

RED JACKET YACHT CLUB (125)
Central New York District
Sailing on Lake Cayuga, Seneca Falls, New York

Fleet Captain Chet Abend
 Co-Captain Arlene Abend
 Fleet Champions Batty & Bodine
 Runner-Up Jim Heckey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9133	.....	Tripp Blair
9239	Hex-A-Gone	Jim Heckey
9429	Kittywake	Marge & William MacPhee
9806	.....	Paul Wenderlich
11571	Taboma	Ken Soha
12012	To Life II	Chet Abend
12480	Partners	Pete Bodine, Andy Batty &
	Choice	John W. Felton

It was just another great racing season as we all punted, fainted, maneuvered, strategized, and generally scared the hell out of one another from May until Labor Day.

One can hardly remember the specific details of all of the races. They kind of come together in one big glump, but suffice it to say, they were exciting and we were all learning something (welded together as we are now in the Lightning fraternity). Remember our motto from last year....Red Jacket Lives! — So does Lake Cayuga, the Finger Lakes and Fleet 125!

There were the usual shenanigans, but perhaps more than the usual. Arlene Abend walked the plank, or did she voluntarily jump over board during a drifter just prior to the finish line? Can such tactics be protested by the skipper or the fleet? Finally all of this was celebrated at our fall Lightning fling which turned out to be a grim and rainy day. What matters if no one actually got into the water except Tripp (he went in without a boat). The point is we had a heck of a good time cavorting and eating our way from Noon to Dinner and regaling ourselves with courageous exploits, of the season. Oh yeah, just wait till I get my new sails next year.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)
Connecticut - Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Mike Willets
 Fleet Secretary Wayne Atwell
 Fleet Treasurer Richard Thackaberry
 Fleet Publicity Phil Griffin
 Fleet Champion Phil Griffin
 Runner-Up Dave Fagin

Boat Number	Boat Name	Skipper
9542	Sue	Charles D. Agnew
9888	IRT	John K. Rudolph & Mark Bodian
10555	Riot	David A. Crawford
10690	Tuned	Gianni Cuccio
10738	.....	Phil & Jennifer E. Griffin
10892	Uncle Coach	F. William Gutzwiller
11082	TNT	C. Dayton Titworth
11110	Scrambola	Joel Anderson
11143	.....	Don Gorman
11190	.....	Dick Burcaw
11220	Bolt	Allen & Glen Bemus
11381	.....	Richard Price III
11576	.....	Arie Van Breems II
11580	Gorilla	Harvey Weiss
12068	Germe	Chris Wurster
12244	.....	Todd Cameron
12367	Frog	Dr. Richard & Kathleen Thackaberry
12700	.....	Willis Wendell
12744	.....	Ken Shauer
12853	Gotcha II!	Mike Willets
12876	Tex	Dave Fagin
13000	Les Trois Chats II	Wayne Atwell
13007	Greenfinger	Ted Juraschek

13055
 13200
 13206

Gemma
 Red Peppers
 Giannina

Tom LeBrun
 Jack Lewis
 John Cuccio



1978 Fleet Champions John Lewis, Jennifer Griffin, and skipper Phil Griffin.

The Eastern U.S. Championship Regata, with almost 70 boats, capped the 1978 season at Cedar Point — a fitting wind-up to a sensational summer of sailing.

Phil Griffin was the season series winner, but this year was given some stiff competition by newcomer Dave Fagin who took second with sons crewing (described by some young distaff fleet members as the "cute crew"). John Cuccio Jr. was third and has really risen in competitiveness, concentration and consistency. And speaking of consistency, Dr. Dick Thackaberry was fourth overall. He's finished in the money every year for the past Lord-knows-how-many seasons.

We spread the wealth this summer, with 12 (nearly half) of the skippers in our fleet finishing first in at least one race during the season — that's competition! "Grizzled veteran" John Cuccio (father of our #3 skipper) didn't come away empty-handed as he copped firsts in both the Commodore's and Vice-Commodore's Cup series. Phil Griffin (target of the "lets-follow-Phil" syndrome) won the Rear Commodore's Cup series, was second in the Commodore's Cup and third in the Vice-Commodore's Cup; thereby demonstrating his need to have a few smaller trophies to provide contrast to the larger ones in his collection.

Fast Dave Fagin was third in both the Commodore's and Rear Commodore's Cup races. Ted Juraschek, who commutes to Cedar Point from New Jersey every weekend, took a strong second in the Vice Commodore's Cup, and Johnny Cuccio was second in the Rear Commodore's Cup.

More on the heavyweights: Phil Griffin won in Maine, was second at the Atlantic Coast Championships and second at Spofford. Dave Fagin walked off with the Long Island Sound Championship in oh so light "Dave Peterson" air. Newcomer Bill Gutzwiller, who had a phenomenal season in a new (to him) boat and in unfamiliar waters, lead our fleet at the Districts (6th), followed by John Cuccio (7th). (And that's all we'll say about the Districts except wait till next year).

OK, that takes care of the winner — the silverware gang. But what about the rest? the people who just missed, or were in the middle, or were simply strengthening their characters?

Here they are: Jack Lewis went as fast as ever on the racecourse but was slowed down ashore by some complex real estate dealings and couldn't race as often as he wanted to. He'll be back in '79 with fire in his eyes. Allen and Glen Bemus were really smokin' early on but were unable to log enough starts later in the season because they were representing CPYC in other races. Dick Price felt like he was being eaten by ducks - suffering a season-full of small mishaps which added up to big frustrations - he was up front in a lot of races. Harvey Weiss should win the persistence award. He's been eyeing all the oval masts and new sails in the fleet and with a little help from his friends may break out in 1979.

Chris Wurster continued to go very fast this summer, despite some technical difficulties. Wayne Atwell wasn't able to sail with us as much as he would have liked, but he'll be in with both feet next year - steady crew in '79 Wayne! Mike Willetts had his energies diverted this summer and did a super job as Fleet Captain - promoting the Class, helping newcomers, etc., etc., etc., Mike's watchwords ATTACK and CONCENTRATE will be ringing in our ears next year.

Tom LeBrun won a couple of races, sailed super fast in others and is probably the winner of the Most Improved medal. Joel Anderson and Willis Wendall sailed a bunch of races and learned a lot this summer - and that's what Fleet 126 is all about - helping enthusiastic sailors like these to greater performance and enjoyment in Lightnings.

See You at the Early Bird!!!

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129) Connecticut - Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.

Commodore Richard Maxwell
Fleet Captain Nancy D. Young
Fleet Secretary Jane Hilton
Fleet Champion Nancy D. Young
Runner-Up David Deephouse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9703	Sea Wake	Dick Grant
10704	Happy Hooker	Jane Hilton
11113	.....	Nancy Davidson
11207	Early Times	James R. Deephouse
11773	Franste II	Jay W. Jackson
.....	.....	William G. West

This past year was an especially good one for the Madison Beach Club. We hosted the Connecticut - Rhode Island District Championship the third weekend in July. Saturday's races were cancelled when the wind died, so we were forced to race all three races on Sunday. Bill Shore won the regatta, with Dave Peterson and Nelson Hoffman of Niantic taking second and third places respectively. Nancy Young placed fourth, becoming the first MBC representative at the nationals. Fifth place went to Peter Jordan.

Our traditional Fourth of July race, the Roger Pape Memorial, was postponed so many times that some people were beginning to think that it wouldn't be sailed until July 4th of 1979. When it was finally raced, Jane Hilton placed first, thanks to her far-sighted crew, and Dick Grant finished second.

Labor Day marked the annual G.B. Fisher race and Nancy Young won, continuing what seems to have become a tradition. Because the winner must supply champagne for all of the crews, second place is often thought to be the "winning" position, and Dick Grant claimed this honor.

Throughout the season, our fleet travelled to various regattas. Nancy Young and her crew of George Young and Chris deChabert travelled to the North American Championship. The previous week, she and Jane Hilton represented Madison, along with Linda Hayes of Housatonic at the Women's Championship in Bay Head.

The July series in Madison ended with Nancy Young in first place, followed by David Deephouse and Jane Hilton. In August Nancy and David again took first and second followed by Dick Grant in third. Nancy, David and Dick placed first, second and third respectively for the club season championship.

Everyone is looking forward to 1979, which promises to be even more exciting than 1978. Our thanks to everyone who made this past season so successful, and particularly to retiring Commodore Jim Deephouse and our Race Committee of Ernie Small, Dick Maxwell and John Renahan.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)

Southern District

Sailing on Mobile Bay at Fairhope, Alabama

Fleet Captain Robert Bernhardt, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Bob Borneman
Fleet Champion Robert Bernhardt, Jr.
Fleet Runner-Up Robert Jeffcott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3649	Sun Kiss	Robert C. Colclough
7399	Mauvillian I	John Alan Stringfellow
7748	Thumper	Peter Phillips
8365	.....	Robert Jeffcott
8375	Expiditer	Robert Bernhardt, Jr.
8890	.....	Wesley Overton
9176	Bozee's Boat	Robert A. Thorson
11689	Got 'cha	Rick Skinner
11712	Flo-N-Dee	Tom Ford, Jr.
12956	Sun Kiss Too	Robert Borneman
13060	Bigeminy III	Barney March
.....	.....	Robert Bernhardt, Sr.



Close Racing on typical Sunday Series.

Our fleet didn't start out as well as we had hoped this year, but as the season progressed (with the added attraction of a fantastic cookout) more people were impressed and happily became involved. Our sailors, with seven regattas on Mobile Bay, really don't have much extra time for travel, but with all of our trips to New Orleans, La., Atlanta, Ga., Jackson, Miss., Dallas, Texas, and several stops along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, we had a very full and enjoyable year. The trips were definitely worth the few extra added miles and hours on our cars and bodies.

We had a run-away fleet championship this year with Robert Bernhardt (Fleet Captain) and Robert Jeffcott taking a commanding lead, by winning all of the races with the minor exception of one. After a year of see-saw match-ups between Barney March and myself, (Bob Borneman), I shrewdly edged away from him on the last weekend of sailing, thereby placing third in our season championship.

A new member of our fleet is John Stringfellow. He has in his possession Lightning 7399 that once belonged to Ed Overton, a perennial Lightning champion in the South about 15 years ago. John has painstakingly taken this boat from an old, weather-beaten pile of planks on a rusty trailer to a beautiful, slick bottom, first-class wood

Lightning. After spending all last year in the boat shop restoring this fine piece of sailing vessel (instead of being on the Bay with the rest of us) John is paying his dues in the back of the fleet. We expect to be seeing his transom right in there with the best of us before too much longer though.

This year's G.Y.A. Championship, held in extremely light air, was hosted by the Mobile Fleet. Our local leaders kept the battle alive with a second place for Robert Jeffcott and a third place for Robert Bernhardt. Cal Herman (this year's District Champion) of New Orleans placed first.

The season will be finished soon and it will be topped off with a gala awards party. We will have an election for our new officers at that time.

This leaves us with the ever present closing thought that the Lightning is the best one-design and that next year's fleet will be an even better one.

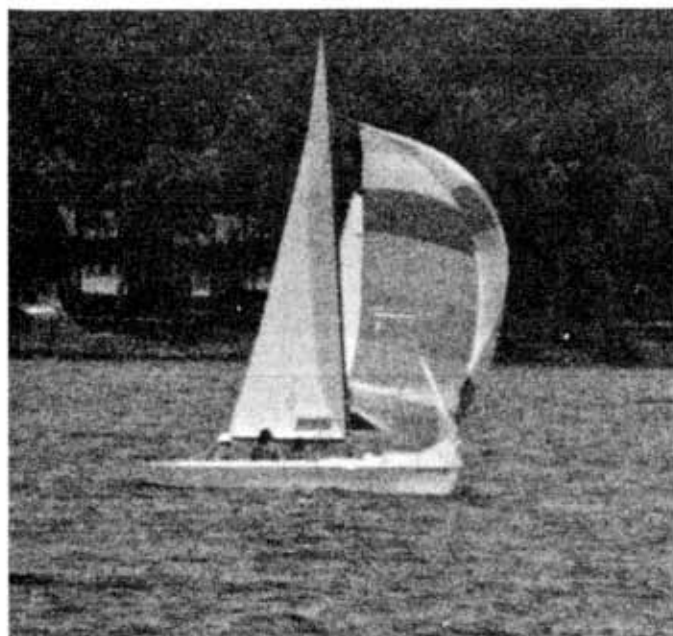
GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)

Michigan District

Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain Marty Levin
Fleet Secretary Ken Byerly
Fleet Champion Carl Engels
Runner-Up Jack Engels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7911	Minnow	Scott Greenberg
9734	Merrittorous	Tom Merritt
10842	.....	Mike Rathbun
11016	Second Wind	Carter Brooks
11068	Sea Nymph	Dick Howard
11806	.....	Bill Patten
12103	Red Baron	Fred Harrison
12595	Tim-Buck II	Tim Stewart
12806	.....	Roger Klettke
12931	.....	Dave Crawford
12938	More Juju	Carl Engels
12958	Tektite	Jack Engels
13112	.....	Ken Byerly
13279	Cyxobeu	Tim VanderMeulen



Fleet Champion Carl Engels

Three guns mean a cancelled race, and late in the summer it seemed our race committee rarely fired save in threes. Fortunately, June and July were windier and overall our racing season was varied, exciting and rewarding. As in most recent years it was especially rewarding for Carl Engels who spread his Juju witchcraft on the competition and copped fleet championship honors. A few of Carl's friends feel they may have a little Voodoo of their own and competition in the front of the fleet, especially from Tim VanderMeulen, Jack Engels and Club Commodore

Dan Chappell, that was pretty threatening. Right behind these old pros were some promising and much improved boats — the Byerly brothers, Matt Howard and Fred Harrison being among those who consistently sailed good competitive races.

Our Annual Regatta was held on the weekend of July 22-23. Twenty-three Lightnings entered and for the first time in recent memory top honors went to a Gull Lake sailor. Congratulations to Carl Engels for his first place finish, to Hank Hodgson (Clark's Lake) who finished second and to Tim VanderMeulen (Gull Lake) who was third. After sailing we held our second annual soccer game. Someone, perhaps a shill for the local orthopedic clinic, directed that the players participate barefooted. Results were dramatic! Next time tuck in your toes and kick it with your instep, guys!

Perhaps the most satisfying feature of the 1978 racing season was the increasing number of boats participating. Some races late in the summer saw 15 Lightnings on the starting line. In accomplishing this we were glad to welcome new skippers Tom Merritt and Roger Klettke. Add to these Dave Crawford sailing better than ever in a new boat. Marty Levin, Wes Cromie and Tim Stewart all now and then displayed a touch of sailing genius. Bill Patton, Scott Greenberg and Carter Brooks who learned valuable lessons in each race. In short, good boats, good sports and good sailing; how better to spend a summer.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain . . . Spurgeon J. (Tommy) Thompson
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Robert Pinard
Fleet Champion David Fitch
Runner-Up Fred (Bud) Hamblet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8339	Wood Wind	Robert Pinard
10093	Namy	H. Fletcher Willey
11194	Straight Arrow	Spurgeon W. Thompson
11210	.....	Jody B., Rick & Frederick Turner, Jr.
11288	Bon Joy	Leonard Pratt
11346	Gail	Fred H. & Christopher B. Hamblet
12362	Three Cheers	David H. Fitch
12981	.....	David C. Bischoff

Due to employment change, Fleet Captain Buck Wynn left us for Chicago and we were sorry to lose him. Happily Tommy Thompson moving from the Buffalo Canoe Club joined us in the spring.

The early Portland Maine Regatta saw Len Pratt finishing fourth, Bud Hamblet sixth while Dave Fitch, Tommy Thompson and Bob Pinard were also up there enjoying sparkling sailing on Casco Bay.

Late June saw Spofford sailors Fitch and Thompson travelling to Lake Massabasic for the New Hampshire-Vermont Championships. Fitch notched second while Thompson did well finishing just out of the money in the tricky northwest breezes.

Our own Spofford Championship series awoke the fleet and in the first race our oldest and probably the prettiest Lightning (wood, of course) took the first race skippered by Bob Pinard. Only two races were held over the Fourth of July but the finale over Labor Day saw old campaigners (long missing from the fleet) with their bows on the starting line; Fred Edwards, Fitch Willey, and Dave Bischoff to name a few. Len Pratt's boat made a fresh appearance back from the Chesapeake along with the Bud Hamblet boat on leave from the New England circuit to give the Fitch boat a tussle for the title. Fitch, the defending champion with a lot of help from veteran crew, his wife Dorothy and son Scott, managed to retain the trophy.

The real high point of the year was the revitalization of Junior racing. Rick Turner, last year's Junior Lightning North American crew entrant, bested Brian Pinard and Scott Fitch in Lightnings. Our Sunfish entrants are encouraged to step up to the bigger boats. Tommy Thompson gave us the spark to make it a fun happening.

After a rainy mid-July downpour on foggy Casco Bay, the Fitches posted a second in a 19 boat fleet in the State of Maine Championships. Then it was on to the Districts at Wellfleet on Cape Cod. Yes, we love to sail at Wellfleet; yes we like Stuart Nickerson's beach party; yes, we like the hospitality; no, we don't care much about pulling Lightnings across the mud flats at low tide! The Fitches qualified 11th, went to Rehoboth where they finished 11th in the Governor's Cup under difficult conditions. A third at Newburyport in light air metted a

handsome hand-made trophy.

Sixty-four entries with an amazing squall of 40 knots saw twelve boats capsize at Westport, Conn., the site of the Northeast Regatta. Unfortunately, Len Pratt lost his mast and Bob Pinard a lot of gear in the capsizes, but Thompson and Fitch remained upright and all had a good time.

The Spofford Regatta, the high social event in New England, surpassed all expectations. Thirty-one boats enjoyed the light air and good company. Dave Fitch finished fifth, Bud Hamblet 10th from the local fleet. With our newly elected fleet officers, we eagerly look forward to next year!

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)

Brazil District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Peter Zacher
Fleet Champion Mario Buckup
Runner-Up Robert Buckup

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7256	Cavu	Carlos Cruz
7495	ZRBST	Mario Montage & Mario Buckup
8495	Hummel	Wolfgang Aurbach
9243	Les Pastie	Ciro Migro Oliveira
9746	Terrible	Dieter Waterkamp
11706	Waikiki III	Henricus Bocagae & Claudio Abramowitz
11708	Ciranda	Robert Buckup
11709	GTX II	Willi Carlos Tietze
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
12360	Brisa	Constatino Fraga
12414	Meia Noite IV	Claudio Kunze & Juan V. Metzen
12440	Paiva	Paulo Villares
12657	Perereca	Dietmar Heydenreich & Peter Zacher
12868	Yemanja IV	Cid Vieira F. deGodoy
13008	Viking II	Rolf H. Ett
13027	Undine IV	Silvia Buchmann Batello

In 1978 we had at Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, the National and South American Championship.

At the Brazilian Nationals we had a record 34 participants! It was won by the boat *Zrbst* with Mario and Telma Buckup and Joaquim Feneberg crewing. The championship was a big success and all crews stayed at the Yacht Club Santo Amaro.

Following this championship we had the South American Championships with boats from Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru and Brazil. All together there were 19 boats. Again the winner was *Zrbst* with Mario and Telma Buckup and Joaquim Feneberg. The first 6 boats were Brazilians and the first foreigner was *Pixie* from Chile with Manolo Gonzalez (son) in 7th place.

All races were very exciting with winds from 5 to 25 miles per hour.

We thank the Yacht Club Santo Amaro for the help during the two super championships.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain Charles H. Huston
Fleet Secretary Prue Preston
Fleet Champion Burton L. Preston
Runner-Up Robert Konstam

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
8625	Wiki Wiki	William W. Woodrow
10165	In-A-Jam II	John A. Mintz
10272	Screaming Yellow Zonker	Burton L. Preston
11557	Dr. Jerome Hurley
11681	Lady	Charles H. Huston

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R. A. Bonham

Donald E. Widman, MD

Albert P. Barbone, DDS

Al Storich

Thomas J. McDermott

Joseph Vivian, DDS

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB (151)

New England District

Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Georges Peter, M.D.
Fleet Secretary Carolyn Peter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6705	Sanderling	Richard G. Appel, Jr.
10212	.....	Dr. Georges & J. Georges Peter
10831	Reflex	Bruce P. Abbott, M.D.

The major event for Fleet 151 in 1978 was the Massachusetts Bay Championship on Ipswich Bay, September 9-10. High winds forced cancellation of Saturday's races, but on Sunday, a light easterly that eventually swung to the prevailing southwest allowed Race Committee Chairman Dick Mechem to run three races. After two races, Georges Peter, Don Brush, Jr., and John Collins were tied, but in the final race, Collins correctly sensed the favored right hand side of the course and steadily increased his initial lead to post the classic "H.J." Brush finished second, followed by Peter, Jack Burwell, and the Humphrey-Ritt combo.

C. H. Ritt returned to New England after a summer's absence and demonstrated that he is not only an excellent crew, but also a very promising young skipper in his own right.

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)

Michigan District

Sailing on Tawas Bay, East Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Captain Garry Demarest
Fleet Secretary Gary Cameron
Fleet Champion Garry Demarest
Runner-Up Gary Cameron

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11466	Guy T. Moulthrop
11585	Merrie Mac	L.G. McKay, Jr.
11588	Charles A. Pinkerton, III
12755	R. Garrett Demarest III & Jeffrey Prince
12921	Gary A. Cameron
Life Member	Charles H. Schreck

Sailing on the waters of beautiful Tawas Bay at East Tawas, Michigan, Fleet 152 (Tawas Bay Yacht Club) in July 1978 hosted the Michigan District Lightning Championship. Thirty-three boats entered the five race series. Charlie Schreck, ILCA Past President, who has retired from active Lightning sailing in favor of big boat racing, serving as Race Committee Chairman. Charlie and his committee ran off five excellent races that were enjoyed and appreciated by all the sailors.

Garry Demarest, sailing for Fleet 152, won the Districts for the fifth time, with finishes of 1-5-1-7-9, defeating runner-up Bill McKinley by 2 points. Gary Cameron, also from Tawas Bay, struggled to a 7th place finish after a promising start. Ladd McKay, long time Fleet 152 member, also sailed in the series.

Demarest, with Cameron and Sally Werenski crewing, went on to the North American Championship. He sailed extremely well under marginal conditions and came in 7th, counting finishes of 5-4-11-8-7. Demarest and crew will sail in the 1979 World Championship at Dallas, Texas.

In other regattas during the year, Cameron, with Demarest crewing, finished second at North Cape. Later, Demarest and Cameron sailed with other skippers Dave Peters and Bill Crow under the Douglas Lake burgee and won the Michigan District Team Race Championship at Lake Fenton. Finally, Demarest traveled to Higgins Lake in early August and finished second overall.

The amount of our participation diminished some this year, but the spirit is still there.



Members of Fleet 162.

FLOTILHA DE FLORIANOPOLIS FLEET (162)

Brazil District

Sailing at Veleiros de Ilha Club on Baía Sul, Florianopolis

Fleet Captain Adenor Martins de Araujo
Fleet Secretary ... Vilfredo de Oliveira Schurmann
Fleet Champion Valerio Gomes Soares

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8088	Patinho Feio	Vilfredo Schurmann
11721	Goiabada	Walmor Soares
12526	Lixa	Valerio Soares
12783	Dilema	Adenor Martins de Araujo
.....	Alemon	Vilberto Schurmann

The Fleet 162 was present at two important events.

In August to the North Americans in Rehoboth beach with Joaquim Bello, skipper, and crew — Vilfredo Schurmann and Heloisa Ribeiro. We didn't do as well as we expected, but we were very happy with the warm and nice hospitality from our American friends at Rehoboth.

In October, we fared better. Walmor Soares brought home the famous Escola Naval prize. The boat was *Goiabada* and crew was Murilo Barbi and Oduvaldo Soares. Although we are a small fleet we are working hard to increase our fleet. We hope next year to have at least two or three boats more.

Once more we would like to thank you all for letting us participate in the North Americans. It was a rewarding experience and we are sure next year we'll measure no efforts to be there again.

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164)

Central New York District

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain Norman Washburn
Fleet Secretary Jeff Rubenstein
Fleet Champion Jeff Rubenstein
Runner-Up Tom McAuliffe
Third Place Dr. Jeff Penfield
Charter Member's Cup Dr. Jeff Penfield
Crewettes Race (Female Skippers) . Kathy Penfield

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
9981	Silverhammer	William Coplin
10171	Doregasa III	Dr. Donald Sanford
10414	Charming II	Nelson Neidhardt
11272	Tutankhamon	Dick Tuttle
11307	Second Life	Ron Kokot
11555	Reluctant	Jim Hole
11650	Tutty Two	Dick Tuttle
11853	Andiamo	Norman Washburn
12004	.....	David W. Guinther
12065	.....	Jerry King
12587	Tiger	Dr. Jeff Penfield
12646	Mimi	Ned Cabaniss
12792	Thor	Geoffrey Smith
12929	Wild Fire	Merle Pindell
13011	.....	Richard Sinn
13050	Chapter XI	Tom McAuliffe
13052	Full Deck	Milt Rubenstein

The Willow Bank Lightning Fleet enjoyed another fine year of sailing competition in 1978. Early in the summer we hosted the Central New York L.S.L.S. Regatta in which our own Merle Pindell and Jeff Penfield placed fourth and fifth, just behind some very tough Sodus Bay competition. Dave Guinther, a former 470 devotee, did a super job with the race committee and was evidently brainwashed in the process, since he soon converted to a Lightning and joined the fleet. We welcome Dave and his wife Jane and anticipate much heavy duty competition from them next year.

The home series was one in which almost everyone enjoyed some thrill of victory and suffered some agony of defeat. Ned Cabaniss deserves congratulations for his first 1st place; and he did it the hard way — singlehanded! Milt and Jeff Rubenstein learned the difference between sailing marks and divers' buoys too late for the L.S.L.S., but just soon enough to straighten out their act and capture the fleet championship. Tom and Gillian McAuliffe were at a disadvantage without daughter Jill as crew this year. Yet they still managed to pull out all the stops to win the last and deciding race of the season and take second place overall, one hundredth of a point ahead of the Penfields.

Jeff and Kathy Penfield were never far from the lead — at home or away at regattas. Their first place at the Keuka Lake Champagne Regatta came as no great surprise, as they continue to maintain a position among the top Lightning sailors. They're not the type to keep secrets — always anxious to share their knowledge and experience with the rest of the fleet. Kathy devoted much time and energy to her own version of E.R.A. (Eastern Racing Association). This women's sailing program benefited the entire club as well as some members of our own fleet. (Jim Hole, Jerry King, Dick Sinn, and Norm Washburn didn't have the "qualifications" to participate, so Linda, Jane, Janet, and Dorothy went instead.)

Willow Bank was well represented at regattas around the area, especially at the Skaneateles 40th Anniversary Regatta where we sent more boats than any other fleet. Merle Pindell was ambitious enough to tackle the Southern Circuit early in the season. He has always been one of the toughest competitors here at Cazenovia, but it is likely that he will be moving away next year. Merle, Arlene, and "highwire" Jim will surely be missed by the entire club.

The Willow Bank Lightning Fleet is the second largest Lightning fleet in Central New York and is still growing. There is no reason to expect that this trend will not continue in 1979 and for many years to come.

HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain Paavo Korhonen
Fleet Secretary Lauri Korpinen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7887	Spino	Matti Pakkanen
8993	.....	Jaakko Kanninen
10344	* Lipla	Paavo Korhonen
11358	.....	Kauko Kanerva
11529	.....	Kyosti Helin
11544	Kesaheila	Raimo Aromaa
11818	Hippopotamus	Kaj Lindstrom
12429	Pirla	Lauri Korpinen
12583	.....	Per-Erik Heninsaari
12748	VEE	Jyrki Wirtavuori
12799	.....	Petri Janhunen
12805	Charlie Brown	Antti Ruuskanen
12906	Triple	Ahti Immonen
12914	Vahine	Unto & Kari Maenpaa
12919	Ariana V	Leif Haglund & Veikko Valkama
13130	Masi the 3rd	Terho Aromaa
13135	.....	Pentti Puupera

The 1978 season wasn't so full of regattas as the previous one. We had three, four regattas as usual.

Helsinki Regatta with six races was dominated by A. Ruuskanen from Finnish Yacht Club winning five consecutive races. Ruuskanen with his new crew, Olli Paasonen and Lauri Heikkila, did fine at the Districts, too. After an exciting series of races they collected the District trophies. The Helsinki Lightning Fleet dominated Districts with many boats and good results. Pentti Puupera fought and got bronze medals with his new, beautiful boat and young crew. The champ of last year was left to fifth position.



Pentti Puupera in 13135 shows Tom Allen [13211] the way, to the race course.

The Helsinki autumn regatta had four races. Saturday was stormy and more than half of the participants either capsized or broke their mast. Heavy air took its prize. Sunday races with moderate winds were sailed by less than ten boats. Ilppari Hanninen, one of the most famous crews in our class showed us he is good on the tiller as well and won the regatta.

The Otaniemi races were sailed with heavy air too. Terho Aromaa didn't give a chance to others and won the race.

Next year our fleet and Finnish Yacht Club will have the European Championships. We will try to arrange the racing near the city with many Finnish boats. Thus the possibilities of having a lot of fun and fine races do exist. Finnish hospitality welcomes all European and intercontinental Lightning sailors to Helsinki.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Ken Jensen
Fleet Secretary Jim Van Hyfte
Fleet Champion Mike Steffenson
Runner-Up Henry Neuman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3312	Cutty's Ark	Dick Gage
5955	Twilight	G. W. Charlesworth
6033	Tippy T	Rufus Roys
8028	Scorpion	Edmund Barch
8222	Kati-D	Ron Hughes
9368	Ta De Win	Jerry Miller
10156	Misque "25"	Bill Quaintance
10232	.....	Chuck White
10891	.....	Donald Perkins
11270	Expecting to Fly	Ken Jensen
12022	Screamer	Mike Steffenson
12688	Clockwork	Ed Walker
12732	Gemma M	James Flick
12817	.....	Don Morrison
12942	Hummer	Henry Neuman
13202	.....	Henry Strieder

Fleet 167's season officially began on Memorial Day weekend; however, Mother Nature provided strong, gusty winds and a good chop beyond the capability of even the old salts. The 1978 summer racing series continued during the months of June, July and August with two races every other Sunday afternoon. The weather during the summer series was a blend of feast and famine in the wind category. This coupled with a fast river current and shifting winds during July

demanding the utmost skill at the tiller by the local Lightning skippers throughout the series. Mike Steffenson at the helm of the "Screamer" proved to be the best skipper in the summer series. Henry Neuman and Ken Jensen finished second and third respectively.

In the fall series, once again it was Steffenson followed by Neuman and Flick capturing the honors. The fall series begins in September and continues with weekly Sunday racing through October. Other special racing events were the 4th of July and Labor Day series won by Steffenson and the Founders Day series awarded to Jensen. The Fleet Champion and winner of the Ebert Trophy was Mike Steffenson. The hardware at the Polar Bear Regatta was handed to Hank Hodgson (Clark Lake 416), Mike Steffenson, and Henry Neuman finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The Lightning skippers and crews gathered in the spring for the annual cleanup party and the construction of another storage building to provide more space for the racing committee and the summer sailing classes sponsored by LDSC and the Davenport Park Board. The sailing classes have proved a source of new sailors, as well as, potential crew members for LDSC. The social committee at LDSC has had another busy season providing dry dock activities that were not always dry!

The 1979 season promises to be at least equal to this year due to the addition of a new boat skippered by Henry Strieder and the rumor that an old salt is looking for a new fast machine. As in the past, our best skippers are still our best skippers, but they are being pressed harder every season by the skippers "back in the pack".



Steffenson leading, followed by Neuman, Jensen & Flick.
Photo courtesy of Harry Lamon

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at
Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain J. Edward Serrill
Fleet Secretary Robert L. Stephan
Fleet Champion Glen Reitinger
Runner-Up J. Edward Serrill

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5837	Barracuda	J. Edward Serrill
9262	.....	Robert O. Baldi
11176	.....	Tom Hyndman & Bill Phillips
11235	.....	Herbert Streep & Peter Hyndman
11575	Six-Pac	Robert B. Roth
12872	Snooky	Glen & Carl Reitinger
12873	Quakers	J. Edward Serrill & C. W. Hitchler III

The 1978 Sailing season at Brant Beach Yacht Club was another blazing success for all those who participated. After the smoke cleared, the Champion from the year before and the year before that, again defended his title in the grandest of manners. Sailing a near perfect season Glen Reitinger bested the fleet with the all important help of his brother Carl and his wife Beverly. The runner up this year, Ed Serrill with his wife and Chuck Hitchler.

The mark of a talented sailor is the ability to sail well on the home course and off. Glen Reitinger sailing 12872 represented BBYC in fine fashion at the Long John regatta, Surf City regatta, and with yours truly crewing, starting off the season on the Delaware with a second at the Red Dragon Canoe Club.

This year, as with last, Ed Serrill, decided to add another project to the winter list and for the second summer in a row Ed is the recipient of the official BBYC "Wilbur Duncan can't fix that one" award.

The season has drawn to a close but before you know it it will be time to pay your dues for the 1979 season. So get your new sails and replace your pennants because soon you will hear the age old question of "What time is the race today?"

SHREVEPORT FLEET (175)

Southern District

Sailing on Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain George Mills
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer David McCary
Fleet Champion John Butcher
Runner-Up Marcus Millican

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4158	Moriah	David McCary
6116	Hunga	Larry Lashley
11081	.....	Henry C. Coutret
11385	Buglet	John Butcher
11562	Mahi Mahi	James & George Mills
12699	Cooter Poo III	Marshall H. Walker
12836	.....	Mark & David Moore
12839	Knee Deep II	Larry Pledger
13040	Gray Ghost	Marcus Millican

Racing and pleasure sailing on Cross Lake in Shreveport never ends. But it has become a problem with the lake level being three to five feet below normal. Last spring the water made it up to normal a week before our annual Holiday In Dixie Regatta held April 28-30.

Holiday In Dixie drew boats from all around - 24 Lightnings, 20 Thistles, 16 South Coast 21s, 15 Snipes, 11 MC Scows, 8 Sunfish, 6 Tempests, 5 San Juan 24s, 5 Flying Dutchmen, and 6 other boats who raced a Handicap class. But Holiday In Dixie '78 proved no different from any past year - They came - They saw - They conquered. Once again the home fleet of Lightnings kept no silver at home.

Fleet activity has been kinda low - tough to get three boats on the line, but those who come out enjoy it. Fleet Champion John Butcher sailed only on special occasions and holidays but won consistently. Marcus Millican sailed nearly every weekend and battled Marshall Walker mostly and point-wise came in second over our 4 series season (Spring, Summer, Fall, Long Distance). In 1979 we are looking forward to more water, more participation, and more out-of-town regattas.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Commodore Charles Good
Fleet Captain Skip Ragghianti
Fleet Secretary Donna Good
Fleet Champion Bob Lilly
First Runner-Up John N. Shaffer
Second Runner-Up John E. Shaffer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7171	Ol' Blue	Dr. Duane & Charles Good
9427	Whirlwind	John N. Shaffer
10941	Stormy	Dr. John Hanek
11063	.....	Bob Lilly
11563	.....	John E. Shaffer
11747	Heid Aweigh III	Charles & Dr. Duane Good
12864	Loonie Tune	Skipper Ragghianti

Again, we had an interesting season starting the middle of June and concluded on Labor Day weekend. The wind didn't cooperate for four of our races, and they had to be canceled, but we did get twelve races in. For the third straight year Bob Lilly showed us how to win with good tactics and judgement. We had a new runner up this year with John N. Shaffer eaking it out over Eddie Shaffer (no relation). Competition was keen as fleet position shifted back and forth, below first place.

Our Labor Day Series found heavy competition, and our runner-up John N. Shaffer was first, followed by our Commodore Mark Prather and then Skip Ragghianti. Either our sailors are improving their boat handling or getting luckier as no one upset to claim the upside-down trophy; so Commodore Prather can look at it another year and remember 1977.

As usual two of our skippers, Dr. Good and Skip Ragghianti took their boats to St. Petersburg and Miami to compete in the sun. Also at the end of our season, four of our boats visited nearby Pymatuning Yacht Club, and enjoyed sailing in a larger fleet.

Our social activities began with a Spring dinner. In July we had a picnic at the Iroquois Club (on the Lake's edge) and ended the season again with a picnic at the Rentz's. We all had a lot of fun both sailing and socializing and look forward to next summer. I understand our new fleet captain is scheduling the 1979 races to start earlier - May 27, 1979.

MARBLE HEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189)

New England District

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Gerald Hosman
Fleet Vice Captain Robert Gauthier
Fleet Secretary Donald Humphrey
Fleet Champion John Collins
First Runner-Up Joel Humphrey
Second Runner-Up Bernard Burke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6655	Bat	Robert Gauthier
9499	Gull's Rest	Gerard Hosman
10226	Tigger	Charles Pace
11630	Io	Bernard Burke
12385	Shamrock	John Collins
12706	Courageous	Donald Humphrey
	Doe Doe III	
13104	.....	Larry Fretts
Life Member	.....	Dr. Louis Pocharski

The 1978 season was a far cry from past years for the fleet as a whole. It was a fun season what with sailing here and a few excursions elsewhere. It was a season with some confusion and it was a season that saw the departure of longtime Lightning sailors. Can this be the turn-around season?

The fleet lost three members. One member went into a larger keel boat class and walked off with two series firsts and the season championship for that fleet.

Eight Lightnings registered for the Marblehead Racing Association Championship Series and Race Week. John Collins took first in both and wound up the season with his daughter, Theresa, as a crew member. Larry Fretts, John's regular crew, purchased a Lightning and sailed the last few races as a warmup for the 1979 season. Joel Humphrey is the season's first runner up and Bernard Burke nailed down the second runner-up position.

This season, with our other many heavy wind Saturday races, we had no fleet effort to promote the 5 races of the 90th Race Week put forth by the Marblehead Racing Association (MRA). However, visiting Lightnings did come, including two from New York State. Barbara Brodock came from Rome, New York, and through consistent sailing was awarded third place. The other New York State Lightning did well while here for part of Race Week and could have been awarded a place had this Lightning registered with the MRA. This was our high point of confusion and we hope to overcome such incidences in the future. All Lightnings from everywhere are always welcome to attend Race Week whatever the Lightning Fleet plans.

Two Lightnings went to the New England District at Wellfleet.

Other regattas attended included: Newburyport, two boats; Annisquam, three boats; Cedar Point, one boat.

The season began with a delightful Cocktail Party at Fleet Captain Gerard Hosman's home in historic Salem and plans now call for an evening gathering later in the year to close the season. A patio beer bust was held at the Hosman's during Race Week.

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

Dixie District

Sailing on North Chesapeake Bay of Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain Vic Wareham
Fleet Secretary Cliff Matson
Fleet Champion Tom Thompson
Runner-Up Vic Wareham
Spring Series Winner Vic Wareham
Fall Series Winner Bruce Hardy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6617	Mischief	Thomas S. Webster, Jr.
9852	Alhama	Bruce Hardy
10025	Sundown	Richard B. (Tom) Thompson, Jr.
10420	.....	Ann E. & Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
10852	.....	Victor G. Wareham
11771	Windy	Robert S. Crowder, Jr.
13277	.....	Bruce Hardy
13282	Marmalade	Victor M. Solomon
Life Member	.....	Charles Trayford III

The 1978 season showed renewed interest in Lightning sailors at Havre de Grace. Boats were upgraded with the addition of two new boats, and a couple of other boats were refurbished with new equipment and new sails. In addition, a couple of unaffiliated boats participated in some of our races during the season. There were seven active members in the fleet, and usually at least five were on hand for races.

Fleet 192 sails on northern Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Susquehanna River. Headquarters for the fleet is at the Upper Chesapeake Yacht Club on the grounds of the Havre de Grace Marina. Races are held on Saturdays from mid-May until early July, and then again from Labor Day until mid-October. The Fleet Championship Series is usually sailed on Saturday and Monday of Labor Day week-end.

Following an organizational meeting early in the year at the home of Vic Wareham, at which the race schedule was adopted and race rules established, racing began with a Spring Tune-up series of 10 races in mid May to iron out all of the wrinkles and oil up rusty habits from the winter season off.

The Spring Series consisted of 10 races sailed on 5 dates between May 29 and July 8. Final standings were close, with Vic Wareham edging past Bruce Hardy on the final day to win the series by 2 1/4 points.

The Fleet Championship Series was sailed on Labor Day weekend, with 5 boats participating. This was another closely contested series, sailed in winds varying from "very light" to about 20 knots. Tom Thomson managed to defeat Vic Wareham by 1/4 point to successfully defend the championship he had won the previous year.

The Fall Series consisted of 5 races sailed on 3 dates between September 9 and October 7. It was originally scheduled for 8 races on 4 dates, but conflicts with other activities and Upper Chesapeake Yacht Club's Great Horn Regatta caused this series to be cut short. Bruce Hardy won this series with a 5 point margin over Vic Wareham.

Fleet 192 again sponsored the Dixie District Junior Championships on July 29-30. Six boats participated in the five race series, which was sailed in mostly light to moderate conditions. The Bush family from Fleet 253, Susquehanna Yacht Club, repeated last year's performance with Bob taking the trophy. Last year Bill Bush was first. Dave Horne and Ted Ganley, both from Fleet 314, Sassafras River, took 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Dave Racine (Fleet 325, Rehoboth), Rose Gentile (Fleet 50, Washington), and our entry with Mark Wareham, Ann Matson and Tom Webster, filled out the rest of the fleet. The regatta was ably run by Bruce Hardy, and included an enjoyable hamburger fry for all participants on the grounds of the Upper Chesapeake Yacht Club after the third race on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Hardy gets a great applause for a fine job in preparing for the cookout. We look forward

to greater participation next year in a very worthwhile event.

One of the big events at Upper Chesapeake Yacht Club was the annual Great Horn Regatta, in which all classes of boats participated on a handicap basis. There were approximately 25 boats entered in this event, which was scored using the Portsmouth handicap system. Bruce Hardy was top Lightning finisher with 2nd place overall.

The final wrap-up for the 1978 season was a team race against Fleet 253, Susquehanna Yacht Club, and was sailed at Havre de Grace. The course was set with the wind from the south. Before the first race a line of squalls passed and the wind shifted to the west and picked up. The course was reset and racing began. Led by Starling Mikell and Charlie Cockerham with the wind picking up and the sea kicking up, Susquehanna swept the first two races and the series. Wait until next year!

Fleet 192 is looking forward to a better season in 1979, and invites anyone in its area not affiliated with another fleet to come and join with us in what has become lots of fun and some good racing.

MISSION BAY FLEET (194)

California District

Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain Warren Gross
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Al Poindexter
Fleet Champion Al Poindexter
Runner-Up Kirk Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8627	Fastenuf	Hank Fastenau
8966	Hoot Mon	John Sundsmo
9172	U-3	Bernard & Warren Gross
9832	Puddlelum	Kirk A. Johnson
11625	Now	Fred Knauer
11662	Tangerine	Charles Gotschalk
11735	Nameless Terror	Myron C. Lyon
11802	.....	Manning H. Barber
11965	Gone With the Wind	Jerry Boyle
13116	Batu II	Richard Brewer
13187	Afternoon Delight	Al Poindexter
13188	.....	Myron C. Lyon
Life Member	.....	Alan Raffee

Our '78 season has been jam packed with exciting racing from San Diego to the Pacific Coast Championship at Klamath Falls, Oregon. We joined efforts with Fleet 102 from Santa Monica Bay in organizing many successful regattas and excellent barbecues.

The 12th California Lightning Circuit brought 25 boats and a variety of conditions together for a fun filled Easter week regatta. Mark Patty, his wife Ann and crew Stan Starkey took the honors with consistant finishes of 2-2-1-2-1-3-2.

Myron Lyon, the district champ and new Lightning distributor, has compiled a very successful racing season. At one time Myron had 12 firsts in 14 starts; he won the Coronado One Design, Dana Point Invitational and Bowen Memorial Regatta and finished second at the PCC's.

Our new fleet champion is Al Poindexter. Al has enjoyed a fine season; recently winning the Billie Boswell Memorial at Lake Cachuma then the Hurricane Gulch Regatta at King Harbor. Some people say a brand new boat helps.

Charlie Gotschalk won the Fall Series, Winter Series and finished third at the PCC's; demonstrating he is still hard to beat - when he comes out.

The social events were all successful, from the baseball games to the Brady's Beer Bust and breakfast with Hank and Alyce Eastenau. We're already anxiously awaiting next years events. Why is it Lightning people like to have so much fun?

Kirk Johnson, this years runner up, has shown what happens when you are consistently "in there". Fred Knauer has completed his 22nd year of racing, loving every minute of it. Jerry Boyle, a fine addition to our fleet from Oregon is now sampling southern California. We've had glimpses of the Barbers and the Grosses, mostly from behind; I guess they just want us to know they haven't lost their touch. All I can say is "Wait till next year!"

SURF CITY (196)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

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

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

Probably the biggest news at the Surf City Yacht Club this year was that of 59 year old Dick Warren showing the youngsters a thing or two and winning the Comet Internationals. The Lightning sailors offer Dick our hearty congratulations and wish him at least 50 more years of successful sailing.

We in the Lightning fleet did not fare as well as Dick, but did have some good showings on the road. Once again Jack Elfman led the travelling parade with very strong finishes in the North Americans, Cedar Point, Long John, Southern Circuit and who knows what else. Even with all his regatta activity he still managed to be at Surf City enough to recapture the Fleet Championship. Jack also had an outstanding performance in the District Championship which he appeared to have won until a protest resulted in his disqualification from one race. He was a winner in the Atlantic Coast Championship and the wild and wooly Surf City Annual. Congratulations to Jack on another successful season. Ralph Messersmith also put together some good races on the road and did a fine job at the North Americans as well.

Each of us naturally likes to gain an edge by racing as early in the season as possible so that we can "have the feel" when the season gets into full swing. There was not much edge to be gained this year, however. When the Long John rolled around in May, we found that most of us were there. Although none of us won anything, we did agree that the Monmouth Boat Club runs one heck of a regatta, and we will definitely be back in the spring.

Fleet 196 hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship this year, and in spite of some unusual weather everyone seems to have had a good time. Jack Elfman took first place followed by Phil Griffin and Dave Ruiter. As usual the highlight of the regatta was the buffet/cocktail party hosted by Peg and Glenn Weber. Any local sailor will tell you that a Weber affair is not to be missed! The fleet warmly thanks Glenn, Peg and the rest of the club membership who contributed mightily toward the event's success.

Racing at the club was more exciting this season than in any recent year. The leaders (Elfman and Temme) are finding that winning races is no longer a picnic. Much of the Fleet's success is due to their expert guidance and advice. Lint Weber captured third place in both series and showed that this was no fluke when he finished near the top in the first two races of the Junior North Americans.

George Schmidt, our master craftsman and experimenter, unfurled a spanking new suit of sails this year, and when questioned about the unusual sailmaker insignia which was a bright red "G", we were surprised to learn that it stood for "George." He seems to have done quite a good job on his homemade sails because a couple of races found him way out in front. George also has more telltales per square foot of sail than anyone we know. He makes them out of recording tape, leading us to believe that we've found Nixon's missing twenty minutes.

For those of you who have been reading the *Flashes* "For Sale" ads and were interested in Jack Elfman's 11739 *Rip City Express* I'd forget it! Steve Warren bought it and we are happy to have him in the Fleet. Steve is the son of Dick the Comet champ and is quite an accomplished sailor in his own right. It is guaranteed he will give the Fleet fits next summer.

The Most Improved Skipper Award went to Les Hunton who won his first race this year. He is still in a state of shock and still trying to figure out what happened.

The outlook for next season looks extremely bright. The fleet is beginning to grow and the overall talent is good. We expect some exciting races and hope that those of you who might happen to be wandering through Surf City with your Lightnings will come and join us on the bay.

See you in the Spring!

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)

Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Chautauqua,
Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain Kevin Dietly
Fleet Champion James D. Neville
Runner-Up Dave Bargar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
10534	Henrietta	Dave Hill
10556	.....	Paul Branch
10893	.....	Bob Park
10922	.....	James & Cherie Neville
11251	Bete Noire	Ted Bailey
11469	Rangy Lil	Tom & Dave Ingram
11619	O.B. Joyful	R.W. Cornell
11870	.....	Raoul Branch
12038	Enlil	Kevin Dietly
12601	Second Wind	J. Bailey
12778	.....	Clinton Wilder
12910	Stinger	John C. Wallace, Jr. & Sr.
12947	Afternoon Delight	Doug, Robert & David Bargar
13222	.....	James D. Neville
13312	'Burly Girl' Again	John R. Turney

The Chautauqua Fleet had another excellent season this year with fine racing both at home and on the road. The fleet fielded participants at the 40th Anniversary Regatta, Lake Erie Districts, North Americans, and Women's Districts and North Americans.

At Chautauqua, the July Championship series saw great weather and good consistent sailing among the frontrunners. Incumbent fleet champ Jim Neville came out on top again this year, followed by a speedy Dave Bargar who just edged out Dave Ingram for second.

At the end of July, an eight boat contingent headed for "the open sea" at the Buffalo Canoe Club and the Lake Erie Districts. Cherie Neville led the charge by placing second in Women's Districts and fourth in regular Districts. The fifth spot at Districts was captured by her brother, Jim. Despite nearly losing an abandoned Wilder Craft in a Lake Erie squall, the rest of the fleet did fairly well, placing Dave Ingram and John Turney in North Americans.

Cherie Neville capped a super season by finishing fourth in the Women's North Americans. Up at Rehoboth, Jim Neville placed 12th in the Blue Fleet and first-timer John Turney turned in a fine performance in the Governors' Cup.

Back at home, the August Sample series was won by Kevin Dietly, closely followed by Dave Hill in *Henrietta*, Doug and Dave Bargar shared the helm of *Afternoon Delight* for a third in August.

Hoping for more new boats and new faces next year, our fleet looks forward to another great summer of sailing on Chautauqua Lake.

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206)

Argentina District

Based at Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fleet Captain Angel Vila
Fleet Secretary Maria C. de Pascuchi
Fleet Champion Javier Pascuchi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8411	Repunte V	Javier Pascuchi
11037	Marmolin	Daniel Collet
11043	Mancarron	Mario Isola
12824	Redomon	Angel Vila & Felix Miranda

No Report

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)

Southern District

Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at
New Orleans, Louisiana

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7421	Sarah J.	Dr. Wm. Pelon
9012	Tigger	Glen Higgins
9319	Cajun	Roger Evans
9423	PABU	Terry E. Passman, M.D.
9696	S/B	Buck Ballatin
10757	Leprechaun	Eric Michaelis
10811	S/B II	Buck Ballatin
11238	Frumious Bander- snatch III	Gene Van Norman
11483	Super Mink	Cal Herman
11615	Jabberworck	Walter Tyree

No Report

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)

Ohio District

Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain Dennis Kleidon
Fleet Secretary Rose Kleidon
Fleet Champion Dave Huber
Runner-Up Carl Hummer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1983	Nereid	Henry Schaeffer
9350	Not-A-Loss	Eugene Muntean
9850	Ruth II	David B. Dutton
10311	Resolute II	Celvin Friar
10900	Four Winds V	James Cooper & Carolyn McCain
11508	Yellowjacket	Nelson Caley
11717	"HB"	Dick Waller
12044	North Star	Dennis Kleidon
12184	Blitz	Ferdinand V. Huber
12269	Long Shot	Joe Streb
12845	Grey Fox	Carl W. Hummer & Mike Partridge

Fleet 212 had a fine summer's worth of sailing. Our spring series was won by Nelson Caley, with Dave Huber taking second. Rick Cooper won the summer series and Dave Huber came in second. Those standings were reversed in the fall series: Dave came in first and Rick was second. Dave Huber also won the Championship series, while Carl Hummer took 2nd and Rick Cooper was 3rd. For all these victories, Dave Huber was awarded Atwood Yacht Club's Most Improved Sailor trophy. Since all sailors in AYC's six fleets compete for this trophy, we're proud to see it go to a Lightning skipper.

First place in the Commodore series held over the Memorial Day weekend, went to Karl Rollius. Dave Huber and Joe Streb tied for second. Despite that bang-up beginning to the season, Karl and his wife and jib crew, Sophie, made a momentous decision at year's end to retire to a cruiser. After 50 years of competitive sailing and 100+ trophies, we can understand that you're ready to take it easy, Karl and Sophie. But we consider it no coincidence that cruiser races were organized for the first time late this year. Watch out, big boats; there's a real skipper joining you now.

We were also proud to see our oldest skipper, Dave Dutton, sail in Atwood's annual Harvest Moon Regatta. At the age of 78, Dave took a very respectable 10th in the regatta and a 1st in our affections.

The year ended with the happy addition of Lightning 12845, *Gray Fox*, skippered by Carl Hummer. We're glad to see Carl bring his sailing experience to racing. Now all we can do is shiver through another Ohio winter waiting to be at the starting line again.