

**PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)**  
**Ohio District**  
**Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown,**  
**Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain ..... Dr. John Borland  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Herb Jestel  
 Fleet Champion ..... Randy Ruhlman  
 Runner-Up ..... Rob Ruhlman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5312	Dutchman III	Charles W. Burgess
5323	Cigan II	Frederick R. & Frank E. Lange
5981	Navy Surplus	Jeff Borland
6530	.....	Bob Baumgardner
7126	New Wine	Edward E. Werley
7785	Timber Wolf	Ralph Meacham
8330	Hot Canary III	Dick Maras
9080	Blitz	George Cummings
9517	.....	Jon & Rob Ruhlman
9619	.....	John Swartz
10047	.....	John B. Harrell
10163	Witch Wathego	Homer Benson
10210	Venture II	Kenneth B. Finnie, Sr.
10273	Old Yeller	Don Courtsal
10525	Giant Killer	E. L. Caldwell
10789	Lemon Twist	Donald H. & Robert A. DeSplinter
11240	Ruler V	Gordon R. Miller
11278	LaBiche III	Lud Lekson
11651	High Voltage I	Jerry King
11671	Blue Purr	John & Peter Swartz
11768	.....	Tom Sankey
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe
12271	Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12313	Blue Fox	Dave Lewis, Jr.
12420	Ruler VII	Jon & Randy Ruhlman
12593	The Kid	R. Kenneth Graham
12620	Torlik	Jon & Rob Ruhlman
12848	Gotcha Again	Dr. John Borland
12916	Most Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
12940	.....	Ralph H. Gibbon
12972	L'Aigie	Joe Redding
12973	.....	George Prince
12983	.....	Dave Kuntz
13181	Grayling	John Glasson
13224	.....	Tom Fry
13233	.....	Dr. C. H. Maltbie
13255	Gone with	
	The Wind	Dr. James Martuccio
13318	.....	Dr. Ralph & Marc Snelson

Fleet 36 racing began in May with a ten race series called the Eager Spring (combining the previous Eager Beaver and Spring series into one). Final results showed Bob Baumgardner the "most eager," followed by an upcoming junior, Jeff Borland, second and Commodore Don Courtsal third. Saturday and Sunday racing during most of the summer (14 scheduled races) composed the Championship Series. It was won again this year by Randy Ruhlman, who retired the trophy by winning it for three consecutive years. Runner-up Rob Ruhlman (Randy's older brother) was followed by Don Courtsal, third.

In July we held our annual Independence Day regatta, and also hosted the Ohio District Championship two weeks later. Team racing took over in August, while Randy and Rob Ruhlman, Chuck Maltbie, Dick and Vic Maras, and Peter Swartz were competing at Rehoboth.

One of our famous Moonlight races was opened to all club members this year, with varying vocal results. To win you had to be first to return and first to be able to sing, in correct order, words which were posted on various buoys around the course.

The Fall Series was won by Chuck Maltbie, with Don Courtsal runner-up, and Dave Lewis third. For our last scheduled race this year, we invited Lightning sailors from near-by Conneaut Lake to trail over and join us on the starting line. We enjoyed meeting the several fine Lightning friends who accepted the invitation.

Fleet Race Chairman George Cummings is glad to report that a total of twenty-nine fleet members participated in our races this year, with a

"best turnout" of twenty-six on one starting line. This kind of enthusiastic participation is what makes Fleet 36 so great!

We welcomed several new fleet members this year: John Harrell, Ralph Gibbon, Ken Graham, and John Willoughby. Young Jeff Borland refinished a wooden Lightning, 'jumped ship' from his dad's boat, and became a skipper and fleet member himself. Another Lightning junior of whom we're all proud is Mike Werley, who was a crewman on our Pymatuning Sears team, which won the 1978 Sears National Championship at San Diego.

Trophy night on November 11, 1978 officially closed the Lightning sailing season. Fleet Captain Jack Borland (1979 Club Commodore) and Anne were host and hostess at a delicious dinner and fleet award presentation. Dave and Nedra Lewis entertained at a brunch the next morning. A great final party, to help us 'survive' the winter, until we can sail again in the spring!



*Bob Baumgardner, winner of the Eager Spring series, shows us how to do it in a wood boat.*

**CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)**  
**Metropolitan District**

**Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Frank Newman  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Donna S. VanFleet  
 Fleet Champion ..... William C. Gordon  
 Runner-up ..... Stephen Schwark

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2125	.....	Thurlow W. Burnett
5405	.....	Robert C. Vickory, Jr.
6454	.....	Explorer Post #381
6731	Natasha	William Jones
7359	.....	F. David Petelinz
8607	.....	J. Douglas Wright
8783	Fox's Reward	Frank Newman
9496	.....	Thurlow W. Burnett
10244	.....	J. Douglas Wright

10381	Winkhawk	Explorer Post #381
10779	Shadowfox	Joseph M. Sullivan, Jr.
11158	Blue Chips	William C. Gordon
11431	R.B.	James W. VanFleet
11604	Toy Boat	Stephen Schwark
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York



1978 Champions - Pete Moncada, Skipper Bill Gordon and Tammie Korber.

Inspired by springtime talks from Steve Prime, and Bill Shore, Fleet 39 sailed the first of its 18 races on April 30, crossing the line for the last time October 22. In spite of avid competition from as many as 11 boats in some races, Bill Gordon and Steve Schwark retained their season champion and runner-up titles, respectively, for the third consecutive year. Joe Sullivan, who returned mid-season, took third overall.

Of special note this season is Steve Schwark's breaking Gordon's two-year winning streak by taking a first in a Series. Recapping the four Series: "A" Series, 1st Steve Schwark, 2nd Bill Gordon; "B" Series, "A" Fleet - 1st Bill Gordon and 2nd Steve Schwark, "B" Fleet - 1st Doug Wright, "C" Series, "A" Fleet - 1st Bill Gordon and 2nd Joe Sullivan, "B" Fleet - 1st Sam York; "D" Series - 1st Bill Gordon and 2nd Joe Sullivan.

The Mini-Series (intended for sailors who could compete only one weekend per month and with only those eligible who did not win other trophies), resulted in first and second place honors to Frank Newman and Tad Burnett, respectively.

The CYC Special Races yielded seven other Lightning trophies: "At-Anchor Start" - Jim Van Fleet, 1st and Bill Gordon, 2nd; "Skipper Crew" - Tammie Korber (sailing Bill Gordon's *Blue Chips*), 1st and Eric Newman (sailing Frank Fox's *Reward*), 2nd; Chelsea Handicap - 3rd Jim Van Fleet, 4th Bill Gordon, 7th Tad Burnett.

The Chelsea Open (part of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association circuit and third leg of the Mid-Hudson Circuit), was won by Tom DeStasio, Nyack Boat Club; followed by Meyer of the Minisceongo Yacht Club; Low of Nyack; and Bitler of Miniscenongo. Bill Gordon took third overall in the Mid-Hudson Circuit, as well as first in the Sutherlands at Stony Point and third in the Last Blast.

Former Lightning skippers showed their winning form in the Second Annual Lightning Clambake Old-Timers Race, with top honors to Lew Larson, who sailed 11158 back in 1974. In contrast to the experience of the old-timers, new skippers among Explorer Post 381 also displayed their winning form, finishing in the top half of nine of the 13 races than entered. All of the CYC racers appreciated the new racing marks made by the Post.

At season's end, Most Improved trophy went to Jim Van Fleet. Another improvement this season was the increase by two of the average number of boats per race. Fleet 39 looks for even more competition in 1979.

## HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41)

### Metropolitan District

#### Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	.....Bill Meyer
Fleet Secretary	.....Nick Mazzeo
Fleet Champion	.....Bill Meyer
Runner-Up	.....Bitler-Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8883	Thunder	Tony Schweiker
10261	Imposter	Dennis Szokolay
10784	"Heads Up"	Eric Schreck
11227	Heuristic	Paul J. Krick
11583	Meliora III	George Bitler & Mark Lewis
12991	Afternoon Delight	Bill Meyer
13044	Teacher's Pet	Nick Mazzeo

The 1978 sailing season started strongly with seven boats consistently on the starting line. Bill Meyer, sailing with wife, Donna, and alternate kids, Wendy and Billy, won the Spring, Fall, and Regatta series to capture the Fleet Championship. George Bitler and Mark Lewis, sailing with Barbara Bitler, bought Bud Whitnall's 11583 and got it moving in the summer to win the Summer Series. George and Mark were runners-up in the fleet with consistent sailing, but had to withdraw from the fall series when a 30 knot gear buster in the Last Blast regatta capsized the boat breaking the mast in three places.

When freshman High-Tor sailor Dennis Szokolay lost his crew, (Tom and Pete Reddy returned to school) and Paul Krick lost his jib man (also to return to school), it became difficult to muster enough boats to start a race.

Eric Schreck, with son, Eric, and crew Eric Knight, won his first silver on the Hudson at Nyack this year. He also managed a third in the fleet with a good showing in the Last Blast Regatta. Nick Mazzeo, sailing with wife, Beth, and friend, Artie, beat more boats this year than a new skipper is supposed to. Tony Schweiker, and crew, Jon Knight and Don Wickstrom, need a genoa to move old 850 lb. "Thunder" around the course with the rest of the fleet. Tony feels real comfortable in the heavy stuff.

The fleet wishes to thank all those who helped to make our regattas a success.

## SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET (47)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Captain	.....Peter Bone
Fleet Secretary	.....Maggie Dadd
Fleet Champion	.....Todd Jones
Runner-Up	.....Bill Neal

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
755	Whoops	W.Dana Jones
7398	Widgeon	David Saunders
7949	Reylog Flyer	Calvin DeGolyer
8004	Cirrus II	Justus A. Emens
8766	Tric Trac	Bob Foster
9119	Paget II	Bud Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster	Wm. Humphrey, D.D.S.
9417	Loophole	Timothy C. Leixner
9631	Right On	Earl Fowlston
9739	Hustler	Mark Grinder
9845	.....	Peter K. Bone
9905	Frustration	Mark Dadd
10098	WHY!!	Jack Hackemer
10120	.....	Barrie Matteson
10701	.....	Joe & Richard Elias
10808	Jane III	Bud Van Arsdale
11566	Al R's	Rob Williams
11587	Easy Rider	Edwin Willse
12150	Tric - Trac II	Paul Mokdessi
12240	.....	W. Todd & Peter W. Jones
12725	French Fry	Bill Neal
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss & Bill Van Arsdale
12984	.....	Carl & Kent Lyons

Our annual Silver Lake Yacht Club dinner brought to a close our 25th year of sailing on Silver Lake. Past Commodore Hoss Bone's humorous recital of the season's mishaps spared few of us. He noted with some pride that both Peter Bone and Bill Neal had qualified for the North Americans and that the club had done very well at District events.

The club now has 24 active boats and our enthusiastic younger members insure a high level of competition. This year the club championship was captured by Todd Jones who had one of the most consistent seasons on record. Bill Neal was second and Bud Humphrey, third.

The mid-fleet overall award went to Bud Van Arsdale.

The most improved skipper trophy based on two years of sailing was awarded to Bernie Matteson. One of the most treasured awards, the Jacob Hofstead Memorial Trophy for the best crew, was won by Kevin Jones. Bill Neal received the C. L. Van Arsdale Memorial Trophy for the best positioned Silver Lake boat at the Harvest Regatta and the Mid Neal-Brown Memorial Trophy for the skipper sailing the best away races.

The Williams' Stay-At-Home Trophy was presented to Jay Emens and crew and the Caldwell Bucket was won by Peter Bone.

The 6 race series, the Bill Humphrey Memorial, was won by Peter Bone and crew with Bernie Matteson and crew taking second place, Todd Jones and crew taking third place and J. A. Emens and crew winning the Mid-fleet award.

The three race Jane Van Arsdale Memorial series was won by Bill Neal with Mark Grinder, second, Peter Bone, third and the Mid-fleet award going to Mark Dadd.

The Neal Memorial Trophy was won by Peter Bone, Bill Neal in second place, Bernie Matteson in third place and the Mid-fleet award going to Bud Humphrey.

The Benedict Memorial Trophy series was won by Bill Neal with Dr. Humphrey coming in second and Mark Grinder, third.

Other officers are Yacht Club Commodore, Mark Dadd; Yacht Club Vice Commodore, Laura Grinder; Junior Fleet Captain, David Matteson and Fleet Treasurer, Bud Van Arsdale.

The National Capital Washington Fleet celebrated its 35th anniversary this year. It all began on March 5th with "The Frostbite" which rattled the bones of all sailors. Mother Nature was declared winner during post race activities at the Yacht Club.

Doc Gilbert affectionately renamed his boat *Swamp Fox* after having boat and trailer pass his car on his way to the Southern Circuit passing through St. Petersburg. The boat and trailer launched themselves into a swamp and floated away. After having to swim after the boat on the trailer, it was felt the elusive craft required a new name.

Fleet 50's touring group was well represented at many regattas, including The Azalea, Annapolis, Susquehanna, Severn Spring, Baltimore Mayor's Cup, Harve de Grace, Delaware Governor's Cup, Dixie Districts, Annapolis Annual, Miles River, North Americans, Maryland Governor's Cup, Rehoboth Fall Regatta, Fall Severn, Smith Mountain Lake, Frigid-Digit Annapolis, Quantico etc. Yes, the fleet averaged ten boats at most of these events.

Locally, we were pleased by Lightning attendance at our Heart Fund, Walter Collier and President's Cup Regattas. Virginia's own Doctor Delorme swept away the silver for the Walter Collier and President's Cup. He also was winner of the North American's Presidents Cup.

Memorable events were, "The Doc Gilbert Night", attended by over one hundred Lightning sailors. Doc was presented a caricature and made Honorary Life member for his contribution of thirty years to Lightning Sailing. The Fleet sailing party was attended by fifteen boats and crews at Mike Arnold's new home on the water. Ron Buchanan was declared deep six champ by capsizing six times, six races, OHHHHH!!!

Fleet 50 was proud and pleased to assist in the North Americans with fifteen members serving in various support functions. This included parking, measurement, launching, registration, race committee, protest committee, stake boats etc.

Fleet 50 has many officers such as: Activities Chairman, James H. Dillard; Newsletter Editor, William R. Buchanan; Membership Chairman, David A. Pyle; Junior Activities Chairman, Rose Gentile; Racing Chairman, Harris J. Hulbert, Jr., and Fleet Scorer, Maryann Gallagher. Our Fleet Captain for 1979 will be Winslow H. Randolph III and Mrs. Joyce Dillard, the Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.

In all, we have had a superb season in association with Lightning sailors, who are all beautiful people.

Fleet 50's warmest regards to all for another successful year.

## WASHINGTON, D.C. FLEET (50)

### Dixie District

#### Based on the Potomac River

Fleet Captain ..... Frank J. Gallagher  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Winslow H. Randolph, III  
Fleet Champion ..... Frank J. Gallagher  
Runner-Up ..... James H. Dillard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
239	Blitzen	Walter K. Hendron
3145	Bit Bucket	Harris J. Hulbert, Jr.
6441	.....	Joseph J. Cowan
7294	Celeste	Thomas G. Murnane
7324	.....	Henry A. Thedick
7373	.....	Julie Coyle
7605	Red Herring	David A. Hays
7844	Syrena	Goerge C. Wachnik
8445	Currahee	Frank D. Moore
8697	Stormy Petrel	Alva B. Davis
9007	Big Toria	Philip A. McCombs
9842	Blarney	William Hart McCarthy
10063	By Lo	David A. Pyle
10213	Last Chance (?)	Philip Tierney
10258	J. Bones	Arthur Gatenby
10745	Breezy II	Harris J. Hulbert, Jr.
10814	Fast n Loose	H. Dieter Grotheer
10817	Big Green	James H. Dillard
11159	.....	Kenneth R. Drews
11369	Miscellaneous	Skip R. Heller
11405	Long Shot	Joseph P. Warren
11673	.....	William Hart McCarthy
12168	Tallyho	Winslow H. Randolph III
12365	Energize	Frank J. Gallagher
12911	Swamp Fox	Dr. James B. Gilbert
12989	Jabberwock	Malcolm E. Arnold
13017	Potomac Brave	Frank Gentile

## CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

### Michigan District

#### Based on Lake St. Clair

#### Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Ron Summers  
Fleet Secretary ..... Mike Williams  
Fleet Champion ..... Fred Eng  
Runner-Up ..... Arlyn Kinkel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
8588	Rage	Tom Vickers
9616	.....	Bob & Linda Schoonbeck
10290	Wild Turkey	Walter "Skip" Remter
10349	Blue Max	Robert Lees
12060	Captain Crunch	Mike Williams
12121	.....	Vincent T. Boyle
12227	Pucker Power	Arlyn W. Kinkel
12369	Short Shirt II	Ron Summers
12383	Cygnus	Marlow Lee
12614	Fledermaus	Jono Oram
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Dick Drew
13245	Chinese Bandit	Fred Eng
13298	.....	Bob Werenski

The confusing Cox-Sprague scoring system was applied to the race results, and Fred Eng repeated as winner of the Sunday, Wednesday, and overall Championships. Jon Oram was second on Wednesday, edging Dick Drew. Arlyn Kinkel was second Sundays and overall. This capped a fine year for Fred, who also won the Lightning race at the annual Crescent regatta. He did have his moments, though; once he



displayed flawless technique for setting the anchor-without benefit of anchor line.

The social season was highlighted by the annual lobster roast. Scores of mussels, gallons of clam chowder, and 125 lobsters were enjoyed by Crescent members.

Next year, Fred Eng will not defend his title. He has accepted a position in Philadelphia, which will leave Fleet 51 disoriented. Everyone plans to succeed him, especially Bob Schoonbeck. He acquired two boats this year, wrapping up the ugly boat contest along the way. One boat is pink; the other could be charitably described as "egg plant."

For all but one skipper, the goal was clear: Dethrone Fred Eng, (in a new boat yet), Champion of Fleet 51. All the ingredients were present. Bob Werenski promised his annual new boat, while grabbing a few bullets with the "old" one. Arlyn Kinkel and Vince Boyle showed that Lightnings are not only good family boats, but fast family boats. (Some of Vince's starts were a little too good, though.) Dick Drew had fine boat speed. But, Fred began to win.

Eastern transferee Jon Oram swept the ugly boat honors with a lumpy black and yellow craft, while Skip Remter prepared his hull.

By the end of June, Fred had won more often than not. Bob Lees flipped, Tom Vickers continued to improve, and Mike Williams found how tough it is to sail monohulls. The races often followed a pattern; Fred, Dick, or Arlyn would lead, with the ugly boat making big comebacks on the last leg. This caused the Werenskis to adopt a "divide and conquer" strategy. At our Father's Day Regatta, Bob crewed for winner Clarence Holman III and Sally for third placer Jon Oram. Skippy was busy building his mast.

July found Crescent represented at the Districts by four boats, with Fred Eng earning a ninth place. Sally Werenski crewed for winner Garry Demarest, and husband, Bob, crewed for 7th place Gary Cameron. (Good Strategy!) Fred qualified for Rehoboth where he sailed in the President's Cup. Meanwhile back at Crescent, Skippy was cutting his sails.

In August, competition and camaraderie peaked on Wednesday nights. Tight racing was followed by loose sailors at the weekly beer and pizza blasts. Skip finally launched his boat to gain admittance to the parties. The new Werenski craft appeared and was promptly dubbed *Poison Eggroll*, but it was too little, too late.

#### LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53)

##### Michigan District

##### Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Carl Pohly  
Fleet Secretary ..... Terrence Bigda  
Fleet Champion ..... Herman Nickels  
Runner-Up ..... Dave Furey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9965	Polution	
	Solution	Dennis Staley
11156	Gray Ghost	Terrence F. Bigda
11451	.....	Ronald Rohlman
11793	.....	Carl Pohly
12191	Wild Goose	John Kerr
12330	.....	Herman Nickels
12334	Bligh Spirit	Paul Militzer
12763	In Between	Al Bauer
13031	.....	Morris Gushen
13077	.....	Dave Nickels
13334	Demon II	Dave Furey

Weather played a very important part in this racing season. Over two-thirds of this year's dates were raced in very poor conditions. Many days the wind was between 2 and 7 miles per hour, which allowed champion Herman Nickels to show that he is definitely a superb sailor. Many times the distance between Nickels and runner-up Dave Furey was considerable. Furey moved from 4th place last year to runner-up which should result in many years of good racing at Lake Fenton. Last year's runner-up, Paul Militzer, dropped to 4th place which allowed Dave Nickels to finish in the third position.

Lake Fenton also races on Wednesday nights and this year Al Bauer was the 1st place finisher. He and his crew, made up of his wife and son, worked very well together to beat out Paul Militzer.

The Traveling Trophy for having the best record away was awarded

to Dave Furey. Most Improved Sailor award (Margaret Nickels Award) went to a surprised Terrence Bigda. This Year LFSC was host for the Michigan District Team Championship which was again won by Douglas Lake. This event is growing in prestige and rivalry between clubs which has caused some very good races.

The LFSC new building should be completed in time for next year's racing season. This new facility will have a social room, a new kitchen, and large activity center. When the clubhouse is finished it should be one of the finest in the midwest. We are looking forward to next season with great expectation.

#### PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

##### Michigan District

##### Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... John A. Scott  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Boyd  
Fleet Champion ..... Jim McCoy  
Runner-Up ..... Bill McKinley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
837	Love Too	Keith Thatcher
1789	.....	Peter Wells
7959	Flip	F. Leslie Huntwork
8744	Five J's	John H. Ostrander
9855	Bardy	J. F. Ensroth, MD
9964	Half Cape	William D. Scott
10020	.....	Robert Lessa
10128	Turned Around	Wayne M. Watson
10515	Why Worry	John Corbett
10703	.....	Lawson W. Letzring
10806	Sundancer	James H. Sipple
10905	.....	Michael Goran
11065	Eagle	Eugene Bego
11202	Singin' Sails	Dale W. Clixby
11394	Spirit	Robert R. Sturgill
11452	Generation Gap	Paul R. Schneider
11520	Digit I	Dave Scott
11545	Kermi	John Edwards
11743	Vector	Donald Fraser
11795	Whistlin' Wind	Richard Adamson
11807	Mon Amie	James L. MacDonald
11808	White Cloud	Dr. William Green
11813	Evie	James Fryfogle, M.D.
11927	Shazam Too	Dr. O. L. Smith
11966	Thizzzzit	Lou Zednik
11987	.....	Dennis McCarthy
12033	.....	Eugene Peterson
12176	Summer Snow	Les Kastura
12296	Uwila	W. D. Boyd
12358	Sea Weed	Charles E. Schribner
12404	Patton's Tank	Richard Patton
12570	.....	Edward Dziuba
12612	Gord-on-Bleu	Gordon Gotberg
12707	.....	James R. Bowers
12756	Luffer	M. D. Bleitz
12780	Escargot	Victor Brooks
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12890	In Sure	William F. McKinley
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12961	.....	Joseph A. Callahan
12978	.....	Clarence Holman, III
13004	The Sting	Richard Abbott
13088	Barefoot	Robert F. Knopp
13155	Cough Drop	Glenn Smith
13236	.....	Clarence Holman, III
13254	.....	Alex Clark, Jr.
13270	.....	Robert H. Mathers
13275	.....	Lauren L. Bowler
13280	.....	Jim McCoy
13283	.....	Richard Adamson
13330	.....	Clarence Holman, Jr.
.....	.....	Blair A. Boggs

Eight—count 'em—eight. Yes, PYC can boast of eight brand new Lightnings in 1978. You can imagine how tough the competition is with all this new hardware charging around the lake.

Another indication that Lightning sailing is alive and kicking at Cass Lake are our ten new members, six complete with boats.

Results of the six race series of the year: Wed. Spring, 1st W. Smith, 2nd L. Kastura, 3rd L. Zednick; Wed. Summer, 1st R. Muller, 2nd W. Smith, 3rd J. Scott; Die Hard, 1st W. Smith, 2nd L. Bowler, 3rd C. Holman; Sun. Spring, 1st W. McKinley, 2nd J. McCoy, 3rd R. Mathers; Sun. Summer, 1st R. Mullen, 2nd J. McCoy, 3rd R. Mathers; Sun. Summer, 1st R. Mullen, 2nd J. McCoy, 3rd W. Smith; Sno Ball, 1st J. McCoy, 2nd J. Corbett, 3rd R. Mathers.

Overall winner for Wednesday was Wally Smith, while Jim McCoy was Sunday's overall winner.

Most improved awards went to: Wed. Spring-Summer: Rick Clark; Wed. Summer-Fall: C. Holman; Sun. Spring-Summer: L. Zednik; Sun. Summer-Fall: P. Johnson; Overall: J. Bowers.

The first regatta of the year, the Bug Out, was won by Bob Mathers, with Wally Smith and Gordy Gotberg buzzing behind.

The Club Championship, decided between the top twelve skippers, featured cool, wet weather and hot competition, with Jim McCoy winning, chased closely by Bill McKinley and Lauren Bowler. The balance of the fleet competed for the Commodore's Cup, with Dick Adamson finishing first, Pete Johnson second, and Bob Clark third.

Additional competition for skippers who did not qualify for the Club Championship was held over Labor Day weekend as the Challenge Regatta, with some of the Championship skippers "pulling the strings." Mike Bisset was the winner, with Paul Schneider second and John Mathers third.

A new award, the "PYC Persistence Award," for the most races sailed without finishing "in the money" went to Dick Beaubien.

For this outstanding contributions of time and skill to many club projects, the Ray Ramsom Award went to George Lanthorne.

PYC was well-represented on the regatta circuit as usual and "as usual," Bill McKinley was the PYC Michigan High Point Trophy winner.

Les Kastura won the Good Sportsmanship Award. You can't find a nicer guy to sail against or run into (literally).

The Annual White Cap Regatta suffered from a lack of air this year, but not from a lack of effort by Vice-Commodore Jim McCoy and many, many committee members. It was won by our own Rick Mullen. Rick managed two firsts out of two "counters" in the field of 39 boats.

Dick Patton did such a great job as Commodore this year, that a group of us got together and took him on a "bareboat" charter in the BVI's. (British Virgin Islands). There was only one condition—he had to pay his own way!!

## NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, N.Y.

Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Starck  
Fleet Champion ..... Cal Schmiede  
Runner-Up ..... Ted Sullivan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
10002	.....	John Swanson
11501	Ole Yeller	Dale Taulbee
11788	Vampira II	Judy Walker & Philip C. Barth II
12877	.....	Dalvin H. Schmiede & Robert B. Starck
12938	.....	Theodore Sullivan

It is difficult to recall nicer sailing weather than western New York experienced in 1978. Not a single fleet race was blown out, rained out, or cancelled due to lack of air.

The Bowen Lightning Class Championship was won again for the umpteenth time by Calvin Schmiede. Judy Walker was second. Cal also won the Wardell Series and picked up a half-dozen or so trophies for placing in area regattas. Bob Starck won the third and final fleet series, the Blake Memorial.

The oldest area regatta in the district, our Niagara River Lightning Championship, was hotly contested again this year. Perennial champion Stu Anderson was edged out by a "lucky newcomer" calling himself Tom Allen. Matt Bryant, Jr. sailed a nice series to garner third and Fritz Dusel and Steve McMeney rounded out the top five.

Come on down and sail with us at the River Championship next year.

## JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

### Central States District

#### Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain ..... Ross Freeman  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Florence  
Fleet Champion ..... Bill Merillat  
Runner-up ..... Fritz Toussaint

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1985	Dream Come True	Robert P. Davis
6779	.....	Stephen J. Craig
7001	Coors and Bud	Harold Hunt
7461	Cornflower	Ralph Persson
8761	A Proper Boat	Robert R. Pooler
10154	.....	David E. Thurston
10682	Woodstock	Willard B. Nicks
10968	Terry Too	M.S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11048	.....	Ross Freeman
11135	.....	Bob Florence
11339	.....	Jack M. Newell
11736	.....	Howard Paul
12508	Streaker	Bill & Chris Merillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint
13286	.....	Stacy Florence

No Report

## PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

### LIGHTNING FLEET (61)

#### Central New York District

#### Sailing on Lake Ontario, Pultneyville, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Dick Arnold  
Fleet Secretary ..... Dan Tomlinson  
Fleet Champion ..... Dick Arnold  
Runner-Up ..... Dan Tomlinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2850	Ah Choo	Lewis R. Thomas
4724	Boat	Winton Brown, Sr.
4879	.....	Susan Peterson
6394	.....	Andy Potter
7300	Orange Crate	Dr. Richard Arnold
8755	.....	Rob McIntosh
11239	.....	Kevin G. O'Brien
11608	.....	Daniel W. Tomlinson

With no organized weekend racing program it was a quiet year for the stay at home boats of Fleet 61. Several of our members including Dan Tomlinson and Dick Arnold did participate on the regatta circuit enjoying modest success at various regattas throughout central New York State. The author rejoined the fleet in early July (after cruising a couple of hundred miles on the Chesapeake in June with 4879) and was just in time to join three other Pultneyville boats in attending the fortieth anniversary regatta on Skaneateles Lake. One of these boats, Lightning number 898 had never before sailed outside her homewaters of Lake Ontario near Pultneyville. This boat was home built 36 years ago and was one of Fleet 61's founding members. Skipper Ray Walvoord was recognized at the regatta banquet as being probably the oldest original builder and skipper still sailing his boat.

Although none of the Pultneyville contingent did too well in a fleet which included Lightning celebrities such as Shore and Allen, we all had a fine time. It was a unique experience to battle for last place in a fleet of 110 boats. Aside from a handful of wooden boats (I counted about ten, three of which had been built in the last five years) the scene was completely dominated by fiberglass and aluminum. It was impressive to see how many changes have occurred in the boats on the competitive scene since 1974 when I last attended a regatta.

We left with an impression of a fantastic job done by the Skaneateles Country Club and as we drove off westward over the rolling hills of route 20 the unanswered question still remained—"who really was the first Lightning?" Perhaps we'll find out at the fiftieth anniversary regatta. Back home there is some loose talk about reviving the weekend race schedule at Fleet 61. Perhaps next year will see a revival of activity among the fleet's more elderly stay at home boats.

## SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET (62)

### Southern District

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

Fleet Captain ..... Jeff Reisch  
Fleet Secretary ..... Tommy Allen  
Fleet Champion ..... Tommy Allen  
Runner-up ..... Jeff Reisch

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

The Sugar Bowl Regatta this year was taken by Greg Fisher with Tommy Allen doing the best of the local sailors with a second place. About eight out-of-town boats were present for the series and we look forward to an even larger invasion next year.

With less out-of-town competition Tommy Allen won Southern Yacht Club's Annual One Design Regatta. This event held the weekend before Memorial Day is invitational and always draws contestants from the whole gulf coast.

During June the District Championships were run in Gulfport by Life Member Gene Walet. Larry Frost, Tommy Allen and Jeff Reisch took respectively 4th, 5th, & 6th places in a beautiful series.

The same three staged a very close Fleet Championship Series to end the season. Tommy won back the fleet championship and Jeff was the runner up — exactly the reverse of the previous year. Tommy's crew this year were Jean Paul Lunaux on the jib and Trippy Tubbs on the spinnaker. This is the same trio that went to the North American's where they obviously learned something.

## MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)

### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain ..... Byron K. Roe  
Fleet Secretary ..... Ninfi Roe  
Fleet Champion ..... David M. Barrett  
Runner-Up ..... Byron K. Roe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8889	Betsy	Robert J. Casper
9549	.....	Marvin F. Whalen, Jr.
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
10387	Barb III	Guy Scrivner
10799	Ragtime	David M. Barrett
11442	Rampage	Dean S. & Karen Ann Cady
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
11903	Windy	Robert C. Mahnke
12342	Bluette	Allen N. Rieselbach
13026	RoeBoat	Byron K. Roe, Jr.
13259	.....	Marvin F. Whalen, Jr.

The 1978 season was another year of sailing fun and frustration with 21 races sailed out of 34 scheduled Season Series races. Our fleet averaged six out of ten boats on the line in each race. Lake Michigan produced its share of fog, storms and blowouts to cut into the normal good sailing conditions. We did get to run the Marine Handicap and the Little Mackinac Regattas sailed under the Portsmouth Handicap Rule. Flying Scots, Lasers, C. Larks, Flying Dutchman, etc. saw a clean sweep of the silver by the Lightning Fleet.

Fleet 69 was to see our Dave Barrett and crew truly put it all together with an outstanding performance. A first for the Season Series and a first in the Commodore Regatta, Brill Series and Labor Day Regatta. We have all admitted Dave Barrett's *Ragtime* is the light air demon but now he's doing it in all kinds of weather. It's just amazing what a new jib will do!

The P & T Regatta which counts toward the Midwest District Lake Michigan Championship was held on July 8-9. Rick Larson of

Sheboygan finished first, Jay Matteson of Lake Geneva was second, and our own Dr. John Esser, third. This regatta is traditionally a preparation for the Midwest Districts, this year held at the Sheboygan Yacht Club July 21-23. The Milwaukee Fleet had two boats in the top ten with Byron Roe, sixth, and Dr. John Esser, seventh. Dr. John Esser, Commodore of the Milwaukee Yacht Club, was the only Milwaukee boat to enter the North Americans this year. Maybe the sailing out east will encourage John's wife Sue to hang up her clubs and return to the fun of wet shorts and authoritative commands. Thanks again, John, for representing us at the '78 North Americans.

The Milwaukee Fleet is becoming a ready market for Bruce Goldsmith's "old" boats with the second Lightning going to Marv Whalen while last year it was Byron Roe. We hated to lose Sandy Cutler and *Ruddigore III* from competitive Lightning sailing but Sandy wants to make it big in tennis tournament competition. Alas, our annual fleet picnic was held on September 17 amid the chills of early winter and swarms of bees; but the beer, brats and hamburgers kept us warm enough to play some tennis. That's what happens when you wait until the race season ends.

As we end the season we look on to downhill skiing, warming up around the fireplace, and ordering new sails as a way to keep us busy while we look forward to 1979 and racing again with our friends.

## RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY (70)

### Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain ..... Denis Farley  
Fleet Secretary ..... Walt Colantuono  
Fleet Champion ..... Sandy Huntsman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1481	Taterbug II	Wayne Tate
6556	Fiddler's Green	Arthur Hunnewell
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
8101	Avenger III	John English
8502	Dawn Mere	James M. Kelly
9407	.....	Arthur Hunnewell
9885	My Guard Check	Michael Hoydis
9932	No Problem	David Pezzutti
9971	Irish Mist	Pat Bennett
9985	.....	C. A. Patterson
10408	Sandpiper II	Jeffrey F. Chandor
10702	Blank Blank	Jack Huntsman
10942	.....	Dr. Robert Kane
11138	.....	John Schneider
11205	Wind Song III	Alfred J. Miller
11237	.....	Don Olson
11327	Bam II	V. N. Vaughan Jr. & III
11486	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
11568	Blue Wooze	Quentin Foster
11570	.....	Kevin Corr
11740	River Blues	Walt Colantuono
11958	Fuzzy Bumper	David E. Van Holle
12366	Right-on	Charles Roden
12499	.....	Bob Hutchinson
12509	.....	Tom McKeon
12690	Think Positive	Maurice K. Shaw & Michael Hagler
12714	Adois	Ralph F. Wilson
12716	My Honey	Richard C. Davis
12739	Six Pak	Denis Farley
12800	Airless	Arnold & Jon Schwartz
12832	Catch the Wind	Alan Schroeder
13045	Charlie	Bob Seitz
13051	.....	Pat Corr
13053	.....	Ralph Messersmith
13177	.....	John Schneider
13304	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
13314	Passing Wind	Rob Held
.....	.....	John Brewster

Four in the Blue and one to Peru. This statement summarizes the most successful competitive season in the history of Fleet 70. We are a hard sailing fleet. This year we had four boats in the Blue Fleet at the North American's and Jack Huntsman qualified as the 2nd U.S.A. boat in Junior North American's for the first Junior Lightning World's.



The season started in the south as Sandy Huntsman, Denis Farley, John Schneider, Jon Schwartz, Bob Hutchinson, and Charlie Roden all sailed at least one regatta of the Southern Circuit.

Activity of the Navesink started in April with Bill Clausen and Jack Huntsman finishing 1st and 2nd, far ahead of the pack in the Spring Series. This series is open to members of other clubs and always has super competition. Come sail with us next spring.

The annual Long John Regatta on the last weekend of April drew 72 boats for what always turns out to be a mammoth party. Jay Lutz won with Bill Shore, Jim Carson, Jim Crane, and Glenn Reitingier taking home trophies. Bob Hutchinson was highest placing MBC member in 6th.

This was our year to host the New Jersey State Championship which was held in June. Jim Carson won followed by Jay Lutz, Denis Farley, Jack Elfman, and Bob Hutchinson.

Our Holiday Day Regattas (Memorial, Independence, and Labor Day) were hotly contested. Sandy Huntsman won Memorial Day, while Denis Farley took the other two regattas and also won the Atwater Trophy for the best combined scores.

The fun regatta of the year was the 40th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. One thing for sure, the owners of the Whispering Winds Motel will not soon forget us. Anyway, there were seven MBC boats at the regatta: Dave Von Holle, Ralph Wilson, Jack Huntsman, Eric Olving, Jon Schwartz, Denis Farley, and Ralph Messersmith. Just a super regatta and a special thanks Dave White!

With the North American's in nearby Delaware there were a lot of nervous sailors that sailed in the Districts at Lake Mohawk in July. Only six would qualify for the North American's while seven MBC sailors wanted to go and there were some from other clubs that also wanted to go. The wind was not cooperative but with patience three races were sailed. MBC took six of the eight top positions and seven of the top ten. Denis Farley won with Bob Hutchinson 2nd, Rob Held, John Schneider, Jon Schwartz, Sandy Huntsman and Jack Huntsman were the other MBC sailors in the top ten. All but Jack qualified for Rehoboth. (Jack later qualified at the Junior North American's.)

For the first time Lightnings were invited to sail in the Sea Bright Cup Regatta on Sandy Hook Bay in early August. It was a great chance to sail in open water and prepare for the North American's. Thirteen Fleet 70 sailors braved the rain and light air to make it a success. We hope to see some sailors from other clubs join us next year. Jon Schwartz won, followed by Denis Farley and Bob Hutchinson.

The Lightning Class held its first Women's North American's at nearby Bay Head Yacht Club and our fleet had two boats in attendance. While our gals finished in the middle of the nineteen boat fleet they thoroughly enjoyed the event. Congratulations on a fine effort to Karin Huntsman, Carol Seity, Suzy Von Holle, Eileen Erving, Pat Farley, and Marguarite Seigel. Thanks to Bay Head Yacht Club for a super regatta.

Then it was on to Rehoboth. Schwartz, Farley, and "Hutch" made the Blue fleet and qualified for the World's while Rob Held made the Blue. John Schneider, Jack Huntsman and Sandy Huntsman made the Green fleet.

Fleet members went on the road this season with good results. Rob Held and Jan Schwartz finished 1st and 2nd in the Governor's Cup at Rehoboth. Hutch won at Cedar Point, and took thirds at Bay Head, Surf City and the Eastern's at Cedar Point.

Dave Von Holle won the Summer Series a touch ahead of Walt Colantuono. Charlie Roden, Ralph Wilson, Quentin Frazier, and Pat Corr all sailed well and made the competition tight right to the end.

The last event for the season was the Fall Series. Dave Von Holle won with a big lead and the remaining positions were very closely contested. Other trophy winners were Charlie Roden, Tony Doyle, Ralph Wilson, Pat Corr, and Walt Colantuono.

The capsized award went to Dennis Farley for the 2nd straight year. Dennis had three while "Hutch" was runner-up with two.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedy Too	John L. & John B. Horton
8650	Pip	Richard Donaldson
9498	Bonnie Lass	William Summers
10425	.....	Brad S. Samuel
10612	.....	Gerritt C. Kuechle
10646	Sting Rea	John Rea
10790	Green Boat	Lewis E. Wallner, II
11533	S.O.S.	John Zangerle & O. Eugene Wood
11700	Rag Boat	Jim Disch, Jr.
11840	Laurie	John Stuart
11876	Aprthak-Siddee	Ken Gilbert
11912	Newfie	Wally Sellers
11931	Oliver	Harry Hooker
12594	Bump N Grind	Paul Auer
12880	Jenny	Jules Gerlack
13059	.....	Bill Buckles
13102	.....	John Mueller
13307	.....	Jack Mueller
.....	.....	Dave Austin
.....	.....	Barry Wilson
Honorary Member		Charles Judd

The 1978 sailing season marked another summer of fine sailing and enjoyable social activities for Fleet 71. 1978 also marked Cleveland Yachting Club's centennial and fleet members did their fair share of celebrating the occasion throughout the summer.

The season actually got started during February at the annual Winter Banquet. Fleet members gathered together for an evening of reminiscing the past sailing season and dreaming about the one to come. Al Mastics provided another excellent slide show which allowed everyone to forget about the blizzard outside while viewing the warm and sunny days of the '77 season.

May came along and with it the rigging and tune-up party. This year many of the fleet members really got tuned up and ate a fine meal. Consequently only one or two boats were rigged, and little, if any, tuning was accomplished on the boats. No one was heard to complain and all the boats were ready to go the following weekend.

Fleet 71 was again very fortunate to have a substantial number of social members in addition to active sailors in the fleet. This number attests to the quality of the fun, food, and beverage enjoyed at the various fleet functions. Cocktail parties, breakfasts, brunches, steak roasts, and potlucks were part of the activities on the '77 social schedule. Everyone owed thanks to everyone else for the good times provided, as members took turns in putting on each function.

Now for the sailing! 1978 was just great for the fleet sailing at CYC, because more skippers won more trophies than any year remembered. It seemed everyone took a turn at being the "hotshot" out on the race course. Series winners included John Mueller, Jim Disch, Bill Buckles, Wally Sellers, Jack Mueller, George Auer, Dave Wilber, and Barry Wilson. These skippers, along with Harry Hooker, Bill Kirby, Ken Gilbert, and Dave Austin, split up the rest of the hardware on trophy night. Jack Mueller won the Fleet Championship with John Mueller second and Jim Disch third in a close contest all the way.

Fleet 71 was again well represented at the Ohio Districts, as Jack Mueller, Bill Buckles, Barry Wilson, Jim Disch, John Mueller, and George Auer qualified to go to the North Americans. The fleet also welcomed a new boat and skipper with Mark Wessel joining the ranks.

The 1978 season has ended, but all the members of Fleet 71 and The Cleveland Yachting Club are looking forward to hosting the 1979 Lightning North American Championships. Organization is well underway at this point, and the people involved are enthusiastic about making the '79 North American Championships the best ever for the Lightning Class and all its members. We hope to see all qualifying sailors at the regatta, and we certainly welcome all others to come spectate and enjoy themselves.

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

Fleet Captain	Barry Wilson
Fleet Secretary	Jules Gerlack
Fleet Champion	Jack Mueller
Runner-Up	John Mueller

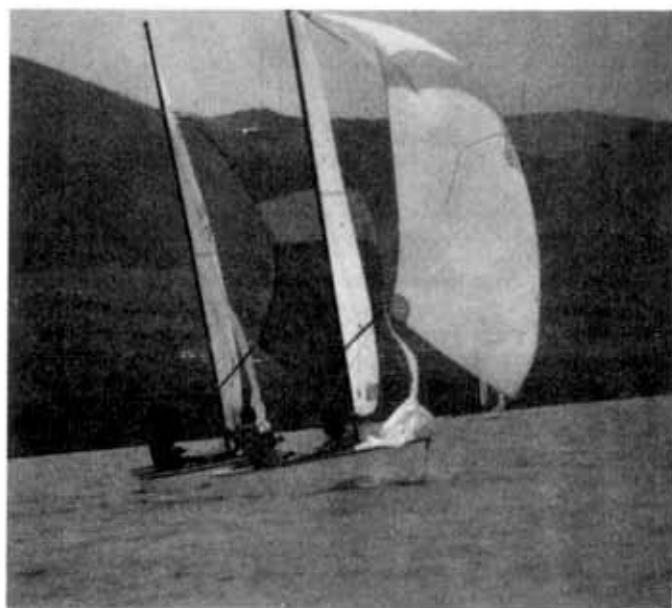
# **CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73)** Colombia District Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain	Garry Jackson
Fleet Secretary	Gian Luca Fiori

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1366	Cynara	Gonzalo Reyes
3041	Tiz Taz II	Andres Lisocki

6098	La Nina	Andres Montanez
7293	Sue	Ary Fernandez
7451	.....	Alberto Bernal
7452	.....	Juan Pablo Ortega
7453	Krunch	Rudi Salmang
7454	Troika	Mauricio Venegas
7697	ANC	A. Rodriguez
8133	Maria T.	Gian Luca Fiori
8911	.....	Antonio Paccini
8972	Tortuga	Eduardo Colmenares
8973	Espartana	Oswaldo Rico
8974	Tiz Taz I	Guillermo Castillo
10669	Fantasma I	Roberto Matarraz
11349	ARNC	Jorge Ramirez
11660	Women's Lib	Michael Jacob
11677	Gitana	Rafael Obregon H. & Francisco Gutierrez
11750	Candelaria VII	Vicente Hernandez
11926	Aldebaran	Jaime Casabianca
12829	Virgo II	Garry Jackson
13201	.....	Jesus Roldan
13216	Aquarius	Leopoldo Gonzalez
.....	Caravel	Bruno Lehouca
.....	Moby Dick	Carlos Hernandez Pava
.....	Ana Maria	Humberto Restrepo
.....	Aries	Alvaro Vargas Rodriguez

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Sailing on Lake Tomine

**NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)**  
**Metropolitan District**  
**Sailing on Hudson River at Nyack, New York**  
 Fleet Captain ..... Ed Deeb  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Howie Rinehart  
 Fleet Treasurer ..... Rod Johnson  
 Fleet Champion ..... Tom Destasio  
 Runner-Up ..... Gary Hurban

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3322	Nordvind	Mons Grinager
5403	Lydia	A. C. Neff
5827	.....	Geoffrey Parker
7545	Gi-Gi	Vince Accordino
7616	.....	Rod Johnson
8182	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
8272	.....	Martin & Andy Low
8696	Ciel	Mike McTighe
9100	Madame Blue	Thomas De Stasio

10030	Charade	Geoffrey Parker
10033	Grasshopper	Charles Blandina
10620	Dandy Funk	Adam Brown
10737	Beth III	Eve Hall
10769	Different	
	Drummer	Edward Deeb
11273	Lemon Up	Bob & Susan Graham
11507	.....	Bill Reeve
12277	.....	Richard & Lenny Weitzman
12642	.....	Howie Rinehart
12842	Avanti	William Day



Part of Fleet 75 Maneuvering at the Start

Fleet 75's six month racing season of 28 scheduled races began on May 7, 1978. Two races were cancelled for lack of wind and two others were cancelled because of high winds and heavy seas.

Perennial Lightning ace Tom DeStasio in *Madame Blue* captured the summer and fall series with his loyal crew Ed Bonacci and Thad Cook. Tom won fourteen of his eighteen starts. In fact, in the Magnus Pederson Regatta, he won a race in which he was five minutes late for the start—absolutely an astounding sailor.

The spring series saw fleet captain, indeed next year's senior fleet captain, Ed Deeb tied for first place with Gary Hurban the titular head of the Hurban family racing syndicate, each with 11.75 points. Ed Deeb was awarded the first place trophy because he had placed second more times than *Got-Cha*, the Hurban boat, as each boat had won the same number of races. Tom DeStasio placed third in the spring series because he won the crucial sixth race, the only race he started in.

The long summer series saw *Madame Blue* the only boat not gotten by *Got-Cha*. The Hurbans placed second with fleet treasurer Rod Johnson a highly competitive third.

The fall series was again dominated by Tom DeStasio. Fleet secretary Howie Rinehart placed second with loyal crew Vinny and Barbara Accordino. Rod Johnson placed third completing a banner year for Rod.

Competition was keener than in recent years, boats seemed to regroup in a pack in an effort to finish. Some sailors did well beyond the statistics. Dick Weitzman cinched the "most improved" trophy when he placed second in the opening day regatta. Bill Day wowed the whole club when he finished first on October 15th in strong winds. The race had one start for all fleets but Bill beat them all from 27 foot keel boats to Thistles, not to mention the well represented Lightning Fleet.

Young Gary Hurban took over the helm of his father's boat in the fall series to place fifth behind Bill Day. Not bad for the first time at the helm, young Gary is obviously a born champion.

As mentioned above Ed Deeb will be the "Senior" Fleet Captain in 1979, Howie moves up to Fleet Captain, Gary Hurban will be Secretary, assisted by Eve Hall. Rod continues to control the exchequer.



**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)**  
**Central New York District**  
**Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... George Sereno  
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Bob O'Kane  
 Fleet Champion ..... Richard Doherty  
 Runner-up ..... Mike Fellows

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
981	Debrak	Steven Peskor
1225	.....	Richard P. Henzel
6803	Nic-O-Time	Nic Hambas
7445	Bionic Boat	R. Neal Smith
7535	Cordelia	Raymond Mercier
7961	.....	James I. McIntosh
8755	.....	Alan Boekhout & Rob McIntosh
9386	Anwyl	Russell Morton
10096	Sparkle Plenty	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Bill Wright
10679	Caprice II	Richard Zuegel
11050	Re Quest	Ernest Hamilton
11051	Snookums	Larry & Sandra Stephens
11074	Kopykat	Howard Stickney
11456	Bottoms Up	P. Thomas Jungjohann
11766	Arethusa	Edward J. Massare
11924	Tamar	Dr. Jakob Schaechter
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12400	Windswept	Andrew Smith
12764	.....	Michael J. Graney
12883	Reunion	Arnold & Steven C. Sahs
12884	Zing	Anthony Orlen
12924	Gen Eva	Gene Wheeler
13079	Blue Jacket IX	Dr. John & James McIntosh
13080	Misty Beethoven	James McIntosh & Jamie Jamison
13081	Irish VI	Richard Doherty
13082	.....	C. Edwin Howe
13182	White Cap	Dr. Robert Jamison
13185	Spar Trek	George Sereno
13207	Whisky Sour	Victor Castro-Hahn
13287	.....	Dr. Jacob Schaechter
13313	.....	Steven C. Sahs
.....	.....	Richard Vickers

Other Lightning fleets should have our problems for next year! Newport Yacht Club Fleet 77 anticipates thirty-four Lightnings for 1979. The problem is that we only have thirty-one slips, which nicely matched the size of this year's fleet. I think we'll just have to evict a few power boats to make room for our three new "windgrabbers."

Our year began with a very successful Newport Invitational Regatta. Boats from all over the north-eastern United States and Canada were present. Bill Shore took home the top honors in beautiful spring sailing conditions. Arny Sahs built some original trophies for the first five places which were very impressive. The Newport wives put together a fantastic cocktail and hors d'oeuvres party which went over really well.

Our club sailing was typical of Newport over the past few years. We sailed sixty championship races averaging thirteen to fifteen boats per race. Dick Doherty almost made it a sweep this year by winning the Spring Series, Summer Series, and Over-all Championship Series. He was nosed out in the Fall Series by his former crew and DN Iceboat wiz, Mike Fellows, who is skippering a Lightning for the first time. Mike also took home a second in the Over-all Championship Series and a first in our Single-Handed Series.

Women's Lib arrived at Newport this year and has opened up an exciting new competition for our club. We call it the Powder Puff Series. It will be an all women series of races which we plan to hold once a month next year. This year's Powder Puff was held on a Saturday afternoon with moderate north winds. The two race series wound up in a tie between Donna Sereno (atsa my wife!) with Eva Wheeler and Pat O'Kane as crew, and Donna Durbin with Kerrie Rockwood and Mickie Mason on board. Special thanks to Barb Platt who donated the first place trophy for the Powder Puff series in memory of her husband and Lightning sailor, Albert Platt who passed away this spring.

Other winners were Bill Wright, winner of B Fleet Series and Missal Handicap Series; Steve Sahs, who took home the Burns Hanna Trophy; George Sereno, winner of the Most Improved Trophy for 1978.



*Dick Doherty, John Maynard and Dale Hamilton "Go for the Gusto".*

As Fleet Captain, I would like to personally thank all our fellow sailors who attended our spring regatta, and my fellow fleet and club members who helped make this an enjoyable and successful year.

Our new fleet captain, Larry Stephens, and our new fleet secretary, Mike Fellows, invite you to our Newport Invitational Regatta next spring.

**SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)**  
**Lake Erie District**  
**Based on the Niagara River, Grand Island, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... John Boyce  
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Dave Duchscherer  
 Fleet Champion ..... Gordy Compson  
 Runner-Up ..... Fritz Dusel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9582	Bad Company	Rick Hensel
9620	P.F.M.	Mike Remmes
10482	On The Fritz	Fritz Dusel
11126	Air Bear	David C. Duchscherer
12246	Splash Gordon	Gordon & Norman Compson
12555	Little Boomer	Tom & T. Robert Lafferty
12818	Mariah	John C. Boyce
13179	Top Banana	Ted Kumrow
13338	.....	Gordy & Norm Compson

Sailing on the Niagara River was a banner year and the Lightning sailing at Sandy Beach was no exception. Almost every Sunday had beautiful weather and fair winds. Under the able direction of John Boyce, our fearless leader, a complete season of racing was concluded consisting of over 25 races.

The season opened in May with Gordy Compson taking the three race Art Little Tune-up Series followed by Fritz Dusel and Rick Hensel.

Compson's consistency throughout the year was evident in the final results of various series; however, he was hard pressed on every tack to maintain his top spot.

The Law Series followed next with Gordy again coming out on top with Dave Duchscherer second, and Mike Remmes third.

Finally, in the third three race series, (given by Gordy's father, former "Salt of the Sea" Howie Compson), Dave Duchscherer dethroned Gordy for the Compson Trophy. Gordy prevailed for a second and Tom Lafferty, Fleet 78's George Blanda, came in third. The bridge to bridge race is a highlight of our season and is annually held on July 4th. This year John Boyce won the first place hardware with Fritz Dusel in "place" position and Mike Remmes in "show."

Annually, the current Lightning skippers give up their boats to be used by "Old Timers" for a bash around the buoys. This one was decided in the protest room with former co-owners Jack Sheehan and Jack Taggart locked in a friendly interpretation of the rules. Jack Sheehan had the more convincing argument and won the race.

This year's Lightning Championship was the 30th anniversary of this award being given. As a credit to the performance of all those who formerly won, this six race series was a hotly contested affair. Gordy Compson got a needed win in the finale to win the series over Fritz Dusel and John Boyce.

The Annual Labor Day Race is called the Hank Duchscherer Cup and was won by Fritz Dusel, followed by Tom Lafferty and a tie between Tom Ide and Gordy Compson.

For the third year in a row, the Sandy Beach Skippers brought home the Ole' Oaken Bucket symbolic of team racing supremacy on the Niagara River.

Keen intra-fleet competition also resulted in improved results by all our skippers on the regatta circuits. Fleet 78 consistently participates at a high level in all of the Lake Erie District Regattas. Highlights include placing five out of the top ten at the Dunkirk Regatta with Mark Bryant coming away the winner and Fritz Dusel taking third in our own Haul-Out Affair.

We look forward to an even better year next season and cordially invite all to our Haul-Out Regatta next September.

### VANCOUVER FLEET (90) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Fleet Captain ..... Gerry Caunter  
Fleet Secretary ..... Derek Neale

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6751	.....	Matthew Henley
7071	Waibalong	Cornelis G. Zandbergen
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris
8337	Bugaboo	Gerry Lockhart
8605	Barak	John Lamble
9268	Pirko	Dick Pearce
9820	My Fir Lady	Josh Fitch
10065	Ghost Ship	Brian Coleman
10522	Joker	Derek Neale
11426	Invicta	John Morrison
11645	Martini	Gerry Caunter
12245	Desiderata	Peter Idema

For Fleet 90, 1978 marked the beginning of a new era - the Oval Age! Yes indeed, two of those black anodized beauties have arrived for Gerry Caunter and Brian Coleman. Many are the envious stares around the dock these days!

We have had quite a good year. In addition to club races on the weekends, and Thursday evenings in the summer, a number of the fleet took part in out of town regattas in both Canada and the United States. Of those, the writer particularly remembers the exhilarating planing at Lake Chelan, when the winds went from 3 to 30 in a matter of moments. In March, Brian went to the Southern Circuit, a week-long series in California, and from all accounts had a wonderful time. The fleet championship was won by Peter Idema, who joined us only the week before, after moving from Maple Bay.

Junior members, both skippers and crew, played a big role in the activities of the fleet. Wherever Fleet 90 was in action, one could be almost certain that at last one of our boats would have a junior at the helm. As a matter of fact, an all junior crew travelled to Toronto to take part in the Canadian Open.

There were a few dates on our social calendar as well. In addition to

fleet parties, members put on a dinner for the yacht club. On the long July 1st weekend nearly everybody sailed (or drove) up to a member's summer cabin for some sun, fun, and water skiing.

We should have a few new members by spring, Alan Froome has just bought a used boat, and another fellow is completing a new wooden boat.

In 1979, why not join us for a sail on the most beautiful bay in the world?

### AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

#### Metropolitan District Sailing on Greenwood Lake at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Gus Zimmerman  
Fleet Secretary ..... Jim Cosmas  
Fleet Champion ..... Nick Santoro  
Runner-Up ..... Ron Wulff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8118	.....	Otto Grieshaber
8632	.....	James C. Cosmas
8671	.....	Kern Strickland & Roy A. Zangrando
9059	.....	Ole Olsen
9704	Magic	Nicholas Santoro
10218	.....	Ron Wulff
10229	Triton II	Milton Titon
10735	.....	Herbert Dickert
11607	Gem	Irwin Kwartler
11983	.....	Nick Boon, Jr.
12013	Dilly Dilly	Gus H. Zimmerman, Jr.
12045	Yield	Royal Sengstacken
12603	Last Chance	Chet Howell

The last Labor Day race of the season was needed to determine the fleet championship. At the start of the final Commodore Series five boats were tied for top honors. At this point, four of the normal six series races had to be cancelled for lack of wind or inability to finish within the prescribed time limit. Nick Santoro and Ron Wulff each recorded a first and second in the two races of this series and on Labor Day Santoro finished fourth and Wulff fifth thus earning Nick the title of Fleet Champion and Ron that of runner-up. The Labor Day race was won by Irwin Kwartler and sons.

No boat won more than one series. The veteran Chet Howell won the initial Secretary Series but five rather than four out of the six races had to be counted before he could best Santoro.

The second Rear Commodore Series was won decisively by Ron Wulff.

Kwartler copped the Vice Commodore Series and Howell was second.

The runoff on Labor Day also earned Santoro the Commodore Series trophy.

The variety of winners was evidence of the keen competition that existed in 1978. It was good for the fleet and resulted in increased enthusiasm and interest by the skippers and crews.

### GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)

#### Central Atlantic District Based on Great Egg Bay, Ocean City, N.J.

Fleet Captain ..... Bill Clausen III  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Clausen III

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10895	Reject	William P. Clausen

Once again I must report that Fleet 99 had no racing on Great Egg Harbor Bay. *Black Flash* has been retired to the boat house. Art Hartford is enjoying his *Sunbeam* and grandchildren day/sailing. Bob Seidelmann is knee deep in fiberglass building ocean racers, but still has that Lightning hull outside the loft. The entire Lightning Class hopes he rejoins the ranks soon.

Yours truly, Bill Clausen, with trusty old *Reject* did sail in many regattas this summer. It all started in the spring at Red Bank and finished on the Delaware River in September.

I would like to thank and pay tribute to all those crews that help keep the Lightning going. Especially the people that sailed with *Reject*



Phil Dennis, John Parker and Bill Clausen following Jack Elfman through the weeds at the Atlantic Coast Championships.

and myself this year. Mary Huntsman, Phil Dennis, John Parker, Henry O'Hern, George Gaynor, Gary Swangler, and Evone were loyal. We didn't win all the races, but we won alot of cocktail parties and had a lot of fun.

Hope to see you all in 1979.

#### LAVALLETT LIGHTNING FLEET (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... George Zabrycki  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Williams  
Fleet Champion ..... George Zabrycki  
Runner-Up ..... Doc Ross

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2067	.....	Chris J. Larsen
9250	Puck	Walter H. Krueger
9484	Spook	R. John Schneeberger
10633	Star Dust Again	Fred Slovak & Aileen M. Meares
11444	Artful Dodger	George Zabrycki
11728	Blue Max	Bob Williams
12209	Flying Cloud II	Dr. Ira Ross
12350	.....	Chris J. Larsen
Honorary Life Member		J. Leslie White

One of the factors which makes sailing a Lightning fun is that on any given weekend any skipper with a competitive boat, an eager crew, and a little luck can uncork the big win. This combination has helped to keep the summer series at Lavallette interesting for both competitors and barstool analysts.

The opening race of the 1978 season was won by Aileen Meares. To prove that she meant business, Aileen came back the following week to make it two in a row. This start had Aileen's dad, Fred Slovak, chuckling and willing to wager a beer to two on the final outcome.

However, two races does not a season make, and in the following weeks both Doc Ross and George Zabrycki began to chip away at the lead with victories of their own. The entire fleet showed a uniformity of strength with Bob Williams, Chris Larsen, and Bill DaCost continualy challenging. This was one of the seasons that no one was able to pull a horizon job, and we witnessed a series of finishes that had the race committee thinking of buying photo equipment.

The series went down to the last race with Fleet Captain George Zabrycki edging Doc Ross to take his first Fleet Championship.

Fleet 104 saw the development in 1978 of its future skippers. Kevin Young brought home his first Lightning victory in the final Commodore's Race. This followed a very respectable showing in the Junior North Americans, with Paul Magno at the helm and Kevin Young and

Chuck Ryant as crew. It is the interest of our club juniors that will hopefully keep the Lightning class alive and growing at Lavallette.

Fleet 104 also took advantage of the close proximity of Bay Head to enter two boats in the first Women's championship. Aileen Meares with her daughters Katy and Jennifer manning one boat, while Libby Williams, Bobbie Schrier, and Sue Zabrycki handled the second. Though our girls did not finish high, we were extremely proud of the fact that Fleet 104 had participated. It's the ability to get people to enter regattas, win or lose, that makes our Lightning class strong.

As usual, Doc Ross was our most consistent campaigner in 1978. Doc was the lone BBYRA qualifier and made appearances at several regattas in the spring and fall. George Zabrycki occasionally wandered between Red Bank and Surf City, and we are looking for more regatta participation by Fleet 104 members in the coming year.

It was a great one, the Lightning is alive and well at Lavallette, and hopefully 1979 will bring more of the same.

#### GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

Central New York District

Sailing at Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, N.Y.

Fleet Secretary ..... R. W. Hallagan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11537	Superchick	L. Tiedemann
12064	.....	Jed Dodge
12355	Shadow	Dick Hallagan
12466	Shazam	Fisk Hayden

Ted Dodge brought the fourth Lightning into the Sodus Bay Fleet and did well in his first season. Congratulations to the new CNY District Champ. We held a July 4th series on the bay with Jed again coming out on top.

In 1979 we hope to hold the District Championship at Sodus Bay. The last time the Districts were held here was 1967, far too long without a Lightning regatta. We're hoping for a big turnout.

#### HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Michael Dow  
Fleet Champion ..... Ormond Barstow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11070	Serendipity	Michael Dow
11185	.....	Ormond Barstow
12108	Serenity	Gary Cutler
12784	Pacemaker	W. C. Dent
Life Member		Dr. Floyd R. Arnold
No Report		

#### GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain ..... Bill Dean  
Fleet Secretary ..... Jennifer Bracker  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Betsy Whitton  
Fleet Champion ..... Lyle Bracker  
Runner-Up ..... Bill Dean

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1578	.....	Dale Phillips
2557	Tinker Bell	Patrick F. Gallagher
7375	Snafu II	John Evans
8025	Avacado Jack	Quinton Adamski
8246	Ginny Lee II	Dan Kiedinger
8350	.....	Karen Cowan
8634	.....	Ellen Blakeley
8644	Jenora	Lyle M. Bracker
9309	Old Hickory	J. Gagnon III
9634	.....	Robert Minahan
10178	.....	Douglas E. Olson
10459	Hay Seed II	W. E. Hayes
11490	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler
12457	.....	David M. Roznowski
13141	Flying High	Bill R. Dean





Winners - Walter Masse Race - Bruce Bressler, Kaz Bressler, Steve Somerville.

Another fantastic year for the Green Bay Sailing Club, sailing from the Bay Shore Outing Center on the beautiful campus of the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay. Our Lightning fleet has nearly doubled in the last year and by next summer we realistically expect to have 20 Lightnings.

In June, the club reinstated the Evans Regatta, after a lapse of a number of years. Twenty Lightnings participated in very light air. Five races were sailed with the last race the most exciting. It was a photo finish, as a result of a strong wind shift, and all boats raced to the finish with their spinnakers flying. Race Committee Chairman, Frank Vandersteen, assisted by Charlie Wolter, Greg Kunz and Greg Dow, had a real problem determining the finishing positions. Rick Larson, skippering Tweedy, won the regatta, followed by Ron Schaper, Bob Monette, Don Tylor, and a GBSC Lightning, skippered by Bill Dean, placed fifth.

Arriving skippers and crews were greeted on Friday evening of a Lightning film and free beer in the club. Many of the 14 out-of-town skippers camped on the grounds of the sailing club. Next summer, the GBSC is planning a super program and we expect at least 30 Lightnings on the starting line. Again, free camping, free beer and an excellent race committee and a larger hot water heater for the campers is being planned!!!

A total of 30 races were sailed during our Monday and Thursday evening program. As usual, Lyle Bracker, along with his daughter Jennifer and Pat Ford crewing, took the fleet championship for the season and won the Spring, Summer and Fall series as well. Next season, Lyle will have a real battle on his hands, as many new boats will cut his odds.

The club hosted a multi-class race on August 20th, in which 25 boats participated. John Evans won in his Lightning. Next year, this race will be the Chancellor's Race and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Chancellor will present the awards.

The annual Walter Masse Race was the final for the season. Bruce Bressler won the handicap race and Doug Olson, in the first Lightning across the line, took the Beaumont Pot.

Olson also won the Lighthouse Race, sponsored by the Windjammer Sailing Club in Green Bay in September.

This past year saw GBSC members participate in six Lightning regattas and four local major races, an improvement over prior years. This past season, the GBSC was able to interest the Green Bay Sea Scouts to participate in our racing schedule. Their help during the Evans Regatta was fantastic. Currently, the GBSC is working to find the Scouts a Lightning and we hope the Scouts will have one by the start of next seasons racing schedule.

We expect that 1979 will be a banner year for all the sailors in the club, and we are looking forward to seeing as many Lightning sailors as possible at the Evans Regatta in June.

## CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)

### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain	Don Cutler
Fleet Secretary	Ward Wilday
Fleet Champion	Robert Buckley
Runner-Up	William McIntyre

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5290	Pageboy	Kingman Page
6296	.....	Fred Canova
6358	Whimbrel	Robert Hendryx
7744	Sno Wonder	Bob Buckley
8792	Blue Dolphin	Bill Rollo
11175	Wildfire	Bill McIntyre
11599	Bote	Don Cutler
12053	Dorrie	Arthur E. Hornburg
12926	Genny Bell	Ward Wilday
.....	.....	C. Paul Clark

We are in the building stages again. We have many day sailors and social events, but not too many interested in racing. We are planning on two new boats by next year so we are anticipating an improvement in our racing program.

## MERRIMAC RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (121)

### New England District

#### Sailing on Merrimac River at Newburyport, Mass.

Fleet Captain	Bob Gustafson
Fleet Secretary	Steven Fram
Fleet Champion	Al DeBernardi
Runner-Up	Joyce Stoehr

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
268	Pen-G-Win	Grant Pendill
10254	Fireladder	Win Show
10744	Nadine	Alan P. Lavender
10804	Flip Flop	Joe Peterson
11099	.....	Tom Valeo
11145	Sissy III	Tim Hays
11222	Get-N-Bye	Bob Gustafson
11250	Gemini	Joyce Stoehr, Judy & Fred Young
13153	Dee Bee	Al DeBernardi
.....	.....	John Bouchard
.....	.....	Steve Fram

Winning 7 of 12 races is the easiest way we know to win the regular AYC summer series. Al DeBernardi did just that during the summer of '78. In his new boat, Al won the first 5 races of the season, and coasted home to take the gold. Behind Al, in second place was Joyce Stoehr. Always consistent, Joyce really put on a second half charge but was unable to close the gap very much. In third place, ever improving Al Lavender.

The '78 Yankee Homecoming Regatta was won by Joyce Stoehr, as she just edged out fleet champion DeBernardi. Third place in the event went to Tom Valeo.

The Chester Young Memorial Race was won by Steve Fram in 10744 borrowed for the event from Al Lavender (who made an excellent crew).

In Fleet 121's invitational, 17 boats from all over the New England District found wind and weather suitable for a great weekend of sailing. Al DeBernardi managed a 4th overall in some pretty tough competition.

1978 found Fleet 121 with two new skippers, Ben Hersey (10240) and Joe Peterson (10208). John Bouchard and Steve Fram both sold boats and sat out the season, but both should be back for '79.

The twilight series was won by Joyce Stoehr in a close duel with '76, '77 Twilight champ Al Lavender. In third place was Al DeBernardi.

All of the boats are in winter storage now, but all the books on tactics are out, and the plans for '79 are being laid.