

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)
Michigan District
Sailing on Tawas Bay, East Tawas, Michigan

Fleet Secretary Gary Cameron

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

No report.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)
Indiana District
Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain Doug Schmahl
Fleet Secretary Steve Miller
Fleet Champion George Buckingham
Runner-Up Dick Boerger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5259	No Show	Louis Pletcher
8686	.....	John F. Call
9775	Hessteria	Paul E. Hess
9954	Big Red	George Wright
9974	.....	Douglas Schmahl
10134	Popper	Stephen C. Miller
10428	Fryheit	Garrett Van Derduine
10726	Little Trout	Robert Troutman
11699	Merry Crow	John C. Jarrett
12001	Second Effort	Chris Nixon
12239	Starboard	Frederick & Rick Winter & Glenn Dalhart
12276	Yellow Bellied Sapsucker	Ray Gans
12316	.....	William Stucky
12392	Gracefullee	George Witwer
12408	Laurie	Bruce Baiden
12463	Joe BFSPLK	George Buckingham
12521	The Sting	Richard Boerger
12586	Hymie	Gordon & Chuck Medlock
12692	.....	Ronald G. Kloepfer, MD
12963	Swi's Guy	Keith Swihart
13001	Why Us	John Nixon
13047	.....	Dick Gallmeyer
13131	Boat	Jack Gibson

The 1979 racing season was, to say the least, unusual. May and June winds almost blew us off the lake, but July and August couldn't stir a breath of air as we lost five weekends of sailing. Volleyball, tennis, and elbow bending excelled. The only thing not unusual was that George Buckingham retained the Fleet Championship for the fifth consecutive year, although he was hard pressed by an eager and aggressive group of sailors throughout the season.

Our Memorial Day Series took on new interest for the season as Keith Swihart and his very interchangeable crew took first, followed by Doug Schmahl and his youngins and third was picked up by Rick Winter. The Early Bird Series saw George Buckingham back in contention, but Keith kept close with his determined consistency and Chuck Medlock closed in for third.

During our July 4th Series George decided to turn his Lightning into a submarine and opened the door for Bruce Baiden to take first followed by John Nixon and our Commodore, Doug Schmahl. September brought some wind back and a valiant effort to unseat George, but his luck prevailed as Bucky finished first; John Call, second; and Dick Boerger, third. The final season's standings once again showed George Buckingham in the lead; Dick Boerger in second who learned it's not how well you sail, but when;

and Keith Swihart who kept his concentration all season, but lost Rob's due to the onboard scenery.

Other awards for the season went to Rick Winter, winner of the Commodore's Cup, followed by Bob Troutman and Ray Gans. The Cynthia Cup, initiated by Eli Lilly for the most sailing points garnered in a season, was once again won by George Buckingham. The Yacht Club also wishes to praise the work done by our Race Committee throughout the season. Paul Penn, Barb Medlock, Jean Stucky, Lee Witwer et. al. did a tremendous job under some difficult weather conditions. Next year we even hope to get them a good sea anchor.

In all, we had a good year with great fun, super carryins, and a very fine Silver Anniversary Hoosier Regatta won by Jim Dressel. Our fleet is growing in both numbers and competition and we look forward to next year and our 26th Hoosier Regatta. We hope you'll be able to make it next June when we'll definitely have a new look at our club, the old one disappeared. Good sailing.

FLOTILHA DE FLORIANOPOLIS FLEET (162)
Brazil District

Sailing at Veleiros de Ilha Club on Baia Sul, Florianopolis

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

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

No report.

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164)
Central New York District
Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain Norman Washburn
Fleet Secretary Jeff Rubenstein
Fleet Champion Dave Guinther
Runner-Up Jim Hole
Third Place Tadd Helmer & Dick Sinn
Charter Member's Cup Dave Guinther
Crewettes Race (Female Skippers) ... Jane Guinther

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9305	.....	Dr. Gerald Bezner
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
10171	Cowpens	Dr. Thomas Kozlowski
10414	Charming II	Nelson Neidhardt
11272	Tutankhamon	Dick Tuttle
11307	Second Life	Ron Kokot
11555	Reluctant	Jim Hole
11650	Tutty Two	Dick Tuttle
11853	Andiamo	Norman Washburn
12004	.....	David W. Guinther
12065	.....	Frederick S. Keith
12587	Tiger	Dr. Jeff Penfield
12646	Mimi	Ned Cabaniss
12792	Thor	Geoffrey & W. B. Smith
12809	.....	David K. Bull
13011	Dutchman's Gold	Richard Sinn
13050	Chapter XI	Tom McAuliffe
13052	Full Deck	Milt Rubenstein
13353	.....	Dr. Gerald Bezner
.....	.....	Jerry King

The Willow Bank Yacht Club Lightning Fleet enjoyed a super-active sailing season in 1979. Fleet membership increased and WBYC skippers placed well at many of the major regattas in Central New York.

Sixteen skippers participated in the summer championship. Competition was keen with six skippers winning races at one time or another during the twenty-three race series. Dave Guinther, an ex-470 sailor who joined our fleet late in the 1978 season, won the Fleet Championship with the help of his wife, Jane, and second crew, Jeff Childress, a Cornell University Fireball sailor. The Guinthers continued their winning ways as Labor Day weekend approached by winning the Crewettes race and Charter Member's Cup race. Jim Hole was the most active skipper this summer sailing in sixteen races and, with his wife Linda, and son Chris, put together a combination that won them second place overall in the Fleet Championship. Tadd Helmer with Dick and Janet Sinn used the experience gained by sailing in several CYN events to earn a third place in the Fleet's Summer Championship.

Six new skippers were added to Fleet 164's roster this summer; four of them bringing new boats and two of them sailing in boats already in the fleet. Only one boat was dropped from the 1979 roster bringing our fleet up to a total of 22. New members Gerry Bezner and Dave Bull set a good example for all by sailing in over half of the races, while Don Barter raced with us later in the season.

Our fleet officers also kept busy this year. Norm Washburn was responsible for the club's racing program and, as a result, missed out on a few of the early season races. A sprained ankle and crutches, however, didn't prevent him from placing first in the 29 July Race. The Rubensteins narrowly missed qualifying for the Summer Series because of an overcrowded summer schedule including a trip to Israel and Jeff's marriage (Congratulations).

WBYC was well represented on "the circuit" in 1979, with Fleet 164 represented at every Central New York Regatta. Tom McAuliffe not only won his first race in a regatta, but in doing so placed third in the Central New York District Triple Crown Series (Lake Delta, Red Jacket, and Champagne Regattas). Dick Tuttle ended his six-regatta summer with a win at the Skaneateles Sailing Club Regatta held late in September.

Jim Pindell, a WBYC alumnus whose family is in the process of moving, not only placed well in Central New York regattas, but also placed 12th in the North Americans. Even with time out for a two-week teaching stint in Bangladesh and a weekend off to see his son David married (Congratulations), Jeff Penfield put together a very active summer. In addition to top finishes in several Central New York regattas, he finished fifth in the Districts and fourth in the President's Division at the North Americans. His wife Kathy also spent a lot of time on the water, both in providing excellent coaching to new fleet members, and in helping her daughter Linda run the best junior racing program WBYC has ever seen.

The Willow Bank Yacht Club Lightning Fleet is the second largest Lightning fleet in Central New York and is still growing. Our fleet looks forward to an even better year in 1980 with plans under way for an expanded racing program including the L.S.L.S. Regatta.

HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain Juha Aromaa
Fleet Secretary Olli Ruuskanen
Fleet Champion Kari Maenpaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4334	.....	Hasse Wasenius
5552	.....	Antti Pramila
9866	.....	Kimmo Rihto
10344	Lipla	Paavo Korhonen
11358	.....	Kauko Kanerva
11529	.....	Kyosti Helin
11544	Kesaheila	Raimo Aromas
11818	Hippopotamus	Kaj Lindstrom
12583	.....	Per-Erik Heninsaari
12759	Jumbo	Bollebans
12799	.....	Petri Janhunen
12805	Charlie Brown	Antti Ruuskanen
12906	Triple	Ahti Immonen
12914	Vahine	Unto & Kari Maenpaa
12919	Ariana V	Leif Haglund
13130	Masi the 3rd	Terho Aromaa
13135	.....	Pentti Puupera

The 1979 season began in April. For some years, the activity of Fleet 166 has been very low. So the meeting in April was some kind of rejuvenation of our Fleet. We probably have now one of the youngest Fleet Captains in the world. He just reached the age of 17.

In June, we had a Wednesday Afternoon Series. After four races on every Wednesday Ahti Immonen was the winner.

At Finnish Championships in Kotka, Pentti Puupera took the golden medal home and, at the Europeans held on our home waters, Terho Aromaa took the Runner-up title.

The Helsinki Autumn Regatta was sailed as the Fleet Championship. Kari Maenpaa showed again how to sail and won the title of Fleet Champion.

We also had another regatta worth mentioning. The First Lightning Regatta for Juniors in Finland was held in the beginning of August. Three boats participated and P. Immonen won the regatta clearly. We hope that more junior crews will be seen in Finland next summer.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Henry Strieder
Fleet Secretary Gemma Flick
Fleet Champion Mike Steffenson
Runner-Up Henry Neuman
Club Commodore Lee Schnieder

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3312	Cutty's Ark	Dick Gage
5955	Twilight	G. W. Charlesworth
6033	Tippy T	Rufus Roys
7391	Endurance	Charles Nelson
8028	Scorpion	Edmund Barch
8222	Kati-D	Ron Hughes
9368	Ta De Win	Jerry Miller
10156	Misque "25"	Bill Quaintance
10232	.....	Chuck White
10891	Blue Dragon	Donald Perkins
12022	Screamer	Mike Steffenson
12732	Gemma M	James Flick
12817	.....	Don Morrison
12884	.....	Ken Jensen
12942	Hummer	Henry Neuman
13202	.....	Henry Strieder

There was good news and there was bad news. The Spring season was officially opened with the fleet meeting at the home of Ken Jensen. Officers were elected and rules for the year were reviewed. The Summer Series was a disappointment. Lack of wind and mismanagement of the race course made it possible for the fleet to finish only one of the scheduled races. This was won by Henry Neuman. There were, however, many pleasant times for day sailing.

The 4th of July Series was won by Mike Steffenson with his crew being his wife Jean, and his son, Doug. Chuck Nelson won the Labor Day Series.

There were two big successes this year at Lake Davenport. The special "Fourth of July Piz Buin", a club regatta, featured the entire club racing the three miles from the club house to the Memorial Bridge, circling it, and returning. This was the most well attended event of the year. Awards were given to the winning skipper of each fleet. An E-Scow won the Regatta and Mike Steffenson was the winner for the Lightnings.

Over a hundred of the sailors, crews, and families stayed on for the bratwurst dinner. Jim Flick did an efficient job of organizing this occasion and the club benefited from the shared efforts.

One effort that was not shared this year was the Polar Bear Regatta. For the first time, the Lightnings held their own separate activities. This, too, was an unqualified success. We were glad to welcome many friends, old and new. Some of us had been to regattas at Lake Geneva, Indianapolis, and Chicago and were glad to see our friends return here. We were able to house our guests for the weekend. A welcome dinner and seminar, by Bruce Goldsmith, were held Friday night. Saturday brought three successful races and a dinner party at the home of Mike Steffenson. On Sunday there was one race and the remaining races were canceled due to lack of wind. The

trophies were passed out and the visitors headed out.

Taking home the gold was Bruce Goldsmith with his crew, Sherri Goldsmith and Vicki Matthews, all of Lake Geneva. Second was our hometown boy, Mike Steffenson, and third was Bob Novak of Lake Geneva.

Fall sailing was among the best. The Series offered a variety of weather and racing conditions, dominated mostly by the mild fall. Henry Heuman, with his crew Jerry Holton and a variety of others, finished first. Mike Steffenson finished second and Ken Jensen, third.

It must be noted that Chuck Nelson, an experienced sailor with an older boat, did a fine job in providing stiff competition this fall.

As the year ends, some are reluctant to step down their masts. Steffenson, Jensen, and Flick were seen on or about Thanksgiving trying for one last sail.

We are looking forward to the New Year with some new sailors and many of the old.

LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169)

Switzerland District

Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain & Secretary . . . Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Champion Claude Lambelet
Runner-Up Urs Wyler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6739	Grogard	Gilbert Despland
11859	Pinocchio	Hans Muhlbach
12860	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
13065	Gargantua	Gilbert Despland
13066	Sarcelle	Jean-Pierre Monnier
13067	Numana	Jean-Claude Dupasquier

One season has passed and it is time to do the balance sheet of the activities of our fleet.

We did have the satisfaction of sending one junior crew to the World Championship in Peru. The crew was Yann de Pasquier, Gil de Coulon, and Joel von Allmen. They did very well, a 10th place, and in the last race finished third. But it is a shame that we don't have any young members to help our team!

Our presence has been developed, like never before, on the International level. It began by the race on New Year's in Marsala, Italy, where Jean-Claude du Pasquier was second after Hans-Peter Schmid. At the end of May, Jean-Claude du Pasquier was first and Claude Lambelet, second, in the race at Venice, Italy. And then at Helsinki, at the European championship, Jean-Claude du Pasquier was, one time more, the European Champion. Meanwhile Claude Lambelet and his crew went to Dallas to participate in the World Championship. The last race out of Switzerland was held on the Lake of Trasimeno, Italy, and Gilbert Despland had a brilliant second place. Also in Switzerland at the "Coupe de Faoug" on the Lake of Morat Claude Lambelet took second and Jean-Pierre Monnier took fourth.

The Swiss Championship at Fallanden gave the opportunity for the crew from the Lake of Neuchâtel to take part at the game and to end very nicely. The four boats present finished in the first eight and with the title of Swiss Champion.

We finished with our Fleet Championship. We had very nice weather, but unfortunately a very slow wind. We could have the races on Saturday; the next day, we tried to race, but there was not enough wind. There are some people to thank for this championship; first of all, Claude Lambelet who offered an excellent "Fondue"; and George Baertschi and Pierre-Andre Giroud who gave the starts and did a very nice job. The results are as follows: 1st, Fleet Champion, Lambelet, 2.9 points; 2nd, Wyler, 3.2; 3rd, Chopard, 5; 4th, Luthy, 6.9; 5th, Despland 12; 6th, du Pasquier, 13; 7th,

Crowded lake sailing in light winds but with no waves and no current.





A beautiful view of the city and the lake.

Scharer, 16; 8th, Monnier, 17; 9th, Herzog, 17; 10th, Bachmann, 19; 11th, Weilenmann 19; 12th, Kunz, 22.

For 1980, we hope that each member of our fleet can participate in the European Championship that we have the privilege to organize in Neuchâtel at the end of June.

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain J. Edward Serrill
Fleet Secretary Carl Reitingen
Fleet Champion Glen Reitingen
Runner-Up J. Edward Serrill

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5837	Barracuda	J. Edward Serrill
9217	.....	Alfred C. Morton
11176	.....	Tom Hyndman & Bill Phillips
11235	.....	Herbert Streep & Peter Hyndman
12872	Snooky	Glen & Carl Reitingen
12873	Quakers	J. Edward Serrill

The 1979 season started out with our annual meeting held at the Reitingers. Thanks to Bev, she really out did herself, the spread was enjoyed by all. Here, we placed the groundwork for our coming season and awaited the starting gun.

From the start to the finish of the season it was a three boat race, with two others adding some interest to the top finishers. The Reitingen's *Snooky* came out on top. With Tom Monk and Beth Stewart as crew, they showed the same consistency as they have over the last few years. The Serrill-Hitschlen's *Quakers* finished second in a close fight with the Streep-Hyndman boat. The Roth boat at times showed some real speed and was involved in a few nice finishes along with the Hyndman-Phillip's boat.

This year's fleet representative in our club's Vice Commodore's Cup was Carl Reitingen. He won over all the other club fleet champions in Mariners, showing that the Lightning Fleet can still hang in there with the other Heavys.

We had excellent participation in outside regattas. Following is a listing of these regattas:

Red Dragon Memorial Day — 12872, second; 12873, Middle of Fleet, C.A.D. Districts — 12872, sixteenth. N. J. States — 12872; 12873; 11235, Middle of Fleet. Surf City — 12872, second; 12873, fifth. Red Dragon Fall — 12872, second.

Looking back over this year's activities, Fleet 173 has been working towards getting better fleet representation at major regattas. This coming year we must work to increase Fleet size and Fleet participation because the numbers will bring out the enjoyment of the Class.

SHREVEPORT FLEET (175)

Southern District

Sailing on Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain David McCary
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Mark Moore
Fleet Champion John Butcher
Runner-Up Marcus Millican

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4158	Moriah	David McCary
4747	.....	Michael Kidda
6116	Hunga	Larry Lashley
8099	.....	Joe Cutchner
11081	Mullett	Henry C. Coutret
11385	Buglet	John Butcher
11562	Mahi Mahi	James & George Mills
11725	.....	Michael Kidda
12699	Cooter Poo III	Marshall H. Walker
12836	.....	David Moore
12839	Knee Deep II	Larry Pledger
13040	Gray Ghost	Marcus Millican

The year was full of good competitive sailing. Our sailing enthusiasm was increased by seminars on sail trim and the racing rules. We formed a committee to inspect boats, (just to keep us honest), and one to promote fleet activity with new crews. The fleet now has a new fleet trophy to be awarded to the Fleet Champion and Runner-up. Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta was great this year with 19 Lightnings among the 97 boats registered. Nine fleets participated. Fleet 175 hosted the Gulf Yachting Association Lightning Championships in June. In September Fleet 175 lost a cherished member, the late George Mills, Fleet Captain 78-79. George did a fine job and we look forward to this year as David McCary moves from Secretary/Treasurer to Fleet Captain. Mark Moore is our new Secretary/Treasurer.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

Long Island District

Sailing on Great South Bay at Amityville, New York

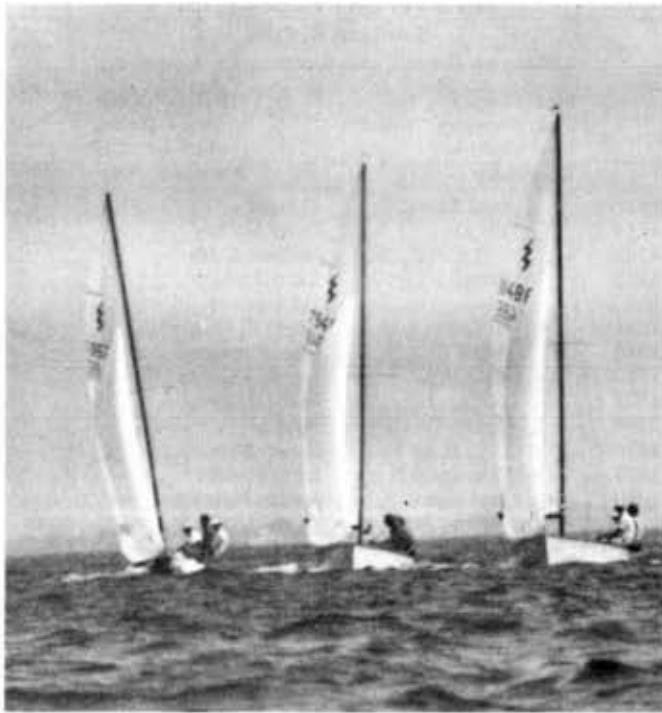
Fleet Captain Frank Marinaccio
Fleet Secretary James T. McCarthy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
24	.....	Bob David
4220	Maggie	Jospeh P. Conway
7948	Trilogy	John A. Davidson
8780	Friendly Lady	Alan Hoffberg
9670	.....	Angelo DiMartino
9804	.....	Richard Miller
10260	.....	Frank H. Atkinson
10283	Dionipus	Arlene Goldsmith
10724	Mistress	Bob David
11486	.....	James T. McCarthy
11530	Ay, Caramba!	Tom Green
11774	.....	Alan Pearlman
11775	Matthew 20:16	Cathie L. & Joseph E. Geraghty, Jr.
11852	Endeavor	Christopher, Mike & Neil Gargiulo
12042	Cookie Monster	Frank Marinaccio
12656	The Sting	Stanley Stiansen
12987	Know-A-Bung-A	Charles A. Ford
.....	.....	Richard D. Kopka

High winds and choppy seas greeted the fleet for the first three races of the spring warm-up series. Our season began on May 6th and continued until December 2nd. Some of the best sailing conditions prevailed during the Fall Frostbite Series when temperatures reached into the sixties and the sky was filled with sunshine.

During the year, three new Lightning skippers joined our fleet and entered competition for the first time. Excitement, fun and fellowship are just some of the reasons why sailing a Lightning with Fleet 178 is a truly rewarding experience.

The Club sponsored a U.S.Y.R.U. racing clinic in June. During the three day clinic, it was obvious that this was time well spent. Take Bill Weiss, for example, Bill established himself as the fleet's number one torpedo by crashing into Charlie Ford and setting off a chain reaction that caused one



Fleet 178 Skippers, McCarthy, Davidson, and Gargiulo.

mast to be destroyed and a Mariner to receive an unexpected port hole! Who said this isn't a contact sport?

The fleet's competitive spirit was always present throughout the year and brought about, in no small way, by the fine sailing of Frank Marinaccio, our Fleet Captain, Frank Atkinson, Tom Green and Mike Gargiulo.

The Long Island District Championship was held on Shinnecock Bay at South Hampton. Tom Green placed first, winning the Districts. Mike Gargiulo and Frank Marinaccio placed third and fourth, respectively. Tom and Mike went on to the North Americans, where Tom qualified for the Blue Fleet.

Frank Marinaccio won the Warm-Up, the Spring and Fall Forstbite Series, as well as Race Week. He also went on to win invitationals hosted by Babylon, Bay Shore, Narrasketuck and Unqua.

Frank Atkinson won the Bellport, Long Island and Sayville Invitationals, as well as the Fall Series. Frank also received a special Sportsman Award for placing fifth in a race at Babylon, despite a mast which was broken off at the spreaders.

The year would not have been complete without the Clam Bake & Lobster Party (and a roast suckling pig), both being a huge success.

This year's sailing is now over and part of the fleet's history. Hopefully, the fleet will continue to grow in both spirit and membership and the good times of last year will be exceeded by an even better season next year.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania

Commodore Charles Good
Fleet Captain Ronald (Skip) Ragghianti
Fleet Secretary Donna Good
Fleet Champion Bob Lilly
Runner-Up Skip Ragghianti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7171	Ol' Blue	Dr. Duane & Charles Good
9427	Whirlwind	John N. Shaffer
10941	Stormy	Dr. John Hanek
10063	.....	Bob Lilly
11563	.....	John E. Shaffer
11747	Heid Aweigh III	Charles & Dr. Duane Good
13372	.....	Skipper Ragghianti

The 1979 Sailing season of Fleet 180 was a very rewarding one for the Lightning sailors who competed through three series of action-packed races. The Spring Series started May 27 and was a surprising success with eight out of ten boats coming out to compete. The honors went to John Shaffer, first; Bob Lilly, second; Skip Ragghianti, third; Ed Shaffer and Mark Prather tied for fourth. Charlie Good and Dr. Good tied for fifth; and Dr. Hanek sixth. It was a close series of races.

The Summer Championship Series consisted of 22 races with only one cancellation due to lack of wind. After 20 races, the first three boats were a mere point apart. When it was over, the Master of the Lake and Fleet Champion for many years came out of a double tie breaker to keep his title; Bob Lilly, first; Skip Ragghianti, second; Mark Prather, third.

The Labor Day Series was a total of four races. The first three were in 15 to 18 mph winds with the last race a drifter 0 to 2. It was the hardest race of the whole season taking 4½ hours from start to finish with Skip Ragghianti, first; Bob Lilly, second; Mark Prather, third.

This season's Upside Down Trophy was awarded to our Southern Circuit, Dunkirk, N.Y., Pennsylvania Governors Cup representative. This award didn't come easy. He took it away from Mark Prather after having his second upset of the season while sailing on a spinnaker reach in a 15 to 18 mph blow. The winner is our one and only famous Dr. Good.

Our social activities began with a Spring dinner at the Conneaut Lake Hotel. In July, a picnic was held at Ed Shaffer's and on Labor Day a picnic was held by our Commodore Chuck Good with plenty of home-cooked treats. Everyone will agree that the summer produced lots of friendship and good sport for all. We are truly looking forward to next season.

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain/Secretary John Kastendiek
Fleet Champion Rick Larson
Runner-Up Mike Radwick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8750	Z-much	George R. Griffiths
10070	7th Heaven	Michael Muhs
10363	The Streak	Dr. Dean Pratt
11589	Rozinote	David Quasius
11622	.....	Alan Nemeth
12389	.....	Richard Bemis
12775	Tweety	Eric Larson
13193	Mimi	John Kastendiek
Life Member	.....	F. C. Jacobson



Close Fleet 180 competition on Conneaut Lake.

The Sheboygan Fleet got off to a great start with our guest Bruce Goldsmith. After racing, Bruce joined us in a discussion of sail trim and tactics out on the race course.

Two evenings a week Fleet 187 raced around new marks. It soon became evident the fleet would chase either Ric Larson or Mike Radwick around the course. Based on a greater number of first place finishes Ric Larson is 1979 Fleet Champion. Each of the other skippers did manage to finish third at least once to stay near the two leaders. The new skippers and crews promise to be much improved next year.

The Sheboygan Yacht Club hosted the Brotz Regatta the last weekend in July with 21 boats participating. A rare no wind Saturday on Lake Michigan forced three races to be sailed back to back on Sunday. Light wind and a current caused many boats in the middle of the fleet to hit the windward mark and re-round several times.

Our out of town friends took home all the silver. The first five places were Gordon Ettie, Dr. John Esser, Bob Smither, Greg Florian, and Matt Burrige.

The Sheboygan Lightning Fleet invites all of you to sample great brats and beer during next year's Brotz Regatta.

MARBLE HEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189) New England District Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain John Collins
Fleet Vice Captain Robert Gauthier
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Donald Humphrey
Fleet Champion John Collins
1st Runner Donald Humphrey
2nd Runner-Up Larry Fretts

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9499	Gull's Rest	Gerard Hosman
10226	Tigger	Charles Pace
10555	Riot	David Curtis & Jud Smith
11630	Io	Bernard Burke
11799	.....	Charles H. Berg
12385	Shamrock	John Collins
12456	.....	William H. Bray
12706	.....	Donald Humphrey
13104	.....	Larry Fretts
.....	.....	Robert Gauthier
Life Member	.....	Dr. Louis Pocharski

Fleet 189 added only one boat to its roster in '79 from '78; however, fleet racing for the first two thirds of the season was very competitive, well attended, with some surprises.

The season began with a brief meeting and party in February at the Hosman's. There, the former captain offered the group the '79 officer nominations selected by the '79 nomination committee (which means that Gerard selected some names one morning in the shower). The results one sees (presented) above.

Racing began on a windy and rainy Memorial Day Monday. Six boats crossed the line and very soon, last year's Fleet Champion and Runner-up, John Collins and Don Humphrey respectively, exchanged the lead several times over the Olympic course. The Humphrey boat sported a 6 boat lead over Collins approximately 30 lengths from the finish, when suddenly the MRA stake boat cut in front of the Humphrey boat flying signals indicating they were one end of the finish (apparently the committee boat was dragging anchor and instructed the stake boat to create a new line). The Humphrey boat crossed the "new" finish line in first, then hesitated for a brief (and cherished) moment, before tacking for the original finish line. There, Collins slipped into a first place finish at the original pin, complete with a gun. Confused, both competitors screamed bloody murder (in more common graphic words) at the Race Committee. The entire matter was settled later at the "round table"; the race was thrown out under rule 68.5b.

Several weeks later, with winds gusting up to 25 knots, all of six boats converged on the windward mark with the chance of rounding first. Larry Fretts, Collins' excellent crew for many previous years, sliced his new boat around the mark first with Humphrey, Collins, and Hosman close behind. The entire race remained close among Fretts, Collins, and Hosman while the Humphrey boat had a taste of salt water, a whole boat full! Fretts

prevailed ending Collins' long streak of Saturday victories.

Marblehead Race Week (91st Annual) found three visiting Lightnings battling nine local entries for the silver. Our local hero/foe John Collins and New England District Commodore, Dr. Georges Peter, exchanged first place finishes through the first six (of seven) races. Lurking close behind the two favorites, however, was Gerard Hosman, who consistently racked up second place finishes and surprised the entire fleet with a first place finish in race seven, good enough to capture second place overall. Of course, Collins took first and Peter finished a close third behind Hosman. The Humphreys hosted a fleet cookout for 24 on Saturday evening during the event.

The August Series was somewhat slow; the fleet averaged four on the line versus six in June and July out of the nine registered.

Summarizing the '79 season, Collins was in his familiar first place position, followed by Humphrey, Jr., Fretts, and Hosman. When Bernard Burke was not finding split Quasars (*Time Magazine* 8/1/79), he was nailing down fifth place, followed by Warren Sawyer, who purchased 6655 from Bob Gauthier in mid-season and has pleased everyone with consistent racing tightening up the fleet.

The balance of the fleet was composed of Fred Juden, Charlie Pace, and Charles Berg, the new addition to the fleet who comes in with years of offshore experience (i.e., Newport to Bermuda '79) and is swiftly mastering one design racing.

The fleet will hold a dinner party in November and all members are looking forward to an exciting 1980 season with high anticipation of increased fleet membership. Hear that CH; read and weep Georges Peter.

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192) Dixie District Sailing on North Chesapeake Bay of Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain Bruce Hardy
Fleet Secretary Victor Wareham
Fleet Champion Bruce Hardy
Runner-Up Carl Slocum/Tom Clark
Spring Series Winner Bruce Hardy
Fan Series Winner Bruce Hardy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10025	Sundown	Richard B. (Tom) Thompson, Jr.
10420	.....	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
10852	.....	Victor G. Wareham
13282	Marmalade	Victor M. Solomon
13399	.....	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
.....	.....	Robert S. Crowder, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Charles Trayford III

The 1979 season showed continued improvement in Lightning sailing at Havre de Grace. To start the year off, we were happy to welcome three transfer skippers: the partnership of Carl Slocum and Tom Clark from Rehoboth Bay and Fred Eng from Detroit. Later in the season further expansion was made when Cliff Matson acquired a second boat, a new one from the Pan Am Games, and Tom Clark broke away from his partnership and got a boat of his own.

A covered dish supper and fleet meeting with all families attending was held in February and gave us all an opportunity to get acquainted with the new members.

The Spring Series of seven races sailed on four days, in generally light air, was taken by Bruce Hardy who just barely edged out Vic Solomon.

The Dixie District Junior Championship hosted by Fleet 192 and UICYC was held on June 30 - July 1. Ron Grotheer put together a great series to take this ninth annual race. Skippers Howard Edson, Davey Racine, and Ted Ganley took the next places in that order and our own Mark Wareham, with crew Tom Webster and Doug Frazee, were a constant threat to the leaders.

Thanks to Bob Crowder, who was the Dixie District's top finisher in the Atlantic Coast Championship last year, Fleet 192 received the opportunity to host this year's event on July 28 - 29. Race Committee Chairman Ray Krieger along with ample assistance from other members of UICYC ran this three-race Championship. Joe Friebele of Severn River won the regatta which featured trophies with the UICYC burgee. Jay Lutz of Metedeconk River was second and Don Delorme of Severn River was third. Victor Solomon's seventh was the highest local finish. Fred Eng, Bruce Hardy, Vic Wareham, and Tom Clark finished solidly in the middle of the 26 boat fleet.

Fred Eng organized a popular steak dinner on Saturday night. A number of our visitors complimented us on a very well run and enjoyable regatta.

The Fleet Championship Series August 4-5 began on a light and fluky day with Fred Eng in control of the other five boats participating.

Fred was unable to return the second day and this gave Bruce Hardy a chance to overcome Tom Thomson's two year grip on the trophy. Fleet newcomers Carl Slocum and Tom Clark edged into the runner-up position.

The Fall Series started off with a blow-out the first day. Those two cancelled races were not made up and persistence with the remaining six allowed Bruce Hardy to retain the Wallace E. McKee Memorial tray for a second year.

Fred Eng, Tom Clark, and Bruce Hardy journeyed to the team race with the Susquehanna Fleet. Fred Bush of Fleet 253 played the shifts perfectly to sail away with both races and enable their team to stay ahead another year in this annual event.



Vic Wareham (10852) starts in the Atlantic Coast Championships just behind ILCA President Dr. Don Delorme.

MISSION BAY FLEET (194)

California District

Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain	Al Poindexter
Fleet Secretary	Kirk Johnson
Fleet Treasurer	Fred Knauer
Fleet Champion	Al Poindexter
Runner-Up	Kirk Johnson
1979 Regatta Champion	Myron Lyon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8627	Fastenuf	Hank Fastenau
9172	U-3	Bernard & Warren Gross
11625	Now	Fred Knauer
11662	Tangerine	Charles Gotschalk
11735	Nameless Terror	Myron C. Lyon
11965	Gone With the Wind	Jerry Boyle
13116	Batu II	Richard Brewer

13187	Afternoon Delight	Al Poindexter
13188	.....	Kirk A. Johnson
Life Member	.....	Alan Raffee
Life Member	.....	Al Coho

Our season began January 7 with the Frostbite Series (a misnomer, since we never have frost) and continued through November 25, the end of the Fall Series. We take December off for Christmas, skiing, parties, and boat repair.

Besides a very busy club racing schedule, our fleet not only participated in, but dominated Lightning Regattas up and down the coast winning every one we entered. For example:

California Lightning Districts - Myron Lyon
Pacific Coast Championships - Charles Gotschalk
Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta - Warren Gross
Hurricane Gulch Regatta - Al Poindexter
Coronado Yacht Club Spring Regatta - Kirk Johnson
California Circuit - Myron Lyon
Bowen Memorial Regatta - Myron Lyon

Our fleet is fortunate to have Fred Knauer, sailing his 23rd year in a Lightning, as a dedicated member. He not only keeps up with all race results, without which this report would not be possible, but his interest and enthusiasm are inspiring. During his first year as Fleet Captain (1958), he donated two trophies to the fleet — one for outstanding skipper of the year in club races and one for outstanding skipper of the year in open regattas. The first was won this year by our Fleet Captain, Al Poindexter, and the latter, for the second consecutive year, was won by Myron Lyon. Myron sold the last of four new Lightnings before the season was over leaving himself without a boat to sail, but it was too late for any of us to catch up with his outstanding regatta score.

We said goodbye to John Sundsmo who moved to New York, but welcomed two new members to the fleet, Chuck Schwab and Jim Hoch, and watched with mixed emotions as young Mark Thompson put new mast and sails on his family's day sailing Lightning and prepares to race with us. We like gaining a new skipper, hate losing an available crew.

For our 1980 sailing season Kirk Johnson will be Fleet Captain, and as Secretary Chuck Schwab.

Our fleet is looking forward to hosting the North Americans this year. You can't beat San Diego in August, so come on out.

SURF CITY (196)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
787	Jeanie	John H. Elfman
7733	Tori II	George A. Christie
10306	the Rebel	LCDR Charles C. Harris
10370	Blew Cheese	Les Hunton
10771	Warlock	Frank & Thomas F. Temme
11122	Punch	George Schmidt
11739	Dinah-Moe-Humm	Stephen Warren
11753	Escape II	Carl O. Berg
12454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
12553	The Pink Panther	Glenn L. Weber, Jr.
13053	.....	Ralph Messersmith
13063	Rip City Express II	Jack Elfman
Life Member	.....	Howard J. Mullin

The 1979 season brought growth to Fleet 196 with the addition of Steve Warren and Peter Gray to our ranks. We also saw the return of former ILCA President Charlie Howe after a year's sabbatical. Steve, in particular, had no trouble adjusting to his Lightning as he took home silver in both the Championship and Commodore series.

The Surf City road show started out on the right foot at Monmouth's Long John Regatta. Jack Elfman outdistanced a fleet of 52 boats on the unpredictable Navesink, lapping most of the fleet in one race. As usual, the

folks in Red Bank threw one whale of a regatta and we'll be back again next spring.

Five Surf City Lightnings participated in the Central Atlantic Districts at Red Dragon with the final score being Delaware River 5, Surf City 0. Tom Temme briefly led in one race, but that was the only daylight seen all weekend. We were, however, among the leaders at the tapping of the keg. Jack Elfman competed in the Worlds in Dallas, and in spite of some mechanical problems came up with a respectable finish.

Our annual regatta was a "smashing" success as it followed on the heels of Hurricane David. The winds were consistently above 20 knots as Elfman and Glenn Reitingger staged their yearly run and gun shootout. Jack won it with three bullets, but the crash boats were the real heroes of the weekend. For the third year in a row Ed Serrill of Brant Beach suffered major damage through no fault of his own, but said he'd still return next year as he peered through the watermelon-sized hole on his port side. George Zabrycki of Lavalette also fell victim to the wind with a snapped mast. The "Go Get 'Um" award for the regatta went to Ralph Messersmith who, after re-enacting the Poseidon Adventure in each of the first two races, still went out in the third and had a good finish.

For the second year in a row Les "Captain Crunch" Hunton won the most improved skipper award, and Carl Berg was unanimously proclaimed Fleet Chaplain, two firsts for Fleet 196.

Order of places for the season were as follows: Commodore Series-Tom Temme, first; Steve Warren, second; Les Hunton, third. Championship Series-Jack Elfman, first; Frank Temme, second; Steve Warren, third.

Hoping everyone has a good winter.....

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)

Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Chautauqua,
Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain Cherie Neville
Fleet Champion Dave Ingram
Runner-Up John Turney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
10556	.....	Paul Branch
10893	.....	Bob Park
10922	.....	James & Cherie Neville
11469	Rangy Lil	Tom & Dave Ingram
11619	O. B. Joyful	R. W. Cornell
11870	.....	Paul Branch
12601	Second Wind	J. Bailey
12778	Zonker	Clinton Wilder
12855	Julia	Jeffrey Digel
12910	Stinger	John C. Wallace, Jr. & Sr.
12947	Afternoon Delight	Doug, David Bargar
13222	.....	James D. & Cherie Neville
13368	.....	Kevin Dietly
.....	.....	Dr. Bruce MacMillan

Most of our racing crowd returned to sail this season including loyal commuters to the lake. Jim Neville with crew Candy Neville and Dave Bargar began this season by placing seventh in the Worlds on Lake Ray Hubbard, Texas. After a competitive July Championship Series, Chautauqua sent an enthusiastic seven boat contingent to the Lake Erie Districts at Sandy Beach. Considering the perils of the Niagara River and our lack of current sailing, the fleet sailed well. Cherie Neville won the Women's Districts; Dave Ingram and Doug Heussler qualified for the North Americans easily; Doug Bargar and Cherie Neville later qualified as boats decided not to venture to Cleveland.

Our August Championship Series was won by Jim Neville; Kevin Dietly placed second; the Digel craft was third. Both series consisted of fewer races than usual but that accommodated us for more regatta going.

Our finishes in the North Americans were very respectable. Doug Bargar, in Mr. Bill's boat, placed fourth in the Governors' Cup and Dave Ingram and Cherie Neville sailed in the Championship Flight. Cherie Neville also won the Women's Championships.

Enthusiasm and excitement for racing and its revelry certainly has not dwindled. The sailing on the lake was great enough to host the Lake Erie Districts.

...We're bound for California or bust!

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206)

Argentina District

Based at Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

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

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

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)

Southern District

Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at
New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Secretary Buck Ballatin

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

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)

Ohio District

Sailing on Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain Dennis Kleidon
Fleet Secretary Rose Kleidon
Fleet Champion Nelson Caley
Runner-Up Mark McCain

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1983	Nereid	Henry Schaeffer
6886	Grey Fox	Carl W. Hummer
9350	Not-A-Loss	Eugene Muntean
9850	Ruth II	David B. Dutton
10311	Resolute II	Calvin Friar
10900	Four Winds V	James Cooper & Carolyn McCain
11508	Yellowjacket	Nelson Caley
11717	"HB"	Dick Waller
12044	North Star	Dennis Kleidon
12184	Blitz	Ferdinand V. Huber
12269	Long Shot	Joe Streb
12845	Grey Fox	Carl W. Hummer

Atwood Lake saw a solid season of Lightning sailing this summer. Nelson Caley won the Spring Series and took the Class Championship at the other end of the season. The Streb family scored three times, with Joe winning second place in Spring. Dick taking third in the Memorial Day Commodore Series, and Jack sailing to a first place in the Summer Series. Dennis Kleidon placed in every series with thirds in the Spring Series, Summer Series, and the Class Championship; and seconds in the Commodore Series and the Fall Series. Mark McCain began his career as a Lightning skipper with a second in the Class Championship and a first in the Fall Series. What a start! Carl Hummer captured third in the Fall Series.

The summer was dimmed by the death of our dear friend, Karl Rollius. A skipper who had won over 100 awards, Karl was a founder of Atwood Yacht Club and a past Commodore. In his honor, Fleet 212 established the



Atwood's Harvest Moon Regatta's Winners and Friends

Karl Rollius Memorial Trophy to be awarded for the most participation. The first award went to *North Star*, 12044, skippered by Dennis Kleidon. Friends of the Fleet will recognize that boat number and name as Karl's; Karl and Sophie sold their beloved *North Star* to the Kleidons in Fall, 1978.

So ends a bitter-sweet year for Fleet 212. We look forward once more for the spring's first starting gun. For the 1980 sailing season, our fleet's leadership has changed hands; Carolyn and Tom McCain will be Fleet Captain and Secretary.

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215)

St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake St. Louis at Montreal, Canada

Fleet Captain Dr. A. F. Cameron
Fleet Secretary Russel Scrim
Fleet Champion Dr. A. F. Cameron
Runner-Up George Layton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5389	Kismet	Sam Woosley
7850	Windfall	F. E. Collins
9666	Mistarris	R. Taylor
11294	Hutch I	Alan Hutchison
12311	.....	Michel St. Pierre
12568	.....	Bertrand Simard
12769	Caravelle	M. Brossard
12827	Sheila VIII	R. C. Scrim
13149	Linda	G. Layton
.....	.....	Dr. A. Cameron

The highlight of the year's activities for Fleet 215 was the staging of the Canadian Open for Lightnings in Montreal. This event was held on July 20, 21 and 22 on Lake St. Louis and involved 27 boats. As it happened the weather was ideal, winds were steady, and all in all the regatta was extremely successful. Because the Pan Am Games, the World Lightning Championship, and the North American Championship were in relatively close proximity as far as dates were concerned, participation in the Canadian Open was somewhat less — especially from South of the Border. However, the competition was keen. Larry MacDonald carried out the unprecedented accomplishment of winning every one of the five races — a fantastic performance although Dick Hallagan gave him quite a scare in the last race.

Dr. Archibald Cameron again was our Fleet Champion. We had a lot of good competition particularly from George Layton, Moe Jaques, and Russ Scrim, all of whom managed to turn out for most of the Tuesday night events and virtually all of the regattas. Unfortunately, participation by other members of the Fleet was somewhat less than what we would have liked. However, we are hopeful that we might persuade some of the sailors at our Club who have been participating in cruising sailing and so forth to come back to dinghy sailing and join the Lightning Fleet. A group of Lightning sailors have formed "Committee for the Preservation of Dinghy Sailing". We are starting a big promotion to convert some of the expe-

rienced sailors who have in recent years for one reason or another gone away from dinghys or perhaps not sailing at all, to bring them back into the fold and really have some exciting times again.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216)

Michigan District

Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Bill Boice
Fleet Secretary Tom McNish
Fleet Champion Joe Disette
Runner-Up Bill Boice

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6262	Tuit	Bob Kelsey
7169	Strider	Bill Stewart
7207	The Pope	Michael P. Pope
8784	.....	Ronald & Paulette Schieber
9903	Moxie	Dennis Bergevin
10366	Schuss Boomer	Jim Schofield
11164	Sauerkraut	Lee Klopfenstein
11797	Sully	Dr. Hugh Sulfridge
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	Dandyion	Tom McNish
12933	Spirit of '76	Ed Woods
13074	.....	Bruce A. Shook
13133	.....	John E. Johnson
13293	.....	John E. Johnson
13385	.....	Jim Peters
13393	Carousel XVI	Joe Disette

The weather for our scheduled Wednesday night races was less than ideal but it did not stop an excellent turnout of enthusiastic Lightning sailors. We averaged a total of 12 boats for each of our 13 races. Lee Klopfenstein won the series for the first time in his young sailing career. Lee did not necessarily have the fastest boat but his racing skills made up for any lack in boat

"Carousel XVI" with her championship crew, Jeff Warden, Joe Disette Skipper & Scott Islet.



speed. Bill Boice, our Fleet Captain, practically came out of nowhere to finish second. Bill's last four races of the season were a second, third, first, and fourth. In less than a month, Bill went from a fourth place position to his second place finish. Jim Schofield came in a solid third. Jim was off to his best start ever and had an excellent chance of winning it all. Unfortunately, he had some bad luck in the second half but managed to re-group in time to finish third. John Johnson, with his new Lightning, finished fourth. John received special recognition because he did not miss one single race this season—a perfect attendance record. Carl Hesse rounded out the top five. Carl would always turn a disappointing start to a finish very close to the leaders. All five skippers and their crews received a trophy at our year-end family picnic. Joe Disette won the most Wednesday night races with a total of four. Due to an off season injury, Joe did not participate in the first four races. If he had, no doubt he would have finished in the top five.

We also have a Championship Series held on four Sundays. Joe Disette won the series, Bill Boice finished second, followed by Lee Klopfenstein.

Again this year we enjoyed hosting the Michigan Junior Districts combined with our State Invitational. In the Junior Districts, there was a tie for first place between John Mathers and Brian Hussey, Jr. both from the Pontiac Yacht Club. Cameron Hesse from the Bay City Yacht Club came in third. The Seniors saw Bill McKinley from the Pontiac Yacht Club capture first place honors; followed by Hank Hodgson from Union Lake; Dave Furey from the Lake Fenton Sailing Club finished third; Joe Disette and Jim Schofield, both from the Bay City Yacht Club, finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Here at the Bay City Yacht Club, we anticipate continued growth because of improved facilities and stressing our club object of maintaining a competitive and challenging spirit for all our members.

The Michigan Districts will be held here in 1980 with help from neighboring clubs. We are looking forward to this event and invite everyone from the Michigan District to attend.

LAKE ZURICH (219)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake Zurich at Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain	J. Weilenmann
Fleet Secretary	H. Zollinger
Fleet Champion	Jurg Weilenmann
Runner-Up	Ruedi Berger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5384	Trixi	H. Tobler
6377	Kon-Tiki	E. Bieffer
7588	Marika	H. Vogel
8942	Asandra	R. Meier
9130	Tabu III	R. Berger
9487	Babar	H. Gunther
10277	None Such	Werner Christen
10483	Escape	W. Binggeli
10904	Sucuri	Dr. H. Hotz
11489	Reuel III	Prof. H. Zollinger
12091	Aallotar	P. Voellmin
12092	.....	H. Kueng
12164	Argo	F. Andersen
12318	Exuperantios	Hansruedi Kunz
13070	Hacora VI	Hans Rahn
13074	Reuel III	Jurg Weilemann
Life Member	.....	O. Weber
13087	.....	Hans Rahn

Again, this season was one of the many and the few: the many that didn't show up and the few that did. This led to the very regrettable situation that for the second year we couldn't run a race on Lake Zurich due to the lack of participants.

On the other hand, there were a few boats with a fair amount of traveling all over Switzerland and even abroad. For one, there is our *Hot Chocolate* seen on any major race course during the '79 season. Her performance might have been disputable but her reputation for the happiest crew was established when winning a special award for being the "most original boat" at the Swiss Championships.

Coming on strong this season with an entirely facelifted *Argo* was Finn Andersen who did well in all District races and at the Swiss Championships.

Establishing his position as Runner-up was Ruedi Berger sailing well as usual at our Fleet Championships held on Lake Greifensee together with our friends from Fleet 309. Then there was Heiri Tobler still going strong with an old wooden boat during the Swiss Championships.

The best result, however was achieved by Hans Rahn with a 24th at the '79 Worlds in Dallas, thus proving that he is still the best of us under any conditions (especially in large fleets). His fourth at the Swiss Championships confirmed his present form reached with very little training.

The captain's wish for 1980 would be that the few get more and the many get less.

HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay, Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain	Richard B. Stevens
Fleet Secretary	John H. Treadwell, II
Fleet Champion	Richard B. Stevens
Runner-Up	Edward F. Beadel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5841	Zig-Zagger	R. B. Stevens
6602	.....	Len Phillips
9944	Footloose	Richard Grissinger
10709	Zelda	Dr. Harry McMillan
10712	May Day May Day	May P. Robinson & John Treadwell, II
12948	Anahata	Dr. Irwin Stone

This was an interesting year that went from near lost salvage to a growing success. With little or no apparent organization, the season seemed doomed to be canceled due to lack of interest. Not so! Returning to the club and providing the needed adrenalin was Rick Stevens. He mustered up three boats and we sailed the Appleblossom Race with Irwin Stone beating out Stevens and Grissinger in a drifter. The first Sunday Series race saw four boats participate, the next weekend there were five and so on — until we hit nine boats on the starting line with as many as 11 different Lightnings sailing during the season. It was refreshing to see the natural enthusiasm.

There were some new faces added to the fleet. Frank and Wink Beadel sailed with us for several weeks then took the plunge and joined up. Phil and Bob Hoffman Sr. bought Bob Doyle's boat — the DoYLES making a move to Michigan.

There were 12 Sunday Series races with the best eight races counting towards the Championship. With six firsts and a pair of seconds, Rick Stevens in that antique of his won first place. The Beadel boat had a chance to win as well, but settled for second, and Len Montague got *May Day's* new oval in time for the last two races, and nosed out Grissinger and Stone for third place. It was a varied season with the potential of a different winner each race and that fact adds up to an exciting summer. Why, when Harry McMillan **voluntarily** sails a race—you know it was a super season!

Len Montague called up his memories of a few decades ago and got the Skipper Series going after a lapse of 10 years. Five skippers and crews dualed five races with Montague, third; Stevens, second; and stealing the show, having not sailed all year, was John Northrop who successfully **defended** his trophy.

Stoney Island blew very hard and even though Stevens lost his rudder on the way out managed to eke out a gratifying win over Charles Stone. Finnertys had rudder problems as well, and were forced to withdraw — for an honorary third. And the season's finale was the Frostbite. Sailed in light air it was won by John Northrop in *Zig-Zagger*, second was Frank Beadel, with Len Montague taking third. Here's looking forward to an even better 1980.

BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226)

Florida District

Sailing on Biscayne Bay at Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain	Alan R. Westcott
Fleet Secretary	Fay A. Regan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2073	Por Amor	James M. Sapp
7485	Brumus Too	Dwane Elmore
8368	Bose Behr	John Behrmann
8526	.....	William Jones
9240	.....	Randy Clee
9388	Planters Punch	Univ. of Miami Sailing Hurricanes
9421	Tabasco	Alan Westcott & Tom September

9975	Rush Creek Express	Frank Atkinson, Jr.
10230	Bleu	Donald M. Riedel
10338	.....	Stuart Sorg
10827	Preparation H	Scott Spreier
10886	Faster Horses	Tim K. Tripp
11017	.....	Gregor J. Hargrett
11085	Afternoon Delight	Jim Alman
11616	The Crimson Dynamo	David Brennan
11981	.....	Sam Pearl
12111	Full Tilt Boogie	Jim Pinion
13109	.....	Robert H. Warren
13218	Turkey	John A. Swenson, M.D.
13307	.....	George L. Freeland
13408	.....	Jon Wodka
.....	.....	Mike Alexander
Life Member	.....	Charlie Beedle

Despite a pretty bad scare from Hurricane David, Fleet 226 is looking good and growing fast. We continue to be the action boat in One-Designs on Biscayne Bay and welcomed many new members and boats this year to the wonderful world of sailing Lightnings. Jon and Sandra Wodka (13408) are getting their act together and should be a real threat next season. Mike Alexander bought 13307 from the Freeland and is showing us the way home already and Buzz Labbee in 12050 should be on the line soon. We also welcomed Tom September and Kathi Gross to our ranks and they should have boats soon. Bob Warren joined us with 13109. Mike and Judy D'Agostino got tired of cruising; missed Lightnings so much, they have joined the Fleet and are looking for a boat to buy.

With deep sadness, we report the death of 18-year-old Christopher Young in a boating accident in the Bahamas in July. Chris was an active member of Fleet 226 and crewed in the Sears Cup Finals, the Lightnings Juniors and Nationals in 1978, and many other major Regattas. To honor his memory, the Fleet will have a perpetual trophy for the two most valuable crew members in the Fleet. The Chris Young Memorial Trophy will be kept at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and keeper trophies will be presented to the winners at the annual Fleet awards in December.

The Fleet again hosted the "Down Home in the Tropics" Dinner at Coconut Grove Sailing Club for the Miami Mid-Winter Lightning Sailors. It was a great success and special thanks go to Phyllis & Al Alman, Margaret Ronald, Dorothy Sands, Jim Pinion, Linda & Jim Tripp, Gabrielle and Greg Hargrett, Betty and Charlie Beedle, Lois & Alan Westcott, Frank Atkinson, and Fay Regan. Everyone helped, but these people really got it off the ground.

One-Designs race one weekend 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 1979 Lightning Championship was won by Jim Alman in 11085, with Frank Atkinson, Jr. as runner-up in 9975.

On October 12th we held a Fleet dinner and meeting and were entertained by Leora's demonstration of belly-dancing from the mid-East by way of Skidmore College. (Leora sails a sunfish). Alan Westcott was unanimously elected Fleet Captain for 1979-80 and everyone is pleased that "Big Al" will take over and keep Lightnings truckin' on the Bay. Jim Sapp (proud owner of 2073) did a grand job arranging the dinner and entertainment and may be in danger of being shanghaied as "program director" for the Fleet on a permanent basis.

As winner of the CGSC Annual Regatta, Frank Atkinson's nearest competitor had double his points (6 for Frank and 12½ for Jim Pinion) on low point system. After Jim was Mike Alexander with 14 points; Jon Wodka with 23, and Ken Watcens with 24 points.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET (227) New England District Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9413	Enigma	William Potter
11393	.....	Dave Stagg
12077	Raider II	Jim Leamy
12486	.....	Ray & Raymond Harrington, Jr.
12832	.....	Paul H. Eitapence, Jr.

No report.

RIVERTON FLEET (228) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Steve Perkel
Fleet Secretary	Tom Donlan
Fleet Champion	Hugh Hutchinson
Runner-Up	Tom Donlan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5693	.....	Bob Eisele
6001	Slo Gin	William Graff
6929	Le Cochon Bleu	Mary E. Liddle
8616	Enterprise	Hugh J. Hutchinson
10079	.....	Thomas B. Hollyday
10526	.....	Steve Perkel
10545	.....	Peter F. 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

Fleet 228, sailed at Riverton Yacht Club on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River near Philadelphia, took a bit of a breather this year after hosting the Central Atlantic Districts last year. Still, our active members put in some hard days on the river in a schedule that runs from the first weekend of May to the last weekend of October. We were glad to see our friends from other fleets at the New Jersey Governor's Cup in June and at the annual Riverton Lightning Regatta in September. Thanks too for the hospitality and good racing we found when we hitched up our trailers and visited Havre De Grace for the Atlantic Coasts, Lavallette for the Jersey States, Susquehanna for the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup, and, of course, our sister Delaware Valley fleets at Penn Manor and Red Dragon. We're glad to be a part of the three-regatta Gamma Trophy Series with RDCC and PMSA, which was won again this year by Greg Funari of Red Dragon. Looking ahead to next year, Riverton Fleet 228 would like to invite South Jersey and Philadelphia area sailors to visit us and take up the challenge of the Delaware's tides. See you on the line.

CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Jan Gilhousen
Fleet Secretary	Grace Mergen
Fleet Champion	Ralph Mergen
Runner-Up	Mark McBride

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4359	Batchelor Button	Ralph Batchelor
8778	Reflections	Jan Igor Gilhousen
9226	The Great Pumpkin	Ralph Mergen
9819	Aquarius	Dr. Donald Brinton
11404	Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. A. Morrie Craig
11429	.....	Michael & Beth Gerot
12650	Liahona	Richard Masker
12675	.....	George McBride

Fern Ridge is the finest Lake in Oregon on which to sail. So why does it not have the largest, most active Fleet? Good question say the Fleet members. One answer might be that Jack and Nan Culver have gone. They retired last year and moved to Orcas Island in Puget Sound. Jack and Nan promoted the Lightning and their presence is certainly missed.

Although small, the fleet was active. Ralph Mergen, George and Mark McBride took Ralph's boat on the Southern California Circuit in April. The Fleet hosted the Memorial Day Regatta which attracted 20 Lightnings as well as hosting the Barber Series, Harvest Regatta and Lightning Team races. Vernon Pandian and Ralph Mergen traveled most of the Circuit.

Fleet racing honors went to Mark McBride who won the Opening Day Regatta and the Lowe Cup and to Ralph Mergen who won the Fleet Championship.

1979 was a good year; 1980 will be even better. The Fleet made a commitment to promote the Lightning, so 1980 will be a growing year.

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
4624	.....	Adm. Giovanni Arcipeete
10677	Sugarello	C.C. Ettore De Angelis
10739	.....	Adm. Giovanni Arcipeete
11935	Leccia	C.V. Luigi Merola & C.A. Mario Lo Sardo
13343	.....	Carlo Boschi
13361	.....	Sergio Camporesi

No report.

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 Salvatore Tremante

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8620	Finalmente	Eugenio Ambrosini
8763	"Sindbad"	Nando De Amicis
9171	Paomass	Salvatore Belgenio
9564	.....	Pietro Marcio
9787	Sturm	Luigi Venturi
10092	.....	Vincenzo Butteri
10513	.....	Giuseppe Nardini
10523	Giovanna	Adriano Gobetti
10782	Nereide	Orazio Tessari
12903	.....	Marco Peduzzi
13068	Sistiana	Giovanni Rizzieri
13120	.....	Lino Tusetto
13264	Excelsior	CIGA Hotels, Enrico Luigi
13345	.....	Colavito Salvatore Tremante

The Fleet took part in the Italian Championship at Trasimeno Lake with 8763 skippered by Nando De Amicis and with 8620 skippered by Salvatore Tremante. Nando placed 10th and Salvatore 13th.

The new boat 13345 purchased by Salvatore Tremante is a wonderful boat from Gianni Pellegrino of Marsala. Salvatore with Luigi Tezza and Paolo Benetti took part in September in the last three regattas of the District at Gravedona, at Trasimeno Lake, and at Anzio on Tirrenian Sea. The results are satisfactory, but in all probability, there will be a better performance for this skipper and his crew in 1980.

Next year, Fleet 249 will be organizing one regatta at Garda Lake.

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 Rudolf Herzog

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8768	Csardas	Heinrich Leimgrubler
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
9247	.....	Willi Schmid
9503	Quand Meme II	Thomas Huber
9781	Thetis	Peter Buhl
10999	Barato	Bruno Kunzle
12306	White Star	Edgar Merz
12317	Skippy	Paul Hofer
12320	Quand Meme III	Hans A. Luthy & Christoph Luthy
12571	Joy III	Ruedi Herzog
13099	Domi-Nike	Christoph Luthy



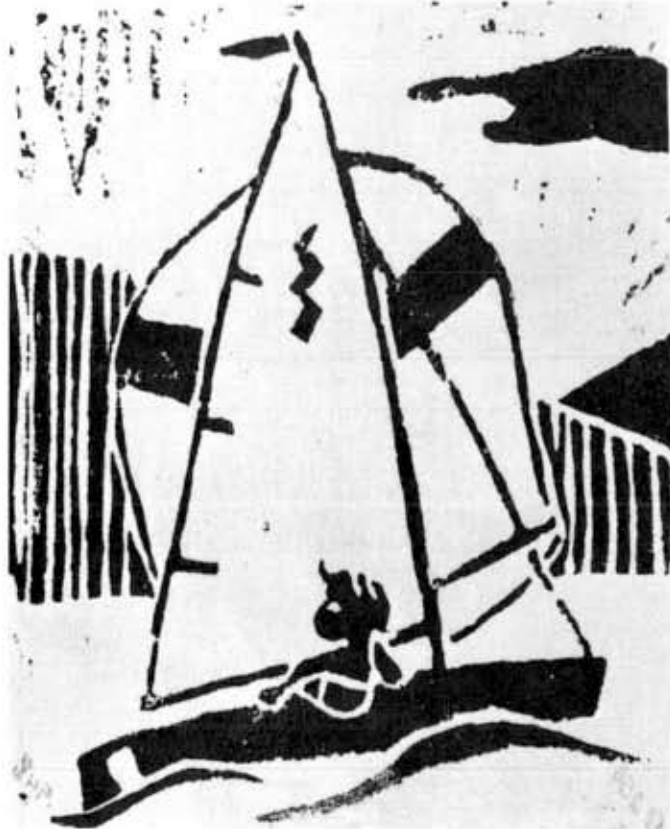
Close competition at the windward mark in 18-20 knot wind.

Fleet 250 welcomed the remaining few active sailors from Lake of Biel (Fleet 268), and Lake of Luzern (Fleet 281) which have become inactive during the last two years.

There was not too much racing on our five lakes located in the central part of Switzerland. However, most of us spent some great days on and beside the warm summer water. At the Spring Regatta held in Sempach, 13 boats waited two days for wind and after three short legs, Luthy-Bell Challenge Trophy went to J. C. DuPasquier of Fleet 169. The Fleet Championship sailed in Hallwil was captured by Ruedi Herzog beating five boats. At Sempach Lake Luthy and Merz did very well sailing in some handicap regattas finishing with one first, two seconds and one third.

The Third Midwinter European Championship was sailed far south of here in Marsala, Sicily. Our national team consisting of Christoph Luthy, Dominique Luthy, and Peter Taschler attended and took home the Runner-up honors.

Christoph Luthy, Rolf Moser, and our old friend Stan Starkey from the Californian Fleet 372 took part at the great and very windy World Championship in Dallas, Texas. This new team really never had any trouble flying the spinnaker and planeing on the two legs, but they had a lot of problems with steering and pointing going upwind toward the finish line finishing 39th overall. They hopefully learned, "Do not ever again put new sails on a foreign boat with a different mast and then sail a Championship abroad!"



...Future skipper of Domi-Nike — Anne Florence.

The European Championship was held in Helsinki and Ruedi Herzog attended. Reudi, with crew Christoph and Kathy, almost finished second but did finish seventh. Reudi learned next time not to start too early, like he did in the fourth race.

The last event was the Swiss Championship in Fallanden in October and was well organized by Fleet 309. Joy III finished sixth and Domi-Nike finished 11th over 30 boats. During the races on October 6, Christoph Luthy became the father of the youngest Fleet member, Anne Florence. So, grandfather Hans had to finish the racing.

For 1980, Fleet 250 will organize and host the Seventh Swiss Championship which will be held on May 15-18 on Lake Sempach. We hope for a good west wind and a great number of participating boats.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

Central New York District

Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York

Fleet Captain	Galen Powers
Vice Captain	Fred Schaaf
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	John Smolik
Fleet Champion	Fred Schaaf
Runner-Up	R. Eckstrom

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
12125	Cop-Out	Ray Marier
12711	7-11	R. Kimball Leiser
12743	.....	Galen Powers
12885	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
13124	Scudder	Dick & Rick Eckstrom
13252	Bea First	Gerald A. Levine

The 1979 season opened mid-May with the increasingly familiar, almost traditional, single boat regatta through the parking lot of the Corning Country Club; followed by a "Oh, yes! I do remember you" get-reacquainted dinner which this year included a vital get-reeducated talk by Dick "Up, Up" Hallagan.

Then, in almost too-rapid succession, a windless, one-race Memorial Day "Series" won by Scudder; a more solid victory by Scudder in the seven-race June series; a clear first for Jennie in the four-race July 4th cluster; another triumph for Scudder on Labor Day; and a first first for Bea First in September. The Season Trophy, a tough, breath-takingly close contest, went to Jennie (25 points) with Scudder (26¼ plus) and Seven-Eleven (26¼ minus) directly on Fred's transom.

In 1979, we were especially pleased to welcome the Rathmanns back from their "sailing sabbatical", and particularly delighted by the spirited manner in which Ray Marier put 12125 back into action.

The highlight of the sailing year, overshadowing even the excitement of the 43-boat Champagne Regatta, was the Ladies' Regatta held along with the Annual Picnic on that breezy September Saturday afternoon. Such enthusiasm we have never before seen! Skippers Amy ("Don't tell me when to tack, Dad!") Dunathon, Cal Eckstrom, Lisa Korner, Lisa Leiser, Sarah Leiser, Carolyn Levine, Betty Powers, and Darlene Smolik were superb indeed! Scudder seemed particularly pleased with her all-woman crew. We look forward to more of such occasions — and to a promising 1980 season overall.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB (253)

Dixie District

Sailing on Susquehanna River at Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	Starling Mikell, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Fred Bush
Fleet Champion	Starling Mikell, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9474	Nemesis	Barry L. Dunwoody
9897	.....	Dr. Charles Doland
10302	Rainbow IV	Edwin Schwoebli
10391	Jack Tar	Mel Gardner
10442	.....	Mike Filepas
11062	Panique	William Reis
11865	Sacre Bleu	Tomas Johnstone
12137	Eleison	Fred Bush
12923	.....	Henry P. Anstadt
12941	Deb-Star	Starling Mikell, Jr.
.....	.....	Charles Cockerham

Fleet 253 had another good year on the Susquehanna and, while our racing numbers dwindle a bit, our enthusiasm remains high as we face our usual challenge — Can anybody beat Mike?

For those who aren't familiar with our Fleet, Mike is Starling Mikell Jr., our perennial Fleet Champion. He was a bit slow warming up this year and Dick Henle skippering Fort Knox (a golden oldie?) won the Spring Series with Mike second. But then Mike went on to take both the Summer and Fall Series to win the Fleet Championship and the Gene Frey Memorial Trophy that goes with it. Barry Dunwoody proved that green boats go fast by taking second in the Summer Series, and Dick Rose started putting it all together and took second in the Fall.

Mike also sailed a nifty one-one-two to win the Susquehanna Yacht Club's Annual Memorial Day Regatta with Sassafra River visitors Bill McShane and Al Mast taking second and third. Fred Bush won the club's July 4th Regatta and veteran Ed Schwoebli was the Labor Day Regatta winner with Henry Anstadt, second.

The Fleet hosted the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta for the 14th consecutive year but the trophy wound up going back to the Central Atlantic District (as it usually does) when Djoerd Hoekstra of Riverton won it for the second year in a row. Mast and McShane and an assortment of SYC skippers tried to keep the trophy in Dixie to no avail.

Fleet 253 skippers did a bit better in our annual team race against Fleet 192 from Havre de Grace, Maryland. Bush, aided by his super Franklin and Marshall College crew, sparked the SYC team with a pair of firsts, as we retained the cup for another year.

Visitors are always welcome at SYC's Sunday afternoon races. The competition is friendly, the scenery beautiful, and most of the time we even have wind.