

OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Okanagan Lake at Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain	Robert Bazett
Fleet Secretary	Robert Bazett
Fleet Champion	Robert Bazett
Runner-Up	Jim MacDonnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7090	.....	Neil MacGibbon
9782	Vishnu	Robert Bazett
9853	Frolic	James MacDonnell
10658	.....	A. Grant MacKinnon
11462	.....	W. J. Ehmann



Fleet Champion Robert Bazett, is closely followed by Alt Puder at the leeward mark during the Fleet Championship.

The 1977 sailing season seems to have been a turning point for Fleet 368. In our local racing action five or six Lightnings consistently made the starting line which is the best showing in many years. There was even enough interest to enable a Fleet Championship to be held. Our Fleet Captain, Robert Bazett, sailed to three first place finishes in the light air to capture the title while Jim MacDonnell picked up second place.

Robert Bazett and Neil MacGibbon actively participated in the Pacific North-west Lightning circuit this year attending seven of the ten Regattas. Although our Fleet did not bring home any silver from the out of town Regattas, some very respectable finishes were recorded. The first Regatta of the year was our own Blossom Time, in which Neil MacGibbon captured third out of the nine boats competing. Following this initial success our Fleet had to wait over one month for the Kitsilano Regatta before our next respectable showing. Robert Bazett and Neil MacGibbon attended this event and placed sixth and seventh respectively in the 23 boat fleet. The last Regatta of the year was on Lake Chelan which produced a fourth place finish for Bill Ehmann, a newcomer to the racing scene, and a sixth place for Robert Bazett out of the 19 boat field.

Between hopping around to the Pacific North-west Regattas Neil MacGibbon and Robert Bazett found time to attend the Canadian National Lightning Championships in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Although neither boat managed to finish in the top half of the fleet they were treated to some great hospitality and experienced some sailing which would never be encountered on Okanagan Lake (now they know why it is called Thunder Bay).

Over this past year there has been a lot of progress made in an effort to acquire suitable land for a dry land moorage facility and it is hoped that by next year we will have such a facility. This, coupled with the interest shown by several people in acquiring a Lightning makes next year seem even brighter for Fleet 368.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)

California District

Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California

Fleet Captain	Wayne Fitch
Fleet Secretary	Winnie Fitch
Fleet Champion	Bruce B. Arnold

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8736	Pongloss	Ants Uiga
9124	.....	Leslie Walker
9169	Genie II	Bill Hole
10148	Donner Wetter	Alex Namikis
10369	.....	Robert F. Schreiber
10405	Grak	Bruce W. Hanover
10481	Pooh	Bob Smith
10809	Thunder Chicken	Jack McCarthy
11463	.....	Wayne Fitch
11511	Peppermint Patty	Bruce B. Arnold
11514	Molly	Samuel T. D. Anderson, M.D.
11744	Raggedy Ann 2	Mark D. Patty

Fleet 372 may be small (like the years before) but we're dedicated. This year we trailed our boats to regattas from Oregon to the Mexican border, running up over 3000 miles in the process. We plan to do just as much and more with our new fleet members, Bruce Hannover and his family, Ants Uiga and Sam Anderson. We also have Mark Patty who returned from Los Angeles with his wife Ann. We now have nine active racing boats.

Our Fleet now sails all year round. We sail during the summer season with the Small Boat Racing Association from the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean, to the shifts of our inland lakes. We have started a winter season sailing out of Richmond Yacht Club on the San Francisco Bay.

We hosted the Pacific Coast Championship this year at Richmond Yacht Club and had a great turn out from our northern and southern friends. Unfortunately they took all the glory this time around. We will do better next year when we go to Klamath Falls, Oregon for the next Pacific Coast Championships.

Fleet Champion this year was Bruce Arnold and his all family crew: Sue his wife and Randy his son. We all knew he couldn't have done it without his fantastic crew. Congratulations to them from the Fleet. Second was Jack McCarthy who took a step down from his last years title. Third was a first season skipper, Timothy Barnes sailing Bill Holes *Genie II*. Bill had a back and neck operation and let his crew, Tim, Mike and Michele sail the season for him. We are welcoming Bill back next year. He is one of our tough skippers. We will continue to look for additional active boats and look forward to a season of good sailing and good times in 1978.

DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

Michigan District

Sailing on Douglas Lake at Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain	John G. Young
Fleet Secretary	Earl J. Peters
Fleet Champion	Howard Eddy
Runner-Up	Manley Osgood

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2843	Thunderbird	Graham Paton
9394	Spirit	Manley Osgood
9663	Daddy-O II	Maurice Olsaver
10198	Mer Sea	John G. Young

12178	Ursa Major	G. Rene Hall
12341	.....	Bill & Bud Crow
12754	Shrub	David O. Peters
12755	Spirit	Garry Demarest & Jeffrey Prince
13015	Don Quixote II	Howard Eddy
13123	Mod-Mid	Earl J. Peters
13174	Deliverance	Tom L. Orlow
13176	.....	John Johns & Terry Timm

The group of sailboats seen on Douglas Lake on most summer weekends are skippered and crewed by those who race as Lightning Fleet 374.

The Fleet involves families in its weekend races and while cottages are considered for R & R (rest & relaxation), the competitive spirit of sailing these Lightning class sailboats brings the families out into the fun area.

There is a very competitive spirit and a beach party (attitude adjustment hour) after each race day boosts interest and slows the adrenaline so that husbands, — and wives who have crewed, are able to return to their cottages and enjoy a more peaceful dinner hour.

Howard Eddy with sons Ray and David as crew have again taken the Fleet Championship with Bud Osgood and wife Jean as runner up.

Gary Demarest, Gary Cameron, Dave Peters and Bill Crowe grouped together and won the tenth Annual Lake Fenton team races for Douglas Lake and Fleet 374 is proud to exhibit the fine trophy.

The Annual Labor Day event was won by Dave Peters with Maury Olsaver second. Rene Hall was awarded the "most improved" trophy while no one would claim the "get the lead out" trophy although the officers felt they could use it due to their record for the season.

As there were no takers for the "bottoms up" trophy, it was kept by Jack Young.

Blending the adventure of racing with the pleasure and relaxation of sailing should offer continued enjoyment.

BRASILIA (375)

Brazil District

Sailing on Lago de Brasilia

Fleet Captain	.....	Paulo de Almeida Padilha
Fleet Secretary	.....	Joao Novais
Fleet Treasurer	.....	Carl D. Kehl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3081	Blikzen	Mario Brandao Cavalcanti
6748	Dordao	Walter Reinicke
7464	Que Sera Sera	Samir Kury
8089	Sunday	Joao Novais
9193	Cartola	Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa
9774	Shalom	Antonio Rodolpho Assenco
12263	Fafa	Paulo de Almeida Padilha
.....	Murure	Geraldo Guimaraes Leite

In February the boat *Cartola* with Ralph V. Rosa as skipper participated at the Brazilian Championship and obtained 11th out of 18 boats.

Many races have been sailed at Brasilia Lake, some of the most important being the "Clube Naval de Brasilia's Birthday" sailed in March, the "Brasilia's Birthday" in April, "Day of Communications" in May, and the "General Mallet - Artillery Patron" and the "Alte Barroso", the Admiral winner at naval battle - June 11, 1865, both sailed in June.

The standings are as follows: 1st - Ralph, Okamoto, Areas and Ralphinho with *Cartola*; 2nd - Joao Fatima, Mario and Lauro with *Sunday*; 3rd - Kehl, Heide and Ricardo with *Blitz*; 4th - Padilha, Fernandes and Marcio with *Fafa*; 5th - Walter with *Dardao*.

The "Army Race" took place in August with 1st place going to Ralph Rosa, Okamoto and Areas in *Cartola*; 2nd - Paulo Padilha, Marcio and Fernandes in *Fafa*; 3rd - Mario Cavalcanti, Paulo and Manzanza in *Blikzen*.

In October we had the "Air Force Race" with 1st place Baramba, Marcio and Fernandes in *Fafa*; 2nd - Ralph, Okamoto and Areas in *Cartola*; 3rd - Joao, Fatima and Arnaldo in *Sunday*; 4th - Walcles,

Walter and Cristina in *Dordao*; and 5th - Oto, Mario and Paulo in *Blikzen*.

Next came the "Brasilia Race" with 1st - Baramba, Marcio and Fernandes in *Fafa*; 2nd - Ralph, Okamoto and Areas in *Cartola*; 3rd - Joao, Fatima and Arnaldo in *Sunday*; 4th - Walcles, Walter and Cristina in *Dordao*; 5th - Romel, Torben and Guilherme in *Shalon*; and 6th - Oto, Mario and Paulo in *Blikzen*.

We will have our final race, the "Navy Race" on December 13, too late for the results to appear with this report. We are not only very busy sailing but we are also working to find a large number of new members for I.L.C.A.

The fleet has enjoyed many barbeques and parties and have had visitors from Rio de Janeiro. We are planning to invite other Champions such as Mario Buckup for our next sailing season.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE FLEET (377)

Dixie District

Sailing on Smith Mountain Lake at Scruggs, Virginia

Fleet Captain	.....	Henry Riviere
Fleet Secretary	.....	Henry Riviere

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
651	Tarantelle	Franklin H. Pritchard, Jr.
11871	Jabberwock	Henry W. Riviere
.....	.....	Dr. W. H. Frazier, III

No Report.

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Robert McDonald
Fleet Secretary	.....	Anita King
Fleet Champion	.....	Robert Hill
Runner-Up	.....	Robert McDonald

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
405	Four-O-Five	Gene King
3618	.....	Robert MacDonald
5885	Red Baroness	Raymond Yerkie
8288	.....	Tom Caterino
11488	Diligence	Robert Hill
12328	Big Blue	Marian Stevens

Fleet 387's annual "tune-up" regatta was set back one month this spring to the first weekend in June and the weather promptly changed to make the normal May date the better of the two. Nevertheless, Bill McKinley still showed the Michigan sailors the way to win whatever the month.

Our fleet had its normal departure of fleet members with job transfers, but we also acquired new members to replace them. Because of this mobile society the fleet decided to include in our organizational records, a pictorial book of the Lightning members and their families together with their boat number so wherever they go we will remember them.

WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB (391)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Captain	.....	Kip Smith
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jim Marlow
Fleet Champion	.....	Will Sloger
Runner-Up	.....	Bill Sloger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9379	Gael Wynd	P. Sandra Horton
10101	El Blanco	James G. Hudson

10149	Bud Man	Joe Ross
10432	Sea Gull	James Marlow, Jr.
10553	Aunt Mary	Morris Clayton
10616	Foxy Lady	James R. Gasque
10807	Prurient Pirate	William R. Sloger, Jr.
10810	Jubilee	George Story
11007	Blue Jeans	Kilby B. Smith, III
11738	Tabasco	William Sloger
12138	Caymania	William F. Lehr

Lightning Fleet 391 had a good year in 1977 led by Fleet Captain Bill Sloger. The fleet gained two new members (Sandy Horton and Will Sloger). We scheduled 32 races and sailed all but four which were cancelled due to bad weather. Our fleet hosted its annual Southeast District Jib-N-Tonic Regatta Sept. 24-25. Twenty-nine boats registered. Winds were light and shifty. One of the three scheduled races had to be cancelled due to lack of wind. Winners were Gordon Kellogg and John McIntosh. Everyone had troubles and many of the district's top sailors unluckily sailed into holes and just sat there while others "inched" around the course. The Jib-N-Tonic social hour was a "hit" as usual and was followed by a delicious barbeque chicken dinner.

The Sloger Family sailed hard all season; Bill and Evelyn in 11738, and Will, his Grandfather Paul, and others, in 10807. In the end, Will was the victor by a slight margin. Kip Smith in Blue Jeans (11007) fought off Jim Marlow (10432) and Jim Hudson (10101) all season to just barely get a 3rd place. Marlow captured a 4th place when Hudson tried to use his spinnaker for a sea anchor while sailing to windward during the last leg of the last race.

MANITOWOC LIGHTNING FLEET (393)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Manitowoc, Michigan

Fleet Captain	..... Ron Schaper
Fleet Secretary	..... Bob Waid
Fleet Champion	..... Karl Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1259	In Laws	Ruben M. Kluczinske
2326	Inheritance	Walter C. Arndt
9763	Circa	Billie E. Williamson
9823	Hunky Dory	Robert A. Waid
12380	Flatus	Karl M. Miller

Fleet 393's season proved to be the most exciting since the fleet was formed ten years ago. Twenty races were held in three separate series with Karl Miller emerging as Fleet Champion. The presence of Chuck Hunter's Columbia 28 as committee boat encouraged the skippers to sail in heavier air and improved the quality of our races greatly. Karl Miller's return to our fleet after three years of sailing with the Sheboygan fleet prompted the skippers to invest in new sails, spars, and practice to give Karl a run for his silver.

By seasons end we could count on the lead changing several times in any given race as sailing skills were sharpened by the keen competition. In fact if this reporter had not made a tactical error the boats would have finished the second race of the Labor Day series in reverse order from the first race. Trophies were presented at the Manitowoc Yacht Club's awards banquet Oct. 22, 1977.

This year Fleet 393 with the enthusiastic help of Yacht Club members hosted the first Icebreaker Regatta for the Midwest District June 11-12. Chuck Hunter and John Rather did a great job preparing the race committee and Bob Sheehan organized a fine party for the sailors. Unfortunately the weather was not cooperating as fog kept us off the lake Saturday and gusty 30 knot northeast winds Sunday caused the committee to cancel the races. We gained a lot of organizing experience anyway and plan on making the 1978 Icebreaker a huge success.

The '78 season promises to be even brighter. We expect to add at least two boats to the fleet. Walt Arndt joined the fleet late this fall with Dave Wilhelm and Bob Krowiorz looking for boats to sail in the spring. An at home and away series with the Sheboygan fleet is in the

works which promises to help both fleets. In addition the fleet is working hard to get a junior sailing program started in Manitowoc. Two training boats have been ordered and the Lightning Fleet in cooperation with the Racing/Cruiser Fleet and the Yacht Club are planning joint money raising projects to finance this program.

All in all, '77 was a very good year and '78 looks to be even better for the sport of Lightning sailing in Manitowoc.

PARKWAY SAILING CLUB (406)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on the Niagara River at Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	..... Donald A. Boon
Fleet Secretary	..... Donald A. Boon
Fleet Champion	..... Des Smith
Runner-Up	..... Donald A. Boon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5148	Evenlode	Donald A. Boon
8033	Valium V	R. Filsinger
10125	.....	Graham Misner
10200	Brig-o-Don	D. Glenn
12171	Mistress	D. Weinmann
12300	Puffin	D. Smith

After the worst winter on record and a gorgeous spring, a shoreline improvement project at Parkway, made the sailing on the Niagara River even better than in previous years.

With a course mark just off the end of the club dock, spectators always had a good view of the races. Sailing to the starting line and home from the finish is usually a minor part of the time spent on the water. The added challenge of a three mile an hour current also makes any race more interesting.

Unfortunately, a wet and cool autumn dampened spirits in the latter part of the season and reduced participation in our small but enthusiastic fleet.

Des Smith repeated as Fleet Champion with Don Boon as the runner-up. In the fleet handicap series, Dieter Weinman finished second to Smith and also was Club runner-up to a Fireball in the Club Handicaps. In the Class racing series, Ray Filsinger was runner-up to Smith.

Visiting sailors are always welcome at our Sunday afternoon races on the Niagara Parkway between Fort Erie and Niagara Falls, Ontario.

JUANITA BAY SAILING FLEET (414)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Lake Washington

Fleet Captain	..... Frank Wise
Fleet Secretary	..... Frank Wise
Fleet Champion	..... Greg Zettler
Runner-Up	..... Rod Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9024	.....	Alan Hunt
10319	Six Pak	Richard Ensminger
10699	.....	John Stam
10867	Blue Jay	Frank Paine
10945	Weyerhaeuser	J. Robert Forgie
11031	Miss Muffet	Richard Muffett
11457	Mrs. Henry VIII	Greg Zettler
11636	Lightning Rod	Rod Johnson
11722	Zephyr II	Kurt Seiffert
11974	R-Rivitt	Frank L. Wise & Lou R. Callahan
13106	.....	John A. Cournoyer

We did it! The Pacific Northwest District team race trophy, the Scuttlebutt, has found a home at long last. Juanita Bay began competing in this traditional season-ender just four years ago, winning the last three in a row. Two other fleets, Vancouver (90) and Columbia (283) have had consecutive wins. Lake Washington (132) has the most wins, six but none consecutive. And now it's ours to keep.

We conducted an abbreviated race schedule this year, due, in part, to being between "homes". Frank Wise dominated the April tuneup

series (the fair weather sailors were home by the fires). Rod Johnson eeked out victories in the Spring Twilight and Summer Evening Series (he started every race). Everyone is pleased (read with clinched teeth) for Dick Muffett, winner of the Spring and Summer Sunday Series. Bill will sail his new BaBa-30 in the Victoria-Maui race, July 1, with an all girl crew. (Need a navigator, Dick?) Five other skippers collected place and show trophies at the November awards banquet. The Outstanding Crew award went to Lorraine Forgie. This is a perpetual trophy with the current years recipient selected by last years winner. The ASCEND trophy (accent on the second syllable, please) for most promising new skipper went to John Cournoyer. Special thanks to Bob Forgie for keeping the race program alive and his heroic efforts to keep the site, such as it was, operational. Hopefully, things will be better in '78 at our new Lakeside Marina site.



The "Scuttlebutt" with victorious but humble team.

Under the stern but (com)passionate supervision of Cheryl, "Count" Zettler found time to add a new wing to the family castle, and collect wins at the Portland, Vancouver, B.C., and the Seattle small boat regattas and a lowly third at Lake Chelan. This was good enough to repeat as Lightning Circuit Champion making Greg the first district skipper to win three Circuit Championships and, all in a row. Eight other skippers travelled to circuit regattas with Kurt Seiffert, Circuit Runner-up, taking seconds at Portland and Lake Chelan and a third at Vancouver. After breaking a boom in the final race, Rod Johnson hung on for a third overall at Portland, giving Juanita Bay a clean sweep in this regatta.

Seattle skippers have won the District Championship eight of the last ten years. Both losses have been on home waters. Juanita Bay hereby refuses to host the District Championship ever again. On Saturday John Stam, Dick Muffett and Bob Forgie suffered serious equipment failures. Kurt Seiffert capsized and Frank Wise tried to sink the leeward mark by ramming it twice (the second time, while re-rounding).

On Sunday, Rod Johnson, defending Champion, salvaged a fourth overall after a depressing fourteenth in the first race. Greg Zettler repeated as District Runner-up despite being on the wrong side of almost every wind shift.

Its been four years since Juanita Bay Lightning skippers began competing in district events. During that time our skippers have collected the lions share of the trophies. While there are outstanding sailors in each district fleet, even in the Portland social club, we still crave consistent competition. Are there any districts/fleets out there who would send a team of nine quality sailors to our next district team race? That's the fall of '78 in Eugene, Oregon. The host fleet provides the boats.

MISSISSENEWA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (420)

Indiana District

Sailing on Mississinewa Lake, Peru, Indiana

Fleet Secretary Mike Parsons

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6902	Shibicamajo	Bill Lester
8528	Dipsy Doodle	Don M. Cooper
11199	.....	Y.M.C.A.
12234	Happiness Is	Y.M.C.A.
12894	.....	Thomas L. McDermott III

No Report.

YACHT CLUB PAYSANDU FLEET (423)

Uruguay District

Sailing on Rio Uruguay at Paysandu, Uruguay

Fleet Captain C. Franschini

Fleet Secretary German Barbato

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4345	Ayra	Daniel Zannier
8401	Rex	Carlos Fraschini
8403	Pilotin II	German Barbato
8410	Taboba	Ricardo Molinelli
8414	Timbo	Homero M. Came
11376	Dirki	Homero R. Came

Fleet activity has been slightly down this year as some boats have not raced as often as usual. We are lucky to be able to sail all year 'round on Rio Uruguay, but do have trouble re-equipping our fleet. Up till now all the boats are wood and well built and maintained. The first oval spars are arriving and these, with new sails, are up-grading our fleet slowly.

The main event so far has been the Regatta Meseta de Artigas-Paysandu, a rather wild down-stream race with two legs totaling 64 miles, and all kinds of boats racing, from Finns to 30 ft. cruiser racers. More often than not, this regatta is won by a Lightning as we are able to hound the 30 footers when racing downwind in light air as well as up-wind in light shifty breeze that is common in our waters.

At the time of this report, our Fleet Championship has not been held as December is the month chosen to race it.

PYHASSELKA LIGHTNING FLEET (428)

Finland District

Sailing on Lakes Pyhaselka and Hoytiainen, Finland

Fleet Captain Osmo Tanskanen

Fleet Secretary Hannu Susitaival

Fleet Champion Osmo Tanskanen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11892	Hulrop	Martti Hartikainen
12581	Tico-Tico	Osmo Tanskanen
12760	Heli	Reino Moller
13094	.....	Olli Eiro
13095	.....	Kalevi and Pentti Vartiainen
13097	Roope	Seppo Hanninen
.....	.....	Hannu Suoninen

Pyhaselka Lightning Fleet has got a strong new base on Lake Hoytiainen 20 km north of Lake Pyhaselka. In the fleet there are 14 Lightnings, eight of which are active fleet members. It's not easy to be active in an area like ours because all the other active clubs are at distances of 500 km or more.

This summer we had the honor to host the Finnish Championship on Lake Hoytiainen. This was a big promotion to the class, because the continental high pressure maintained the air temperature near 30 degrees C and the competition was very keen. The four top finishers were within three points of each other. The fleet of 32 participants was the biggest ever seen on these waters and we received a great amount of positive attention in the newspapers.



Lightnings on Lake Hoytinen during Finnish Championships.

The main activity of the fleet this summer has been in preparing for the Finnish Championship. The club is very new and almost all the facilities had to be made, or borrowed, for this event. After countless hours of work everything was ready and we were happy to welcome our guests who arrived after long drives from different directions. Only one boat was missing due to a minor accident.

Our own boats have visited Tuusula, Vammala and Kuopio. Osmo Tanskanen has been the best all around sailor of the year. In the Districts his crew was Markku Vatanen and Timo Tanskanen, and they finished 17th. Osmo was 17th in the Finnish Districts.

THE GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)

Southeastern District
Sailing on Charleston Harbor at
Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Don Tolles
Fleet Secretary Sue Tolles
Fleet Champion Harry Hintz
Runner-Up Henry Russell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9874	.....	Paul Hydrick
11984	Toad	Leonard Krawcheck
12709	Second Wynd	Henry "Pete" Russell
13145	.....	Harold L. Hintz
.....	.....	John A. Gastright, M.D.

No Report.

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain James Kavle
Fleet Secretary Ed Kavle
Fleet Champion Gordon Buzby
Runners-Up James Kavle & John Parker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7195	Sandpiper	William H. Lindsay, Jr.
10775	Eljon	John J. Parker
10767	Twenty-Twenty	William P. Robinson
10778	Bee Hive	Gordon Buzby
11061	Peaches	George P. Glenn, Jr.
11416	Old Blue	A. Theodore Eckenhoff
12687	White Lightnin'	Dr. C. James Kavle
12868	.....	J. Donald Gartland III & James Accardi
13163	Shogun	Bud Hopkins

Consistently high winds and the addition of two new boats highlighted a good summer of competitive racing for Fleet 430. Gordon Buzby, who was edged out last year by John Parker, recaptured the Fleet Championship, with his wife Linda and George Gaynor as crew. Jim Kavle, with his sons Jim and Ed, finished a very close second, John Parker, with his wife Eleanor and Emily Henderson, finished third. Our two new members, Bud Hopkins with his son Chappy and friend, Sondra, and Don Gartland and Jim Accardi in their boat, did very well this summer. Gartland and Accardi, who never could put a first together all year, but had a very impressive string of seconds, won the last race of the year going away.

Fleet 430 also held three regattas during the year, the Flag Officers, the America's Cup, and an Open. Once again the winds howled at the Open, enabling the Kavles, with their heavy weather crew, to sweep with three firsts.

There were also many sailors who travelled outside. Gidge Glenn, Phil Dennis, and Jim Kavle sailed at the Junior C.A.D.'s, John and Eleanor Parker sailed once again this year in the Gamma series with Bill Clausen, and got a first at Penn Manor. Bud Hopkins, Jim Accardi, Don Gartland and Ed Kavle, also sailed at the three Gamma series regattas and put together a very good showing for our fleet.

Fleet 430 has grown in the past several years to nine boats, thanks to the interest shown by the younger members of the Yacht Club. Andy Hitchings, Brian Hitchings, Jim Glenn, Tony Migliaccio, Henry and Lizanne Backe, all crewed and helped out the fleet considerably this past season. We hope this interest, as well as the number of boats, will continue to grow in the coming seasons.



Part of Fleet 430 showing excellent conditions.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)

Long Island District
Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton,
Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain Hugh Halsey II
Fleet Secretary Ray Rumph
Fleet Champion Wally Carucci
Runner-Up Douglas Wright

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Uncle Mills	Wally Carucci
6981	.....	Douglas Wright
7124	.....	Kent Rydberg
8325	Chinese Fire Drill	Ray Rumph
9640	Moby's Whale	Greg Clark
10299	Windy	Hugh Halsey II
10634	.....	Alex D. Irving
11071	Tipperarey	Bob Cummins
11399	Mern Macs	Americo S. Fiore

Southampton Club hosted the Long Island District Championship in July with perfect sailing weather — good winds, sun and tides. Again I want to thank all who helped make the three race series a great success.

In August, we hosted the Area "B" semifinals for the U.S. Sailing Championship for the Charles D. Mallory Cup. There are six racing associations in Area B with five of them competing.

The series consisted of a five race round robin event sailed in Lightnings. Phil Griffin owner of Lightning 10738 out of Westport, Ct. came in first, 4 of the 5 races to take first place and become eligible to go to the finals.

Once again, the fleet sailed in the Southampton Town Regatta held in late August with Wally Carucci the winner of the Lightning Division.

The club sailing season started off slow but gained momentum as the District Championship race weekend arrived in mid July and stayed very active till the last race in September.

The final standings were Early Season — Alexander D. Irving II, Late Season — Americo S. Fiore and runner up for Fleet Champion Douglas Wright and Wally Carucci regaining the Fleet Championship.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)

Texas District

Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain Harris Garrett
Fleet Secretary Warren Lewis
Fleet Champion Stephen Craig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5241	Leakin' Lena	Tom Kurth
7496	.....	Albert Hall
10275	Shang-Hi	
	Noodle-Factory	John Skiles
10318	.....	Clark Newman
10987	Blast Off	Harris Garrett
11028	Shikari	Peter Hunter
11046	.....	John W. Blakemoore & Duncan Porter
11114	.....	Byron Bynum
11118	Road Runner	John Haynes
11311	Rockwall Success	Bob Thomas
11817	.....	Harmon Cohen
11877	Water Log	Warren Lewis
11956	Shady Lady	Roger Wach
11957	The Sting	George Hatfield
12003	Blood, Sweat & Tears	Rick Tears
12052	Bewitched	Thomas D. DuBose, Jr.
12289	.....	Hal Ploch
12488	.....	William C. Garrett
12530	.....	Bob Chilton
12834	Plop-Plop- Fizz-Fizz	Stan Wessell
12835	Galadhiel	Richard Guinan
12837	Dawn	Jim & Stephen Craig
13100	.....	Sylvan Newman
13220	.....	Murray Benenson
13223	.....	Harold Ploch
13228	.....	Lance Drews

Once again the highlight of our season has been the annual Texas Thanksgiving Regatta — and this year had to be one of the best. Bruce Goldsmith, with his "green" crew of his wife Pam and Paul Adams, edged out Tom Allen, with third place going to Jim Carson and fourth to Bill Buckles. We are proud to have such other Lightning notables as Jay and Helen Limbaugh, John Schneider and Don Delorme at the regatta, which was sailed in 70° temperatures and 20-30 mph winds.

Another major highlight of the season has been the starting of a new fleet at the nearby Fort Worth Boat Club. We have been eager to get more active fleets in the Texas District, and now with six boats in hand and the promise of more new members, it looks like we have the beginning of a good crosstown rivalry. Add to this our regular trips to Shreveport and other regattas, and we have had a full sailing season. All in all, under the leadership of Fleet Captain Harris Garret, we have had a very successful season.

Of course, we are looking forward to hosting the Worlds in 1979, and even Bill Buckles promises to attend and help pull stumps.

Our fleet continues to grow — is now up to 30 boats. This year we welcomed the following new members: Murray Benenson, David Card,

Bob Chilton, Harmon Cohen, Tom DuBose, Albert Hall, Milo Johnson, Jim Lewis, Hal Ploch, John Skiles and Frank Stephens.

With the racing season just finished, Stephen Craig has nailed down the Lord Frumppingham Trophy — our annual award to the Fleet Champion, but it was not until the final week that the race was decided, with Richard Guinan a very close second.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Charles Gise
Fleet Secretary Paul F. Rodesiler
Fleet Champion Tom Wilson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
633	Charydus	Bill Shadow
825	Helen	Paul V. Ryan
9402	.....	Tom Wilson
9505	Frigate	Mike Webster
10992	Seetenfel II	Paul F. Rodesiler
11412	Somethin' Else	Wilburn Brewer
11881	Do It	Stanley N. Jacques
12730	Miss Joye VI	Tom Waters
12975	Sea Ya	Wayne B. Catoe
13002	Lite & Lively	Charles E. Gise
13005	Creme de la Creme	Preston Scott
13105	.....	Donald A. Babb

This past season has been another tremendous success for Fleet 440. We welcomed aboard a number of new families to join in the fun: Tom & Esther Wilson, Stan & Rita Jacques, Sonny Gresham, Charles & Barbara Iliff and Jim Campbell.

Our season started in March with a great turnout from area sailors for an evening with Bill Shore. We are most grateful to Bill for sharing with us some of his thoughts on tactics and strategy.

Our annual Invitational drew 37 boats making this years event our biggest ever. The greatest thing about 37 boats coming to our regatta is that so many great people from all over the district come with them. Of course, being perfect hosts, we let them go away with most of the silver. Other highlights of the season were traveling to all the other regattas on the circuit. Our fleet this year sent six to nine boats to most of the Invitationals on the District circuit in both Carolinas and Georgia.

We reduced the number of races this year for our Fleet Championship to 12. The series was hotly contested with Tom Wilson and family nosing out ahead of Wilburn Brewer and family for the Championship.

The season finale was the annual Lightning/Thistle challenge race. Avenging a very narrow defeat of two years ago, the Lightning Fleet displayed flawless sailing and blew the "bathtubs" off the course. In 8 to 10 knots for the first of two races, we didn't even need the Portsmouth handicap to claim an undisputed victory. Maybe next year we'll give them time.

LAKE GLENDALE LIGHTNING FLEET (444)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Glendale at Prince Gallitzin State Park, Patton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Charles B. Austin
Fleet Secretary William F. Kittka
Fleet Champion Charles B. Austin
Runner-Up Donald Packer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2805	.....	Brian C. Anderson
7870	Apres Ski	Charles B. Austin
10023	Ty-Rants	William F. Kittka
11596	.....	R. Alton Walter

The year 1977 was the sixth season for Fleet 444, sailing with the Lake Glendale Sailing Club. Our racing schedule included 15 regular races, 6 junior races, and the end-of-season round-the-lake race.

We also have many LGSC people camping near the lake, and there are many social activities associated with our sailing and camping.

We are proud of our beautiful lake and welcome visiting sailors any time.

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

Fleet Captain Dieter Dyck
 Fleet Secretary Dr. Ricardo Crespo
 Fleet Champion Dieter Dyck
 Runner-Up Mauricio Martinez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5868	Dr. Rodrigo & Diego Perez
5872	Dr. Jaime Holguin
10114	Mario Ribadeneira
11103	Cnel. Gustavo Izurieta
11258	Jaime Martinez
11260	Jorge Matheus
11365	Gunther Langpap & Faisal Misl
12036	Stefan Holguin
12097	Carlos Ramsurer
12221	Enrique Espinosa & Dr. Jose M. Perez
12338	Dieter Dyck
12510	Diego Ribadeneira
12557	Mauricio Martinez
12558	Cesar Pallares
12566	Alfred Zeller
12661	Andres Cardenas
12768	Dr. Ricardo Crespo
12819	Santiago Matheus



Our young talents, Stefan Holguin, Jorge Matheus and Santiago Gonzales.

After finishing some construction work, especially gaining land from our lake, we could start our activity again in April with intensive trainings. During May we had our Fleet Championship with great enthusiasm.

Most active was our Fleet Champion who was able to assist the South American Championship in Chile and the Worlds in Switzerland, finishing 5th and 6th respectively.

Also our runner-up showed passion and traveled to attend the North Americans. He was very impressed and we noticed that he learned a lot.

Five boats of our fleet participated at the District Championships in Salinas and we are proud that four finished within the first eight positions out of 17 entries.

Since we could not find a sponser for an International regatta this year we arranged together with Club Nautico del Muna for a trophy which will be sailed for six years, one year at San Pablo and the next year at Tomine Lake. We had the pleasure to receive this year three crews from Bogota, Fernando de la Concha with his crew Jorge Uscategui and Miguel Cano, Stefan Pacini with Jean Lucas Fiori and H. Vazquez, Jaime Casabianca with his wife Carmen Luz and Jorge Londono. The regattas were sailed the weekend of Nov. 12-13. We managed 3 regattas on Saturday, with strong winds up to 20 knots. The first start was at 12:00 and the last finish was at 17:30. We figured that we sailed about 25 nautical miles that day. On Sunday we sailed 2 regattas with less and changing winds.

We were very happy to win for the first year the beautiful trophy. The results were as follows: Dieter Dyck 4 points, Fernando de la Concha 10, Mauricio Martinez 11, Jorge Matheus Jr. 16, Esteban Crespo 18, Juan Santos 18, Mario Ribadeneira 20, Stefan Pacini 28, Guenther Langpap 30, Jaime Casabianca 35, Jose Maria Perez 41, Alfred Zeller, Jr. 45.

Our youth is preparing a Junior Championship for the end of the year.

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)
Italian District

Fleet Secretary Gianni Pellegrino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8758	Shark	Pasquale Teri
11325	Joker	Zerilli Pietro
11790	Eliana	C. V. Banca Italia
12009	Barracuda	Natale Cudia
12026	Zeus	Paolo Ricevuto
12027	Wind	Enzo Linares
12058	Eros	Benedetto Renda
12059	Lian	Nuccio De Vita
12061	Zaza	Nuzzo Giacalone
12070	Big	Michele Guarrasi
12071	Happy First	D'Andrea Andre
12087	Milouin	Andrea Aloia
12193	Joshua	Franco Riti
12537	Luktor	Raineri Gambina
12556	Seagull	Genna Vito
12717	Rebel	Lucia Michele
12904	Wind II	Gianni Pellegrino
12905	Easy Wave	Roberto Crucitti
13035	Scirocco	Tino Pernice
13036	Lian II	Nuccio De Vita

This year, as in past years, our fleet has been present in many important meetings which have taken place in Italy and in Europe. In fact, three of our boats sailed in the World Championship, which took place in Switzerland and a boat *Easy Wave* was present in the Italian and European Championship in Numana. The World Championship was, for us, a very exciting experience because we had the opportunity to race side by side with the best skippers in the world.

This year our Circolo Volice patronized the "Campionato Siculo-Calabre, which was won by Roberto Crucitti and his *Easy Wave*. The runner up was *Milouin*, Skipper De Vita Antenne.

In this past season, we organized many social meetings as the "Cape bee's Cup" which was won by the new unbeatable Roberto Crucitti, with his *Easy Wave*, the last boat born in the "Cantieri Pellegrine-De Vita".

In the month of December we will organize the "Coppa del Presidente" where many European crews will take part.

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450)
New England District

Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
67	Nuclear Phylis	Richard Hoddinott
70	.....	Stefan M. Pakulski
82	Slainlat	Clinton Carhart
7896	.....	Bob & Lynn Foster
12194	Phoebe	George Place

The club race committee sponsored 15 races this past season and contrasted to last year, no races were cancelled by bad weather although we had a few "drifters". In the Lightning fleet, we had one boat beached for the season because of severe damage in a storm last fall. Carhart was hospitalized and the chief crew member had to be out of state, so truly there were only two boats, Place and Foster who raced regularly enough to really count. Despite a gallant effort by Capt. Bob

Foster on Labor Day week-end, he lost the season Championship by one point to Capt. George Place. Hoddinott tried valiantly but could not keep up the pace set by the other two. We were joined mid-season by Dr. Peter Leadley who brought his boat over from another lake, so that Harvey Mercier and some of the beached crew did get to sail. They did quite well for the time they sailed. Next season we hope to get Dr. Leadley to join the I.L.C.A. and our fleet. Our Fleet Champion is George Place and the Fleet Captain is Bob Foster. With a new mast, good health and a new crew *Slain Lat* captained by our secretary Clint Carhart will be back in action, so watch out.

BOMBAY HARBOUR LIGHTNING FLEET (451)

Sailing in the Bay of Bombay, India

Fleet Captain Gulshan Rai
Fleet Secretary Krishnan Kutty
Fleet Champion Gulshan Rai
Runner-Up Cyrus Hirjee

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10082	Wahoo	Philip Bragg
.....	Gita	Colaba Sailing Club
.....	Black Fin	Himmat Kalsi
.....	Speedball	Gulshan Rai
.....	Parvati	Colaba Sailing Club
.....	Stingray	Cyrus Heerjee & Philip Samson
.....	.....	Derek Cook

Fleet 451 sailing season starts in October with the withdrawal of the Monsoon and lasts till May when the Southwest torrential rains lash Bombay. The boats are taken out of the water for about five months. During this period of hibernation, the sailors regularly meet at the bar of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, especially on Fridays.

The Lightnings are regularly sailed, and raced on weekends. The prestigious Lightning Cup (donated by Lightning builder, Philip Bragg) was raced for in excellent wind conditions from Bobay to Mandwa, 12 K/M south east and back. Gulshan Rai won the cup by a slender margin of 18 seconds. Racing his *Speedball* he covered the 24 K/M course in 3 hrs. 22 minutes and 12 seconds, followed by N. P. Tolani in *Parvati*, 3 hours 22 minutes and 30 seconds. *Bonito* helmed by V. S. Thirumalai finished in 3 hours, 33 minutes and 6 seconds. The other yachtsmen who raced were Tim Divecha in *Gita*, C. Hirjee in *Blackfin*, and M. Gandhi in *Stingray*. Racing Lightning skippers and their crew members had an interesting barbeque evening at Mandwa Beach, organized by the Bombay Sailing Association.

The season series (12 total races) and the Lightning Championship (3 races) were regularly sailed by Cyrus Hirjee, Hakim Sabir, Himmat Kalsia, Akbar Abdulali, V.S. Thirumalai, Gulshan Rai and Munir Gandhi. Gulshan Rai won the season series and the Lightning Championship. Cyrus Hirjee was the runner-up and was awarded the Commodore prize. The single handed race was won by Gulshan Rai, runner-up Hakim Sabir. First day and final day Regatta Lightning races, a part of the annual Bombay Harbour Regatta, were won by Gulshan Rai. Runner-up Hakim Sibir.

Besides racing, the two Lightnings, *Parvati* and *Gita* owned by Colaba Sailing Club, regularly cruise around Bombay Harbour almost every afternoon.

The fleet is steadily losing its stalwarts, like Dr. E. Schimmel, P. Squeliro, and now H. McBrinn (1976 runner-up). It was due to the efforts and dedication to Lightnings of these gentlemen sailors that Fleet 451 blossomed into the most enthusiastic competitive racing fleet in India. They have either gone back to their own countries or are posted somewhere else abroad. As if this is not enough, Derek Cook, Fleet Champion (1975) has sold his *Dar-el-Bedia* to a cruising enthusiast, further diminishing the ranks of an already depleted racing fleet.

We look forward to a better racing season in 1978 with more participation from the newer and less experienced sailors in the Bombay Harbour.

THUNDERSEE LIGHTNING FLEET (454)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Thoun

Fleet Captain T. Bichsel
Fleet Secretary Jung Haudenschild

On April 8, after a long break during winter, we met for the general assembly in Neuhaus. The most important items were the following:

The boat of Mr. Fanti stayed in our fleet and we were happy to welcome Mr. Aellen as new owner and we wish him many pleasant hours. Although Mr. Rolli does not own a boat anymore he kept faith with us as crew member.

The traditional first sailing in Neuhaus on April 30 was attended only by local sailors and a first success could be booked for the Lightning as boat Z12304 was winner in front of 2 Trias.

Only one boat of our fleet participated in the Swiss Championship on the Lake Zurich. Ruedi Fluhmann and his crew fought successfully and I congratulate them for their very good 5th place.

For the Neuhaus-regatta on June 25/26 we hoped for numerous participation in view of the World Championship in July. But on the contrary. Only the crews Schar, Gerber and Bichsel were present to join in the regatta. On Saturday, with winds of 2-3 Bf 2 regattas were sailed and both won by Ernst Schar.

On Sunday, no winds until 13.00 h. At 13.30 h we started for the third regatta and the wind freshened up to 8 Bf. Ernst Schar could not pass the starting line as his boat overturned before the starting shot, the crew Gerber did not even turn up and, therefore, the crew of boat Z12304 "won clearly".

Final ranking list: 1. Schar; 2. Bichsel; 3. Gerber. I congratulate Ernst Schar on his first place and am grateful for his loyalty to the fleet Lake Thoun.

Our best crew seems to have reached top form just at the right moment, as they finished the European Championship in Italy with an excellent 4th place. Congratulations.

July 10: only 3 days until the World Championship last preparations are made.

July 12: official evening of the fleet Lake Thoun. 168 persons participated in this event and the folklore evening at Restaurant Rohrmoos was a great success and all Lightning sailors were delighted.

July 13: official start of the World Championship. As this event has already been reported on separately, I will not go into details.

July 19: closing banquet in the Kursaal Interlaken organized also by the fleet Lake Thoun. A second great success could be booked to our account.

At this occasion, I would like to congratulate again the crew Fluhmann which was second best of the Swiss boats and reached the 16th place on the ranking list of the World Championship.

The "Sternfahrt" on August 27-28 could, unfortunately, not be sailed due to bad weather. It was a pity.

On September 10-11 the fleet Championship took place at Neuhaus. The beautiful cup "of the great Apothecary" was waiting for the new fleet Champion. Unfortunately, only 8 boats participated in this regatta. Many were noticed to be absent - as e.g. the fleet captain! With 2 - 3 Bf and beautiful weather 4 regattas could be sailed. New fleet Champion became Hess in front of Wyler and Fluhmann. Congratulations to the Champion!

Conclusion: The great event (World Championship) could increase the hoped for activities of the fleet only partly (are our members tired of sailing?).

KLAMATH LIGHTNING FLEET (455)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Klamath Lake at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Fleet Captain Dick Marlatt
Fleet Secretary Bill Sisemore
Fleet Champion Ken White
Runner-Up Dick Marlatt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10285	Jacaranda	Richard Wickline
11151	Saxy	Kenneth White
11297	.....	Gene Schrieber
11428	Late Charge	Dick Marlatt
11785	Rita	Larry Wagner
11879	Shalom	Bruce Niles
12093	.....	Larry & Suzanne Gaye
13029	This Side Up	Bill Sisemore

We were luckier than some of the fleets in the Pacific Northwest District - we had water in our lake.

Our Fall series was converted to a Sunday Series to insure that we

would be able to complete it while we still had water. It is getting rather boring to report each year, but Ken White was again the over-all champion. Dick Marlatt's daughter, Margot, was finally able to get Dick to listen to her, and he placed second over-all for the year.

When the Eugene Yacht Club decided that they could not hold their annual Memorial Day Regatta, Fleet 455 jumped into action and held a Short Notice Regatta that attracted 27 Lightnings. The Columbia Fleet from Portland went home with five of the first six places — Ken White pulled out a fourth.

The Midsummer Regatta was a little better for the local sailors, with Bruce Niles first, Dick Wickline second, Ken White third, and Bill Sisemore fourth.

We sent some of our fleet members on the Circuit this year, but did not add much to the local trophy collection, maybe we will have better luck next year.

The Lightning Fleet acted as the Race Committee for the 470 Pacific Coast Championship this year. This gave us some good insight for the next summer when we will again hold the Lightning Pacific Coast Championship at Klamath Yacht Club. In 1976 we got 42 boats for the Pacific Coast Championship, and hope to do better this year. We will announce the date in the *Flashes* as soon as it is set.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain	Pertti Pyy
Fleet Secretary	Ritva Pyy
Fleet Champion	Hartti Nisonen
Runner-Up	Pertti Pyy
B-Champion	Juhani Haila

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4133	Veteraani	Jorma Rauhala
7178	Orkari	Lauri Kitinoja, Martti & Pekka Kirjavainen
9166	Marius	Pertti Melamies
9438	Kulkuri	Kelevi Siiskonen
10057	Cinderella	Juhani Haila
10664	Old Lady	Pentti Laitinen
10668	Lady Bird	Pekka Hongisto & Tuomo Kauhanen
10911	.....	Matti Sarola
11001	Kohinoor	Jorma Lehtonen
11527	Papillon	Heikki Leikoski
12258	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
12435	Punkku	Antti Aromaa & Kari Maenpaa
12750	Obelix	Martti Saari
12761	VIP	Vesa & Ilkka Tapola & Pertti Nyman
12762	Oho	Antti Hakkinen, Antti Tapola & Kari Parkkonen
12907	Lizi	Leo Korhonen
12909	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
.....	.....	Reijo Lehtinen

Our fleet activity started early in the winter. We had meetings once a month from October to May. In April we fulfilled our dream of a seminar for newcomers. We spent two evenings with 30 enthusiastic novice sailors in the classroom of a primary school. No wonder those passing by the school gave long looks to the Lightning jibing on the school yard with all sails set — our local lake was still heavily ice covered.

In May the fleet got an opportunity to train the muscle power by constructing a dual Lightning slip for the club. The need of these slips was obvious because our lake has become the most active Lightning racing area in Finland. In addition to two major open regattas we raced every Tuesday night throughout the season.

As a result of this activity we had good racing success in the summer of 1977. Four out of seven boats qualifying for the Worlds came from Fleet 456 and the best Finn was Vesa Tapola, crewed by Ilkka Tapola and Pertti Nyman. This team was also fifth in the Europeans at Numana. The other representative of our fleet, Hartti Nisonen finished eighth.

In the Finnish Championships we had 8 boats among the 32 participants. The best was Pertti Pyy crewed by Ritva Pyy and Lauri Heikkila. They were second, losing the gold by a quarter boat length, but still having equal points with the winner, Leif Haglund.

On the Finnish ranking list we had four boats in the top ten. Best of those was Hartti Nisonen in second place. From the two open regattas on our lake our fleet succeeded in keeping first place home.

The fleet members have good reason to fill their stomachs and maybe their heads, too, at the closing party of the season in October.

GRANITE LAKE FLEET (457)

New England District

Sailing on Granite Lake at Keene, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	Mark L'Heureux
Fleet Secretary	Ronald Lyon
Fleet Champion	Mark L'Heureux
Runner-Up	Ron Lyon
3rd Place	Roland H'Heureux
4th Place	Ewing-Kingsbury
5th Place	Byron Tucker
6th Place	Bert Dardani

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3394	Wetagin	Ronald R. Bogue
6308	Windfall II	Ronald E. Lyon
7420	Bull	James D. Ewing & George T. Kingsbury
8480	Ketch-Ya-Lata	Mark L'Heureux
9525	Roland L'Heureux
10683	Bafa	Bert Dardani

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UNION LAKE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (458)

Michigan District

Sailing on Union Lake at Union Lake, Michigan

Fleet Commodore	Dale Mahrle
Fleet Secretary	Judy Aird
Fleet Champion	Ralph Waibel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2884	For Sail	Don Farmer
7570	Windrider II	Ron Sesvold
7994	Sour Krauts	Ed Rowden
10388	The Red Baron	Ray Aird
12288	Brian's Song II	Brian Hussey
12534	Go Blue	John Crawford
12645	Luff Affair	Ron Sievertson
12888	Red Baron	Dale Mahrle
12891	Rainbow Sunday	Ralph Waibel
12927	.....	Erwin Schwarze
.....	.....	Tag Wager

This season U.L.Y.C. sailors have become a real part of the Michigan circuit. Our "hard core" circuit travelers Dale and Jo Mahrle and Judy Aird in *Blue-it*, 12888, spent the better part of the year packing and unpacking. Beginning in Savanna and ending in Peru, Indiana, they gave what can now be called a solidly "respectable" performance for the season placing 2nd at Clark Lake with Steve Paski and 8th at Peru.

For some of the more "colorful" sailors of our club Ralph Waibel, 12891, with crew Jackie Waibel and David Zuzula, traveled and even had a fair chance of winning one race when the "boarding" rule disqualified 12891.

Brian Hussey, 12288, with crew Brian, Mark or John Hussey traveled and generally made the social scene when they weren't busy replacing their mast or drying out.

Others traveling this year were John Crawford, 12534, and new boat owners Ron Sievertson, 12645, and Fred Paski, 12928.

Our first invitational was held with one boat being invited from Pontiac Yacht Club, (we like to start slowly), Bob Knop, 12188, will not be invited back next year because he won this year. Dale Mahrle, 12888, finished a close second followed by Fred Paski, 12928. Next

year we may invite two boats, but we'll have to screen the candidates better.

Our special regatta's were won by the same boat causing us to consider giving him membership to another yacht club, Ralph Waibel, 12891. Dale Mahrle, 12888, brought in two seconds, one third, Bill Gregory, 12645, one second, one third, and Brian Hussey had one third.

Dorothy Farmer, 2884, ran away with our Ms. Trophy with Linda Paski and Cheri Mukai. Second tied Debbie Zajac, 12928, with crew Kathy Crissman and Dorothy Crawford, and Jackie Waibel, 12891. Third went to Judy Aird, 12888, with crew Joann Mahrle, and Marge Percival. Fourth, Jan Aird, 10388, with crew Kay Aird and Marie Abbott.

Our newest races came with the innovation of the Pee Wee Regatta's. Kids 13 and under competed in sunfish for T-shirts, Pewter, and Ice Cream. Red Nose Pee Wee winners were Mike and Mark Crawford, second John Hussey and crew. Labor Day things really got going for an exciting race, (twice around triangle, marks to starboard, what jibes!). It was a close race the lead changed four times. Mike and Mark Crawford winners! John Hussey and Kirk Waibel were second by a hair, and Kristin and Scott Mahrle were third with Susie Dey bringing in fourth.

The Wayfarers came to sail with us a couple of times to show us how things should be run.

Ralph Waibel, 12891, and crew Jackie Waibel and Dave Zuzula, ran away with the spring season, but surprise Ralph, Fred Paski, 12928, with Steve and Linda Paski stole summer right from underneath you! Season finals: Waibel, 12891, Gregory, 12645, Paski, 12928, Crawford, 12534, Farmer, 2884, Mahrle, 12888, Hussey, 12288, Swarze, 12927, Aird, 10388, DeConick 5585.

A special thanks to this year's Commodore Dale Mahrle, and fellow officers Steve Paski, Debbie Zajac, and Lin Storgaard. Watch out Lightnings, Union Lake is on the move!

WATEREE FLEET (459)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wateree Lake at Camden, South Carolina

Fleet Secretary Hal Storey
Fleet Champion Bill Canniff
Runner-Up Sam Cheek

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10516	Square Root	Harold J. Storey
10599	Underdog	Frank W. Oglesby
11553	Nan-Sea	Samuel J. Cheek
11821	Iron Butterfly	Robert A. Rowan
11914	Seven C's	William J. Canniff
12742	Gail Wind	William S. & Gail E. Marshall

For the first time, we completed our fall series in time to get the results in the current yearbook. Bill Canniff moved back to the tiller for the series and showed the fleet that he has not lost his winning touch. Sam Cheek was runner-up this year. Bill Marshall finished third, followed by Frank Oglesby, Hal Storey, and Bob Rowan.

Just for the record, since the 1976 series was completed too late to make the yearbook, last year's results showed Cheek first, Marshall second, Storey third, and Canniff fourth.

One thing was evident to everyone during this fall series. Although our fleet is small, the competition has now reached the highest level ever. As the less experienced skippers have gained experience and updated equipment this year, we often find the competition at home just as tough as on the circuit.

Bill Marshall parted with the *Gael Wynd* (9379) and then bought a new *Gail Wind* (12742). The new boat must have made a difference since they had their best year yet, winning two open regattas, placing third in another, and finishing fourth in the Wateree Invitational, and the Southeastern District Championship. Pete Russell of Fleet 429 joined Bill and Gail for their first trip to the North Americans, where they finished seventh in the President's Cup.

Sam Cheek started the year with a bang as he captured seventh place in Savannah at the Deep South Regatta, with help from his wife Nancy and their steady crew Dick Dommel. The trio then went on to win silver in several invitationals, including a seventh at Lake Murray, a

fourth at Western Carolina, and a third in the Southeastern District Championship, as well as a second in the Midlands Open Regatta.

Frank Oglesby finally managed to break his wooden mast and promptly replaced it with an oval and new sails. Frank's *Underdog* (10599) has always been fast and the change allowed him to show his transom to everyone in the Fall Series. Strong showings in the Wateree and Waccamaw Invitationals put all of us on notice that Frank will soon be getting his hands on some silver.

Bill Canniff has crewed for son Greg and daughter Liz more often than he has skippered for the last couple of years. (It was only fair, since they have been crewing for him as long as they can remember.) This year Liz skippered the Seven C's to several creditable finishes. Bill showed us in the fall series, however, he can still be the best when he wants to be. Bill's contributions to our fleet are great and we're always looking to him for good advice.

Hal Storey's enthusiasm for sailing his *Lightning* (10516) has earned him the job of Fleet Secretary for 1978. Hal has really put a lot of time and effort into his boat and the improved results are readily evident. A new mast and sails last spring, along with a crewing assist from Buck Babb (Fleet 341) enabled Hal and his son Sean to get a taste of running at the front of the fleet several times this year. This was Hal's first full year on the circuit, and next year should see him showing his transom to a lot of boats.

Bob Rowan prefers to keep his *Iron Butterfly* on home waters and enjoys the pleasure of daysailing. We're hoping to build up our fleet with more daysailing activities and Bob presents a very pleasant change for those who may be wary of racing after hearing all the commotion during some of our club races!

Despite stormy weather, we had a good turnout for our Second Annual Invitational last April. Twenty-one Lightnings hit the line for three well-run races. After Saturday's races, the fleet enjoyed a keg of beer and a delicious steak dinner. Everyone enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. We hope next year's regatta will be even better, so ya'll come if you can.

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Waccamaw at Whiteville, North Carolina

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

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

Our second year has been a relatively quiet one — one sailor transferred, one never got his boat in the water, and the rest sailed with and without crews whenever they could. The highlight of the season was our district race held in September.

The final event of the season was our Lightning Challenge Haulout Regatta and Oyster Roast. This year's event was won by Dick Coburn, a Tanzer 16 sailor, because he was the only one that put in and sailed (a very cold and blustery day). Everyone enjoyed the oysters and cornbread, and said how glad they were that they had not sailed.

LAKE MONROE SAILING ASSOCIATION LIGHTNING FLEET (464)

Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Monroe at Bloomington, Indiana

Fleet Captain D. H. Tayler
Fleet Secretary Joe Mihelick
Fleet Treasurer R. H. Shea
Fleet Champion Doug Tayler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12163	.....	Doug Tayler
12676	.....	Ronald Shea
12746	Thunder "n"	Joe Mihelick

This was our second year as a fleet. Even though we were unable to enlarge our fleet, enthusiasm is high and gaining new Lightnings is our primary goal for 1978.

Our fleet supported three Indiana Regattas in 1977 — the Indiana Open at Indy Sailing Club — great hospitality! — the Hoosier Regatta at Lake Wawasee — did they have wind! — and the Districts at Muncie. The competition was tough, but we learned a lot and had a great time.

In August, we hosted our first regatta at Lake Monroe — The Zephyr Lightning Invitational. Eight boats participated with first to Muncie's Brad Wagnon and "man-overboard crew"; second to Indy's Bob Schubert and crew; and third to Indy's Bob Carter and crew. Both days were favored with steady 15-20 knot winds and sunny skies. Perfect Lightning weather. We even had a full moon for our evening meals. In 1978, we will have our regatta the weekend of September 16 & 17. We enthusiastically encourage you-all to come sail with us. You provide the boats; we provide the red carpet. Lake Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana with a beautifully wooded shoreline. We have a new larger shelter house with fireplace, and we think you'll have fun and good competition.

Our Club, The Lake Monroe Sailing Association, holds two races every Sunday afternoon from May through October. These are handicap races with Thistles, 407's, Hobies, etc. Competition is keen, but friendship abounds. Our Lightning Fleet moved up in the club standings this year (5th & 6th of 15 boats), and our 1977 Fleet Captain won the Most Improve Skipper trophy at the annual Fall Awards Banquet.

Again, we invite you to come sail with us; Lake Monroe has plenty of water and provides us a sensational race course — we think you'll enjoy it.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)

Italian District

Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Falconara, Numana and Porto S. Giorgio

Fleet Captain Arrigo Archibugi
Fleet Secretary Renzo Bozzi
Fleet Champion Alberto Vivani
Runner-Up Umberto Talamonti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7813	Nefertit	Gian Carlo Orazi & Velia Cremonesi
9308	Agata	Bruno Roccheggiani
9321	Donatella	Pio Natale
9602	Kandahar	Fausto Gherlantini
10916	Corsaro Biondo	Andriano Pelonara
11320	Nibbio	Antonio Romani, Adami, Umberto Talamonti
12427	Julia III a	Alpino Moroni, Alberto Vivani
13038	.....	Umberto Lenzi



European Lightnings in harbour of Numana.

In June of 1977 the fleet hosted the "Di Lorenzo Memorial Trophy Regatta" organized by the Lega Navale Italiana of Porto San Giorgio. The final results were as follows: Claude Lambelet of S.C. Neuchatel skippering *Garoupa* was first; second was De Amicis with *Sindbad*, and third was Bruno Magoni with *Sistiani*. Our friend Antonio Romani Adami was the faultless organizer.

At Numana, June 28 through July 3, the Circolo Nautico Numana hosted the European and Italian Championships. The six races were sailed with a pleasant wind on wonderful, sunny days. The district's Secretary, Nando De Amicis, did a very good job for the friendly relations among the old Lightning sailors and the new.

We hope to promote the Lightning in all the Adriatic coasts.

Many thanks to Andriano Pelonara for the enthusiastic job as Fleet Secretary in 1977!

FLOTTA DEL LARIO (467)

Italian District

Sailing at Gravedona on Lake of Como North Italy

Fleet Captain Luigi Guicciardi
Fleet Secretary Luca Grisotti
Fleet Champion Claudio Motti
Runner-Up Luca Grisotti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8618	Teresa	Renato Peona
8619	Cecilia	L. Lampugnani
8702	Lolita	Luigi Guicciardi
9564	Molana	Luca Grisotti
9676	Mazzagallo	Massimiliano Bianchi



Captain Guicciardi smiling from his "Lolita".

We obtained our charter in 1977 so we had our first experience and activity last summer. With extremely rainy weather all of us were very anxious to start with the "De Marzi Trophy" Regatta which had been scheduled as the "meeting of the Italo-Swiss friendship," for the Swiss sailors are our nearest neighbors. The silver trophy was donated by Captain Ludovico De Marzi, who was the fabulous steersman of the Rio Tigre (Argentina) racing-eight in 1914. He gave this permanent trophy to the Associazione Velica Alto Lario with the wish that the challenge will forever promote the love of sailing among the people of Lario (Lake of Como). Now the club allowed it to our fleet for the Lightning Class. Our fleet hosted in Gravedona the De Marzi Trophy Regatta which drew only 12 boats because of bad weather. Nevertheless on Saturday, September 3rd, the sun was shining and the first race was sailed in fairly light winds for the most part. Saturday night the banquet was attended by 51 members and guests. On Sunday after the start some thunder and lightning began to fall among the mountains, then the storm burst over the boats flying their spinnakers but none of them turned turtle. Good sailors! The final results were: Claude Lambelet, Switzerland, first; Weilenmann, Switzerland, second; De

Regis, Italy, third; De Amicis, Italy, fourth; Salvetti, Italy, fifth. Pino Zecchinelli headed up the race committee; Cristina Motti and Mara Grisotti served as judges. Next year each District will be represented by a team.

The winner of the Fleet Championship was the boat *Mazzagallo* (9676) skippered by Claudio Motti and crewed by Joe Motti and Fabio Marinsalta. We are looking forward to 1978 as we hope it will bring new members to our fleet. We would like to express thanks to Mr. De Amicis for helping us throughout the year and we want to wish the best of sailing to all Lightning sailors.

VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)

Finland District

Sailing on Lakes Mallasvesi and

Vanajavesi, Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet Captain Veikko Ylarakkola

Fleet Secretary Pertti Jalonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7172	Kelevi Visala
8994	Raimo Lahti
9613	Kalle Loovi
12481	Sea Horse II	Pertti Jalonen
12482	Kalle Kiviniemi
12992	Aimo Jokiniemi
12750	Veikko Ylarakkola

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JAMSA LIGHTNING FLEET (469)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Paijanne, Finland

Fleet Captain Jukka Lainkari

Fleet Secretary Pekka Lahtinen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10056	Minnehaha	Seppo Raiskila
11360	Pussycat	Hannu Hurskainen
12257	Aku Samuli	Harri Ritala
12908	Lola	Martti Lahti
13096	Mimosa	Jukka Lainkari

This cold and rainy summer of 1977 was the first season for this fleet here in the middle of Finland.

In June we had only four boats afloat, because Jukka Lainkari had some difficulties getting a mast and sails for his new boat. The best part of the summer was the sailing race on Lake Paijanne. This race occurs on the long and narrow Paijanne at the end of July. The length of the race is about 60 miles. This year it took nearly 28 hours. In the final results Martti Lahti was 5th, Seppo Raiskila 7th, Jukka Lainkari 8th and Harri Ritala 9th in the Lightning class. In August we had many unofficial races between our fleet members.

This first fleet season included only one race, but next season we will attend many Finnish races.

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