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ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215) St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake St. Louis at Montreal, Canada

Fleet Captain Archibald Cameron
Fleet Secretary Russel Scrim
Fleet Champion George Layton
Runner-Up Russel Scrim

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5389	Kismet	Sam Woosey
7850	Windfall	F.E. Collins
9666	Mistarris	R. Taylor
9694	Sara B	F.H. Boone
12311	.....	Michel St. Pierre
12769	Caravelle	M. Brossard
12827	Sheila VIII	R.C. Scrim
12882	Flying Frog	Andre Noel
13149	Linda	G. Layton
.....	Old 97	Dr. A. Cameron

The 1978 season was marked by a falling-off in numbers of Lightning participants in club racing. On most occasions, there were not more than 3 or 4 boats out which was disappointing for those participating. However, the hard-core Lightning sailors are still very much with it. George Layton ended up being the Fleet Champion and went on to win the Club Championship against all other Classes. Naturally, we are very proud of George for his accomplishments.

The Fleet missed Michel Brossard who moved to Quebec City. However, Michel managed to come back to his old stomping grounds for the Club's Annual Regatta which he won very decisively. Archie Cameron, George Layton and Russ Scrim made the trek to Toronto for the Canadian Open. None of them distinguished themselves particularly in indifferent sailing conditions which typifies Humber Day. However, we are pleased to note that the Canadian Open will be held at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club in 1979, on July 20-22 and we look forward to good participation from our Lightning friends everywhere.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216) Michigan District

Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Joe Dissette
Fleet Secretary Lee Klopfenstein
Fleet Champion Joe Dissette
Runner-Up Carl Hesse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6262	Tuit	Bob Kelsey
7169	.....	Bill Stewart
7207	The Pope	Michael P. Pope
7855	Yellow Jacket	John E. Johnson
8784	.....	Ronald Schieber
9903	Moxie	Dennis Bergevin
10102	.....	Jim Peters
10366	Schuss Boomer	Jim Schofield
11060	.....	Ben Eynon
11164	Sauerkraut	Lee Klopfenstein
11742	White Away	Carl Hesse
11797	Sully	Dr. Hugh Sulfridge
12002	Sea of Joy	Bob Camp
12024	Sas-Sea	Howard L. Nixon
12285	.....	Tom Burk
12533	Dr. Seuss II	Richard Burrow
12721	Sea Bee	Carl Hesse
12733	Carousel XII	Bill Boice
12871	.....	Tom McNish
12933	Spirit of '76	Ed Woods
13133	Carousel XIV	Joe Dissette

Again this year we were pleased to host the Michigan Junior Districts combined with our State Invitational. The results of the Junior Districts found Jim Morse of Devils Lake taking top honors for the second year in a row. John Mathers of Pontiac Yacht Club was second while Sue Pohly of Lake Fenton was third and Cully Hesse of Bay City was fourth.

The Champion Series, sailed on week-ends, saw Joe Disette returning to his usual form to take first for the season following a two season absense from active Fleet participation. Carl Hesse was second for the season and Bill Boice took third.

The Owl Series, which is sailed Wednesday evenings, continues to be the most popular local event. Weather conditions were less than ideal this season as five races were lost to rain and heavy winds. Consistent sailing in all conditions resulted in Bill Boice and crew, Burris Smith and Greg Smith, taking first place honors again in this closely contested series. Lee Klopfenstein and crew, Dave Corcoran and Tom Aisguard finished second for the season. Jim Schofield, third, was followed by Joe Disette in fourth and Dick Burrow in fifth. An enthusiastic Howard Nixon finished sixth place in his first year in a Lightning. Also, we are pleased to welcome Michael Pope, Ron Schieber and Tom McNish as new members of Fleet 216.

This year saw the completion of the last of many major improvements at the Bay City Yacht Club. We feel that we will be able to offer excellent facilities to those attending events held at the club for many years to come.



Fleet 216 Champions, Peter Andrew, "Carousel VX", Joe Disette (skipper), Elizabeth Camp.

HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay, Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain Irwin K. Stone
Fleet Secretary John H. Treadwell, II
Fleet Champion Irwin K. Stone
Runner-Up Charles K. Stone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5841	Zig-Zagger	R.B. Stevens
6602	.....	Len Phillips
10118	Yea Hootie	Robert Doyle
10707	Vikingen	Dave Parker
10709	Zelda	Dr. Harry McMillan
10712	May Day May Day	May P. Robinson & John Treadwell, II
12948	Anahata	Dr. Irwin Stone

The year of the Stone — began with the Apple Blossom race with the following results: 1. Irwin K. Stone 2. David Northrop 3. Bob Doyle.

The Sunday Series saw a varied season, with many skippers venturing out, but not steadily. Only Irwin and Charles Stone were consistent all year, as the two went down to the last race to determine the championship. "Age before beauty" emerged once more, as our able Dr. Stone claimed 1st place, nosing out his son, Charles. Dick Ciliberti returned to put in enough races of quality to capture 3rd place.

The Commodore's Cup was sailed over a delightful 2-day period, with the overall winner Charles K. Stone. Second was Irwin Stone, and 3rd place went to Dr. John Marshall from Kingston.

Stoney Island results: 1. Charles K. Stone; 2. John Treadwell; 3. Irwin Stone.

Frostbite Race: 1. John H. Treadwell; 2. John Northrop; 3. Dick Grissinger.

The year can best be phrased as one of transition. Doyle, Treadwell, and Stevens were either working or babysitting; when Parker sailed, it was on the circuit and Northrop was Commodore of the Club and boatless — if you can believe that! However, there were bright spots as Charles Stone kept borrowing a different hull to give his dad fits, and it was great to have Dick Ciliberti sail with us for a few weekends. New member Dick Grissinger joined the fleet in hull 9944; the Finnertys' were becoming competitive, and May Robinson's mast finally broke! And of course, Irwin Stone came through with his usual 100% attendance.

There are some healthy rumors of future growth, with Jack Jones, Northrop, Condino, and Stevens all toying with the idea of getting back into it. Wouldn't that be just grand!

BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226) Florida District Sailing on Biscayne Bay at Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain George L. Freeland
Fleet Secretary Alis M. Freeland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2073	Por Amor	James M. Sapp
7485	Brumus Too	Dwane Elmore
8038	Zephyr	Gregor J. Hargrett
8368	Bose Behr	John Behrmann
8526	.....	William Jones
9388	Planters Punch	Univ. of Miami Sailing Hurricanes
9421	Tabasco	Alan Westcott
9975	Rush Creek	James O. Pinion & Frank Atkinson, Jr.
10230	Bleu	Steve Witherspoon & Donald M. Riedel
10338	.....	Stuart Sorg
10384	.....	Marty Mulhern
10827	Preparation H	Scott Spreier
10886	Faster Horses	Tim K. Tripp
11085	Afternoon Delight	Jim Alman
11616	The Crimson	David Brennan & Howard Sutter
11981	Dynamo	Marc Pearl
12111	.....	Dr. David Behringer
12893	Panache	George L. & Jorge L. Freeland
12971	.....	Paul C. Wright
13109	.....	Steve Witherspoon & Donald M. Riedel
13218	.....	John A. Swenson, M.D.
Life Member	.....	Charlie Beedle
.....	.....	Joe E. Baume

Lightning Fleet 226 is better than ever ... on beautiful Biscayne Bay. We have added seven boats to our roster this past year and are making plans to hold a junior regatta in the spring to attract 16 year-old and under skippers to our wonderful world of racing Lightnings.

The highlight of our past year — most definitely — was our "Down Home in the Tropics Feast" on March 22nd for all the Mid-Winter sailors on the Southern Circuit. Our members hosted a memorable party on the lawn of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club under a full moon. Superb food, a beautiful setting and the opportunity to meet Lightning enthusiasts from all over the world made it an evening to long remember. Special accolades go to Mrs. Jody Holshouser, our dinner chairman, who put it all together right down to the awesome cake decorated with the ILCA 40 Years decal — and the romantic moonlight. Bonnie and Bill Shore were kind enough to give us a seminar on March 24th. This turned out to be a morale booster for our newer skippers and a think session for everyone.

On April 29-30th, our Florida Districts were held, sponsored by CGSC. Dr. Jack Swenson came down from Palm Beach and topped the

10 boat fleet in five races. Jack is such a great sailor and good sport, we did not mind too much when he carted all that silver back home. Jorge Freeland was runner-up. Jim Pinion, our District Commodore, took 3rd.

Three boats represented Fleet 226 at the Junior Championship held at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club in August. Jorge Freeland (crew David Melin and Nick Holshouser) placed 5th. Jim Alman (crew Warren Sands and Morgan Reeser) placed 9th. Equipment failure dimmed the hopes of our third skipper — Sam Pearl (crew Chris Young and Rick Shellow). These young sailors from Miami all praised the "hats on the mantle" regatta put on by Jim Carson and a great race committee.

Concurrently in Bay Head, New Jersey at the first ILCA Women's Lightning Championship, Fleet 226 was on the line with Mara Freeland skippering 11138 to an 8th place. Ann Allen and Tay Adams not only ran a super successful regatta with the help of a very fine committee, but they found time to locate two great women sailors (Bobby Riley and Anna Fortenbaugh) to crew and arranged for the loan of 11138 from its gracious owner, ILCA President John S. Schneider. The fine sailing was equalled by fantastic parties, warm hospitality and the inspiration of women racing Lightnings together for the first time in an ILCA championship.

On to the North Americans with five boats representing Fleet 226. Saw some of our old/new friends from the Mid-Winters as they whipped by, but we were proud to be represented by Jack Swenson, Jim Pinion and our young hopefuls — Alman, Pearl and Freeland. Next year we promise even more boats and better speed.

Back home on Biscayne Bay, one-designs race one week-end each month, sponsored by the five local yacht clubs (Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Coral Reef, Biscayne Bay, Key Biscayne and Miami Yacht Clubs) which comprise the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association. The BBYRA 1978 Lightning Championship was won by Frank Atkinson, Jr. Jorge Freeland was runner-up and Jim Alman placed 3rd. In October at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Annual Regatta, Frank won first place. Sam Pearl placed 2nd and Jim Alman took third place. Coral Reef Yacht Club will hold its Annual Regatta on Dec. 9th and 10th and this regatta winds up our racing year.

1978 proved to be a great year for the Fleet. We welcomed many new members and boats. Jim Alman in 11085, Frank Atkinson in 9975, Greg Hargrett sold 8038 and bought 11017 (he's out to bring home the silver). Stuart Sorg (10338), Margaret Ronald (3151), Marty Mulhern (10384) and Randy Clee (9240) are getting their boats ready for 1979's racing season. Don Riedel will be skippering 13109 without help from co-owner Steve Witherspoon. "Spoon" is moving to New York and will be sailing on Long Island Sound. We will miss him very much. We have a new baby in the fleet. Gabrielle and Greg Hargrett welcomed 8 lb. Christopher on September 27th and we presented our future Lightning Champion with a pair of white sneakers (size 1).

Just as we finished writing this report, we learned of the death of Alexander Carlin on November 12th in Miami. Alex was an active member of Fleet 226 for many years. He loved sailing and Lightnings. His many friends in the Lightning Class will always remember his contributions to building sailing on Biscayne Bay.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET (227)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Commodore Bill Potter
Fleet Secretary Doug Wilson
Fleet Champion Dave Stagg
Runner-Up Jim Leamy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11393	.....	Dave Stagg
12077	Raider II	Jim Leamy
12486	.....	Ray & Raymond Harrington, Jr.
12981	.....	Paul Schoenbuecher

The 1978 season began with the Memorial Day Regatta on May 29th. Ray Harrington, Jr. was able to put together two firsts and a third to win the regatta. Jim Leamy and Dave Stagg took second and third respectively.

Our next three-race regatta was the Stowell Series, sailed on July 4th weekend. Dave Stagg won this regatta with two firsts and a second. Second place went to Carl Schoenbuecher and third to Ray Harrington, Jr.

The Bellerose Memorial Series, on Labor Day weekend, proved to be most interesting. After two races, there was a three-way tie. In an

exciting finish to the third race, Ray Harrington squeaked out first place, followed by Jim Leamy second and Dave Stagg third.

The overall standings for Fleet Champion were dominated by Dave Stagg. Following the opening regatta on Memorial Day, Dave acquired a comfortable lead, which he never relinquished. Jim Leamy edged out Ray Harrington, Jr. for first runner-up.

Although Fleet 227 is small, we look forward to increasing numbers in the future. This year's newcomers, Paul Eitapence and Bruce Belden, provided the fleet with a shot in the arm. Bill Potter made good on his promise to bring back his boat. One week after the last scheduled race was sailed, the hull repairs were completed, and his boat was launched. With the enthusiasm of the newcomers and the reappearance of Bill Potter, we look forward to a bigger and better season in 1979.

RIVERTON FLEET (228)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain William Graff
Fleet Secretary Djoerd Hoekstra
Fleet Champion Allan M. Crew

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5092	.....	Dominick Dragotta
5693	.....	Bob Eisele
6001	Slo Gin	William Graff
6929	Le Cochon Bleu	Mary E. Liddle
7278	.....	Walter F. Cincotta, Jr.
8616	Enterprise	Hugh J. Hutchinson
9628	.....	Frank A. Helsel
10079	.....	Thomas B. Hollyday
10526	.....	Steve Perkel
10545	.....	Peter F. & Earl Marvin
11217	.....	Tom Donlan
11543	Trial	George J. Miller
12727	Special K	Allen M. Crew
12900	Natural High	Weld Cox
13230	Typhoon	Djoerd Hoekstra
Honorary Members		Betty & Dale Allen

The Delaware River at Riverton saw plenty of Lightning activity this summer. Our fleet is strong and growing and we have many enthusiastic members. The results of our club series were as follows:

THAW OUT SERIES: Allan Crew, first; Tom Donlan, second; Weld Cox, third. SPRING SERIES: Allan Crew, first; Weld Cox, second; Walt Cincotta, third. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES: Weld Cox, first; Bill Graff, second; Allan Crew, third. SUMMER SERIES: Tom Donlan, first; Bill Graff, second; Steve Perkel, third.

The overall fleet champion was Allen Crew, who gets to keep the perpetual "Cannon" trophy for one year. Djoerd Hoekstra won our annual fall Lightning Regatta, this year hotly contested by the Funari brothers from the Red Dragon Cause Club. The Funaris' second place in our regatta put them on top in the standings for the Gamma Trophy, a perpetual trophy awarded for the best overall results on the Penn Manor, Red Dragon and Riverton circuit.

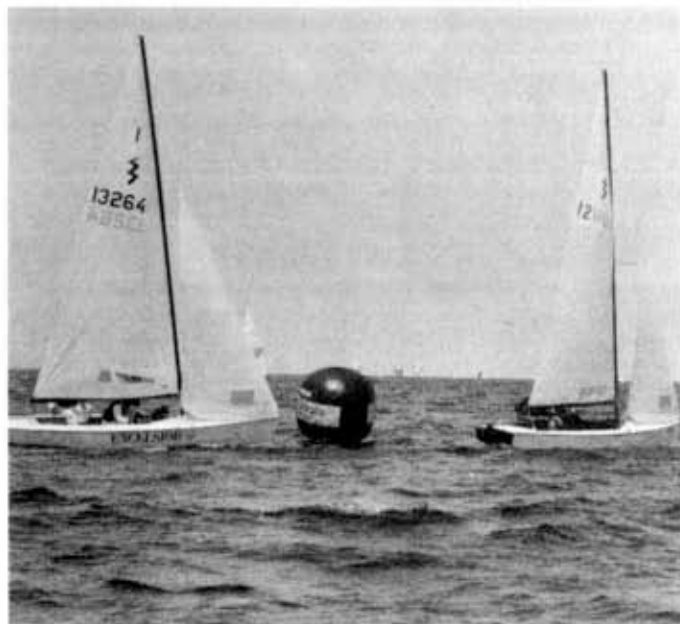
FLOTTA DI MARIVELA [Italian Navy] (235)

Italian District

Fleet Captain C.A. Piero Bernotti
Fleet Secretary C.C. Ettore De Angelis
Fleet Champion C.V. Luigi Merola
Runner-Up C.C. Lino Leuci

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9347	Turbine 2nd	.....
10673	.....	.....
10674	.....	.....
10675	Lampreda	.....
10676	Palamita	.....
10677	Sugarello	C.C. Ettore De Angelis & C.C. Bruno Magoni
10739	.....	.....
11776	.....	.....
11778	Aguglia	.....
11779	.....	.....
11780	Lacerto	T. V. Sisto Gaio
11781	.....	.....

11935	Leccia	C.V. Luigi Merola
11937	Salmone	.....
11938	Sarago	C.C. Lino Leuci
11939	Dentice	T.V. Luigi Turco
11940	.....	.....
11941	Luccio	T.V. Mario Giordano
11942	.....	.....
11943	Temolo	C.F. Piero Caricato



Luigi and Marlo Merola in Excelsio (13264) in the Italian District Championships.

Bruno Magoni, Italian Champion of 1977 didn't defend his title because he was devoid of a competitive boat.

Luigi Merola, with Mario and Francesco LoSardo, did very well in the Europeans on Phaleron Bay, Greece. His 5th place is very important and meaningful for the District.

In the Italian Championship at Marsala, Luigi Merola and his crews surrendered to unchecked fury of Nando De Amicis (Fleet 249) and finished only 3rd.

13264	Excelsior	CIGA Hotels, Enrico Luigi Colavito
.....	.....	Gino Filippini
.....	.....	Salvatore Tremante

The fleet is very happy to announce that Nando De Amicis is the 1978 Italian Champion.

Nando has raced in the Italian Championship since 1964 and he was the runner-up in 1976 and third in 1974 and 1977. Nando, with Gianni Rizzieri and Alberto, took part in the European Championship in Greece. He placed 10th but he had two extraordinary races, winning the 5th and the 6th.

The activity of the fleet has not increased because Salvatore Tremante sold his *Tretepe* and he is waiting for a new boat. The Belgenio family didn't race either.

Eugenio Ambrosini in *Finalmente* took part in the Winter Championship at Marsala and in the Meeting Regatta at Trasimeno Lake.



The Number One of our Fleet.

FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249)

Italian District

Sailing on Garda Lake at North Italy

Fleet Captain	.....	Orazio Tessari
Fleet Secretary	.....	Luigi Tezza
Fleet Champion	.....	Nando De Amicis
Runner-Up	.....	Eugenio Ambrosini

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8620	Finalmente	Eugenio Ambrosini
8763	"Sindbad"	Nando De Amicis
9171	Paomass	Salvatore Belgenio
9677	.....	Francesco Cottino
9787	Sturm	Gigi Venturi
10092	.....	Vincenzo Butteri
10455	R5555	Arnaldo Libralato
10513	.....	Giuseppe Nardini
10523	Giovanna	Adriano Gobetti
10672	Ortella	Francesco Brogna
10782	Nereide	Orazio Tessari
11534	Else	Guisepppe Tanzi
12781	.....	Mario Bernini
12851	.....	Fernando Zanella
12854	.....	Mario Dalto
12903	.....	Marco Peduzzi
12997	.....	Ugo Quintily
12998	.....	Renato Colombo
13068	Sistiana	Giovanni Rizzieri
13120	.....	Lino Tusetto

HALLWILER AND SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Hallwil, Sursee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	.....	Christoph Luthy
Fleet Secretary	.....	Heidi Kunzle
Fleet Champion	.....	Christoph Luthy
Runner-Up	.....	Ruedi Herzog

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8189	Benjamin	Klaus Hutter
8768	Csardas	Heinrich Leimgrubler
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
9046	.....	Willy Jaggi
9356	Dany	Manfred Kuttel
9503	Quand Meme II	Thomas Huber
9781	Thetis	Peter Buhl
10999	Barato	Bruno Kunzle
11526	Medalaine	Heinrich Haller
12306	White Star	Edgar Merz
12317	Skippy	Paul Hofer
12320	Quand Meme III	Hans A. Luthy
12571	Joy III	Ruedi Herzog
13076	.....	Alfred Flubacher
13092	.....	Seigfried Meier
13099	Domi-Nike	Christoph Luthy
Life Member		Hans A. Luthy



European Championship 1978: Greg Fisher, Patti Burton, I.L.C.A. President John Schneider, George Andreasis, George Perrakis, Dominique Luthy, Christoph Luthy, Stan Starkey.

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This year Fleet 250 celebrated its 25th birthday. In 1953 Hans A. Luthy and Dr. Peter Ehret from the lake of Sempach made the first contact with the ILCA and founded Fleet 169 and Fleet 219 and the new Lightning District Switzerland.

During all 12 months this year we had great sailing on our two small lakes and far abroad as well. Ruedi Herzog and crew got 7th place in the 1st Midwinter European Championship in Marsala. They had a great time and enjoyed the hospitality of their Sicilian friends.

The season for Swiss Lightning sailing began as usual within our Fleet 250. We organized with the help of the sailing club of Hallwil the official USY-Training for the Swiss national sailing teams. So 9 boats came for two April weekends for exercises in good starting, theory, and practice of tactics and tuning. The 1st district regatta was held on the 3rd weekend in April in Sempach. The challenge trophy, "Luthy-Bell", was won by Heissi Schoggi of Fleet 219.

The Swiss Championship was held in May on the lake of Thun under very good sailing conditions. Our fleet was present with 5 boats. Christoph Luthy was sailing his own boat, an Euro-Lightning and finished 4th. Ruedi Herzog finished 13th, A Ruesch on 12320 14th, Edgar Merz 19th and Heinrich Leimgrubler 23rd. Silvio Merz and Thomas Huber were crewing for foreign skippers and got 2nd and 8th.

The main event was of course the long trip down to Greece for the European-Championship in Piraeus. Ruedi Herzog with Edgar Merz and Thomas Bosshard finished 11th. Christoph and Dominique Luthy got the best Californian crew, their good friend of Fleet 372 (San Francisco), Stan Starkey, who sailed with them the year before. After two bad races the team did go to the temple of Athena-Nike (goddess of victory) and got help. Surprisingly Domi-Nike finished 2nd over all! It was a great vacation time for all of us. After the races we made a car trip to the beautiful antique ruins all over the Peloponnes.

During the summer we had no Lightning regattas on our two lakes and we travelled a lot. In spite of this we had some good sailing days and nights together on and around the borders of the lakes with barbeque and raclette parties.

Heidi Beck and Bruno Kunzle built their own house and got married in August. We wish all the best for them and hope, that they will be sailing again next year. Ruedi and Greti Herzog celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Edgar Merz's wish to get a new oval mast was realized at the end of the season finally, when he broke his old one at the stormy regatta on the lake of Greifensee (Fleet 309).

The season has just finished and we are making plans for 1979: the worlds, the Europeans, the Marsalan New Year's regatta. . . and more sailing on our two lakes, Sempach and Hallwil.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

Central New York District

Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain R. Kimball Leiser
Vice Captain Galen Powers
Fleet Secretary Dotty Brown
Fleet Champion R. Kimball Leiser

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
280	Jennie	Art Lofgren
7312	Serendipity	Peter A. Gamba
9249	Jamp	Dr. Pat Patrizio
10888	Katy-D	Harmon Dunathon
11539	More Grief	Larry Korner
11901	.....	Bill Brown
12711	7-11	R. Kimball Leiser
12743	.....	Galen Powers
12885	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
13124	Scudder	Dick Eckstrom
13252	Bea First	Gerald A. Levine

Fleet 252 got a good start at our Spring dinner where perennial Fleet Champion Fred Schaaf and runner-up Dick Eckstrom talked on "secrets of successful racing on Keuka." Someone was listening because Kim Leiser then took most of the season's silver, winning the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Season trophies. Dick Eckstrom came out on top in June. The new Levine boat *Bea First*, with Glenn or Mike skippering won the short September series.

The August Champagne Regatta brought forty-five boats to a very light air weekend. After completing only one race Saturday, Sunday's race ran over-time and was thrown out. Jeff Penfield, always in the top group at Keuka took the first place trophy back to Cazenovia with Mike Fellows second and Calvin Schmiede third.

The end of the season saw the retiring of Bill Brown's 11901 and Dr. Pat Patrizios 9249. New fleet members, Peter Gamba and Roy Marier added to the competition and the fleet's grand old lady 280 was sailed well by new owner Art Lofgren.

A second generation of skippers sailed very well. Rich Schaaf gave the fleet the same kind of competition we expect from his Dad and the Levine boys, Mike and Glenn, showed Jerry some new tricks.

The end of the season brought a wedding announcement from long time 10888 crew John Smolik and Darlene Dann; lose a crew - gain a boat, since John and Darlene's wedding present to themselves is 12702.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB (253)**Dixie District****Sailing on Susquehanna River at Long Level Lake**

Fleet Captain Robert Kelley
 Fleet Secretary Tom Johnstone
 Fleet Champion Starling Mikell, Jr.
 Runner-Up Charles Cockerham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2454	.....	Mike Filepas
9474	Nemesis	Barry L. Dunwoody
9897	.....	Dr. Charles Doland
9904	Fort Knox	Dick Henle
9928	Melody	Ed Kohler
10302	Rainbow IV	Edwin Schwoebli
10391	Jack Tar	Mel Gardner
10442	.....	Robert L. Kelley
11062	.....	William Reis
11216	.....	Charles Cockerham
11865	Sacre Bleu	Tomas Johnstone
12137	Eleison	Fred Bush
12923	.....	Henry P. Anstadt
12941	.....	Starling Mikell, Jr.

After a very competitive racing season, Starling Mikell, Jr. was once again crowned Fleet Champion. The Spring Series results are: 1st, Starling Mikell Jr.; 2nd, Fred Bush; 3rd, Charles Cockerham.

Our Summer Series results are: 1st, Charles Cockerham; 2nd, Starling Mikell, Jr.; 3rd, H. Angstadt. The Fall Series went: 1st, Starling Mikell, Jr.; 2nd, Charles Cockerham; 3rd, Fred Bush.

In the Memorial Day Series the first three places were awarded to visitors from other fleets: 1st, W. McShane; 2nd, A. Mast; 3rd, D. Delorme.

In a hotly contested Labor Day Series the wily old fox, Ed Schwoebli, sailed superbly to win over Fred Bush and Tom Johnstone. The final results showed less than two points separating the first three places. Next year promises to be just as exciting as the competition keeps improving.

AUGUSTA SAILING CLUB (257)**Southeastern District****Sailing on Clark Hill Reservoir, Clark Hill, Georgia**

Fleet Captain Kevin Robinson
 Fleet Secretary Mary Robinson
 Fleet Treasurer Alan Claxton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2381	.....	Gil Klemann
7947	.....	John J. Klemann III
9398	.....	William Jackson
10150	Kiwi II	Ted Kelker
10767	20/20	Kevin Robinson
10992	.....	Alan Claxton
11095	Scalawag	Gil Klemann
11679	Liberty	Bennie Moultrie
12273	.....	Clifton B. Anderson

The 1978 season for fleet 257 was one of renewed interest and enthusiasm. It saw the additions of six new Lightnings to its ranks and some great sailing on Clark Hill Reservoir.

Ted Kelker, long time fleet champ and inveterate Lightning sailor, was continuously challenged by three new boats which included Kevin Robinson, recently moved from Philadelphia, and Alan Claxton from Augusta. Both of these sailors added tremendously to the renewed sailing activity of Fleet 257.

The season started early in the spring but got going full swing with the addition of these new boats which sparked the competitive interest in the current fleet members including Gil Klemann, Bennie Moultrie and William Jackson. Sailing in light fluky winds were the usual conditions, but this did not dampen the spirit. The season culminated with the Halloween Regatta which had our own Ted Kelker placing second overall.

There were also boats that travelled to other regattas. Both Gil Klemann and Kevin Robinson went to Savannah. Gil went for the Deep South Regatta and Kevin for the L.A.Y.R.A. Invitational in August

placing sixth. In October both went to the Lake Murray Invitational and had a good showing with Kevin and Gil placing fifth and seventh respectively.

New boat owners Tom Nosick, Butler Derrick and Frank Stafford will add a lot to our 1979 sailing season. This years most improved sailing award went to Bennie Moultrie who captured third in the fall series proving that he deserved this award.

Fleet 257 has indeed enjoyed a resurgence of new interest. Because of this, the 1979 season proves to be one of the best in many years. Come join us for our Lightning Regatta in April, at which we expect 30 plus boats, and help us start the season off right.

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262)**Mississippi Valley District****Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tenn.**

Fleet Captain Cully Ward
 Fleet Secretary John C. Boden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3451	.....	Robert D. Garth
4254	Fantasy	Billy Summer
7498	Beginner's Folly	Ray Hudgens
10537	My Brother's	Cully & Dr. Jim Ward, Jr.
	Mistress	
11370	.....	Michael S. Rees, M.D.
11503	.....	Robert D. Garth
11672	Scepter	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.
11727	Pain in the Aft	Joe Huston, James L. & Jean Nelson Beckner
11900	Sea Jay	John C. Boden
12000	Clancy	Dr. James Wert
12264	White Lightning	Emmons H. Woolwine, Jr.
12471	Fancy	Barney E. Mead III
12511	.....	Walter England
12708	Angry Pigeon	Bob Llovet
13030	.....	Robert Hochstetler
13152	.....	Charles Konesky
13208	Accelerando	Dr. Donald W. Sherburne
13210	Hyperbole	Dr. Cully A. Cobb, Jr.
Life Member		Ross H. Bryan

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CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266)**Mississippi Valley District****Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois**

Fleet Captain Mitch Bohnenkamp
 Fleet Secretary Tomas Aquino
 Fleet Champion Matthew Burridge
 Runner-Up Augie Paoli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1	Blitzen	John C. Ryan
823	Woodwind	John Lewis
2559	My Way	George T. Eisenhower
6080	.....	Dr. Joe H. McGee
6310	Pussy Cat No. 1	Rev. Ed Barbier
7275	.....	Charles W. Watt
7821	Mai Kai	Ernest Poland
8645	.....	Frank P. Eppert & Sam D. Gibson
9213	.....	Denny Heisler
9242	Cetacean	William Luebbers
9955	Shibul	Robert B. Liepold
10053	.....	Chuck Engdale
10711	Wacky Tacky	Leonard A. Knobbe
11044	Mari	Robert Nebelsick
11184	Mast Transit	Lawrence M. Walsh
11211	UPN-ATM	Ralph E. Schmidt
11218	Pooker II	Terry D. Blaies
11473	Hekarwe	Lawrence Kahn, M.D.
11496	Intrepid	Joseph Hanaway
11598	Witchcraft	Joseph L. Goltzman
11637	Auggie Doggie	August Paoli
11800	Yankee Doodle	Robert "Lal" & Matthew Burridge
11815	Prosit	Mitch Bohnenkamp

12029	Millennium	
	Falcon	Don Zerban
12032	Bald Eagle II	Stuart Bernstein
12132	.....	Jim Harpel
12169	White Lightning	Joe Webber
12378	.....	Glenn Hegel
12506	Mist	John D. Folwell, Jr.
12701	Southern Belle	Thomas I. Aquino
12741	Bubble Trouble	Robert J. Stanley

The 1978 sailing season at Carlyle Lake was a busy and successful one for Fleet 266. A program of sailing and racing instruction was instituted to raise the levels of new skippers and juniors. The first weekend, in June, the program was directed to new sailors with 16 boats participating, while the second, in July, was attended by 24 juniors. Seminars were given by Augie Paoli, Lal Burridge and our young Fleet Champion, Matthew Burridge. We believe this emphasis on improving sailing skills will strengthen the Fleet in years to come.

This year we again were host to the Mississippi Valley District Regatta and provided everyone an opportunity to test their skills in heavy weather sailing. Strong winds continued to increase during the weekend forcing cancellation of the final day's races. A great time was had by all. Gregg Florian from Decatur took top honors in this highly contested series.

Our annual Impromptu Regatta held on Labor Day Weekend, in spite of light air, was an unqualified success. Bruce Goldsmith conducted a seminar on sail trim and with his super light and most attractive young crew won the regatta, but not without a touse. We are already planning how to beat Bruce next Labor Day. "Shift gears", was that it?

The "Whale of a Sail" held on September 16 and 17 attracted over 200 boats, including the largest Lightning fleet in recent years. Augie Paoli and Mitch Bohnenkamp took 1st and 2nd and it seemed like old times again.

In addition to the Fleet Championship Series won by Matt Burridge, the Spring Series was won by Lal Burridge, while Augie Paoli won the Summer and John Folwell won the Fall Series. Four different winners in four club series testifies to the strength and competitiveness of our Fleet.

LAKE OF BIEL (268)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake Bielersee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Jurgen Lehmann
Fleet Secretary Lisa Lehmann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4849	Kranpus	Paul Kurth
8293	Knorke	Jurgen Lehmann
Life Member		Dr. J. C. Hess

The year 1978 wasn't very good with things like racing activity and wind.

On Sundays it was usually no wind at all or it was so strong that we couldn't risk to sail because of the insufficient life boats.

Our new Fleet Captain is Jurgen Lehmann and Fleet Secretary is his wife Mrs. Lehmann. The most of our Lightning sailors have sold their boats, or changed to larger boats or cabin boats. We hope that there'll be more Lightnings in the next years on our lake.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)

Indiana District

Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain Kenneth V. McGinty
Fleet Secretary William R. Higgins
Fleet Treasurer Anthony E. Chavez
Fleet Champion Robert B. Carter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6231	Ginger	Bo Zaiser
8543	Old Blue	Wm. F. Perkins
8677	Indy Go	Bill Saeger
8679	Astarte	Burl Harmon
9019	Krystal Ann	Richard T. Eddy
9050	No Excuse	John Leath
9120	Glass Slipper	Maurice Liverette

9627	Limrick	F. Mike Connelly
9776	Peptide	Phillip Perlstein
11198	Obsession	Albert Light
11203	Blew None	Mike Kerber
11453	Double Hedder	Dr. Walter B. Tinsley
11531	After All	A. E. Chavez
11919	.....	Ken Wood
12222	Sam's Song	Ken Wood
12294	Yellow Jacket	Mike Carroll
12393	Chubasco	Robert J. Schubert
12545	Irish Mist	Kenneth V. McGinity
12843	Luff-Thy-Neighbor	Robert D. Kinsey
12844	Jody Girl	Richard O. Crum
12899	.....	George F. Hunt
13111	.....	William M. Hall
13142	Breezin'	William R. Higgins
13199	.....	Robert Carter



Fleet Champion. Crew, Dr. David Brown, David Brown, Jr. and skipper, Bob Carter.

Bob Carter in his blue-gray *Scooby-Do* won almost everything within sight including the Memorial Regatta, Commodores Cup, and Long John Regatta at Geist Reservoir in 1978. Besides replacing Tony Chavez as Fleet Champion, Carter finished first in both the Spring and Fall Series at the club. The Indiana Districts were held on Lake Wawasee this year with winds gusting to 30 knots. Who won? You guessed it, Bob Carter!

The 'B' Fleet comprising newer skippers and older boats saw some stiff competition with Rich Eddy taking the Spring Series and Mike Kerber winning in the fall event. Kerber, a rookie this year, commutes fifty miles from Frankfort each Sunday for the race.

Highpoint at the Indianapolis Sailing Club was the Indiana Open held May 6th and 7th with very light winds on Saturday and a 15-25 knot blow on Sunday accompanied by steady light rain. Forty-nine boats sailed in the regatta this year.

The top finishers were: 1st Larry MacDonald Jr., Hamilton, Ontario; 2nd Jack Mueller, Cleveland, Ohio; 3rd Ronald Blair, Chicago, Illinois; 4th Tom Allen, Buffalo, New York; 5th Bruce Goldsmith, Chicago, Illinois. Fleet 270 sailors were led by Bob Carter in 12th place followed by: Ken Wood, 18th; Tony Chavez, 20th; Bill Hall, 22nd; Bob Schubert, 24th.

Social activities were directed by Mike and Daret Carroll. They featured a song fest and beer bust on the Point, an exotic diving and water polo party at the pool, and a hay ride and wiener roast at Stony Creek Farm.

Amid the snows of February Bob Kinsey corralled sufficient members to again display a Lightning at the annual Boat Show held in the Glendale Shopping Center. Though the fleet boasts of more than twenty active contestants it was deemed that an aggressive new member drive be continued, and participation in this show gives Fleet 270 the opportunity to display its wares to the public.

Finally Bill Hall was elected District Commodore and June Schubert re-elected District Secretary.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273)

New England District

Sailing on Massabesic Lake at Manchester, N.H.

Fleet Captain Russell Cavanaugh
Fleet Secretary Gary O'Neil
Fleet Champion Richard Hale

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7299	Half Fast	Bernard M. Woods
7777	.....	Ben Robinson
8512	.....	William Price, Jr.
9833	American Pie	Leonard Mercier
11160	PRN	Ethen Howard, Jr., M.D.
11401	Shady Lady	Ronald Adams
11579	.....	Russell Cavanaugh
12455	Banana Split	John Webb
12749	Duck L'Orange	Gary O'Neil
12966	.....	William Tollinger
13169	Bandito	Richard Hale

Massabesic Lightning sailors enjoyed favorable winds, a competitive fleet racing program and three home regattas during the 1978 sailing season.

Tuning up for upcoming district regattas, Dick Hale won the Spring Series, with Gary O'Neil second, and Russ Cavanaugh, third. O'Neil sailed well and captured the Summer Series, with John Webb second, and Dave Batchelder, third. The Fall Series was won by Cavanaugh, with Webb a close second and Hale, third.

The Vermont-New Hampshire Championships were hosted by MYC and Fleet 273 in mid-June. Twenty-two Lightning crews enjoyed three super races on Saturday and one not-so-super drifter on Sunday. Vermont prevailed once again as Don Brush nabbed first place. For the New Hampshire boats, Dave Fitch from Spofford Lake took second; Dick Hale, Massabesic, third; Don Sherbourne, Dunsmore VT., fourth; and Jack Burwell, the "Maine-iac" in *Gusto* took fifth.

The traditional Labor Day Commodore's Cup Regatta has been renamed the Jim Richmond Memorial Cup in memory of a long-time Lightning sailor and most times fleet champion, Jim Richmond. Twenty-three club boats were blessed with 12-15 knots and sunny skies. Three races were sailed using the Portsmouth system. Two Lightnings topped the fleet; Dick Hale winning the cup, and Russ Cavanaugh finishing second.

The Annual Massabesic Regatta followed on September 9th and 10th. High winds with gusts to 42 knots on Saturday curtailed sailing activities. Doc's punch and Zogopolos' steak dinner saved the day. Three races were sailed on Sunday (3-5 knots, of course!). Dick Hale captured first place, and visitors Al DeBernardi, second, and Mark L'Heureux, third.

Fleet 273 is alive, well, active, competitive, and growing. Three new members have joined our ranks for the 1979 season, and prospects are good for several others. Congratulations go to our own Dick Hale for winning the New England District Championship, and for a good performance in the North Americans at Rehoboth.

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Windy Arkabutla Lake at Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet Captain Eleanor Currie
Fleet Secretary Crit Currie
Fleet Champion Crit Currie
Runner-Up Bill Baxter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6956	.....	Col. Joseph A. Kelly
7719	Rogue	Andrew Cowan
8306	.....	Sam Pearson
8509	.....	Frank Bermel
9230	.....	Richard Blount
9756	For Sail II	Bill McKelvey
9791	Pam	Colie L. Jenkins
9876	.....	Lewis Nolan
9999	Four of a Kind	Crit Currie
10049	.....	Max Sheldon
10980	Sunday's Child	Stuart Carson
11032	.....	Bradford Currie & Barry Cochran
11326	.....	Ron Bladon
11386	.....	Broadus Sharpe
11387	Odd Couple	Bill Baxter
11455	.....	Col. Joseph A. Kelly
11887	.....	Jim McDonnell
11967	Trouble	Gerald Richardson, Jr.
11999	Full House	Bradford & Crit Currie
12082	.....	Bill Simco
12260	.....	McNeil Ayres
12267	Zipper	Wilson Fly
12340	.....	August Bermel
12505	Blue Bird IV	Lloyd Lovitt, Jr.
12715	Moonshine	Lee Brazeale
12999	.....	Crit Currie

This year for the first time the Hernando-DeSoto Regatta was nearly all Lightnings. We think that in 1979 it will be Lightnings only on May 5-6 in this five race series.

At the beginning of the year we lost half of our top ten boats. We are rebuilding with great success. On a typical race day we have eight to ten boats on the line and sometimes as many as 14. This year we completed 90 races.

Our 1978 race results are: Spring Series, 1st Crit Currie, 2nd Bill Baxter, 3rd, Brady Sharpe; Summer Series, 1st Crit Currie, 2nd Bill Baxter, 3rd Brady Sharpe; Fall Series, 1st Barry Cochran and Brad Currie, 2nd Bill Baxter, 3rd Crit Currie.

Remember to come to a real Tennessee-Texas shoot out May 5-6 for five races.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279)

Central Canada District

Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Ontario

Fleet Captain Judy Prouty
Fleet Secretary Porter Bailey
Fleet Champion Ross Bailey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6323	Shankara	Jack Arnold
6324	Aftern	Don & G.W. Ellard
9695	Bluenose III	Jim Cameron
11678	Sundance	Charlie Spence
12828	Kris-Mark	Dave Holmstrom
12969	.....	Porter Bailey
12970	Mighty Hobart	Ed Styffe
13267	.....	Ross Bailey



Light breezes call for light crews.

Temple Reef Sailing Club's year opened with the annual Kam River Slush Cup and closed with the Frostbite Regatta. Both names are very apropos as we start our season with the ice actually going out and end it as the lake starts thinking of freezing again. In between, we have had a wonderful summer and a lot of enjoyment.

The fleet has grown steadily in the last few years and this year we are glad to see Ross Bailey back with a brand new boat which he rigged himself. Very fancy indeed.

Competition has been quite keen and going into the last race of any regatta, we can expect the outcome to decide the top four or five positions. Many of our races are sailed in mixed fleets, much to the exasperation of the other boats, as Lightnings always seem to win overall. We love this of course as it advertises "our" boat like nothing else could.

The first half of the season was won by Porter Bailey after some exceptional light air performances. It seems whenever the wind drops, Porter just goes faster until he is so far ahead that he is impossible to catch even if the wind does come up again.

However, as the season continued, Porter's brother Ross, with crew Doug Hindle and Blair Sandberg slowly cranked up until they were winning with alarming regularity. Even while contending with broadsides of all kinds of paraphernalia from Jimmy Cameron they were able not only to win, but strike back with great success.

So the Ross Bailey boat takes over as new fleet champion with firm intentions of repeating next year.

Temple Reef Sailing Club has drawn its strength from catering to the enjoyment of sailing and helping newcomers feel welcome. Some of our racing is very serious indeed, but other races have much more emphasis on the lighter side of things and have helped the schedule to be that much more successful. We are looking forward to 1979 and know that it will be a good year.

CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280)

New England District

Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Mass.

Fleet Captain	Stuart Nickerson
Fleet Secretary	H. William Oliver
Fleet Champion	Anne & Tim Dickey
Runner-Up	Stafford Frazier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7457	Circe	James S. Gardner
8710	Havoc	Robert M. Campbell
8953	Lucheden	H. William Oliver
9714	Wind's Will	Eric Cutting
10234	Fever	Charles Sweet
10439	Isolde	Dr. Stewart & Stewart Armstrong, Jr.

10765	Yasu	Anne & Tim Dickey
11096	Nike II	Stafford Frazier
11142	Alii	Charles Ruykhaver, Jr.
11249	Muma Works	David Jones
11361	Havoc II	Robert M. Campbell
11751	Scruples	A. Preston Moore
12275	Winsome	Stuart Nickerson
12841	.....	Dwight W. Webb
12886	.....	H. William, David W. & John E. Oliver



Stu Nickerson in the lead - New England Districts at Wellfleet.

Over the years, the Lightning sailed jointly by Anne and Tim Dickey has had several near misses for the Wellfleet Yacht Club Championship. This year, the Dickeys did not miss. They finished strongly to beat Stafford Frazier, last year's champion, by 4½ points. The Dickeys also won the August and Sunday Series, while finishing second in July and Saturday Series.

Except for the Dickeys, only the Frazier boat (second for the whole season and Sunday Series, third in July) and the Webb boat (third for the season, August, and Sunday) sailed enough races to qualify for all the longer series, yet it was a closely contested summer of racing with seven boats winning at least one race.

Stuart Nickerson, foregoing the North Americans and sailing at Wellfleet for the first time in years, dominated in July, winning the Coffee and Fox Cups as well, before selling his boat to a new skipper, Jim Smith. By September, Stuart was back in a new boat to win the Cutting Trophy and to finish second in the 63 boat Eastern Championship at Cedar Point.

David Jones won the Saturday Series and was second in August, but missed enough weekends to spoil his overall record.

Jimmy Gardner, with his wife Judy, made John Waterbury's beautiful home-built wood, *Circe*, go as fast as any other boat, taking the one race Tea Cup. Bill Webb, rusty at the helm of his new boat, finished late a couple of times, but through persistence figured in some of the above longer series, and did manage to take the Frazier Memorial Trophy legitimately. Bill Oliver sailing with his sons in a new boat was often spookily fast. Although Bill placed in no series in Wellfleet, he won the State of Maine Championship and had two good races in the Westport regattas, a fourth in the spring and a second in the fall.

In mid-July, Fleet 280 held its first officially scheduled District Championship. Stuart Nickerson and Bill Oliver ran a regatta that was successful in every way except that a local boat did not win. Stuart did his best, winning four of the five races (those sailed in moderate or stronger air). But, in the one race in light and shifty air, Stuart went the wrong way, finished twentieth, and since there were no throw-outs, had a poorer total score in the regatta than Dick Hale, Don Brush, and Jack Burwell. The next local boat was our Champion, the Dickeys, who were twelfth, with others in the fleet finishing from the mid-teens on. As good as the racing was, it was almost surpassed by the beach party extravaganza planned by the fertile mind of Stuart Nickerson.

It appears that Fleet 280 may be on the upswing again. With three boats added in 1978 and Bob Campbell the new owner of Jack Burwell's speedy craft, Pres Moore will possibly be back for a full season, and a couple of disappointed Rhodes skippers are showing interest. Next year, 1979, should show more boats on the water than in several years.

VIERWALDSTATTERSEE FLEET (281)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Vierwaldstattersee at Lucerne, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Walter Thoni

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
924	Westward	W. Thoni
6389	Dardo	E. Egli
6509	.....	W. Peterhans
6740	Miaoulis	Dr. O. Meyer
10463	You never know	H.K. Stocker
10714	.....	P. Blattler

A year ago we tried to keep Fleet 281 alive. It did not happen. A few old boats, a tired captain, and no regattas were the causes.

And so we'll let it sleep until many Lightnings again are sailing on the beautiful Vierwaldstattersee.

Fleet 250 of Sempach will take over handling survivors and our affairs.

COLUMBIA FLEET (283)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, Washington and Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain Phil Parshley
Fleet Secretary Bruce Deitz
Fleet Treasurer Patti Fischer
Fleet Champion John Benedetti
Runner-Up Paul Anderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8349	Torrid Turkey	Dave Hickman
8382	.....	Donald Fager
8497	An' Son	John & Marlys Sanford
9657	Jolly Green	
	Giant	Paul & Mark A. Fischer
9690	.....	Dale Cushenberry
9691	Hele-on	D. Ben Gillespie
10180	Mercedes	Woody Woodward
10267	Stronger Than Dirt	Tom Hawkins
10693	.....	Michael A. Hemel
10731	.....	Walt Holman
11141	Chaquita	Paul Anderson
12056	Animal	John Benedetti
12219	Preparation H	Herm Fischer
12376	Wight Lightning	John Michael Wight
12426	Natterjack	Tim & Anita Cannell
12485	Moving Van	Van Conklin
12660	.....	Andy Merz
12856	Tomato Sloop	John Dees
12879	Snoopy	Jim Nelson
12990	Quicksilver	Philip F. & Philip P. Parshley
13012	Odin	Dennis Torgeson
13046	.....	Kenneth Conklin
13054	Flashtone	Bruce Deitz
13340	.....	Dave Hickman



Winning Ain't All Fun As Shown By New District Champ Jamie Nelson.

"Father Lightning" as John Benedetti is known in these parts, did it again this year. However, his position as Fleet Champion was hotly contested by a relatively new sailor in the fleet. Paul Anderson, who in two seasons of sailing, has become a front runner in the fleet, showing us all what practice and perseverance can do. Our Fleet Championship is based on performance in local regattas, but that's not saying that "Father Lightning" didn't do well on the circuit. He probably had the best overall circuit record in the fleet with four seconds and a third. The following skippers helped Fleet 283 to dominate the Northwest Lightning scene with first place finishes in the following out-of-town regattas: Newport Loyalty Days Regatta, Bruce Deitz; Eugene Memorial Day Regatta, The Parshleys; Klamath Falls July 4th Regatta, Dennis Torgeson; Districts, Jamie Nelson; Harvest Regatta, The Parshleys; Barber Series, The Parshleys.

Each year Fleet 283 enters a Lightning in the Portland Boat Show and as a part of the display we sign-up interested people for our Demonstration Day which was held April 23rd this year. Demonstration Day is a fleet function where we take interested people out for a sail and an explanation of what Lightning sailing is all about. In spite of cloudy weather there was a good turnout and we gained some crew prospects and expanded the fleet by selling two boats. The only surprise of the day was that there WAS beer left in the keg when it was all over. We must be getting old...

Able led by our Fleet Captain we renovated an old Lightning that belongs to a Boy Scout troop. In addition to sanding and painting, the mast was rigged and many fittings replaced.

Fleet 283 has reached the stage where some second generation Lightning sailors are beginning to get hot. This year the District elected Phil Parshley Jr. to be Junior District Commodore and he showed his appreciation by winning the first Junior District Championship held last summer. In addition to encouraging junior racing at the district level, we organized a junior series open to all classes at VLSC. The series was dominated by Lightnings and was won by another Parshley - Lisa.

We wrap up our sailing season each year at the District Team Races, held this year on and in Lake Washington in Seattle. Only by well-thought strategy, tough tactics, and capitalization on other's mistakes were we able to score a resounding victory over all comers. We won six straight matches with each of our crews tasting victory.

ODD WINDS FLEET (296)

Central States District

Sailing on Jacomo Lake at Kansas City, Missouri

Fleet Captain Doug Edwards
Fleet Secretary Harlan Long
Fleet Champion Doug Edwards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
191	.....	Harlan L. Long
7040	.....	Robert L. Kleinschmidt
9451	Captain's Gig	Doug Edwards
11135	Aquarius	Donald G. Skouse
12719	William A. Collet
13016	Merry Gale	Dean Arnold
.....	J. H. Dixon, Jr.

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KOTKA LIGHTNING FLEET (298)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Finland at Kotka and
Hamina, Finland

Fleet Captain Osmo Savola
Fleet Secretary Antero Westerlund

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

This season has been another active one for our "mini" fleet. We started our racing on Tuusulanjärvi on the 20th of May and finished our season in stormy autumn weather at Kotka on the 10th of September.

We were happy to be the hosts of one of our District's ranking regattas, which was held at Kotka in the 27th and 28th of May. Fourteen boats participated, Kari Maenpää being the fastest in the light and shifting winds. Hartti Nisonen was second, Pentti Puupera third, Pertti Pyy fourth and Vesa Tapola and Antti Ruuskanen were tied up for fifth.

Both our boats did well. Bella started in all of the six regattas (we do not think any other boat did that). Unfortunately, Bella lost her mast while capsizing at Helsinki and could not finish that regatta.

Both boats travelled to Oulu, where our District Championship regatta was held. Our fleet took the last standing in the "unofficial" team race. In the Districts, Osmo Savola was 21st among 24 participants with crew Pekka Simola and Rabbe Saxen. Antero Westerlund with Eero Arvo and Risto Varela was 23rd and missed the jumbo prize (an alarm clock) by only one point.

There has been a growing interest in the Lightning Class in the Eastern Gulf of Finland area. The colorful and exciting races made the "Lightning spirit" well-known to other sailors and spectators. Local newspapers have published articles about the Lightning Class. Many people have been guest-crew on our boats at local regattas, and we hope that, in time, some of them will become Lightning sailors.

We thank all our Lightning friends for a good season of sailing and being together. See you next spring!

LAKE CHAMPLAIN (301)

New England District

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain,
Burlington, Vermont

Fleet Captain David Little, M.D.
Fleet Secretary Todd Cox
Fleet Champion Bill Dunnington
Runner-Up Vern Emerson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1185	.....	William Nelson
9390	Tenacity	Bruce Blackman
9526	Moon Dance	Randy Rowland
9610	Lion's Paw	Donald A. Eberly
9811	Titania II	Ken Rothwell
10119	.....	Kjell Heitmann
10313	The Hawk	Peter Hubbard
11267	Hasenpfeffer	Edward Haase
11379	.....	Hale Walcott
11432	Peppermint Patty	Vern Emerson
11504	.....	Janice Lange
11505	.....	Lisa Alexander
11560	Ciao	Dick Fastiggi
11880	Blue Driver	Steve Goodkind
11886	.....	James A. Russell
12386	Rubric	David N. Little, M.D.
12821	.....	Tom Heilman

12922	.....	John R. Hughes
12945	.....	Todd Cox
12966	.....	Roger Walker
12967	.....	Bill Dunnington
12980	The Young One	Bob Young
12985	Hannah	William J. Cimonetti
13172	Wild Goose	Don Brush
13232	.....	Bob Goodwin
13244	.....	John Frymayer, M.D.



Part of our active fleet; Hughes, Cimonetti & Heitman.

October's final races marked the completion of a banner season for Fleet 301. It was a summer in which the fleet, 26 strong, routinely put 14 boats on the starting line, and often had 20 or more. Even more important, at least 75 percent of these boats could win on any given day. Large crowds at the fifth or sixth mark were the trademark of the fleet. In what he states is his final season of racing sailboats, Bill Dunnington emerged as the overall fleet champion by edging out another Lightning perennial, Vern Emerson. To quote Vern, "old age and cunning can always beat out youth and energy."

Fleet members made their presence known away from home as well with entries in the Lightning Southern Circuit, The 40th Anniversary Regatta, The Women's Championship, The New England Districts (10 boats) and the North American Championships (in which fleet member Don Brush placed 5th).

Next year promises to be even more exciting. Few sailors are leaving, many racers from other classes are looking hard, and the present members are gearing up to hit it even harder next year.

COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION (303)

Ohio District

Sailing on Cowan Lake at Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Captain Dick Pugh
Fleet Secretary Bill Young
Fleet Champion Ray Beck
Runner-Up Joel Cohen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
504	Fair Lady	Judson H. Webb
9227	Boat	Jum Horst
10013	Gypsy	James T. & William Young
11394	.....	Bob Sturgill
11930	Confusion III	Dick Pugh
12116	Turtle	Raymond E. Beck
12496	Sail-A-Vie	Dan Danielson

We're rebuilding. Yes, the 1978 season has been a productive one. Three new skippers have been added to the fleet. So if you have missed us at some of the regattas this year, you know the reason. Training and grooming new blood is a time consuming and strenuous task. But, be on the lookout, the 1993 North American's belong to the boys from "Cincy".



Three new skippers Doug Young, Joe Horst, and Jeff Pugh.

Besides all the confusion, we did have the annual "Fall-in" Regatta which happened to be on the most beautiful weekend of the year, Oct. 21-22. We had six races in winds of 10-15 which was accompanied by one heck of an Italian dinner and party.

This years Fleet Champion is Ray Beck with Joel Cohen runner-up. Hope to see you all next year.

PORIN LIGHTNING FLEET (306)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Bothnia, Pori, Finland

Fleet Captain Seppo Lahdemaki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10667	Sumpi	Pertti Kuumainen
12753	Cobra	Esa Nordling
12757	Fanny III	Seppo Lahdemaki
13357	Fanny IV	Seppo Lahdemaki

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OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia at
Oulu, Finland

Fleet Captain Harry Hammar

Fleet Secretary Simo Koski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9436	Rio-Rita II	Lasse Hammar
12918	Kikka II	Markku Paloma
13137	Hattiwatti	Ilmo Hassinen

This season has been very special because of two reasons. The number of the boats of our fleet has grown and our fleet had the honor of organizing the Finnish Championship, which was sailed here in Oulu. We are very grateful to The Yacht Club of Oulu for the help they gave us in the Finnish Championship.

Before the Finnish Championship we had the Regatta of Oulu, which is one of the ranking-races of the Lightning class here in Finland. The success of the boats of our fleet wasn't promising; Markku Paloma was fourth and Lasse Hammar sixth.

The first three races in the Finnish Championship were sailed in changing wind conditions. You couldn't be sure about your final position. Lasse Hammar led in many races but lost his position every time. Markku Paloma almost won one race, but time ran out on him. The last racing day was a very good one, because Lasse Hammar with his *Rio-Rita II* won both races. This wasn't enough. His final position was fourth and Markku Paloma was ninth and Ilmo Hassinen with his young sons was 24th. The winner was Antti Ruuskanen who has been for many years one of the best skippers in Finland. Once again congratulations to Oili, Antti and Lauri.

RAAHE LIGHTNING FLEET (308)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Raahe, Finland

Fleet Captain Pentti Martinmaki

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

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KEMI FLEET (310)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi Finland

Fleet Captain Heikki Ulen

Fleet Secretary Juhani Hedberg

Fleet Champion Jouko Lehtinen

Runner-Up Aulis Nakki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4328	Irene	Erkki Leskio
7177	Marina	Pentti Kropsu
7185	Onnetar	Simo Haggstrom
7186	Pohjantahti II	Esko Raasakka
7892	Anita	Pentti Hedberg
7981	Meriheila	Pauli Kuoppala
8219	Maria	Pertti Miilumaki
8995	Renata	Christian Lindstrom
10059	Wilma	Martti Raisanen
12259	Jutti	Olavi Immonen
12356	Mata-Hari	Kyosti Kolehmainen & Erkki Karvonen
12585	Turso	Taimo Huusko
12913	Viri II	Jari Perkkio
12917	Veera	Kari Jestila & Hannu Kemppainen
12994	Mister X	Jouko Lahtinen
12995	Pohjan-Akka	Aulis Naykki
13134	Viivi	Heikki Ulen
.....	.....	Hannu Pekkala



The best in Kemi: Mister X, Pohjan-Akka, and Viivi.

Photo by Juhani Hedberg

Our fleet for the 1978 season was divided into the race-boats and into the "villa-boats." However almost all of our 17 boats have sailed actively here on Gulf of Bothnia. This summer was warm and sunny, after many cold summers, but the winds were very cranky. Helmsmen and their crews often had to work (and swim) hard.

The best Lightning racers were: *Mister X* (Jouko Lehtinen), *Pohjan Akka* (Aulis Naykki) and *Viiivi*. *Viiivi* is a new boat and her lucky owner is the captain of our fleet, Heikki Ulen. On the sea only *Wilma* (Martti Raisanen) could compete with them at the end of the season.

Eight Lightnings sailed in our own Kemi Regatta. *Pohjan Akka* won, *Mister X* was second and *Viiivi* third. *Viri II* (Jari Perkkio), *Turso* (Taimo Huusko), *Wilma*, *Veera* (Hannu Kemppainen) and *Anita* (Juhani Hedberg) also participated.

Our few boats traveled to the Oulu Regatta, where *Pohjan Akka* sailed well and won many prizes. The Finnish Championship Race was this year in Oulu shortly after the Regatta. There our boys showed that they are at long last on the top of Finnish Lightning sailing. *Mister X* was 6th, *Pohjan Akka* 7th, *Viiivi* 11th, *Wilma* 15th and *Viri II* 20th. — Beautiful days with the boats, sails, winds, seas, and of course noble race friends, too! Thanks Oulu Fleet!

Mister X and her sailors: Jouko Lehtinen, Jari Makineste and Timo Huhtakangas won the Kemi Fleet Championship at home. Aulis Naykki had to be contented with runner-up. In the champ-races was on a visit Ilma Hassinen with his *Hattivatti* from Oulu but his boat has not yet got a good trim. Nice to see, however!

Ilmo Hassinen, in *Hattivatti*, from Oulu visited us during our championship races. Unfortunately his boat was not yet well tuned.

Our Lightnings have taken part in some long distance races and the night-sailings of Kemi Yacht Clubs. On every Wednesday last summer we had evening races. Our old *Maria* (Pertti Mäilumäki) started sometimes, too. After many races we have organized parties with dancing and singing.

Our new boat *Viiivi* sailed well in the Spring Regatta and she won also the Autumn-Races. We can see that a new boat gives hope for new life with the Lightnings. The northern most Lightning fleet in the world, the Kemi Fleet, is getting ready for the 1979 European Championship in Helsinki.

DUNKIRK HARBOR FLEET (311)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Dunkirk, New York

Fleet Captain Cas Zielinski
Fleet Secretary Ruth Hackman

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



You're doing Nice Work, Dad.

We had no Fleet races in 1978 so there was no Champion or Runner-Up. However, Lake Erie District Lightning sailors continued to show interest in sailing offshore from Dunkirk by participating in the annual regatta on the weekend after Labor Day. Unfortunately, the number of entries in the regatta this year was considerably below average due primarily to a conflict in dates with the Pan-American trials in Ontario.

Weather conditions for the regatta again reduced the number of races completed to two. The scheduled third race was aborted before

completion of four legs due to a thunderstorm. This probably did not affect the outcome of the series except for Rick Hensel who was putting it all together in the third race after a dismal 8th place in the opening race and a close 4th in the second race.

In both of the first day races which were sailed under ideal weather conditions, Mark Bryant crossed the finish line first, Stu Anderson second and Tom Allen third. Cal Schmiede came in fourth overall and Dave Duchscherer fifth.

Although current activity in Lightning Fleet 311 is almost nil, ex-Lightning sailors and officers of the Dunkirk Yacht Club are ready and willing to again host the weekend-after-Labor Day Lightning regatta if Lake Erie District officers see fit.

LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA ANZIO (312)

Italian District

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Anzio, Italy

Fleet Secretary Antonio Galeota
Fleet Champion Maurizio Di Segni
Runner-Up Stefano Ravagnani

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9037	Strale III	Stefano Ravagnani
9887	Calimero II	LNI Anzio
10019	Play Boy	Antonio Galeota
12375	Coco	Marco Mieli
.....	.....	Mauricio Di Segni

After five years of existence Fleet 312 organized a regatta in May 1978. Six boats came from Trasimeno and Garda Lakes giving us a total of ten participants. Maurizio Di Segni won the regatta and most interestingly he did so in one of the new glass boats built by Salver Inc. of Brindisi. The boat proved very competitive although there were some problems tuning it. Unfortunately Maurizio Di Segni didn't participate in the Italian's at Marsala.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)

Dixie District

Based on Sassafras River, Maryland

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

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

This season was a different one for Kentmore Park sailors, in many ways. To begin with, the season actually was kicked off by the arrival of "The Littlest Bald Bullet," Jennifer. Alfie was promoted immediately to "The Baldest Bullet," since Jennifer was born with more hair than her dad has.

Next, we devised an "innovative" schedule for the summer in which two regatta weekends were included, in an attempt to stimulate additional interest. Whether or not it stimulated interest in sailing is debatable; however, it sure did generate a lot of hot air!

All of that hot air was enough to carry Fleet Champion Jim Ganley to the head of the fleet three times out of six to win the summer-long series. Commodore (Fleet and District) Al Mast was second, and

Assistant District Measurer Bill McShane third.

The "Bald Bullet" gave everyone else a break by going fishing on the weekend of the first annual Tockwagh Regatta. Doc Tom wasted no time at all by jumping in with all sails flying, and swept the series with three firsts and a fourth (that race was Bob Horne's biennial first-place finish). Tom's eldest, Jim Hopkins, stopped in to race that weekend, finishing second right behind the OM, Doc Jim edged Bob for third.

Bill McShane finally got the lead out and broke the Founders' Regatta wide open with three firsts and a third. Our peripatetic podiatrist, Jim Ganley, followed with a close second, with Al Mast third. In this regatta we forsook our usual set courses, using fixed marks, for a smaller course which was shifted by the floating race committee prior to each race.

The results of the two Bay Races resemble a shell game: Summer - McShane (1), Mast (2), Hopkins (3); Fall - Hopkins (1), McShane (2), Mast (3). A third one would probably have finished Mast, Hopkins, McShane!

As is almost always the case, perseverance and experience paid off in the long run. Jim Ganley and Tom Hopkins, who missed only one and two race days respectively all summer, came through as the Fleet Champs. In fact, Jim was the only one to have sailed in enough races to qualify for the prestigious Stardust Trophy. Since one of the major aims of that award is to promote participation, it was made in that spirit.

Our participation in "outside" regattas picked up slightly this season, with Fleet 314 representation in no less than a dozen events. Bill McShane sailed at Susquehanna (1), SSA Spring (1), UCYC (4), Delaware Governor's Cup (5), Dixies, Maryland Governor's Cup, and SSA Frostbite. Al Mast sailed at Skeneateles, Susquehanna (2), UCYC (3), Delaware Governor's Cup, Dixies (8), North American's (3-Governor's Cup), Maryland Governor's Cup (3), and the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup (2). Tom Hopkins sailed at SSA No-Gas, SSA Spring, Delaware Governor's Cup, Dixies, Maryland Governor's Cup (2), Pennsylvania Governor's Cup (3), and SSA Frostbite. Jim Ganley sailed at UCYC and the Dixies. Scott Ingram sailed at the Delaware Governor's Cup, and Jim Hopkins was our fifth entrant at the Dixie Districts.

Not to be outdone by the seniors, a few of our junior sailors were ambitious enough to try the Junior Dixie Districts. Howard Edson, sailing *Doc's Boat*, with a loose spreader tip proved their undoing. They held on to finish second, close behind Dave Bush. Ted Ganley, with brother Jim and Scott Wescott, finished in the money (3rd) with one race a real "horizon job."

Buoyed by their near victories (or was it cockiness?) they decided to try for national recognition. To be completely diplomatic, we hereby report that Edson, Ganley, and their crews are the 29th and 30th best sailors in the country, as determined at the Junior North American's at Metedeconk Yacht Club. "All-world" will have to wait a year or so!

Rounding out the season, Jack Gregg was the hands-down winner of Murphy's Mug, and Sally Edson was declared the Junior B-fleet champion. The Taylor Cup and the Matlack Regatta Trophy were both won by Bill McShane.

It's always good to be able to end a story on an upbeat; this year's Buss Neff Cup was won by John Myers. In fact, he was so elated with winning that he sailed right in to the mooring, and forgot all about the second race of the day. On reconsideration, the ad hoc committee for deciding such things (AHC/DST) has awarded the 1978 Butt Trophy to John, who discovered a very effective way to avoid spoiling a perfect race record.

See you all when the ice melts!

LA SPEZIA FLEET (321)

Italian District

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Golfo di La Spezia

Fleet Captain Roberto Mandrioli
Fleet Secretary Giovanni Vergassola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7190	Azimut	Francesco Controscheri
7568	Hidalgo	Lucio Dal Pezzo
8434	.....	Giulio Froni
8448	.....	Mario Fava
9316	Captain Morino	Roberto Mandrioli
11917	.....	Riccardo Lai
12252	Arcobaleno	Giovanni Vergassola



Tino Pernice, winner of the "Augusto Sassi Trophy."

Fleet 321 hosted the "Augusto Sassi Memorial Trophy" with 10 participants. Among the entries was *Knorke* from Germany crewed by the Lehmann family, good friends of the Lightning Class.

The winner was Tino Pernice of Fleet 449 in *Sindbad* which he borrowed from Nando De Amicis. Nandy with a new Allen boat was runner-up and Fabio Nicchiarelli of Fleet 453 was third.

Unfortunately there were no other official fleet activities.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325)

Dixie District

Sailing on Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2874	Wild Blue	Harvey H. Haines
10032	Chingadingus	Robert Currie
10335	China Doll	David Hastings
10427	The Pits	Fred Mertes
10454	.....	Lloyd Alexander
10845	.....	Wilbur Bulkly
10851	Mystery	John Hazzard
11155	Arsendover	RBBSA
11291	.....	Bernie Hedges
11540	Mal de Mar	Joseph R. Slight, Jr.
11597	Espirit	Bill Wainwright
11899	Pisces	Dave Racine
12050	.....	Jacob & Tom Zimmerman
12160	.....	George Marshall

This year proved to be a busy one for Fleet 325. Meetings for the North Americans began in February and the pace never seemed to slow down after that. If events seem a little jumbled in this article, blame it on my lack of total recall (and the fact that the fleet captain usually writes these articles and gives them to me to proofread and type).

Our spring series began in May with two races every Sunday. Dave Racine finished first in the series, followed by Fred Mertes in second. Somehow Fred managed to do this even though he spent several weekends traveling to various regattas in the District.

The Delaware Governor's Cup was held on June 24 and 25. Much to our disappointment, the Cup has once again left the state. Rob Held of Red Bank finished first, followed by Jon Schwartz, Bob Hutchinson, Steve Bachman, and Bill McShane. The middle-of-the-fleet trophy and last-place trophy (a tradition begun by Vicky Mertes who handpaints sailing scenes on driftwood), were won by Sandy Huntsman and Joe Friebele.

The Dixie Districts were also held in Rehoboth this year. This event was a practice run for the North Americans so far as registration, measurement, and race committee. The winds began to get a bit temperamental, tending to be light. We were all hoping that this was not an indication of things to come. Finishes for this regatta have managed to allude me—check the District report for details. I do know that we qualified ten boats for the North Americans.

Before we knew it, the North Americans were upon us. Much to our dismay, the wind continued to be unfavorable. Somewhere amidst all this activity, we managed to have a Summer Series which was won by Fred Mertes, followed by Bob Currie in second. The fleet finished up the season with the Fall Regatta the third weekend in September. Would you believe we almost had to cancel races on Saturday due to too much wind! Don Delorme finished in first, followed by Fred Mertes in second, and Frank Gallagher in third.

Have a good winter and hope to see you all in Rehoboth next year for the Governor's Cup and the Fall Regatta.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

Michigan District

Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Don Mitchell
Fleet Secretary Don Mitchell
Fleet Champion Don Mitchell
Runner-Up Pat Tobin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9921	Alacrity	Tom Babel
10429	Huvna	Dick Thirlby
10803	C-Bo	Jeff & Ted Jones
11107	Classic Case	Michael J. Fisher
11256	Marikate	George Brown
11344	Bitschene	Don W. Mitchell
11467	4 Sail 4	Gordon Cornwell
11551	Merlin	Joe Manseau
11794	Blind Faith	Patrick Tobin
11855	Mayflower	Kenneth May
12189	Great Heeler	Bill Howard
12930	P.M.P.	Sandy Blumenfeld

A lot happened this summer. First of all, Don Mitchell started the season the same way he ended the last and learned the water in June is a whole lot colder than in early September! Bill Howard also found that out. Later on there were others, although the water had warmed, such as Dykstra, Horvath and Blumenfeld. Sandy even put the *Pig Meat Pie* on the rotisserie.

This year, our regatta drew a good number of boats. Efforts by Bill Howard, Craig Horvath, Ted Jones and their wives made the event a success. However, it was local favorite Sandy Blumenfeld who took the gold. He was followed closely by John Call second and Bob Schoonbeck and Pat Tobin who tied for third.

And you remember Pat who used to be known as "Tag Team Tobin." Not anymore. He's been making it hard on the fleet champion for the last two years, proving that he's to be respected more than feared. Those who kept ahead of the baying hounds this year were Don Mitchell (Champ.), Pat Tobin (2nd), Craig Horvath (3rd), Jim McGlothlin (4th) and Jeff Jones (5th). There are a lot of improved skippers in the fleet, so nothing can be taken for granted in the following years.

The legacy of '78 was initiated by Bill Kirschke (crew, vintner and chef extraordinaire). His sausage and suds after the races filled our tummies and warmed our hearts—at least until the next 10 minute gun. All in all, a good season.

JYVASKYLA LIGHTNING FLEET (328)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Päijänne, Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain Veikko Miettinen
Fleet Secretary Martti Nurminen

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

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SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329)

Dixie District

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain Elaine Friebele
Fleet Secretary H. Warren Cooper
Fleet Treasurer Guy Moulton
Fleet Lieutenant Rob Pratt
Fleet Champion Joseph Friebele

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9110	.....	Curt Matthews
10048	.....	Thomas Burgher
10800	High Hopes	Donald R. Hope
11036	.....	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
11204	.....	Steve Bachman
11288	.....	Rob Pratt
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg
11767	.....	Milton N. Kabler
11792	Ill	Dr. Edwin M. Ortiz
11911	.....	John W. Richardson, Sr.
12099	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
12126	.....	Mike Gellner
12159	.....	Robert Astrove
12470	Lightning Bug	E. Joseph Friebele
12752	.....	William H. Buckley
12772	Clarissa Marie	H. Warren Cooper
12863	.....	Guy D. Moulton
12911	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
13209	.....	Christopher B. Kuhn
13239	Calmity Jane	Jim Crane

Fleet 329 sailors Jim Crane and Don Delorme started the sailing year with Jim winning the Southern Circuit with, 20th in the Deep South (Savannah), 2nd at St. Petersburg (three-way tie with Tom Allen and Jim Dressel), and 5th at Miami. Don took a 4th at Savannah, 12th at St. Pete, and 7th at Miami for 8th overall.

Later in the year Don placed first in the North American President's Cup. Jim Crane placed 9th in the North American Championship and 3rd in the Skaneateles 40th Anniversary Regatta, in which 111 boats participated (largest of any Lightning Regatta). We will miss Jim next year as he is moving back to New England to North Sails in Connecticut.

Joe Friebele is Fleet Champion this year, displacing Bill Buckley. Our six Regattas were well attended, with 45 signing up for the Frigid Digit on October 21 and 22. For the Frigid Digit Fleet 329 was a good host, permitting our visitors to win most of the silver!!

Winners of this season's regattas were: "No Gas" (May 13-14), Joe Friebele; SSA Spring (June 3-4), Don Delorme; SSA Annual (July 22-23), Joe Friebele; Maryland Governor's Cup, (Sept. 2-3), Rob Pratt; SSA Fall (Sept. 30, Oct. 1), Joe Friebele; Frigid Digit (Oct. 21-22), Jay Lutz.

Lightning Fleet 329

Invites YOU

to sail with us on the

Chesapeake Bay

at the

Severn Sailing Association,

Annapolis, Md.

Tentative Regatta Dates:

No Gas Invitational	May 12, 13
SSA Spring	June 2, 3
SSA Annual	July 21, 22
Maryland Governor's Cup	September 1, 2
SSA Fall	September 29, 30
Frigid Digit	October 20, 21

For confirmation of the dates or for further information, watch for ads in the *Flashes* or contact Fleet Captain Elaine Friebele, (301) 341-5722

The Maryland Governor's Cup alternates with the Walter Collier Cup Regatta as our challenge regatta with Fleet 50. They took the cup away from us last year on the Potomac. This year the challenge was sailed on Chesapeake Bay, and Fleet 329 reclaimed the trophy.

We lost our 1978 Fleet Captain - Charlie White - to an assignment in Algeria for a year or two. Chris Kuhn, our Fleet Lieutenant, had an extended bout with hospitals; so Elaine Friebele, our treasurer, moved into the breach. She did an excellent job, and as a result was unanimously elected Fleet Captain for 1979. Elaine is Fleet 329's first captain from the fairer sex.

Offsetting the loss of Charlie White and the upcoming loss of Jim Crane, we have added Robert Astrove, Guy Moulton, Curt Matthews, and Steve Bachman. There are several other sailors who may join Fleet 329 shortly.

Bill Buckley, Don Delorme, and John Richardson contributed to the success of the North Americans at Rehoboth Beach by putting many long hours in doing those things necessary to bring off successfully a large and important regatta.

At the Annual Meeting of ILCA, Bill Buckley was elected Assistant Measurer and Vice-President, and Don Delorme was elected Secretary. In addition Don was made a Life Member of ILCA.

We learned about sailing last year with seminars and lectures by top competitive sailors. In March Bill Buckley organized a 2½ day USYRA advanced racing clinic which was given at SSA by former Lightning sailor Dave Perry. Twenty-five persons attended, including members of some of the other active classes at the Severn Sailing Association. In addition we had meetings at the homes of members with Greg Fisher and other top flight sailors lecturing informally on topics that will continue to improve our sailing abilities.

We view 1979 eagerly and welcome all to come join us in our Chesapeake Bay sailing in the Regattas listed in the adjacent ad. The increasing number of out-of-town participants says that we "must be doing something right".

"Ya'all come - in 1979".

SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)

New England District

Sailing on Squam Lake at Holderness,
New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	John S. Russell, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Mrs. H. Terry Closson
Fleet Champion	Allan Whatley
Runner-Up	Robert Ayotte

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

The 1978 season of Fleet 332 was dominated by racing in strong and gusty winds with a propensity for rapid changes of direction. As all lake sailors know, this happens when a lake is surrounded by mountains, as is Squam. As a result four separate members of the Fleet had the pleasure of cleaning up their boats after unexpected capsize on the race course, others had broken hardware and rigging.

Allan Whatley and Bob Ayotte again dominated the Fleet followed closely by Parky Howe, with Allan winning both the Fleet Championship and the Clossen Cup. Bob Ayotte was runner-up, thereby reversing last year's finish. To do it, Allan had to win the last three races which he did handily. Parky Howe and Dave Clossen were third and fourth.

The fleet missed the competition generally supplied by Bob Wherland, a many time Fleet Champion who we hope will be back racing with his usual competitive zeal next season. No new boats joined us and some members found that the problem of obtaining crews persists. We expect a good season next year.

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

Central New York District

Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

Fleet Captain	Fred Lyngard
Fleet Secretary	Cornell Cawley
Fleet Champions	Brown & Nial
Runner-Up	Jim Dickson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
394	Mama's Mink	Robert H. Denham
2690	.....	Jeffrey A. Asher
5155	Cawley Flower	Cornell C. Cawley, Jr.
6515	Restless	Richard B. Millard
7073	The Jodi-Bee	Fred Lyngard
7123	Rocky	Harold B. Hansen
7809	.....	James R. Burmaster
9241	Gal Aweigh	Norman O. Hanson
11323	.....	R. James Millard
11519	.....	Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial
12115	.....	James Dickson
12573	.....	Kenneth E. Burmaster

Dale Brown and Walt Nial succeeded in edging out Jim Dickson for the Lake Championship this year. It was a nip and tuck battle which wasn't decided until the last race in a season of fifteen outings.

There was also a hot contest for the "Vintage" trophy for the first place wooden boat. It was finally captured by Dick Millard's boat which was skippered by his son, Doug.

We had one sailor who acquired a newer boat last spring. Maurice Gardner succeeded in dunking his glass hull on the first day of racing. He was subsequently awarded the "Dunking Do-nut". Better luck next year, Maury!

The fleet hosted its second annual race week with five evening races. We had two guests from the Sacandaga fleet, the Ryans and the Klugs.

Those who sailed on Thursday evening when the lightning storm occurred, will never forget the experience. For the second year, our guest Rob Klug and his crew, showed us the way to the finish line.

Jim and Nell Millard have been making noises about moving South. (For a longer sailing season?) We hate to lose them, but wish them well.