

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain David M. Barrett
 Fleet Secretary Robert Mahnke
 Fleet Champion David M. Barrett
 Runner-Up Dean Cady

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

This season at the Milwaukee Yacht Club was one of the best we've had in years. The number of boats at the starting line averaged nearly twice that of last year. We managed to sail twenty-five races in our season series, a rather spectacular amount considering Milwaukee's odd summer weather. The competition was fierce, with Barrett, Esser, Roe, and Cady swapping positions in the standings from Saturday to Saturday. After three months of racing only eight points separated these stalwarts, and only on September 2nd was Dave Barrett able to nail down the Fleet Championship for the second year in a row. Second and third weren't settled until the very last race of the summer.

For those of us in the second half of the fleet the summer was, to say the least, educational. All of us sailed a few races of which we could be proud. And though none of us sailed as often nor as consistently well as our trophy winners, the gap in speed and experience seems to be narrowing. Nothing will help revitalize Fleet 69, which has been losing boats for the last few years, more than just that kind of squeezing toward the top. It is, after all, fun to be up near the top once in a while. And for some members of our fleet such as Wayne Babler and Marv Whalen, it would seem that their apprenticeship in Lightnings is nearing an end.

Reasons for the apparent decline in popularity of the Lightning in the Milwaukee area are not so difficult to find. Other classes, especially Solings and Finns and Cruisers, have greater appeal for the young sailors in our Club than our seemingly old-fashioned boat. The ambience of Olympic status, like a state of special grace or universal seal of approval, captures their attention. Single-handed sailing has its own virtues and rewards. Our Soling Fleet, on the other hand, seeks out potential new owners with a missionary zeal unmatched by either used car salesmen or football scouts looking for fresh meat. And so, too, the glamour of the big boats, their size, their machinery, the very names of their races like the Queen's Cup and the Mackinac, as well as their voracious need for manpower, work to pull sailors away from the class.

The demise of the Lightning in Milwaukee is not, however, inevitable. The boat itself is too good. Lake Michigan is a brute, docile enough at times, but always dangerous. In early June, when we start to race, its surface temperature has rarely yet reached forty degrees. In mid-August, as our season draws to an end, it is rarely sixty. The Milwaukee Yacht Club begins each season with a ceremony, the Commissioning Ceremony, which for many years now has been arranged and orchestrated by Lightning Fleet 69. Flags and bunting fly, cannon fire, officers are installed with much pomp and pleasure. And there is always a prayer offered up for the safety of those who sail their small boats upon the great water. Then children carry a wreath of flowers out to the harbor mouth and give it to the Lake, a modern gesture toward a very old belief. It is also a reminder that the Lake will exploit error, and that the boats we sail must be strong, forgiving, safe. What better description of a Lightning could there be? That it is reasonably fast in the light air of early summer and stable and powerful enough in the heavy air and confused chop of late August to bring us safely home, all that flexibility proves the boat's worth, and explains affection for her.

RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY (70)

Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain Walt Colantuono
 Fleet Secretary Ralph Wilson
 Fleet Champion Bob Hutchinson
 Runner-Up Denis Farley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1481	Taterbug II	Wayne Tate
6556	Fiddler's Green	Mary Beth Hummewell
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
8101	Avenger III	John English
8502	Dawn Mere	James M. Kelly
9885	My Guard Check	Michael Hoydis
9932	No Problem	David Pezzutti
9971	Irish Mist	Pat Bennett
9985	Peregrine	C. A. Patterson
10242	.....	Denis Farley
10408	Sandpiper II	Jeffrey F. Chandor
10702	Blank Blank	Jack & Karin Huntsman
10942	.....	Dr. Robert Kane
11119	Peregrine	Thomas H. Cynes, Jr.
11138	New Blue	John Schneider
11205	Wind Song III	Alfred J. Miller
11237	.....	Don Olson
11327	Bam II	V. N. Vaughan Jr. & III
11416	.....	William Kennebeck
11740	River Blues	Walt Colantuono
11958	.....	John Brewster
12133	.....	Nick Smith
12366	Right-on	Charles Roden
12499	.....	Bob Hutchinson
12509	.....	Tom McKeon
12690	Think Positive	Maurice K. Shaw & Michael Hagler
12714	Ad's	Ralph F. & Curtis A. Wilson
12716	My Honey	Richard C. Davis
12739	Six Pak	Denis Farley
12800	Airless	Arnold & Jon Schwartz
13051	.....	Pat Corr
13053	.....	Ralph Messersmith
13304	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
13314	Passing Wind	Rob Held
13352	.....	Jack & Karen Huntsman
13369	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
13386	.....	Kevin Corr
.....	.....	David E. Van Holle

During 1979, Fleet 70 welcomed some former members namely John Brewster, Kevin Robinson, Chuck Hummewell, and Reid Dickerson. New members in 1979 include Nick Smith, Tom Clynes, and Charles Reade who is reactivating the founding heritage of M.B.C. by competing in rowing regattas.

1979 marked the centennial of M.B.C. which was celebrated in May and included a 10 mile race with 30 mph breezes using 1879 racing rules which allow any number of crew. Rob Held with a crew of four and Walt Colantuono with a crew of one placed high among the finishers.

About 20 boats competed in the Spring Invitational series after the ice melted from the Navasink River. The competition was intense and the first five finishers were Bill Clausen, Bob Hutchinson, Sandy Huntsman, John Parker, and Denis Farley. 55 boats came for the Annual Long John Regatta in April which was won by Jack Elfman.

The Memorial Day Regatta, part of the weekend celebration of the Centennial, was won by Jack Huntsman and he was awarded the Irv Lewis trophy. Trailing Jack were Denis Farley, Bill Mergenthaler, John Brewster, and Arnold Schwartz.

ATTENTION ALL WHO HAVE SOLD YOUR LIGHTNING RECENTLY - Please look at your address on the next issue of *Flashes*. If your old boat number is shown it indicates that the I.L.C.A. Office has not been notified of the sale of that boat. Please help us keep the records up to date by letting us know the boat's number, new owner's name and address.

The summer series was hotly contested with Sandy Huntsman and family edging out Hutch who placed second and Walt Colantuono, a close third. John Brewster and Pat Corr were fourth and fifth. Kevin Corr represented M.B.C. at the Junior National Championships at New Bedford, Mass. The Independence Day Regatta was won by Jack Huntsman with Sandy Huntsman second; and Denis Farley, third. Denis won the Labor Day Regatta and again won the Atwater Trophy for lowest total points in the three Holiday Regattas. Second and third on Labor Day went to Quentin Foster, who is now in California, and Reid Dickerson. Bill Ewing, Albacore National Champion, sailing *River Blues* and tuning up for the Mallory's, edged out Jon Schwartz and Bob Hutchinson in the National Sweepstakes Regatta.

For the second time, Lightnings were invited to sail in the Sea Bright Cup in Sandy Hook Bay. Twelve Fleet 70 members and Bob Stengstacken participated and again Jon Schwartz was the winner.

The M.B.C. fall series was won by Bob Hutchinson. Young Larry Colantuono placed second and Charlie Roden was third.

Bob Hutchinson was awarded the Cox Trophy for the best 24 races on the Navasink River and is the Fleet 70 Champion.

When we recall along with the above sailing activities at M.B.C. and the outstanding social eating and drinking functions which were enjoyed by all including the folks who may not have won a trophy this year, we can pack away our boats knowing that we sailed and partied to the limit. We can now do our winter things, frostbiting, ice boating, skiing, or just lying around looking forward to the 1980 Sailing Season.

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

Ohio District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain Jules Gerlack
Fleet Secretary John Zangerle
Fleet Champion Jack Mueller
Runner-Up "Papa" John Mueller &
Barry Wilson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedy Too	John L. & John B. Horton
9498	Bonnie Lass	William Summers
10646	Sting Rea	John Rea
10790	Green Boat	Lewis E. Wallner, II
11533	S.O.S.	John Zangerle
11700	Rag Boat	Jim Disch, Jr.
11840	Laurie	John Stuart
11876	Aprthak-Siddee	Ken Gilbert
11912	Newfie	Wally Sellars
11931	Oliver	Harry Hooker
12594	Bump N Grind	Paul G. & George Auer
12880	Jenny	Jules Gerlack
12894	Pepper II	Ken & Mark Wessel
13286	.....	Jack Mueller
13370	.....	Jack & John Mueller
.....	.....	Dave Austin
.....	.....	Barry Wilson
Honorary Member	.....	Charles Judd
Life Member	.....	Bill Buckles

It was a very busy and fun filled summer for Fleet 71, despite a few weekends of too much or too little wind. Socially, we started the year off with our Annual Winter Banquet. Next came Krautmeir Night, an evening full of gastronomic pleasure followed by a rigging party and by some very enjoyable after the race cocktail parties, brunches, potlucks, and a steak roast. The high point of the summer was, of course, the North American Championships which were hosted by Fleet 71 at the Cleveland Yacht Club. We had a great turnout for this event and the excellent cooperation from the participating skippers, crews, and guests went a long way in making the '79 North Americans such an enjoyable and successful regatta.

For the coming sailing season, we hope to attract more women and young people into our sailing program. The method by which we hope to achieve this is still on the drawing board. Any input you can give us, whether it is based upon experience or something you conjured up over a brew, will be appreciated and is hereby requested.

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73)

Colombia District

Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain Garry Jackson
Fleet Secretary Rudolf Salmang

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3041	Tiz Taz II	Andres Lisocki
6098	La Nina	Andres Montanez
7293	Sue	Ary Fernandez
7452	.....	Juan Pablo Ortega
7453	Krunch	Rudi Salmang
7454	Troika	Mauricio Venegas
8911	Play Boy	Antonio Paccini
8972	Tortuga	Eduardo Colmenares
8973	Espartana	Oswaldo Rico
8974	Tiz Taz I	Guillermo Castillo
11660	Women's Lib	Michael Jacob
11677	Gitana	Francisco Gutierrez
11926	Aldebaran	Jaime Casabianca
12829	Virgo II	Garry Jackson
13216	Aquarius	Leopoldo Gonzales
13300	.....	Jaime Casabianca
13427	.....	Roberto Matarraz
13429	.....	Leopoldo Gonzalez
13431	.....	Manuel Isaza
13447	.....	Jorge Uscategui
.....	.....	Reginald Schlubach
.....	.....	Miguel Cano

No report.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain Bob Buckles, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Don L. Johnson
Fleet Champion Todd Sternaman
Runner-Up Lloyd Irish

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6446	Galatea	Don L. Johnson
6633	Asa Nisi Masa	Kenneth Jones
10100	.....	Bob Ohlsen & James Lackman
10527	Shark	Gary Quinlan
10603	.....	Robert S. Schaub
10700	.....	Edward Cave
10843	Thunderer	Kurt J. Faxon
10932	Brown Hound	Jake R. Watson
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd Irish
11133	Full House	J. Parke Boyer
11290	.....	Allan S. Penwell
12057	Patience	Richard B. Daykin
12321	Bon Homme II	Al Kirkman
12458	Aeolus VI	Bob Buckles, Jr.
12464	Jolly Roger	J. Roger Miller
12540	.....	Carl Sternaman
12554	Pink Campaign	Vince Daube
12974	Bionic Chicken	Greg Florian
13059	.....	William E. Badorek
13078	Enterprise	Roger & Todd Grohne
13102	Merry Bee	R. Nicholas Burton
13308	Dammit II	Barton L. Cole

After the third record breaking winter in a row, the Lake Decatur ice finally yielded to southerly winds, the docks were floated, and another racing season was underway. Our fleet was replenished by several new sailors, including Bart Cole, Nick Burton, Kurt Faxon, and Phil Penwell. Our Summer Series was one of the best in years with generally good weather and always some wind. Competition was stiff and action fierce but Todd Sternaman emerged as the Fleet Champion capturing first place in both the Saturday and Sunday Series. Lloyd Irish was runner-up in both

the Saturday and Sunday Series, while Roger Grohne (training a new crew each week) placed third in the Saturday Series, but was bested by Bob Buckles, Jr. for third place in the Sunday event.

Highlighting the year was our Silver Anniversary Intercity Regatta in June. Sailors from points as distant as Ohio, Tennessee, and Kansas competed for the trophies, in spite of concern whether or not gas would be available to get home. Four of the top five finishers were our own Fleet 74 skippers. Greg Florian finished first overall, followed by Todd Sternaman who missed a possible first by not denoting a final leeward-windward add on to the course in the third race until after he allowed three boats to pass him on the leeward run. David Blair of Chicago finished third, with Bob Buckles, Jr. and Lloyd Irish taking fourth and fifth respectively.

Greg Florian completed his degree requirements at Tulane University and began demonstrating the finer points of sailing around the midwest. Aside from the above mentioned first place in the Intercity Regatta, he was second at Wa-wa-see, second in the Districts, fifth at the Lake Geneva classic, but slipped to sixth in the Governors' Cup at the Nationals.

How quickly time seems to pass when you're having fun! A chill in the northerly winds announced that the end of the sailing season was near as the Fall Series concluded. Ed Cave and his all-family crew captured first place, Vince Daube made his eighty mile commute worthwhile by garnering second, and Bob Ohlsen outlasted the rest of the fleet to finish third.

'79 was a good year for "74". Consistently good weather, nationally competitive skippers, and new faces combined into fun, fellowship and fantastic sailing.



Fleet Champion Todd Sternaman carefully studying the directions of the race course!

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain	Howie Rinehart
Fleet Secretary	Gary Hurban
Fleet Treasurer	Rod Johnson
Fleet Champion	Tom Destasio
Runner-Up	Dick Weitzman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3322	Nordvind	Mons Grinager
5403	Lydia	A. C. Neff

5827	.....	Geoffrey Parker
7545	Gi-Gi	Vince Accordino
7616	.....	Rod Johnson
8182	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
8696	Ciel	Mike McTighe
9100	Madame Blue	Thomas De Stasio
10030	Charade	Geoffrey Parker
10737	.....	A. C. Neff
10769	Different	.....
	Drummer	Edward Deeb
11273	Lemon Up	Bob Graham
11507	.....	Bill Reeve
12386	.....	Richard Weitzman
12642	.....	Howie Rinehart
12842	Avanti	William Day
12859	.....	John Russell
.....	.....	Eve Hall

Fleet 75 started off the 1979 season in February with a sailing clinic for a new group of Lightning sailors in our fleet. We are very happy to welcome our new fleet members Dave & Wendy Beardsley, Bill & Stephanie Mayo, Curt Deyrup and Dan Parietti, who participated in the clinic and joined us on the starting line.

The seasons racing results were, Spring: Tom DeStasio, first; Gary Hurban, second; Howard Rinehart, third. Summer: Tom DeStasio, first; Dick Weitzman, second; Rod Johnson, third. Fall: Tom DeStasio, first; Howard Rinehart, second; Rod Johnson, third.

Tom DeStasio also captured the Mid-Hudson Circuit and the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association Circuit with his ace crew members, Thad Cooke and Ed Bonacci. The Most Improved Trophy went to Elliot Carman and his wife Barbara (Watch out next year!). The Most Valuable Crew Award went to Joan Hurban who has been the work horse in the "Hurban Sailing Syndicate" for 13 years. (That's a dedicated crew!)

The high point of our season was our Magnus Pederson Regatta. We had boats from Long Island Sound, Lake Mohawk, Greenwood Lake, Chelsea, Stony Point and, of course, Nyack. The draft beer and charcoaled steaks put the finishing touches on a great weekend. We hope even more boats join us next year.

Our present officers will stay on for another year with Jeff Parker and Vinney Accordino assisting in the duties. We look forward to an even more active season in 1980 which will once again begin next spring with a sailing clinic. We've got some rookies who intend to move up to the front of the fleet as fast as possible.

Best of Sailing to you!!

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain	Andrew Smith
Fleet Secretary	Howard Stickney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3667	Pixie	Michael Myerson
7535	Cordelia	Raymond Mercier
7961	.....	James I. McIntosh
9386	Anwyl	Russell Morton
10096	Sparkle Plenty	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Bill Wright
10679	Caprice II	Richard Zuegel
11050	Re Quest	Ernest Hamilton
11051	Snookums	Larry & Sandra Stephens
11074	Kopykat	Howard Stickney
11395	.....	Ernest L. Brown, Jr.
11766	Arethusa	Edward L. Massare
12188	Zip-Zap	Bill & Beth Anne Eckert
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12400	Windswept	Andrew Smith
12613	Dysphea	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
12764	.....	Michael J. Graney
12924	Gen Eva	Gene Wheeler
13079	Blue Jacket IX	Dr. John & James McIntosh
13080	Misty Beethoven	James McIntosh & Jamie Jamison
13081	Irish VI	Richard Doherty
13082	.....	C. Edwin Howe
13083	Sea Fever	Albert H. Platt, III

13182	White Cap	Dr. Robert Jamison
13185	Spar Trek	George Sereno
13192	Slicker	R. Neal Smith
13207	Whisky Sour	Victor Castro-Hahn
13287	.....	Dr. Jacob Schaechter
13313	.....	Steven C. & Arnold Sals
13351	Zing	Anthony Orlen

No report.

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

Lake Erie District

Based on the Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Fritz Dusel
Fleet Secretary	.....	Ted Kumrow
Fleet Champion	.....	Fritz Dusel
Runner-Up	.....	Rick Hensel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7549	.....	Tom Ide
9582	Bad Company	Rick Hensel
11126	Air Bear	David C. Duchscherer
12555	Little Boomer	Tom & T. Robert Lafferty
12818	Mariah	John C. Boyce
13179	Top Banana	Ted Kumrow
13338	Splash Gordon	Gory & Norm Compson

This season our fleet staged an ambitious racing schedule beginning May 28 with the Art Little Series with Rick Hensel, first; Gordon Compson, second; and Dave Duchscherer and Bruce Heine, third; and concluding on September 23 with the 35th Annual Haul-Out Regatta.

Our Big Event of this season was the honor of being the Host Club for the Women, Junior, and Lake Erie District Championships in late July. Co-Chairmen were our Club Commodore Jack Taggart and Fleet Member Rick Hensel. Our Fleet Captain was a top qualifier for the North American Championships in Cleveland.

Racing results for our many series are as follows: FLOYD LAW MEMORIAL — Fritz Dusel, first; Rick Hensel, second; Gordon Compson, third; HOME SERIES — Fritz Dusel, first; Tom Lafferty, second; Dave Duchscherer, third; BOYCE TROPHY — Fritz Dusel, first; Gordy Compson, second; Tom Lafferty, third; BRIDGE TO BRIDGE — Gordy Compson, first; Fritz Dusel, second; Rick Hensel, third; DUCHSCHERER SERIES — Fritz Dusel, first; Rick Hensel, second; Tom Lafferty, third; COMPSON SERIES — Dave Duchscherer, first; Fritz Dusel, second; John Boyce, third; CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES — Fritz Dusel, first; Rick Hensel, second; Dave Duchscherer, third.

Our Lightning skippers attended and performed well at area regattas such as the Niagara Frontier Invitational, the Niagara River Championship, and the Fall Series held by Dunkirk Fleet 311, Silver Lake Fleet 47, and Sandy Beach Fleet 78.

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	.....	Barry Buehler
Fleet Secretary	.....	Donna Barrett
Fleet Champion	.....	Nelson Hoffman
Runner-Up	.....	David Peck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
7912	Jack Flash	David R. Sauer
8599	My Sally	David Peck
9089	Thunder &	Gary W. Saunders
9093	.....	John Bauer
10003	Bumble	Thomas V. Moriarty II
10066	.....	James Fennema
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson
10901	Puff	George P. Mitchell & Aristedes K. Manthous

10909	.....	William & Bonnie Shore
11100	.....	Charles Zaremba
11603	Mar-Bar	John P. & Chris Vann
11784	.....	Barry Buehler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	.....	Donald R. Barrett
12185	Largo Too	Bryce E. Tate
12621	Puff-Puff	Nelson M. Hoffman
13249	.....	Peter Jordan
13333	Finesse	William & Bonnie Shore
13448	.....	William & Bonnie Shore

The 1979 season at Niantic Bay was longer and busier than any in the Fleet's history. From its beginning on Memorial Day to its culmination in early September, the Fleet experienced a full and varied racing schedule.

The year started in earnest for most of us with NBYC hosting the Northeast Regional Regatta. Although the fleet size was fairly small and the winds light, the quality of the racing was good. Phil Griffin showed us the way with excellent performances in both races. Len Pratt finished second; Jim Crane, third; and Dick Thackaberry came from light years back in the second race to finish fourth. David Peck was our top finisher in fifth place.

The Season Series was captured by Nelson Hoffman despite some early season woes. So often was *Puff-Puff* in front that his competitors had acquired a taste for pipe tobacco by the end of the season. Newcomer David Peck took second in the Season Series with some brilliant upwind speed and solid tactics. David was our lone qualifier in the Districts and went on to sail in the Blue Fleet in his *My Sally*, the oldest and only wooden boat in the fleet. Third place went to John and Chris Vann. They sailed consistently, were seldom waiting for a crew, and always made it to the line. Some of the rest of us were not so fortunate and were often involved in two competitions on race days: one on shore searching for a third body and the other on sea sailing the scheduled race. Hopefully, we will be able to find more crews next year to ensure a healthy number of boats at the line for all of the races.

The finale of the season was the Connecticut Governor's Cup held in September. Since this was made an open event two years ago, many competitors from outside the state have come to participate. This year the cup stayed at home with Peter Jordan ending up on top. This regatta has been winning fans each year and we hope that next year will see even more boats.

Until next year.....

VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Fleet Captain	.....	Josh Fitch
Fleet Secretary	.....	Dr. Clifford Harris
Fleet Champion	.....	Jane Henley
Runner-Up	.....	Geoff Harris

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
626	Red Devil	Peter Runkle
6751	The Zipper	Matthew Henley
7071	Waibalong	Cornelis G. Zandbergen
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris
8337	Bugaboo	Gerry Lockhart
8605	Barak	John Lamble
9268	Pirko	Dick Pearce
9820	My Fir Lady	Josh Fitch
10065	Ghost Ship	Brian Coleman

1979 was the year of change for Fleet 90. Four stalwarts of the Fleet sold their boats and have moved on to bigger and better (?) things. Gerry Caunter last year's Fleet Captain has bought a new fiberglass Thunderbird and John Morrison has purchased a 26' Folkboat. Brian Coleman and Derek Neale haven't decided on their new "dream boat", but it shouldn't be too long. Fortunately, three of the four boats have stayed within the Fleet and are being actively sailed by their new owners. In fact, Jane and Matthew Henley the new owners of 11645 are the 1979 Fleet Champions.

Fleet 90 hosted the Pacific Northwest Districts in July and the weekend turned out to be one of the best sailing weekends of the summer with sunny skies and winds of 8-15 knots all weekend. Twenty-one boats from seven of the eight fleets in the District took part.

The Fleet was saddened in October with the death of one of their

members, Peter Runkle. Peter and Helen have been members of the Fleet for several years and Peter's kindness and good humor will be missed in the Fleet.



1979 Fleet 90 Champion Jane Henley taking the mark during the Junior Pacific Northwest Districts.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

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

Fleet Captain Ronald Wulff
Fleet Secretary Jim Cosmas
Fleet Champion Chet Howell
Runner-Up Ole Olsen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3276	.....	Nick Boon, Jr.
9059	.....	Ole Olsen
9704	Magic	Nicholas Santoro
10218	.....	Ron Wulff
10229	Triton II	Milton Titon
10735	.....	Herbert Dickert
11607	Gem	Irwin Kwartler
11771	.....	Irwin & Jed Kwartler
11983	.....	Nick Boon, Jr.
12013	Dilly Dilly	Gus H. Zimmerman, Jr.
12045	Yield	Royal Sengstacken
12603	Last Chance	Chet Howell

Fleet 95 sure started out slow this year what with no one participating in the spring regattas around us and a core of seven boats left. However they were all out for the first race of the season — which was CANCELLED — a forecast of things ahead! Rainy weekends and light winds seemed to dog us all summer. However, we came to race and race we did and the competition was keen and winning spirits pulled off a successful season of racing for Fleet 95.

The Secretary Series (after the bad opener) was won by veteran Chet Howell with two firsts and two seconds followed by Ole Olsen with one first and two seconds before he dropped to a fourth place. Ron Wulff had two firsts in this series but then slipped a bit further.

The Rear Commodore Series found one race cancelled (what did I tell

you) and another where we all took DSQ's so we could get outta there, the wind was so bad. I can't remember that ever happening to us (the joint decision to pull out, that is). The four remaining races of this series resulted in Ron Wulff taking the blue pennant quite handily with the second place boat, Roy Sengstacken, a good 3-plus points behind. It must be said that Roy had two straight firsts and then went into a hole! Next came the Vice Commodore Series and two of these six races were cancelled (one we quit) and what looked to be a battle between Ole Olsen and Roy Sengstacken suddenly changed to a Chet Howell triumph over Roy. (With a small fleet and as many cancellations as we've been having when you slip a little you slip a lot! The scoring jumped like a yo-yo week to week.)

During this time one of our boats went regatta hopping and Irwin Kwartler and crew found themselves qualified for the North Americans — and of course — they went — and of course they participated. Nuff said! However, we hear they had a terrific time. They even brought the boat back in one piece!

The powers that be set up a Piz Buin Regatta this year (our Specialty Series) during which Jim Cosmas pulled a horizon job on all of us and took a first AND THE GUN MISFIRED. I still say you were so fast they didn't even see you finish, Jim! However, when the scoring was done and totaled Ole Olsen came up the winner with Wulff and Sengstacken tied for second, receiving medals for same at special ceremonies honoring "Greenwood Lake Day." Steak dinners the night before the last race were out of this world!

The Commodore Series was next and that resulted in a dead heat six race tie for the series between Chet Howell and Ole Olsen and this was settled by a sail-off on the very next race (our Labor Day Classic) during which Ole beat out Chet in a grueling shifty race just beating out the time limit for cancellation — by one boat. So ... Ole won the Commodore Series and Chet had to settle for second.

Our Labor Day Race was actually won by Roy Sengstacken and Ole Olsen was runner up and the rest of us cried!

So the season ends — but not the sailing at Greenwood with Chet Howell seeking out Ole Olsen for the Championship by ONE POINT. We hosted our Annual Whiskerpole Regatta on September 8-9 during which some of our Lightning friends came from other fleets in the Metropolitan District. Fifteen boats participated amid fair skies and excellent wind for three races broken only by our hot dog-hamburger-beer and soda lunch with soup and a great Saturday nite cocktail dinner after the party, er Saturday nite party after the dinner cocktail, er Saturday nite dinner after the cocktail party. When the smoke cleared away from the scoreboard on Sunday we found Bob Graham took first place hardware with a 2, 4, 1 score; Jim Wavle silvered in a 1, 2, 5; Roy Sengstacken of the home fleet YEA! copped third place memento with 4, 10, 2; Tom Bierman scooped up fourth place with 7, 7, 3 and last (fifth and last TROPHY that is) went to *Last Chance* skipper Chet Howell. How nice! We really want to thank everyone who came and everyone who helped to make this regatta so successful.

It would not be fitting to close this report without giving lots of credit to our crews (the hidden element in racing so often overlooked) — we thank them heavily — from the bottom of our keels to the top of our masts to the end of the tiller. Our Fleet Champion Chet Howell has retired the *Last Chance* (sold it) far away from here — thank heaven! Now with that 68 year old walrus outta there mebbe somebody else can get some of that silver!

Speaking of somebody else ... a pre-season welcome is in order to Walter Johnson and son who we understand has bought Lightning 12013, once a part of our fleet and now returning from the mothballs. Welcome and lots of luck to you Walter ... may you always keep your sails DRY and full of wind.

Like Chet always sez ... Bye!

GREAT EGG HARBOR FLEET (99)

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

Fleet Captain & Secretary Bill Clausen III

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

Once again, poor old *Reject* and crew had no one at home against whom to race. So we traveled to as many regattas and friendly yacht clubs as we could. We found everyone friendly and hospitable from Red Bank to Riverton.

We won some regattas, we lost some regattas, and some we had trouble getting the crew to show up!

Faithful and loyal crews are the real backbone of the Lightning Class. I

would like to thank and commend all the people who make the front end of the Lightning work and who tell the person in the back which way he should have gone!!

The people who made it possible for *Reject* and me to get to and around the race course this year were Mary Huntsman, Phil Dennis, Henry O'Hern, Eric Maurer, George Gaynor, Mary Beck, and the little kid I pulled off his bike at the 10 minute gun at Riverton. To these people, I say thanks!

Reject and crew hope to be back in 1980 for another summer of fun. See you all then.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain Bert Winther
Fleet Secretary Mike Boswell
Fleet Champion Wendell Harter
Runner-Up Max Rosenberg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6543	Solar Prominence	Greg Pierson
8122	Rusalka	Dick Vianden
8525	Chapaleo	Peter Aperlo
11373	Sea Fever	Mike Boswell
12815	Lotsa Work	Ralph Stober
13186	Paddlin Madelyn III	Wendell Harter
13191	.....	Mike Boswell
.....	.....	Max Rosenberg

As we go to press, Wendell Harter is in the lead for the 1979 Fleet Championship closely pursued by Max Rosenberg. Wendell won both the Spring and Summer One Design Regattas. Max beat everyone in the Cecil R. King and Autumn One Design Regattas. Don Rondeau continued to improve with his new sails showing the Fleet that wood boats can still be fast! Dick Brewer, with his son Mike crewing, raced with us extensively during the year. Bert Winther repaired the damage to his boat sustained during a capsizing in time to race the entire season. Mike Boswell, for the first time, won trophies in the Southern California Circuit and the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta. Peter Aperlo came out and competed in nearly every regatta. In the fall, Quinton Foster moved back to California from New Jersey. He joined our Fleet again after a two year absence. Finally, in our last regatta of the year we welcomed a newcomer, Ed Spori. Ed bought a brand new boat and we look forward to seeing him often in 1980!

We again hosted the King Harbor portion of the Southern California Lightning Circuit. Boats came from as far away as British Columbia to compete in a week long series of racing both here and at San Diego during the Easter vacation period. We also hosted the Billy Boswell Memorial Regatta at Lake Cachuma and the Hurricane Gulch Regatta at King Harbor. Our racing season stretches from January through November giving us many hours of enjoyment on the ocean.

In 1980, we are looking forward to having the North American Championships in our own District at Mission Bay. Also, we will again co-host the Southern California Circuit and hold the Districts at King Harbor. Good sailing during the New Year!

LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104)

Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary Bob Williams

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

This past season saw a continuation of the highly competitive spirit that has become a part of the summer ritual for Lightning skippers at Lavallette.

Though we were disappointed that the number of Lightnings did not increase in 1979, we were pleased that a lot of Lavallette skippers, not usually found in a Lightning, took part in the series as crew or substitute skippers—this is a very positive sign for the future.

The summer series was won for the second year in a row by George Zabrycki. This now sets up an interesting drama for the 1980 series. Not since 1963, when J. J. Bonn accomplished the feat, has any skipper been able to win three championships in a row.

To add to the interest Zabrycki has sold his boat to Todd Elsasser, a hot M-Scow skipper, and is obviously planning a little psyche job with a new boat. Not to be outdone, Bob Williams headed over to Metedeconk to practice all fall with that group of hotshots. Ira Ross was up racing with the Monmouth bunch, and Walter Krueger was upgrading with a new mast.

During the summer, the Lavallette Yacht Club hosted the New Jersey State Lightning Championships. As usual, the wind became fickle; however, all who attended agreed the Race Committee headed by Del Kusma did an outstanding job.

As most thoughts now turn to skiing and other winter pastimes, we have the good memories of the season ended and a promise of more fellowship, excitement, and fun next summer.

GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

Central New York District Sailing at Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, N.Y.

Fleet Secretary R. W. Hallagan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11456	.....	P. Thomas Jungjohann
11537	Superchick	L. Tiedemann
12064	.....	Jed, Bob & Jerry Dodge
12355	Shadow	Dick Hallagan
13363	.....	Jed Dodge
13381	.....	P. Thomas Jungjohann

Lightning activity at Sodus Bay centered around the District Regatta held July 5-8. The Sodus Bay Yacht Club opened its doors for that week and Lightning were here, there, and everywhere.

On the 4th of July we gathered seven boats together and held a three race tune up on the lake. It was just as easy to be last as first. Peter Hallagan edged out Jed Dodge by a point and everyone got the feel of the lake for the upcoming big regatta.

On the fifth of July, five junior skippers showed up for the Junior Central New York Championship. Good winds made it easy to sail five races in one afternoon. Jerry Dodge had a 1-1-2-2 and Peter Hallagan had a 2-2-1-1 after four races. In the fifth race, Jerry led at the weather mark and the jibe mark but didn't use his chute. Peter, with chute ragging, eventually passed Jerry to win the race and regatta.

On July 6-8, 29 boats registered for the big regatta. The last one at Sodus was in 1967. Two races on Friday were sailed in the Bay as the lake was too rough. Two races on Saturday and one on Sunday were sailed in the lake with beautiful weather conditions. The two locals, Hallagan and Dodge were first and second. Jim Pindell won the Central New York District Rookie Award and later won the I.L.C.A. Rookie Award at the North American Championship.

Sodus is a great place for a regatta and hopefully we can host another one in the immediate future.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain Michael Dow
Fleet Champion Mike Dow, Jr.
Runner-Up Cameron Carlin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10221	.....	Herbert "Ted" Doan
11070	Serendipity	Michael Dow
11185	.....	Ormond Barstow
11433	.....	James Henning
12108	Serenity	Gary Cutler
.....	.....	John N. Dent
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold

Our sailing season on Higgins Lake began with a 4th of July "Fire-cracker" Regatta which was won this year by John Dent. Our Annual Invitational Regatta on the first weekend in August continues to be great fun. Mike Dow, Jr. won the Regatta this year and became the first local sailor to do so in many years. Bill McKinley of Pontiac was second and Hank Hodgson, Jr. of Union Lake was third.

After a complete season of Saturday racing, we concluded with our Labor Day Regatta which was won again by Mike Dow, Jr. The runner-up was Cameron Carlin and the third place boat was Gary Cutler.

The entire Higgins Lake Boat Club is working hard on continually improving its early August Regatta and we invite all Michigan area sailors to attend.

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Ellen Blakeley
Fleet Secretary Jennifer Bracker
Fleet Champion David Roznowski
Runner-Up Bill Dean

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1578	.....	Dale Phillips
2557	.....	Eugene Goffard
7375	Snafu II	John Evans
8350	.....	Karen Cowan
8634	Blood Sweat & Tears	Ellen Blakeley
8644	Crocodile	Lyle M. Bracker
8749	Bright Eyes	Bruce Miller
9309	Old Hickory	J. Gagnon, III, David & Betsy Whitton
9634	.....	Robert Minahan
10178	American Fox	Douglas E. Olson
11490	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler
11547	.....	Eugene Goffard
11953	Olson Eater	.....
	"1980"	Patrick Berndt
12457	.....	David M. Roznowski
13141	Flying High	Bill R. Dean

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious might describe Green Bay Sailing Club's 1979 season. In early May we took time out from sanding, polishing, and rigging to celebrate the club's 32nd Anniversary. Many GBSC alums gathered with present members to reminisce and advise in anticipation of the coming season.

In June the Evans Regatta saw familiar faces from the Midwest District as Gene Matthews, Gordon Ettie, and John Esser took the honors from among the 24 Lightnings represented. A first for Green Bay Sailing Club this year was The Chancellor's Race, a one day invitational for Green Bay area sailors. The gorgeous half-hull Lightning trophy stayed in the club as David Roznowski skippered his boat to victory through a recall start and pouring rain. GBSC also co-sponsored the Green Bay Yachting Association Small Boat Regatta with neighboring Windjammer Sailing Club. The regatta was the first of its kind in the lower bay and was attended by 50-plus boats in off-shore cruising, centerboard, and catamaran classes. Lightnings were well represented as GBSC's Bruce Bressler placed second overall. Rounding out the season was the club's annual handicap race for the Walter Masse Cup. Bob Minahan won the cup, and old salt, Bill Dean, took honors with the Beaumont Pot for first Lightning over the line.

A total of 24 races comprised our regular racing season and when the smoke cleared, David Roznowski had the well-earned title of Fleet Champion, breaking Lyle Bracker's five year winning streak. Bill Dean came in second overall, followed by Doug Olson in third.

The Awards Banquet included the addition of some awards new to GBSC members. Along with numerous first place trophies, several dubious honors were bestowed. Pat Berndt won the "This Side Up Award" as fleet tip-over champ. The "Purple Shaft Award" went to Jim Robinson for worst luck of the season and Michael Quinn, new to sailing this year, won the "Last But Not Least Cup" for most points season overall.

Our fleet continues to grow with two new Lightnings already on order and rumors of more in the works. We are looking forward to a super-competitive season next year as our new sailors continue to improve and the varsity team grows ever more sophisticated. In the 1980 sailing season Patrick Berndt will be Fleet Captain, John Evans as Secretary and Betsy Whitton Treasurer. Winter activities include seminars, parties, and cross-country skiing. Anything, in short, as an excuse to get together and talk about sailing.

Skipper Doug Olson shares refreshments with his crew while Bill Dean comes smokin' up to close the gap.

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CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)**Lake Erie District****Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York**

Fleet Captain Robert Buckley
 Fleet Secretary Ward Wilday
 Fleet Champion Robert Buckley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5851	Nite Cap	Laurence C. Older
6358	Wimbrel	Robert Hendryx
7744	Sno Wonder	Bob Buckley
8792	Blue Dolphin	Bill Rollo
11175	Wildfire	Bill McIntyre
11599	Bote	Don Cutler
12053	Dorrie	Arthur E. Hornburg
12926	Jenny Bell	Ward Wilday
.....	.....	C. Paul Clark
.....	.....	Kingman Page

Due to the lack of water in Cuba Lake this year, there was very limited sailing. The Lake did finally fill on Labor Day and we joined forces for some good sailing.

ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (118)**Lake Erie District****Sailing on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario**

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8903	Sailbad The Sinner	Ian Bailey
9043	.....	Neil Boden
10292	KT	Tom Robertson
11734	Chance II	Ron Wadeson
12100	Momma	Bill Hunter
12262	Endavour	Larry MacDonald, Sr. & Jr.
12443	Cha Gheill	Mike Vollmer
12946	Scarlet Lady	Martin & Tom Gamelin
13305	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr. & Sr.

No report.

MERRIMAC RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (121)**New England District****Sailing on Merrimac River at Newburyport, Mass.**

Fleet Captain Al Lavender
 Fleet Secretary Steven Fram
 Fleet Champion Albert DeBernardi
 2nd Runner-Up Tom Valeo
 3rd Runner-Up Joe Peterson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
268	Pen-G-Win	Grant Pendill
588	.....	Bob Gustafson
10240	Success	Ben Hersey
10254	Fireladder	Win Snow
10804	Flip-Top	Joe Peterson
11099	.....	Tom Valeo
11145	Sissy III	Tim Hays
11222	Get-N-Bye	Bob Gustafson
11250	Gemini	Joyce Stoehr, Judy & Fred Young
13153	Dee Bee	Al DeBernardi
13288	.....	Alan P. Lavender

The 1979 Race Series was an up and down event this year. Clearly, no one was consistent for the first five or six races. The lead kept changing hands

thanks to Al DeBernardi becoming the chairman of the overboard fraternity for the year. The lead that Al spotted everyone had vanished by the seventh race but he went on to repeat as the Fleet Champion. In second place was Tom Valeo, followed in third by Joe Peterson.

The Twilight Series was no different, as Al won the series by a single point.

The Yankee Homecoming race went to Joyce Stoehr, just beating out Ben Hersey for top spot. The race was sailed in very light conditions with Joyce coming from way back to take the victory within 100 yards of the finish.

The State of Massachusetts Championship Regatta returned in 1979 to Newburyport for the second time. Saturday found 0 to 5 knots of wind as the gun sounded to start race one. After the entire fleet of 19 boats floundered for over two hours, racing for the day was abandoned in favor of the afternoon cocktails and the steak barbecue for supper. Sunday dawned and all we found was rain and wind gusting to 40 knots. All that was left to do was to get all of the boats out of the water, no easy task in all of that wind and chop. Oh well, we'll try again in 1980.

To round out the season with a third first place trophy, The Young Memorial Race was won by Al DeBernardi by a handsome margin. We understand Al is enlarging his trophy room to accommodate all of the new hardware.

As a great ending to a great season, three of our Fleet members trailed to Spofford Lake to be frustrated by their winds once again. As usual, a great time was had by all.

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

Fleet Captain Chet Abend

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

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Phil Griffin
 Fleet Secretary Michael Willetts
 Fleet Treasurer Richard Thackaberry
 Fleet Publicity Phil Griffin
 Fleet Champion Richard Thackaberry
 Runner-Up F. William Gutzwiller

Boat Number	Boat Name	Skipper
9542	Sue	Charles D. Agnew
9888	IRT	John K. Rudolph
10690	Tuned	Gianni Cuccio
10738	Perspective	Phil & Jennifer E. Griffin
10892	Uncle Coach	F. William Gutzwiller
10956	.....	Matt Fisher
11082	TNT	C. Dayton Titsworth
11110	Scramboia	Joel Anderson
11143	.....	Don Gorman
11190	.....	Dick Burcaw
11220	White Lightning	Allen Bemus
11221	.....	Henry Mason
11381	.....	Richard Price III
11576	.....	Arie Van Breems II
11580	Gorilla	Harvey Weiss

12244	Hot Ruddered	Todd Cameron
	Bum	
12367	Frog	Dr. Richard Thackaberry
12700	-----	Willis Wendell
12744	-----	Ken Shauer
12853	Gotcha II!	Mike Willets
12876	Tex	Dave Fagin
13000	Les Trois Chats II	Wayne Atwell
13055	Gemma	Tom LeBrun
13200	Red Peppers	Jack Lewis
13206	Giannina	John Cuccio

Our 1979 season started early with a terrific Christmas party hosted by Ken and Sally Shauer. We're losing the Shauers to the cruising fleet next year and we'll miss them. They've done one of the mainstays of Fleet 126 over the years. Many of you saw Ken and Sally this summer on the race course — not racing, but helping out with their cruising boat *Uncle Bill* at the Early Bird, Districts, and Eastern U.S. Championships. Good sailing Ken and Sally!

In the dead of winter we gathered for some more partying — good food, good wine, good company at Mary and Bill Gutzwiller's and at Jo and Bud Titsworth's. Thanks to all these folks for being such gracious hosts.

We got down to business in May with our annual Rigging Day, followed by a USYRU clinic on a cold, blustery mid-May weekend. Dave Perry did a great job, despite the weather, ably assisted by Bill Shore who came down from the north country to teach us a thing or two. These USYRU clinics are great devices for stimulating interest and encouragement within a fleet.

The 1979 overall series winner was Dr. Dick Thackaberry crewed admirably by wife Kathy and Adam ("had 'em") Lewis. The top finishers following Dick were Bill Gutzwiller, (second); Allen and Glen Bemus, (third); Jack Lewis, (fourth); and Mike Willets, (fifth).

The Memorial Day Commodore's Cup series saw Dick Thackaberry starting out his winning year with a first. Mike Willets was second and Tom LeBrun, third. Mike Willets moved up to a win in the Vice Commodore's Cup 4th of July Series, followed by Jack Lewis and the ubiquitous Dr. Thackaberry. Phil Griffin took the Rear Commodore's Cup on the Labor Day weekend with Jimpin' Jack Lewis again in second and Marvelous Mike Willets in third.

1979 marked a milestone for Dick Thackaberry. In the past seven years he had finished in the top four but had never won. This was his first Fleet Championship, and he had a remarkable year: he won the CPYC Commodore's Cup, the Portland (Me.) Regatta (with three bullets), was fourth at the New England Regionals, sixth at Spofford, seventh in the Eastern U. S. Championships, and won a whole lot of races at home. Congratulations Dick!

Fleet 126 worked as hard as usual in 1979, hosting the Early Bird, the Connecticut-Rhode Island Districts, and the Eastern U.S. Championships. The Early Bird was well-attended, as usual, with over 40 boats and the winner was, as usual, Bob Hutchinson. The Connecticut-Rhode Island District has three former North American Champions, Jim Crane, Matt Fisher, Bill Shore, which makes for pretty tough competition (does any other District have this many superstars?). Fortunately, Bill Shore didn't have to qualify in the Districts, but the 36-boat series was still hotly competitive. Jim Crane was the 1979 District Champion sailing brilliantly in some very confusing weather. Fleet 126 placed four boats in the top ten, headed by Phil Griffin who was second in the series. Fisher, Jordan, and Peck were the visiting firemen rounding out the top five qualifying for the North Americans. Aside from Griffin, the other CPYC skippers in the top ten were Jack Lewis, Johnny Cuccio, and Bill Gutzwiller. This was one of the best CPYC performances in the Districts in recent years. We should mention that our own Bill Gutzwiller and his staff did a super job measuring in sails, weighing boats, and generally making sure that we were all on the up and up.

Jim Crane (whose 1979 record was not too shabby) came back to win the Eastern U. S. Championships in a 47-boat fleet. CPYC put two boats in the top ten (Phil Griffin and Dick Thackaberry), but the top three places were all aliens (Crane, Jordan, Schneider). We enjoyed having everybody there and it was fun to see how the hot shots do it. A special note of thanks to R. C. Chairman Ted Fontelieu (a Thistler) who performed miracles keeping the lines square and the windward marks to windward. It wasn't easy and Ted did a heck of a job.

Nearly half of Fleet 126 participated on the road this summer, sailing in Maine (Portland regatta), Georgia and Florida (Southern Circuit), Ohio (North Americans), New Hampshire (Spofford), New Jersey (Red Bank), and Connecticut (Black Rock, Niantic Bay). Phil Griffin won the New England Regionals at Niantic with nothing but firsts. Dick Thackaberry



"THACK", running "AMOK".

notched a fourth and Bud Titsworth was sixth, closely followed by Chuck Whittelsey. Phil Griffin sailed well at Red Bank but last minute rigging process kept him out of the money. As already noted, Dick Thackaberry swept Portland with three fractions. Chuck Whittelsey won the Long Distance award travelling to the Southern Circuit and the North Americans. Six CPYC boats went to the Long Island Sound Championships at Black Rock — Wayne Atwell, Johnny Cuccio, Bill Gutzwiller, Bud Titsworth, Will Wendell, and Chuck Whittelsey. John Cuccio and Mike Willets went back to Niantic for the Governor's Cup. Four of us went to Spofford this year where the SYC says that sails are optional. It was a super weekend with tasty cook-out dinner, glorious leaf peeping, and even some wind! Bill Gutzwiller and Dick Thackaberry were really in the thick of things after the first day's racing. Bill Gutzwiller won fifth place (of nearly 30 boats). Dick Thackaberry won the party.

Nearly 60 percent of our skippers had at least one first in 1979 — Allen Bemus, John Cuccio, Johnny Cuccio, Phil Griffin, Bill Gutzwiller, Tom LeBrun, Jack Lewis, Dick Price, Dick Thackaberry, Bud Titsworth, and Mike Willets — congratulations guys!

Fleet 126 had some fun in 1979 ashore, starting with a champagne party in the spring, a post-race pizza party, and a wonderful swim-dinner party at John Cuccio's. We awarded some special prizes this year including Sportsmanship to Dave Fagin, Highest Participation to Mike Willets, Best Crew to Allan Chaplin, and the Clamdigger Trophy to Johnny Cuccio (figure it out).

1979 Fleet officers were Phil Griffin, Fleet Captain and Publicity; Mike Willets, Secretary; Dick Thackaberry, Treasurer. We elected Will Wendell Fleet Captain for 1980; Mike Willets as Secretary; Dave Fagin, Publicity; and Dick Thackaberry, Treasurer. The Fleet thanks the outgoing officers for a job well done and congratulates the newly elected officers, wishing them every success in 1980.

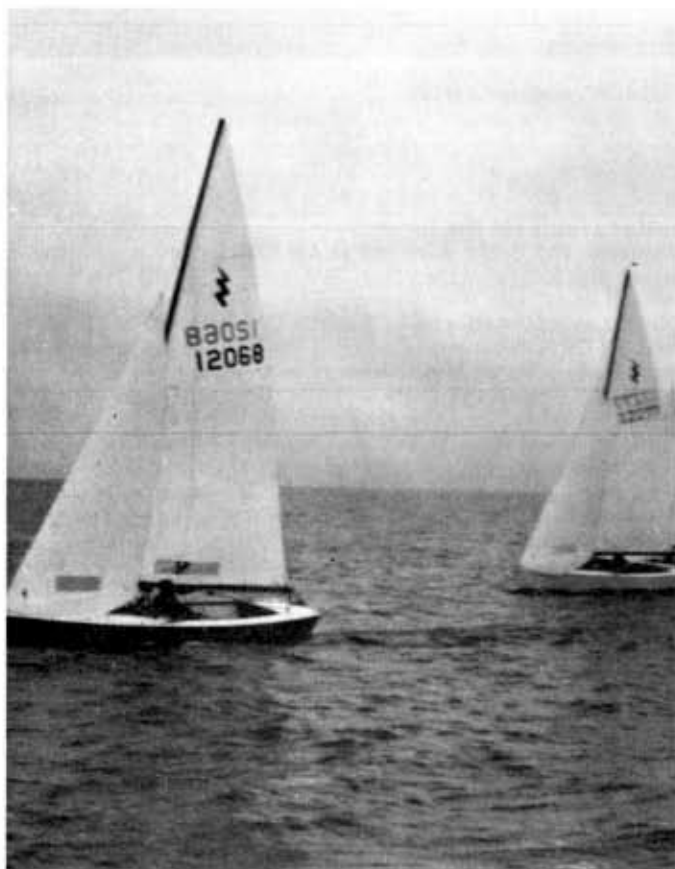
Our Fleet was well represented among the District executives with Phil Griffin as Commodore, Dave Fagin, Vice Commodore; and Jennifer Griffin, Secretary. Thanks to all of them and also to Nelson Hoffman, our District Treasurer.

A special note about Phil Griffin. Phil as sold his boat and won't be sailing with us next year. Phil has been sailing Lightnings at Cedar Point for six years. He won every season championship in which he qualified (three years). There's no question in our minds that Phil has been in a class by himself (countless horizon jobs). Serving in a variety of Fleet and District offices, promoting the Class and the Fleet, helping less gifted skippers, freely giving of advice on tuning and tactics, Phil has been a good friend. Phil's wife Jennifer has also been someone very special to Fleet 126, working tirelessly at dinners and regattas with an always effervescent, friendly, smiling, and engaging presence. We'll miss the Griffins.

The Fleet expresses its appreciation to the Cedar Point Yacht Club, its Race Committee members, all the Lightning ladies - wives, girlfriends, sisters, cousins, and aunts - who worked so hard and so successfully at all the regattas, dinners, parties. Thanks also to all the skippers and crews who came to sail with us from other parts of the country.

Here's only a partial list (because some skippers missed the annual meeting) of our crews who were there and made us go: Nick and Missy Cannistraro, Allan Chaplin and his son, Bill Chase, Tim Clark (who has turned over his "Crash" title to Bud Tittsworth), Maureen Ford (who distracted Bud and his Father all summer and probably caused the crashes), Ellie and Maury Hallowell, Beth Laidlaw (the best spinnaker flyer at Harvard), Cathie LeBrun, Adam Lewis, Rob (up, up) Nyc, Dick Price Sr. and granddaughter Jenny who are both part of the super-nice Price contingent, Ricky Ryder, Chris Szeppsy, Kathy (Oh Richard) Thackaberry, Dayton Tisworth (silver medalist in Sunfish at the Senior Olympics), John Verelli, Gisselle Wagner - one of the greats, Sharon Wallace, Gene ("My back will be back") Wurster, and, last but not least, Laurie Voigt who helped one of our struggling skippers to his only - but very satisfying - first place.

See you at the Early Bird!



Renehan's Blood Vessel moves out from the fleet in clean air.

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wilmington River at Bradley Point, Savannah, Ga.

Fleet Captain	Randy Brooks
Fleet Secretary	Sidney Oetgen
Fleet Champion	Randy Brooks
Runner-Up	Bert Berry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9098	.....	Chip Ogletree
10327	Black Magic	Gary G. Oetgen
11336	.....	James L. Daniell
12055	Urge	Randy Brooks
12828	.....	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
13013	Jinx	C. A. McMurray, Jr.
13190	.....	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	.....	J. Wallace Aggett

Savannah's sailing season began in early March with the Deep South Regatta which gives us the opportunity to renew our northern acquaintances. This year's Deep South was won by Bruce Goldsmith and is reported in detail in a separate article.

Most of our Lightning sailing is done in our District Circuit ... a series of eight or nine regattas in the Southeastern District which are scored together. All of these regattas were reported in various *Flashes*; however, as a summary, Savannahians achieved the following results. John McIntosh won at Lake Murray, finished Runner-up at Savannah, took a third at Atlanta, and posted fourths at Charleston and Western Carolina. These finishes were good enough to give John a second place on the circuit. Congratulations! Gary Oetgen started off with a strong finish (fourth) at Augusta and added a fifth at Charleston. Bert Berry had fifths at Savannah and Western Carolina, but neither he nor Randy Brooks sailed enough regattas to qualify for circuit trophies.

On the local scene Randy Brooks successfully defended his title as Fleet Champion in a five race series held Labor Day weekend. Bert Berry, '77 Fleet Champion, was Runner-up this year. The Lightning Crew of the Year trophy was awarded to Kenny Meyer who sails front end for Gary Oetgen. Kenny is a great competitor and is always glad to help others.

Once again this report would be incomplete if we did not thank Mickey Boyd and Betsy Daniell who handle Race Committee chores for Lightnings, Sunfish, and quite often ocean races. Thank you ladies!

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)

Connecticut - Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.

Commodore	Richard C. Maxwell
Vice Commodore	Nancy Young
Rear Commodore	John J. Renehan
Fleet Champion	Richard D. Grant

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11113	.....	Nancy D. Young
11207	Early Times	James R. Deephouse
11773	Franste II	Jay W. Jackson
12068	Blood Vessel	John M. Renehan
12277	.....	Dick Grant
.....	.....	William G. West

The 1979 season in Madison was one of the best in recent memory. The hours and days of work and planning by Commodore Maxwell and his staff resulted in a first class sailing program and an excellent racing season. Our Lightning fleet grew in size, grew in competitiveness, and grew in esprit. Gone were the days of weekly "Horizon jobs" by Nancy and George Young - the fleet improved.

The Series Championship was tight all year. The Championship was won on the last day. Everybody was capable of winning any particular race, and often did. As the season went by, the races became more and more challenging. The leaders were being beaten consistently. As one of those leaders I can say "in retrospect" that having Jay Jackson and Jim Deephouse roar over me to windward was a sign of the strength of our fleet. John Renehan was moving in August and is frostbiting this winter. He will be tough again. Jane Hilton has a fast boat and experience. She is always up there and is

always a threat. The prospect of sailing regularly against the Sulzbach's and the Gurnham's sends us to the books, the sailmakers, and the worry beads.

Skippers steer, disburse, sometimes comment, and always stay dry. They also tend to get most of the attention. We skippers know who makes the boats go well, the crew. Many thanks from all the skippers to the regular crews. If you show me a fast boat, I'll show you a regular crew. Congratulations to Bill Gleason and Abigail Abbott, the crew of the winning boat.

The future of the Lightning in Madison is bright. We have a growing fleet and are now putting boats in the top ranks of the regional regattas. Several of us are wishful about San Diego this year. We also have an active Blue Jay fleet. Our Juniors are doing very well on the circuit.

We are hopeful that we will host the Long Island Sound Lightning Championship in 1980. Watch the *Flashes* for events scheduled in Madison. We are both centrally located and "wet". Plan on attending our events. We also are planning a Blue Jay regatta for the juniors. We will run spectator boats so the seniors can observe. Plan on attending and watching the future Lightning hot shots.

LAKE WASHINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Shilshole Bay at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain Greg Zettler
Fleet Secretary Frank Wise

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8578	Hecate	John Burt
9024	.....	Allen Hunt
11457	Mrs. Henry VIII	Greg Zettler
13242	Silver Fox	Frank Wise

After an absence of seven years, the Lake Washington Lightning Fleet is again active with one minor change. The fleet is now sailing on Shilshole Bay in Puget Sound. Sailing on and mooring near saltwater certainly requires a whole 'nother approach.

The fleet was re-activated by three former members of Juanita Bay Sailing Fleet (414). Most of the year has been spent locating and recruiting Lightning owners in the vicinity of the sailing site. While we were only successful in signing up one new member, we did get half-a-dozen Lightning owners to join us for one or more races during the season. Alan Hunt was the most successful in bringing out new people. As a reward, we will probably elect him Fleet Captain for the coming year.

Greg, Alan, and Frank each did their share of traveling to participate in the Pacific Northwest District Lightning Circuit regattas. This was Alan's first try at District events and he found that forty boats on the course at a time sure does clutter up the water! By the end of the season, Alan had become an expert at 720's. Frank did his usual to win a few races and lose a few races. It would have helped if he could have trained his crew to arrive before the regatta was half over. Better work on that next year, Frank! This typewriter is fresh out of superlatives to describe the performances of Greg. All he did was again win the District Championship (the last time was 1974) and win the Lightning Circuit Championship for the FOURTH time. Monotonous, but nice.

All of us are looking forward to the North American Championships in San Diego next year. From experience, we know you all will enjoy it. Oh, by the way, rig your boats for light air; Greg wants to repeat as Presidents' Cup Champion.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)

Southern District

Sailing on Mobile Bay at Fairhope, Alabama

Fleet Captain Barney March
Fleet Secretary Bob Bornemann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7399	Mauvillian I	John Alan Stringfellow
7748	Thumper	Peter Phillips
8365	.....	Robert Jeffcott
8375	Expediter	Robert Bernhardt, Jr.
8890	.....	Wesley Overton
11689	Got 'cha	Rick Skinner
11712	Flo-N-Dee	Tom Ford, Jr.
12956	Sun Kiss II	Robert Borneman
13060	Bigeminy III	Barney March



Greg and Cheryl Zettler agree, "It's all in a day's sailing."

This year has been a lean year for our fleet, it just seems like something else is going on the same day we have scheduled outings. However all was not lost, we sailed in several local races, conducted our District Championship and fought off Hurricane Frederick.

The big event of the year for our racing sailors was the Districts held in late June. The three top finishers were from our fleet. The winner, Rick Skinner, is a long time district winner but Robert Jeffcott, the fleet standard, made a very strong showing and Bob Borneman placing second was a first time silver winner.

season, we will close out the year in New Orleans for the annual Sugar Bowl Regatta, which is fast becoming a strong Lightning event with 19 boats last year and more this year.

We are hoping and planning a big year in 1980 and hope to see you in the water next year.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)

Michigan District

Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain Jack Engels
Fleet Secretary Mike Rathbun
Fleet Champion Carl Engels
Runner-Up Tim Vandermeulen

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
12718	.....	Marty Levin
12806	.....	Roger Klettke
12931	.....	Tom Merritt
12938	.....	Dan Chappell
12958	Tektite	Jack Engels
13112	.....	Carl Engels
13279	Cyxobeu	Tim VanderMeulen
.....	.....	Ken Byerly

Lightning sailing on Gull Lake is on the upswing. Past weekends saw 12 to 15 boats on the starting line. After a winter of boat purchasing and trading, our fleet totaled 17. Newest members to the fleet are Mike and Bonnie Rathbun with boat number 10842.

The 24th Annual Gull Lake Regatta was held in June. Twenty-seven boats participated in the three-race event. Two races were held on Saturday with winds blowing 10-12 knots. The first race was won by Carl Engels followed by Jack Engels and Dave Furey. Sunday morning brought winds of 10-15 knots with gusts exceeding 25. First day leader Carl Engels capsized at the gybe mark; however, he was not alone as Marty Levin also capsized and Bill Patton was demasted. Results of the tragic third race: Hodgson, Knopp, VanderMeulen. Final regatta results: Hodgson, first; Knopp, second; Furey, third; J. Engels, fourth; and VanderMeulen, fifth. A better turnout is expected next year as plans have been made to provide ample housing for all off the Lake crews.

A record seven Gull Lake boats traveled to Lake St. Clair for the Michigan Districts in July. Tim VanderMuelen, Carl Engels, and Jack Engels qualified for the North Americans. Tim VanderMuelen and Jack Engels went to Cleveland to compete. Both boats qualified for the Presidents' Cup. Tim VanderMeulen got it all together for a fifth place finish. Fleet 137 was also represented in 8 other annual regattas statewide.

Fleet racing was held every weekend from May through September. The fleet honors were hotly contested by several boats. Defending Fleet Champion, Carl Engels, shared his *JuJu Magic* with son, Jim, who co-skippered their new boat 13112 to repeat as Fleet Champion. Improved performances by Carter Brooks and Tim Stewart resulted in their moving up in the fleet standings.

The top ten results for this season are as follows: Carl and Jim Engels, first; Tim VanderMeulen second; Jack Engels, third; Dan Chappell; fourth; Tim Stewart, fifth; Fred Harrison, sixth; Matt Howard, seventh; Carter Brooks, eighth; Mike Rathbun, ninth; and Marty Levin, tenth.



Fleet 145 Champion Fast Fred (Bud) Hamblet.

HAWAII FLEET (143)

Hawaii District

Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Fleet Secretary Frances Vaughan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7151	OOffice	Joe Ebeling
9622	.....	Chuck Gustin
10920	Protea	Dave Fergusson
11084	Horizon	Frances C. Vaughan
11729	Luana	W. A. Heine
11786	.....	Frances C. Vaughan

No report.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Spofford at

Spofford, New Hampshire

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6888	Cutty Sark	Frederick H. Edwards
8339	Wood Wind	Robert Pinard
9550	.....	John W. Getsinger
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
12982	Bluet	David C. Bischoff

Junior Racing saw more activity this year thanks to Tommy Thompson our Fleet Captain and Junior Race Program Director. Dave Pinard won the Spring Series with Tom Fitch winning the Fall Championship Series. Laura Fitch, my future crew, showing her light air ability late in the season finishing just behind brother Tom in a close race. Rick Turner made the trip to the North Americans this year crewing for Buck Wynn in the Governors' Cup.

Part-time sailor Len Pratt demonstrated his light air savvy once again by taking second overall at the Northeast Regionals in Niantic, Conn. Tommy Thompson earned a second in the Spring Series and was seen to be up with the leaders in at least one race of most Regattas. I've got the feeling we will all have to reckon with *Straight Arrow* next season. Fred Turner proved to be good competition sailing his boat at home with daughter Jodi, Coast Guard Academy Cadet and professional crew, as tactician. Wouldn't be surprised to see an oval in the light blue boat next year. *Wood Wind*, the Pinard boat, spent the summer of '79 in the dry sail lot as David and Bob spent their summer crewing.

Three Cheers, campaigned by Dave Fitch, wife Dottie, and son Tom turned in an impressive record with a fifth at Wellfleet, third at Massabesic in the spring, third at Spofford, a second at Squam and a first at Massabesic's Fall Regatta. The Fitches' garnered a solid second in the club's Championship Series with four seconds and a first.

"Fast Fred" (Bud) Hamblet had his boat honed to optimum performance this season. The green boat was deadly in anything between 10 and 18. Bud, always in the top ten, was third at Wellfleet behind super sailors Dick Hale and Stu Nickerson. Massabesic's Spring Invitational, with its gusty NW winds, was a lake sailors dream as Bud hit all the shifts to edge our 1978 District Champ Dick Hale for first place in a super Regatta. Four firsts and a second during Spofford Lake's Labor Day Championship Series earned Bud the long sought after Fleet Championship. Congratulations skipper.

Congratulations also to Dick Hallagan and Don Brush for their one two showing at Spofford's 18th Annual Fall Regatta. Fleet 145 invites all you Lightning sailors to drop in and sail with us anytime.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Dave Roost
 Fleet Secretary Stewart Sprague
 Fleet Champion Harvey Harman
 Runner-Up Dave Roost

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5223	Seabiscuit	Ed Hearn
8152	Mimi	Elliot M. Wilson
8579	Passe Partout	V. H. Olsen
9091	Sans Egal	Dave Thomas
9543	Adgo	Janet, Ben & Camille Willings
9918	Firflaught	William A. Dymond
9936	Tumult	Ross Graves
10393	Something Special	George Styant
11136	Prometheus	Ken Inglis
11174	Janitor	David & D. Stewart Sprague
11177	Pampero	Peter E. & Paul Sulman
11275	Aquaholic	Bob Elliott & Pat Nolan
11331	Alacrity	John D. Gorrie
11631	Apprenticeship	Prentice Smith
11884	Serena	David Roost
12039	Intrigue	Fred Watson
12217	Bata Buidhe	A. N. Mackay
12878	Fantaisie	
	Improptu	Brian Beattie
12932	Pipe Dream	Donald G. Piper
13180	Frenzy Free	Ron Cochrane
13260	.....	Harvey P. Harman
13356	.....	Jeff Boyd

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 Buckup
9243	Les Pastie	Ciro Migrode Oliveira
8495	Hummel	Wolfgang Aurbach
11706	Waikiki II	Henricus Bocagae & Claudio Abramowitz
11708	Ciranda	Robert Buckup
11709	GTX II	Willi Carlos Tietze
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
12360	Brisa	Constatino Fraga & Jose Roberto Fraga
12414	Meia Noite IV	Juan V. Metzen
12440	Patua	Paulo Villares & Theodoro Rombauer & Andre Sulzbeck
12657	Petereca	Peter Zacher & Otavio De Almeida
13008	Viking II	Rolf H. Ett
13027	Undine IV	Silvia Buchmann Batello
13405	.....	Claudio Abramowitz
13406	.....	Mario Buckup

No report.

Fleet 146 activities began early in the year as it participates in the Toronto Boat Show in January. The Ontario Sailing Association provides the space for 22 classes to display and explain their boat at the show. We've prepared our own brochure — in all modesty, the best of all participating classes — and with about 45 volunteers try to tell everyone who stops by the joys of sailing Lightnings. This year we demonstrated the ease with which the boat could be transported: the boat took its turn in a 21 by 21 foot pool which was 4 feet off the ground — it took only 8 people to get it in and out!

For the past several years our Fleet has hosted an Ontario Juvenile Championship for sailors under 19 years of age. This year's was the biggest with 20 entries some from as far away as Thunder Bay. Steve Cochrane from Toronto won this year's series. Next year the Fleet will sponsor the qualifying series on July 5-6 for the Canadian qualifiers to the Youth World Championship to be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club later in the month.

Fleet racing was, as usual, active. This season opened up with Larry MacDonald from Hamilton winning the Hurrell Shaker trophy in late May. The horrible Humber Hole preserved its reputation this season with its usual varied conditions.

The National Yacht Club Regatta began in a fog so thick that the pin end was not visible from the boat end. Miraculously, everyone found the weather mark with little trouble. Circumstances at the gybe mark bore more than just a resemblance to the fourth mark at the last race at the North Americans at Rehobeth last year as everyone hit it at the same time. The Elliott-Nolan boat persevered and won this race. Fortunately, few of our races were sailed under as trying conditions as this one. The final race of the season in late September, the Fall series, was won by Ben Willings.

When it was all over, Harvey Harman won the Fleet Championship and Dave Roost was Runner-up. Third and most improved sailor was Ben Willings.

Toronto area sailors seemed to stick closer to home this year and local racing benefited as a result. Early in the season John Gorrie and Garth Dixon crewed for Hamilton's Bill Hunter at the Worlds at Dallas. In July the usual big contingent went to the Canadian Open at Montreal. Toronto boats captured five out of the first 10 spots led by David Sprague's third place finish. A group headed by Ron Cochrane, who won it, traveled to the Ontario Open held at Thornbury on Georgian Bay. David Sprague made it to the North Americans while Ben Willings found himself at the Junior North Americans.

As we are looking forward to next year, we hope everyone has a good winter trying to convince themselves that the only reason they didn't win it this year was because of the 300 wind shifts and the fog.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Secretary Prue Preston

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
10165	In-A-Jam II	John A. Mintz
10272	Screaming Yellow Zonker	Burton L. Preston
11557	.....	Dr. Jerome Hurley
11681	Lady	Charles H. Huston
12085	Bambino II	R. A. Bonham
12425	Schuss	Donald E. Widman, MD
12439	Prosit	Ed & Dr. John A. Brennan
12498	Yacht-Not	Al Storich
12567	Wind Sprite	Thomas J. McDermott
.....	.....	Albert P. Barbone, D.D.S.

No report.

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB (151)

New England District

Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Secretary Carolyn Peter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6705	Sanderling	Richard G. Appel, Jr.
9973	.....	John I. Reed
10212	.....	Dr. Georges & J. Georges Peter
10831	Reflex	Bruce P. Abbott, M.D.