

# LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Algarrobo	.318	Green Bay	.112	Milwaukee	.69
Ancon Y.C.	.264	Greenwich Cove	.7	Mission Bay	.194
Androscoggin Lightning Fleet	.450	Guarapiranga Lake	.462	Mississinewa Reservoir	.420
Annisquam	.151	Guayaquil	.272	Mobile Bay	.135
Armada Del Ecuador	.411	Gull Lake	.137	Morgan City	.443
Atwood Lake	.212			Muncie Sailing Club	.460
Awosting Yacht Sq.	.95				
		Harbor Island Y.C.	.262		
Barnegat Light Y.C.	.335	Harraseeket	.244	Nasijarvi	.394
Bay Head Y.C.	.3	Harveys Lake Lightning Fleet	.350	Neahtawanta Y.C.	.403
Belle Haven Y.C.	.7	Hawaii	.143	New Orleans	.209
Biscayne Bay	.226	Helsinki	.166	Newport Y.C.	.77
Black Rock Y.C.	.17	Henderson Harbor	.225	Niagara S.C.	.59
Bodensee-Untersee L.F.	.404	Higgins Lake	.110	Niantic Bay	.85
Bombay Harbour Lightning Fleet	.451	High Tor	.41	Normandy Beach Y.C.	.366
Bomoseen Y.C.	.227	Higuerrillas	.342	North East River	.192
Brant Beach	.173	Hoover Y.C.	.353	Northeast Y.C.	.207
Brockport	.267	Housatonic Boat Club	.6	Northport Bay	.98
Buckeye Lake	.43	Hudson Lightning Fleet	.376	Nyack	.75
Buffalo Canoe Club	.12				
Buffalo Y.C.	.81	Iate Clube de Brasilia	.375	Ocean City Y.C.	.430
Capricornio	.319	Indian Harbor	.7	Odd Winds	.296
Carlyle Sailing Association	.266	Indian Lake	.23	Okanagan	.368
Casco Bay	.471	Indian River Y.C.	.72	Olivos	.206
Catawba	.365	Indianapolis Sailing Club	.270	Oulu	.307
Cedar Point	.126				
Centerboard Y.C.	.14	Jamsan	.469	Palmetto	.440
Chautauqua Lake	.19	Jardim Guanabara	.401	Parkway S.C.	.406
Chautauqua	.198	Jayhawk	.60	Parthenon	.286
Chelsea Y.C.	.39	Juanita Bay	.414	Paupack Sailing	.16
Chequesset	.280	Jyvaskylan	.328	Penn Manor Fleet	.422
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	.5			Pentwater Y.C.	.340
Chinook	.229	Kemin	.310	Perry Lightning Fleet	.438
Clark Lake Y.C.	.416	Kentucky Lake	.242	Peruvian Naval School	.452
Clarks Hill	.257	Keuka Lake	.252	Pichidangui	.346
Club Lago San Pablo Fleet	.447	Klamath Lightning Fleet	.455	Pontiac Y.C.	.54
Club Nautico del Calima	.419	Kotka	.298	Pontoosuc	.417
Club Nautico del Muna	.73			Porin	.306
Club Regattas Lima	.261	Lake Arthur	.441	Pultneyville Y.C.	.61
Club Universitario Buenos Aires	.446	Lake Champlain	.301	Pymatuning Y.C.	.36
Club Universitario de Regatas	.265	Lake Davenport	.167	Pyhaselka Lightning Fleet	.428
Columbia	.283	Lake Delta Yacht Club	.4		
Comox Bay	.437	Lake Fenton Y.C.	.53	Raahe	.308
Conneaut Lake	.180	Lake Geneva S.C.	.345	Red Bank of the Shrewsbury	.70
Cowan Lake	.303	Lake Glendale	.444	Red Dragon Canoe Club	.357
Crescent Sail Y.C.	.51	Lake Greifensee	.309	Red Jacket	.125
Cuba Lake	.115	Lake Hartwell	.391	Rehoboth	.325
		Lake Keystone	.402	Riverside	.7
Dallas Corinthian	.35	Lake Lanier	.348	Riverton Y.C.	.228
Decatur	.74	Lake Mohawk Y.C.	.25	Rocky Point	.7
Del Faro	.390	Lake Monroe Sailing Association	.464	Rocky River	.71
Devil's Lake	.31	Lake Murray	.341	Roma	.271
Douglas Lake	.374	Lake of Biel	.268	Royal Hamilton Y.C.	.118
Dunkirk Harbor	.311	Lansing S.C.	.387	Royal Lake of the Woods	.320
		Le Spezia	.321	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	.215
Flotilha de Lightning de Niteroi	.351	LaVallette	.104	Rush Creek	.435
Flotilha de Lightning de Florianopolis	.162	Leatherlips Y.C.	.27		
Flotilha de Lightning de Pernambuco	.373	Lega Navale Italiana	.312	Sabazia	.381
Flotta de Anzio	.278	London	.347	Saginaw Bay	.216
Flotta degli Estensi	.355	Louisville Lightnings	.470	St. John's River	.461
Flotta del Conero	.466	Loviisa	.299	St. Marys	.400
Flotta del Lario	.467			Salamis Fleet	.251
Flotte del Garda	.249	Madison Beach	.129	Salinas Y.C.	.405
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	.169	Manitowoc	.393	San Francisco Bay	.372
Flotte Murtensee	.358	Mansfield	.150	Sandy Beach Y.C.	.78
		Maple Bay Y.C.	.64	Santa Monica Bay	.102
Galway Lake	.338	Marblehead Harbor	.189	Sao Paulo	.147
Grand Traverse Y.C.	.326	Marine Corps D&E Command	.354	Sassafras River	.314
Granite Lake Fleet	.457	Marsala Lightning Fleet	.449	Savannah	.127
Great Egg Harbor	.99	Marvilla Lightning Fleet	.235	Sempachersee	.250
Great Sodus Bay	.108	Massabesic Y.C.	.273	Severn River	.329
Great South Bay	.178	Mayfield Y.C.	.13	Sheboygan	.187
Greater Charleston	.429	Memphis	.274	Shreveport	.175
		Merrimac River Fleet	.121	Silver Lake Y.C.	.47
		Metedeconk River	.34		

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Skaneateles Country Club . . . . .	1	Tippecanoe Lake S.C. . . . .	.425	Waccamaw Fleet . . . . .	.463
Smith Mt. Lake . . . . .	.377	Toledo . . . . .	42	Washington . . . . .	50
Southampton . . . . .	.431	Toronto Bay . . . . .	.146	Wateree . . . . .	.459
Southern Y.C. . . . .	62	Trasimeno . . . . .	.453	Wawasee Y.C. . . . .	.154
South Haven Y.C. . . . .	30	Triad . . . . .	.415	Western Connecticut . . . . .	.7
South Skaneateles Lightning Association .439		Turkeyfoot Lake . . . . .	33	Western Narragansett Bay . . . . .	.119
Spofford Lake . . . . .	.145	Tuusulanjarri Lightning Fleet . . . . .	.456	Willow Bank Y.C. . . . .	.164
Squam Lake . . . . .	.332				
Surf City . . . . .	.196	Union Lake Y.C. . . . .	.458	Yacht Club de Chile . . . . .	.317
Susquehanna . . . . .	.253	Universitario de Regatas . . . . .	.424	Yacht Club Olivos . . . . .	.356
Syros Island . . . . .	.465			Yacht Club Paysandu . . . . .	.423
				Yacht Club Peruano . . . . .	.265
Tawas Bay . . . . .	.152	Valkea Kosken . . . . .	.468		
Temple Reef S.C. . . . .	.279	Vancouver . . . . .	90	Zig Zag Yacht Club . . . . .	.277
Thousand Islands . . . . .	.382	Vierwaldstattersee . . . . .	.281	Zurich . . . . .	.219



*Spring is on its way*  
Photo Credit — John Weber

# Lightning Fleets

## BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

### Central Atlantic District

#### Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tar Pot	Bob O'Brien, Jr. & III
11908	Envy	Robert & Thayer Adams
12210	.....	James Simpson
13158	Ja-Ja-Gut-Gut	Bob & Thayer Adams
Life Member		Mrs. Kenneth Miller

The 1978 season was extremely eventful for the Lightning Sailors of Fleet 3. Early in the season Bob and Tay Adams and the O'Brien family, along with crew Ted and Pam Keefer and Joe and Sonia Van Horn traveled to the origins of Lightningdom to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Lightning Class on Lake Skaneateles. The Adams sailed their boat and Ted Keefer and Bob O'Brien co-skipped Lightning 10 which did reasonably well in the wood boat class (3rd overall), mostly because there were not too many wooden boats that raced.

The high point of Fleet 3's season at Bay Head Yacht Club was the hosting of the First Women's Lightning Championship. It was significant that this race was held in Bay Head, which was the site of the first Lightning championship race in 1939. Nineteen boats raced in near-perfect conditions and Bonnie Shore emerged victorious. It was thrilling to see such fine racing and enthusiasm among the participants as well as the spectators. The great success of this event will ensure that the women's championship will be a permanent Lightning Class event.

Bob and Kay Adams traveled to Rehoboth Beach to represent Fleet 3 in the Nationals and handily qualified for the Worlds which will be held next year in Dallas. Late in the season, Bob Adams and Bob O'Brien III both participated in the Easterns, which for the Fleet 3 participants, is known as the "Cedar Point Disaster".

Although our club series was erratic due to numerous events held this summer to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Bay Head Yacht Club, Fleet 3 is happy to report that Lightning sailing is alive and well on Barnegat Bay.

## LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB (4)

### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Lake Delta, Rome, New York

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

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

We opened our season with an excellent wine/cheese party, pleasant conversations and great expectations. What a group of "Tigers" ... expounding the virtues of their boats, improvements, new sails, and a lot of that "what went wrong" last year will never happen again talk! As we neared the Memorial Day Regatta, sly peaks under other boat canvasses seemed to be the "rule-of-thumb" for the skippers.

Then, summer was with us ... Memorial Saturday winds held 8 to 10 for two races, in which Mark Doyle won with his *Skogland*. Sunday



The scene at Lake Delta Yacht Club.

was hot and sultry, resulting in a shirts-off drifter won by Joe Alari and cancellation of the second race. On Monday winds rounded out near 10 to 12 and the Van Slyke boat took the honors.

Near the end of June, the fleet hosted the third leg of the Tri-Crown series of Central New York. The winds were accommodating for Saturday, at 12 to 15, "assisting" two sailors with speedy roll-overs. The Sunday morning race was a drifter, but we were rewarded with good winds in the afternoon. We got off 5 races for the series. The top 5 were in order Dick Halligan, Fisk Hayden, Jed Dodge, Dave Parker and Jeff Penfield. The camaraderie of the travelling sailors made the weekend perfect.

As we sailed toward July 4th we tuned and re-tuned those wire things that hold up the mast! We changed fittings, added cleats, replaced halyards, waxed and sanded. The previous winners were going to be knocked out ... and Bob Carrier did it! Then Jack Martin scored followed by the Van Slykes.

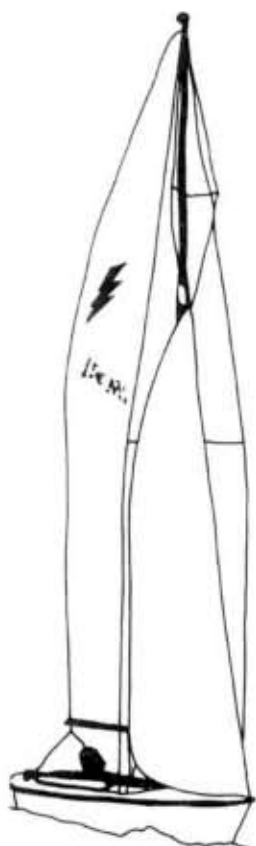
July sailing was somewhat diminished by weddings, family vacations, and the annual trip of the skippers to those BIG BOATS on Lake Ontario. With summer weekends passed we were eager for our Labor Day Regatta. Nine of us came out. Through the fine weekend weather, we juggled our standings, everyone fighting for a "piece of the action" and thinking "maybe this race." We all experienced various problems, but overall, we enjoyed our weekend. The regatta was won by John Martin with Barb Brodock second and Robert Carrier third.

As our lake is a feeder for the N.Y. State Canal System, the level was lower than it has been for many, many years, but this enabled the construction of more concrete piers and an extra railroad track for our trolley.

Looking down the bluff in November and seeing a rarely exposed shoreline; then seeing the locked club buildings; the complete silence of the club grounds and parking lots; the summer of 1978 has started to fade into memory ... for those who love the water ... Adieu 1978 ...

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# Lightning Red Flannels Regatta

**September 22 and 23, 1979**

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

**Saturday, 22 September, 1979**

9:00 - 11:00 am Registration \$8.00

10:45 am Skippers Meeting

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

**Sunday, 23 September**

10:00 am Start 3rd race

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

## CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5) Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain..... John Walter  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer .....Bob Monnette  
Fleet Champion .....Gordon Ettie  
Runner-Up..... Dick Hinze

12830	Gotcha	Robert Monnette
13103	.....	John R. Nye & Cyril J. Touff
13259	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
13268	Sweet Pea	Roger & Martin G. Seitz
13309	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
.....	.....	Richard P. Anderson
.....	.....	James E. Baker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5133	XPG	Fred Bell
7630	Octopus Garden	William Linder
9161	Dozo	Dave Hovey
9591	Scram	Tom Blount
9607	Harem Scarem	Fred G. House
9697	Hussy	Chuck Hlinka
9957	.....	John Walter
9958	Schuss	Cliff Stettler
10250	Z-Boat	Bill Zamzow
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennesy
10479	Phoenix	Dick McClure
10538	Smokey Bair	David Pittman
10721	T.N.T.	Tom Tambling
10930	Fission	Bob Smither
11446	Frolic	Dick Hinze
11701	Karma/Sutra	Bill Crowell
11703	Dandelion	Bob Holland
12034	Willy	William L. Marting
12133	Kennebec II	Nick Smith & Gail Norstrom
12136	Sun Bird	Bud Wilson
12220	Razorback	R. W., Thomas & Jackson Wynn
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12394	Hardtack	Ken Gustafsen
12402	Lyntog	Bernie Kornhaber
12457	Sazerac	Gordon E. Ettie
12740	Endries	Steven B. Novy

Lightning sailing in the "Windy City" in '78 again was excellent. The weather was strong and good and the membership of over thirty boats turned out well for the club's five racing series, two regattas, and the Junior Districts.

Unfortunately, (I'm sure Gordon would disagree) the rest of us were not able to "Beat Sazerac". Gordon Ettie won the Fleet Championship with Dick Hinze the runner-up and Bob Smither third. Twenty-six boats tried to win in this series but in the end that yellow boat was out in front again.

The finishes for our Corinthian Series were Dick Hinze, Fred House and Dennis Bourke. Fred won the Commodore Series though with Dick Hinze second and Bernie Kornhaber third.

The Ding Dong Series, scheduled on midwest regatta weekends, was taken this year by newcomer Bill Wynn in his *Razorback* followed by Bill Zamzow and Bob Smither.

The evening Moonbeam Series was taken by Fred House with three firsts in front of Jerry O'Kane and the Brothers Seitz.

Our most improved sailor award this year went to Fred House (and Donna) for winning two of the series and finishing second in one of the others. Not a bad year at all for a sailor with his first boat and having just gotten into sailing a few years ago.

Winners of the Red Flannel Regatta were Bruce Goldsmith, Gordon Ettie, Bob Novak, Dave Peters, and Rick Larson.

Leaving us at the end of this year is a former commodore and last year's fleet championship runner-up, Dick McClure. Dick has been one of the strongest supporters and competitors in the Fleet and it is very sad to see him leave for the east coast.

Predictions have it that '79 will be another great year for Chicago Corinthian's Fleet 5. The rumblings are that Fleet members will take the Great Lakes Championship, sweep the Districts and take most of the hardware of the Midwest. Within the Fleet the determination is building to not let Gordon Ettie take a third Fleet Championship. "A new boat will not help, Gordon!"

The safest prediction is that Fleet 5 will again provide full opportunities for all Lightning sailors and again be one of the most active fleets in the country.



*Fair sailing by Chicago's Gold Coast.*

#### **BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)**

**Lake Erie District**

**Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie  
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada**

Fleet Captain ..... Bob Dobmeier  
Fleet Secretary ..... Norb Wrobel  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Ed Roseberry  
Fleet Champion ..... Tom Allen  
Runner-Up ..... Matt Bryant Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6670	.....	Matthew D. Georger
8510	Ra	William R. Potter
9111	Improvise	Robert Bear Jr. & William Rittling
9373	.....	Mark Bryant
10006	.....	Matt Bryant Jr.
10031	Restless	William Hughes
10034	.....	Dale F. Gruber
10147	Eve	W. Kenneth Seubert

10303	OZ	Robert J. Adams
10565	Blue Moon	Matt Bryant Sr. & Jr.
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11000	Thermis XI	Karl Smithier & Robert Dobmeier Jr.
11117	.....	Jay Hansen
11450	Yo-Yo	Francis M. Huffman
11702	Glockenspiel III	Stuart Anderson
11869	Golden Vanity	Robert C. Enger
12411	Orange Crate	Richard P. Ferrick
12487	Upstart	Norbert A. Wrobel
12729	Berry III	Ed Roseberry
12770	.....	C.O. Jones Jr.
12791	.....	James R. Maxson
12802	Westwind III	Thomas M. Ward
13273	.....	Mark Bryant
13265	.....	Douglas Oak
13311	.....	Anne & Thomas G. Allen III

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#### **MAYFIELD YACHT CLUB (13)**

**Central New York District**

**Sailing on Great Sacandaga Lake  
Mayfield, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Bill Schultz  
Fleet Secretary ..... Ric Klug  
Fleet Champion ..... Rob Klug  
Runner-Up ..... Walt Ryan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9528	Larc	Carl E. Grund
12084	.....	W.R. Schultz
12130	Viva	Sam Folger
12379	.....	Robert Klug
12636	Kittiwake	Edgar F. Koenig
13143	.....	Gerald & Walter Ryan
13251	.....	Ric Klug

Fleet 13 scheduled and sailed 20 races this year. Rob Klug repeated his sweep of last year and won the July, August, and Overall Series. However, this year he was not quite so dominant. In fact he was even heard commenting that the rest of the fleet was getting too fast. For example, Sam Folger, who replaced his tapered aluminum mast with an oval mast and new sails, displayed outstanding pointing ability and boat speed in the August Series. Also both Bill Schultz and Ed Koenig have demonstrated in the past that they have the capability of winning Fleet 13 silver. In addition, Walt Ryan and Ric Klug were frequently up in the lead or challenging for the lead this year. In short, our fleet may be small, but we are almost evenly matched in boat speed and skill. The results for Fleet 13 are as follows: **July Series**, Bob Klug (8 pts.), Ric Klug (11 pts.), Walt Ryan (12 pts.); **August Series**, Rob Klug (9 pts.), Walt Ryan (10 pts.), Sam Folger (11 pts.); **Overall Series**, Rob Klug (13 pts.), Walt Ryan (16 pts.), Ric Klug (19 pts.).

Fleet 13 was also active on the regatta circuit this year. One or more boats from Fleet 13 raced at the following locations: Red Bank Y.C., Newport Y.C., Lake Delta, Skaneateles Country Club, South Skaneateles, Keuka, Y.C., Brockport Y.C., Galway Lake, and Rehoboth Y.C. Notable results include Rob Klug's first place finishes at South Skaneateles and Galway Lake. Ric Klug finished fourth at South Skaneateles and received the Commodore's Cup at the Districts by finishing ahead of the bottom half of the fleet. Walt Ryan's 9th at the Districts earned him a trip to the North Americans where he qualified for the green fleet.

Our fleet report would not be complete without mentioning our crews who made this a successful year. Our crews for 1978 included Gerry, Mary, and Dawn Ryan, Mark and Doug Sturges, Ted Maylia, Jim McDonald, Max and Stella Schultz, Ann Folger, Jim Ball, Ron Farnsworth, Joanne Koenig and Bob Wyzkowski. In fact some of our crews got in more competitive sailing than anybody else. For example, Gerry Ryan was at almost every regatta a Fleet 13 boat went to.

Finally Fleet 13 would like to give special recognition to Bill Schultz. Bill has served as fleet secretary and co-ordinated the racing of Fleet 13 with the Mayfield racing program. We would like to thank Bill for his efforts in our behalf.

Well, I guess that wraps it up, hope to see you next year.

# PAUPACK FLEET (16)

## Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain ..... George Madel  
Fleet Secretary ..... Joe Mark  
Fleet Champion ..... John Rowley  
Runner-Up ..... George Madel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7298	Cloude Nine	Franklin H. Shive
7931	.....	Neal W. Merrill
8676	Rooster	Herm Henschen
10115	Gail Winds	Gail Chestnut
10301	Mimsy II	Joe Mark
11801	Moby Duck	John Rowley
11907	Mach I	George Madel
11960	.....	Hank Fretz
12416	.....	Peter Boettcher
12867	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky

This was not a good year for our fleet. Only four boats started every race and were eligible for season prizes. The rest showed up occasionally or not at all. It looks like they have lost their competitive spirit, or else they're getting tired of chasing John Rowley around the course.

John and family were superb again this year winning 14 of 18 races with their worst finish being a third. This enabled John to win all three series and the season championship. In second place was George Madel closely followed by Stan Moldawsky, and Joe Mark. The racing all season was very uneventful. Joe didn't ram anyone, Stan didn't capsize, Joan didn't fall overboard, there were no protests, and not a single mark was stolen during a race.

The one bright spot was the visit by several of our friends from Lake Mohawk to join in our racing for two weekends in July. If they weren't so damn fast it might have been fun.

The regular season always ends on Labor Day Weekend with "Fleet Night" at the Yacht Club. John backed his station wagon into the club, showed the other sailors the trophies they were competing for and promptly took them home again for another year. The "Bard of Wallenpaupack" made his annual appearance and left the crowd in stitches with his recount of the seasons activities.

The finale every year is the fall regatta. Usually held the 2nd weekend after Labor Day. It was postponed a week so as not to compete with the Atlantic Coast Championship. Bad decision. Our usually windy weekend was replaced with one consisting of bright sunny days and very little wind. Twenty boats started the first race in a light northeast wind which soon disappeared leaving large holes over the lake. Two and a half hours later the fleet struggled back to the club for a much needed lunch and "hydration". The second race was postponed until Sunday, which started off looking just like Saturday. After a two hour wait a light westerly wind brought the fleet to the starting line. This race also experienced many frustrating moments as the wind disappeared and appeared again and again. A shortened third race was sailed in a light but steady wind although seven boats did not start this race, having given up any chance of winning. Bob Graham of Lake Mohawk won all three races. In the second race he had a great boat to boat battle with: Herm Henschen who led the way until the seventh leg. Second in the regatta was Tom Bierman. Third was John Rowley who after finishing the third race was rushed by motor boat to get much needed medical aid for a hand that got in the way of an angry centerboard. Jim Wavle and Herm Henschen rounded out the top five finishes.

The Saturday night dinner at the club was once again a trencher-mans delight with enough roast chicken and other goodies for all. This fine dinner was planned and prepared by Stan and the sailor's wives. As usual Stan ran a perfect weekend. (Except for the Wind).

It is hoped that 1979 will bring some of the old familiar faces back to the starting line again, and Dave and Gary will leave their tyrannical skippers and show up with boats of their own.

Joe Mark will be fleet captain next year.

# BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB FLEET (17)

## Connecticut-Rhode Island District

### Sailing on Long Island Sound Bridgeport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain ..... Harry Turton  
Fleet Secretary ..... Thomas H. Tamoney, Jr.  
Fleet Champions ..... David W. Orange & Gordon R. Burrows  
Runner-up ..... James Nelson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9089	.....	Peter G. Standish
9122	Thor	Ralph Sperry, Sr.
9428	'Sno Bird	Lucile H. & Thomas H. Tamoney, Jr.
10382	.....	Harry Turton
10492	Esprit	Jeff McCormick
10730	Seven C's	Robert F. Cahill
11874	Fiddler's Green	James Nelson
11890	Zephyrus	John E. Meyer
12124	Ariel	David W. Orange & Gordon R. Burrows

Fleet 17 had another exciting summer of racing on Long Island Sound. During the course of the summer, the weather presented every possible challenge from the heaviest to the lightest conditions. Continued enthusiasm and interest in Lightning racing were evidenced by the close competition for the series championship and the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend regattas. All members are working for continued success and expansion of the fleet in 1979.

As part of its commitment to growth, the fleet played host to the Long Island Sound Lightning Championship which was attended by approximately twenty boats. Fleet 17 looks forward to hosting this regatta again in the Summer of 1979.

The fastest Lightning in the fleet in 1978 was *Ariel*, skippered by Dave Orange and Gordon Burrows. In a close second place was Jim Nelson in *Fiddler's Green* followed by Ralph Sperry in *Thor*.

# CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

## Lake Erie District

### Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5743	.....	Richard Harding
9332	Blew Mac's	J.J. McDonnell
10035	.....	Edward W. Burger
12785	Peacemaker	Richard Harding

Ed Burger, who has been voted the most improved skipper of '77, opened the season by winning the Memorial Day long race. Chuck and Cindy Hodges in their new boat came in second, while Kevin Harding was third.

At the 14th annual Cornball Regatta, it appeared that Tom Allen had it all sewed up by winning the first two races. However, in the third race, a slight miscalculation caused him to hit a buoy and by the time he had completed circling, he had slipped back to fourth. Larry Mac Donald, who had two second place finishes won the race and the regatta. Tom's 4th in the 3rd race gave him second overall and Tom Jungjohahn from Newport YC was third.

In the Labor Day long race, neophyte Chuck Hodges moved out front early and continued to improve his position right to the finish line. Jim McDonnell and Kevin Harding changed places several times but Jim was second at the finish and Kevin third.

The year-long Hi-Point series was a really closely fought battle all season long, but Kevin Harding nosed out Jim McDonnell by one point to win the Fleet Championship.

Double congratulations to Chuck and Cindy Hodges. They not only had a new baby this year (and a new boat), but Chuck was awarded the "Most Improved Skipper" trophy.

For next season Ed Burger has been elected Fleet Captain. "Congrats Ed!" To Dick Harding, Many Thanks, for a job well done during the past two years.



**INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)****Ohio District****Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio**

Fleet Captain .....Howard R. Eckels  
 Fleet Secretary .....Howard R. Eckels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7424	Captain America	James R. Goslee III
9702	Grey Ghost	Harry S. Robertson
11138	Cock Pit	Jay & Helen Limbaugh
11485	Page One	Alex Kaye
11640	Windsong	Gordon D. Scullion
12049	.....	Bob Curry
12287	.....	Ted Siferd
12412	If III	Thomas L. & Mark Wilkins
12415	Bob Cat	Robert Stempel
12559	Big Red Machine	John Butler
12797	.....	Bernie Malcolm
12875	.....	Howard Eckels
12881	.....	John Timmermeister
12892	.....	Alex Kaye
13189	.....	Dick & John Collier

The fleet participated in two 8 race series beginning May 28 and ending on October 1, 1978. Mark Wilkins skippering boat 12412 won the first series followed by Bob Stempel and John Timmermeister. Bob Stempel in boat 12415 won the second series followed by John Timmermeister and Lowell Butler. The fleet had two additions during the year, Sue Hagar 12960 and Bob Curry 12049.

**LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)****Metropolitan District****Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain .....Dick Schoell  
 Fleet Secretary .....Barbara Schoell  
 Fleet Champion .....Bob Graham  
 Runner-up .....Tom Bierman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9984	Cumulonimbus	Robert Watters
10014	Puff	Mike Venus
10207	Jax Delight	Martin Jachts
10220	.....	Victor Haines
10480	.....	Richard Schoell
11420	.....	Bob Graham
11448	Tomato Sloop	David MacDonald
11565	.....	John Kindschi
11572	Apple Jack	James E. Wavle, Jr.
12166	.....	Ronald Beard
12337	.....	Donald R. Ploetner
12912	Ruptured Duck	Tom Bierman
13154	Jackie	Armond R. Tomassetti

At the end of July, the Lake Mohawk Lightning fleet trailered their boats to Lake Wallenpaupack in Pennsylvania in response to an invitation from Fleet 16. The fleets raced together on two successive Sundays and, as usual, our friends at Paupack were gracious hosts and spirited competitors.

In the Fall Series, Tom Bierman easily took first with Jim Wavle just edging out Dick Schoell for second, while Rich Miner finished fourth. This year the Short Circuit skipped Lake Mohawk and instead added Nyack to the traditional regattas at Greenwood Lake and Lake Wallenpaupack. Nevertheless, Fleet 25 sailors Graham, Bierman and Wavle took the first three places in the Circuit.

As soon as the thaw comes, we'll all put away the skis and brace ourselves for what promises to be an even more highly competitive sailing season in 1979 (particularly if we can convince Bob Graham to buy a brand new boat).

Lake Mohawk's small but energetic Lightning fleet was considerably bolstered this year by four new skippers with experience in other classes. John Kindschi, Rich Miner, Don Ploetner and Dick Schoell all quickly established that they have good boat speed and the capacity to win.

Dave MacDonald and Bob Graham got the jump on the rest of the fleet by competing in the Southern Circuit, where Tom Bierman crewed with Sandy Huntsman. For those who stayed up north, the season began in late April. The Wavle's returned home from the Long John Regatta to get the salt off their sails by turning over under spinnaker in the first fleet race of the year.

Bob Graham, Lake Mohawk's traditional Fleet Champion, ran away with the Spring Series finishing first in 9 out of 10 starts with a second in the other. Tom Bierman handily finished second with Jim Wavle third, followed by Dick Schoell, Bob Tomassetti, Dave MacDonald and Mike Venus. Dick and Dave had the pleasure of turtling on the same day although Dave had the tougher assignment in managing to do it while close-hauled.

In the Magnus Pedersen Regatta on the Hudson at Nyack, Tom Bierman and Jim Wavle finished 1st and 2nd, while Rob "Waldo" Boswell of Bob Graham's crew distinguished himself in the subtle art of unobtrusively anchoring during a race with a two-handed, over-the-head toss from the bow toward the weather mark.

In the Summer Series, Bob Graham won again with 6 firsts in 12 starts while Tom Bierman finished second with 4 firsts. Jim Wavle barely beat Ron Beard for third place with an average that was only three hundredths better. Dave MacDonald finished fifth followed by Dick Schoell, Don Ploetner, Bob Tomassetti and Mike Venus.

Bob Graham and Tom Bierman represented the fleet at the 40th Anniversary Regatta in which Tom got a 2nd in the final race. It isn't often a skipper can look back and see more than 100 boats behind him.

Lake Mohawk was host to the 1978 Metropolitan District Championship and the mid-July weather was every bit as fluky as the worst pessimists could have expected. Bob Graham and Ron Beard sailed very well to finish 3rd and 6th, while Tom Bierman ended up 9th despite a bad first race. The Regatta was smoothly run thanks to the efforts of District Commodore, Tom Bierman, and the outstanding efforts of Snipe sailors, Gail and John Marx, who organized the Race Committee and the dinner.

**LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)****Ohio District****Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Columbus (Powell), Ohio**

Fleet Captain .....Carl Clipp  
 Fleet Secretary .....George Hodge  
 Fleet Champion .....Carl Clipp  
 Runner-Up .....Paul Howald

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5900	Skunk	Robert J. McBride
7466	Passerby	Don Trimmer
8002	.....	Harry Minck
8656	Sam's Sammi	Sam George
9099	Pirate	Dick Denning
10353	Lease This Space	Eric & Bill Hilsman
11332	Miss Judy II	Warren Baltimore
11499	.....	Bucky Powless
11932	.....	George Seiple
11982	Gone With the Wind	George Hodge
12388	The Molly B	Thomas R. Kennedy
12580	.....	Warren J. Miller
12787	LADY BE GOODER	Ron Sehulster
12840	Moby Pink	Bill & Eric Hilsman
12895	Thump-Thump	Paul Howald
12986	.....	Tom Brugh
13006	Clipp Joint	Carl Clipp

The summer of 1978 was a season of outstanding sailing weather at Leatherlips. We had very few drifters and very little air over 15. In fact at "docks out" we enjoyed a beautiful bright 73 degree day.

The Ohio District Educational Seminar was held on April 15th and 16th and was well attended by 42 enthusiastic sailors. George Fisher was the coordinator and we were all eager to hear what Jim and Nancy Dressel, Jack Mueller and Dick Pugh had to say about how to make a Lightning go faster. And then on May the 20th and 21st, the U.S.Y.R.U. Advanced Sailing Clinic was held at Leatherlips with Dave

Perry as the instructor. These were 2 days of great concentrated sailing instruction with a lot of on the water exercises. Everyone who attended was very enthusiastic about this great learning experience.

This was Carl Clipp's year. Carl with his super crew of Charita Clipp and Regi Augustine won the fleet championship with super sailing all year. Carl bought Bucky Powless' boat in the spring and we all saw a lot of his new stern all year. Carl won our most improved sailor award and his crew won the most improved crew award for the 1978 season.

Carl got off to a good start by winning the Spring Series with Bill Hilsman close being in second place. Mike Denning sailed well in the Memorial Day series which brought him in first. Ron Sehulster was a 1/2 point behind in second and Carl Clipp was third.

Eric Hilsman won the July 4th series by a nose over Paul Howald and George Hodge was 3rd. Ron Sehulster was off on the Regatta trail so he did not sail the 4th of July and missed many of the Summer Series at the home club.

George Hodge ran off with the Summer Series with Carl Clipp finishing second and Paul Howald in third. Clipp really got cranked up and did some of his best sailing in the Labor Day Series with Ron Sehulster second and Paul Howald third.

We hosted our Fourth Annual Windshift Regatta on June 10th and 11th. Eighteen boats participated for this second leg of the Governor's Cup. Ron Sehulster won the regatta and local sailors captured the next 4 places. For all the Lightning sailors who did not make this fun regatta they might be interested to know that they missed a prime filet mignon dinner complete with wine for a fantastic price of \$4.00.

Our out of town travelers included Paul Howald, Ron and Dixie Sehulster, Bertie Gerling, George Hodge and Carl and Charita Clipp. Ron was the most active traveler sailing in 7 "away" regattas this season. Howald, Hodge and Sehulster sailed in this years Ohio District Lightning Championships at Pymatuning Lake.

Fleet 27 was very proud of Ron's accomplishments in serving as the Ohio District Commodore in 1978 and winning the '78 Ohio Governor's Cup Series with the best record of the three regattas including the Thundermug at Grand Lake St. Marys, The Windshift at Leatherslips and the Fall In Regatta at Lake Cowan. Congratulations Ron!

Carl Clipp was elected for a second term as Fleet Captain and Warren Miller was elected Secretary Treasurer for the 1979 season.

We are hoping to see all of the Lightning friends in the other fleets at our Fifth Annual Windshift Regatta next June.

## DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

### Michigan District

#### Based on Devil's Lake at Manitu Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Steve Thomas  
Fleet Captain Elect ..... Jack Tibbs  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Nuoffer  
Fleet Champion ..... George Sipel, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5901	.....	Walt Wiesman
9480	.....	William Nuoffer
9650	Red Carpet	Dr. James & Phillip J. Reynolds
11449	Rerun	George Sipel, Jr.
11863	.....	Robert E. Barnum
12345	.....	Robert Koffron
12548	No Excuses	Dr. Charles Smith
12724	Mellow Yellow	Dr. G. Thomas Poirier
12773	.....	Walt Wiesman
12777	.....	Dan Bruggeman
12861	.....	Bob, John & Jim Morse
12939	.....	Jack Tibbs
13021	.....	Steve Thomas
13310	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
Life Member		Jack Beal
Life Member		Barnie Crittenden

This year the Devils Lake Lightning Fleet celebrated its 35th anniversary. The year started with sailing on Memorial Day weekend. The weather was great for most Sunday sailing during the summer but the winds were generally light. The sailing ended on Labor Day weekend.

Our Fleet Championship Series was very close between George Sipel and Merrill Bales with Sipel winning, Bales second and Jack Tibbs a close third.

Devils Lake hosted the 35th annual invitational regatta with 35 Lightnings attending. There were several previous North American champions; Walt Swindeman, Dick Krauss, Herm Nickels and Bruce Goldsmith competing for the top honors. The regatta was won by Goldsmith; second, Lightning Class President Dave Peters; third, Merrill Bales; fourth, Clarence Holman III; and fifth, Herm Nickels.

## TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... Clem Shriver  
Fleet Secretary ..... Charles Suter  
Fleet Champion ..... Clem Shriver  
Runners-Up ..... Tom Daugherty/Robert Manard

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

## METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

### Central Atlantic District

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

Fleet Captain ..... Werner Schon  
Fleet Secretary ..... James G. Carson  
Fleet Champion ..... Jay Lutz  
Runner-Up ..... David Ruiter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9006	Second Verse	Michael Coscia
9633	Shazam	E. Kenneth Snedeker, Jr.
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
10988	Jim Dandy III	James J. Daley
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas
11933	Barbarella	David S. Ruiter
11972	Screamin Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
12405	.....	Werner Schon
12695	Insight	Frank Di Fazio
12789	Little Feat	Charles Thrower
12965	.....	Richard Jeske
13162	.....	Richard Tell
13184	Fuzzy Wuzzy	James G. Carson
13306	Dirty Schwantz	Jay Lutz

Metedeconk River Fleet 34 has always been proud of its sailors and of the ability of the Metedeconk River Yacht Club to conduct first class regattas. 1978 was no exception as the fleet and club worked together to put on a super Junior Lightning Championship. Jay Lutz, Jim Carson, and Dave Ruiter led the way around the course in many important regattas. Other less prominent members of the fleet enthusiastically supported local racing and on occasion ventured to nearby regattas.

Surprises of the year were Dave Ruiter's win of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championship, an event which Jim Carson thought he could never lose. Another surprise was Jim Carson's defeat of Jay Lutz in two straight regattas (Districts and New Jersey States) after a two year span in which Jim never beat his former crew.

No surprise was Jay Lutz win in the Fleet/Club Championship, a series he made look easy. The improved sailing of Rick Tell gained him Mike Coscia's Pomptonian Trophy as most improved sailor.

Fleet Captain Werner Schon pulled all the right strings to pull off another traditional pool party - the kind where everybody gets thrown in, prepared or not. We were honored that our own Mimi Dimon was elected District Commodore, a post well deserved by her tireless efforts on Fleet and District business.

While we do not have a Junior Championship, to psych us up in 1979, we look forward to more good sailing and fellowship. Visitors welcome!