhorn and will receive new ideas from the floaters as the season progresses. Most promising of all, we will build a seasoned crew pool who will hopefully continue as Lightning skippers in years to come.

This year, we have a new Fleet Champion, "Kinetic" Ken Wallace, who has done a terrific job as Fleet Captain and has been selected to be the 1978 Southeast District Commodore. Ken finished 2nd in the Spring Series behind Sputter Howard, but came back in the Fall with a commanding 1st to emerge victorious by a very narrow margin. The Howard Racing Team, which participated in all but a few of the S.E. District regattas as well as the North Americans, has vowed that their boat, *Long Gone*, shall return!! Great Fun & Excitement! We can't wait!

This year Fleet 348 proudly announces the following new additions to our ranks: Marshall Sansbury from Columbia, S.C., Julian Shaw from Atlanta, Ga., and Paul Prichard from Glen Cove, N.Y.

Next year we are shooting for a realistic 50% increase in our fleet membership. If you know of anyone moving to Atlanta interested in Lightning racing, send his name and address to Tom Barnett (Fleet Lt.), 2922 Parkridge Dr., N.E. Atlanta, GA 30319.

Buck Harris remains in office for 1978 as Fleet Treasurer, Tom remains as Fleet Correspondent. Our thanks to outgoing officers Captain Ken Wallace, Secretary Foye Wallace and Lieutenant Marshall Sansbury.

HARVEYS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (350)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Harveys Lake at

Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Fred Becker, III
Fleet Secretary Bob Casselberry
Fleet Champion Bill Craig
Runner-Up Fred Becker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5920	Sly Vixen	Bob Casselberry
9331	.....	Richard A. Garman
11171	.....	Fred R. Becker, III
12363	Red Baron	Paul Priebe
12779	Eastwind	Bill & Bill Craig, Jr.

Fleet 350 sails from the Harvey's Lake Yacht Club. Races to determine the Fleet Championship were scheduled for every Sunday at 1 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Since this is a small fleet, the skippers voted to use the high point scoring system in order to get the maximum recognition for the number of boats beaten in each race.

This season Paul Priebe, Jr. skippered *Red Baron*, and on occasion Bill Craig, Jr. and Bob Casselberry, Jr. skippered *East Wind* and *Sly Vixen* when their fathers were out of town or unable to sail. Fred Becker sailing in 11171 with his wife Elaine and son Rick as crew took the honors for the most improved performance throughout the year. By the end of the season he was hard to beat in any variety of wind conditions.

The most exciting race of the season was sailed in extremely strong and gusty winds. A powerful gust caught Bill Craig with spinnaker on a beam reach. He capsized, turned turtle, and bent his centerboard trying to right his boat. This was Bill's first capsiz. Even though Fred Becker had the lightest crew, he won the race.

This season the Lightning Fleet won two of the three handicap races held at the Yacht Club with Bill Craig beating all the Mobjack and Comet skippers on the 4th of July and Becker, Craig, and Casselberry taking first, second, and fourth places in the Labor Day Weekend Regatta with the Mobjack Fleet.

The overall standings at the end of the season were: First, Bill Craig, in 12779; Second, Fred Becker, in 11171; Third, Bob Casselberry, in 5920; Fourth, Paul Priebe, Jr., in 12363.

HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain Ehmann Miller
Fleet Secretary Joe Barron
Race Committee Representative Phil Kimball
Fleet Champion Tom Varley
Runner-Up Jim Schwartz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10687	Walloping Window	Frankland Oakley
	Blind	Richard Waugh
10940	.....	Joe Barron
11269	Way To Go	K. P. Kimball
11319	Persistence	Charles Schmidt
11796	White Lightning	Ehmann Miller
12015	Goldie Marie	James H. Schwartz
12048	She's A Lady	Bill McCarthy
12346	Irish Mist	Jim Rogers
12395	Sunrise	Warren Schieser
12896	Jim Andrews
12950	Streaker Too	Tom Varley, Jr. & Sr.
13113	Mirage	Jim Dressel
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It was Tom Varley again this year (in a new boat) as Fleet Champion. There are, however, several sailors, Andrews, Rogers & Schwartz, who are getting close enough to read the name on *Sunrise II*'s stern. We're proud to have Jim Dressel as a new member of our Fleet and if he ever gets off the regatta circuit we will have some real competition.

The social events this season were super— including: a memorable Memorial Day picnic, a fun moonlight sail with the Interlake Fleet that

included competition in locating and bringing on board the most ping pong balls, that had been scattered over the Reservoir, also a great September cookout at the Varley's complete with Jim Dressel giving us pointers on tuning and racing to win. The Varley's conveniently had there boat in the back yard.

Tom Varley kept the Mayor's Trophy at Hoover by winning the Annual Hoover Leatherlips Yacht Club Regatta. Ron Schulster of Leatherlips was second place winner. Following the Regatta, Phil and Marilee Kimball engineered a delightful awards banquet.

Members of the Lightning Fleet were very active in the promotion of a most successful Junior Sailing Program at Hoover this year.

It was another wonderful sailing year, one that made the time between Docks-in-day and docks-out-day very short.

MARINE CORPS D & E COMMAND (354)

(Quantico Yacht Club)

Dixie District

Sailing on the Potomac River at Quantico, Virginia

Fleet Captain John Morgenstern
Fleet Secretary Mike Fallon
Fleet Champion John Morgenstern
Runner-Up Mike Fallon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2188	Mistress	Jeffrey Bodenweiser
10544	Leatherneck	Marine Corps, Mike Fallon
10979	Morningstar	John Morgenstern



Fleet Champion John Morgenstern and crew Harold Manger and Dick Crowe.

Fleet 354 started the season with three boats traveling to Norfolk, Va. for the Azalea Regatta. All boats showed good speed and Morgenstern captured 2nd place silver.

Throughout the season Mike Fallon was the most active participant at out of town regattas, improving the standings with the *Leatherneck Too* and his fine, devoted crew.

Morgenstern captured 2nd place in the Collier Regatta and 3rd place in the Presidents Cup regatta, both sailed in Washington, DC during September.

Our fleet members were busy this season as we conducted sailing classes twice each week in the TEN (10) Marine Corps owned Lightnings. A total of 120 new Lightning sailors received their sailing permits and we hope, in this way, to add to the numbers of the Lightning Class as a whole. We continually hope to interest people in the fine sport of sailing and stress the beauty of the Lightning as a good

one design boat for the family or racing sailor.

One new member joined our fleet this year and we hope to have more in 1978.

The Quantico Frostbite Regatta was sponsored by the Marine Corps Base and hosted by the Quantico Yacht Club. This ambitious undertaking received much help from yacht club members, not part of the Lightning fleet, who helped make this event a very fine one this year.

In absolutely beautiful northerly winds of 10 to 15 Knots, 42 boats competed for the first 5 places of silver. Following the 3 races the final winner was Jim Carson. In 2nd place Kirt Reynolds, 3rd Dick Hallagan, 4th Bob Hutchinson and 5th Tom Allen.

Fred Slovak was happy when he, finally, after 7 years, was able to present the "Marie Slovak Memorial Trophy" for the middle of the fleet sailor to: John Morgenstern of the Quantico Yacht Club.

The Race Committee headed by "Woody" Woodbury of Virginia Beach and ably assisted by "Kitty" Racine of Rehoboth, "Rusty" Arcuni of Triangle Virginia and Fred Slovak, did an absolutely SUPER JOB. A super race course, excellent starting line and "perfect" weather legs for all three races was certainly enjoyed by all sailors.

With 5 boats in our fleet now, we hope to have a good Spring series in 1978 and host a few invitationals for neighboring fleets.

FLOTTA DEGLI ESTENSI (355)

Italian District

Sailing at Lido degli Estensi on the Adriatic Sea

Fleet Captain Vito Nobili
Fleet Secretary Luciano Ruggeri

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6728	Vincenzina 2 ⁰	Giorgio Prosperini
7374	Kriss	Mario Mantovani
8361	Marianna	Sail School L.N.I.
8425	.....	Evaristo Zambelli
8447	Speedy Gonzales	Francesco Giuliani
9035	Horizon 2 ⁰	Fabio Giuliani
9036	Shangry-Lha	Massimo Savelli
9037	Strale 3 ⁰	Giorgio Lucangeli
9941	.....	Pellegrino Montanari
9943	.....	Carlo Alberto Paesani
10375	Teucra 3 ⁰	Luciano Ruggeri e Vinicio Bandilli
12373	Capodanno	Luca Malagu
12494	Horizon 3 ⁰	Vito Nobili

All the sailors of fleet 355 are preferring family sailing! For this reason the fleet was not very active in 1977. We hope to renew the agonistic spirit next year!



The Red Dragon Canoe Club

FLEET 357



SAILING ON THE DELAWARE RIVER
AT BEVERLY - NEW JERSEY

MEMORIAL DAY REGATTA MAY 28-29

INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA JULY 4

LABOR DAY REGATTA SEPT. 3-4

FALL LIGHTNING REGATTA SEPT. 16-17

RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB (357)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Delaware River at Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Fleet Captain John Fenlin
Fleet Secretary Gregg Funari
Fleet Champion Gregg Funari
Runner-Up Bucky Kloss

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5558	Merry Jo	Raymond M. Horwitz, Jr.
5816	.....	Phyllis B. Branin
6929	Le Couchoen Bleu	George Rhawn, Jr.
7826	Alacrity	Frank K. Hawley
8181	.....	John Gamble
8379	Ta 'Aroa	Franz Schneider
9174	Adiaphora	Richard D. Stevens
9970	Blissful Folly	William S. Bliss, Jr.
10072	.....	Grace Smith
10215	.....	Clarence W. Cramer
11157	Truckin' On Home	Dr. Keith, Mark & Martha Young
11312	.....	William Alt
11340	Masada	Martin Feybusch
11666	Cirrus	John Teigland, Jr.
12081	Hasta Luego	George Betz
12140	Daisy	Dr. John Fenlin
12167	.....	John C. Perkins
12438	Holy Terror	Horst G. Seydel
12727	Special K	Allen Crew
12728	Blitz	Bruce R. Kloss
12920	.....	Tom Slook
13139	Stinger	G. Funari

Fleet 357 sailed on the Delaware in increasing numbers in 1977, totaling 28 by year end. One of our men members, Gregg Funari, assisted by brothers Gary and Joek, tuned up *Stinger* and walked away with Fleet Championship honors. Bucky Kloss took second place with Dan Walsh and daughter Kris crewing. Bucky also represented Fleet 357 at the North Americans at Buffalo.

The sailing season included a Spring, Summer and Fall Series on Sunday afternoons. Fleet Championship races were followed by cocktails and a cookout on the lawn overlooking the Delaware. Delightful!

Regattas were held on all major holidays. Shifting winds and changing currents challenged all comers. Lightning fleet winners were: Memorial Day Regatta, Franz Schnieder, Independence Day Regatta, Franz Schnieder, Labor Day Regatta, Djoerd Hoekstra.

The RDCC Lightning Regatta in September found stiff breezes in the early races. A few DNF's, and these winners: 1st place, Djoerd Hoekstra, 2nd place, Gregg Funari, 3rd place, Franz Schnieder, 4th place, John Fenlin, 5th place, Gary Swangler.

John Fenlin won the annual Boyer Cup in late June, and Franz Schnieder took the Governors' Cup at Riverton Y.C.

Bill Bliss beset by good luck and uniquely qualified crews, won the Novice Regatta in July and the infamous Burlington Island Race in October.

It was another fine year for Lightning sailors at the Red Dragon. Rumor has it that Fleet 357 skippers have heavy schedules for Winter Go-Fast modifications and repairs.

See you in April!

LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Murten at Switzerland

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7805	.....	Dr. Herbert Carnes
8190	Sarabande	Rolf Buchschacher
8191	Liz	Walter Senn
8623	Aphrodite	Robert Bodmer
9068	Milan II	Hans-Peter Schmid
9131	Triton IV	Dr. Ernst Hausammann
9357	Viola II	Erich Messner
9362	Jumegal	Dr. Jacques Bachmann
10276	Carpediem	Ernst Baumann
10464	Baba Yaga	Ueli & Max Aebi
10465	Malibu	Hans F. Meyer
10715	Hausi	Ernst Schar
10898	Milan III	Hans-Peter Schmid
10899	.....	Daniel Fischlin
11857	.....	Jean-Pierre Durr
12088	Noa III	Peter Bernasconi
12089	Raiatea	Ulrich Beck
12307	Dambema	Dr. Bernhard Gruninger
12310	.....	Dr. B. Hadorn
12634	Blizzard	Sodeco-Saia (W. Tschumi)
12637	Waggu	Rudolf, Urs & Peter Wyler
12951	Santa Fiamma	R. Fluhmann & M. Divernois

A long and beautiful sailing year is now ended. A year in which the wind hardly ever let us down. We actually were able to sail several fantastic races in which strong winds contributed greatly to the experience.

Some of our crews sailed in all the races on the Lake Of Murten and competed also in all district races and the Swiss, European and World Championships.

Although we were again this year unable to realize the big cup we were compensated to a great extent through the binding team spirit within the fleet and in our district.

This year brought our members a great amount of work due to organizational functions within the Sailing Club of Murten and also for the fleet and within the district.

The World Championships meant an additional organizational engagement for several of the members of our fleet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for this fantastic contribution.

CATAWBA FLEET (365)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Wylie at Charlotte, N.C.

Fleet Captain Ric Newton
Fleet Champion George McQuilkin
Runner-Up Ric Newton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9021	Neal Broome
10086	Harold Bursley
10396	Geary Angermeier
10691	Ric Newton
11242	George McQuilkin
12520	Russell Fleming



Angermeier, "Where is everybody?"

1977 started off a good year for Fleet 365 with the addition of Neal Broome and Bill Campbell, Jr. The Spring Series saw an excellent turnout with seven boats racing regularly. The Series wound up on the Fourth of July with Ric Newton taking a narrow victory over Geary Angermeier and George McQuilkin. The Spring Invitational, held the last weekend in April provided a good turnout and was won by Ric Newton. The Fourth of July Regatta was raced in good wind conditions and along with the racing the annual party proved to be fun for all. The Regatta was won by George McQuilkin. The usual inland lake doldrums failed to materialize and the summer racing was good. For the first time in many years all races were held with no cancellations due to lack of wind. During the summer Neal Broome spent many afternoons practicing which showed its value as he moved up in the fleet standings. Using the Cruiser Class fleet as a yardstick the Lightning Fleet is definitely improving. Labor Day festivities provided the setting for the last big get together for the year. The Series was won by some excellent sailing by George McQuilkin with Bill Campbell and wife Muffin in second. We look forward to Bill getting into his own Lightning next year. The fall provided some excellent sailing weather through November with many days of 15+ winds. As the Fall Series ended George McQuilkin pulled out a narrow victory with Ric Newton in second. The fall sailing ended on an excellent note with the addition to our fleet of Russ Fleming and his 12520. Fleet 365 looks forward to next year with promise of more and more activity and participation.