



Yep, that's big Ron working the foredeck as David Blair skippers to an overall fourth in the Midwest Oxie Memorial.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
Fleet Secretary Kris Matthews

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7567	Harmony	Robert C. LaBrot
8172	Vim	Henry Kelley
8992	.....	Audrey & J. P. Matteson
9996	Red Witch III	Mel Boyington
12038	For Sail	Steve Sickler
12452	Woodstock	Bill Connor
12790	Endries	Steven B. Novy
12822	.....	Audrey & J. P. Matteson
13144	.....	Bob Novak
13225	Free Spirit	Gene Matthews
13235	.....	Paul Palmer
13309	.....	Bruce Goldsmith

The report from Lake Geneva this season is short but, unfortunately, not sweet. For the first time, due to a dearth of contests and contestants, there is no fleet champion. There is no runner-up, no series winner, no awards banquet. Ironically, this occurs at a time when Fleet 345's roster includes the current Midwest District Commodore, a past multiple North American and World Champion and a young lady who finished in the top ten at this year's ILCA Women's North Americans.

Strangely enough, the Club hosted another fine Oxie Memorial Regatta this summer. Attendance was good, the five races well run, and, although the locals could muster only four entries, visitors had a good time and were unaware that the group was in trouble.

Previous annual reports have indicated a growing problem with the supply of active racers. The club operates from a public park and is at the mercy of city policy which decrees that dropped moorings shall go to a waiting list of residents. Attrition has taken its toll and there has been little opportunity to recruit replacements.

Now for the good news.

Some members have put the idle weekends to good use on other waters. District Commodore Gene Matthews traveled to Milwaukee's P & T where he finished first, then to Green Bay's Evans for another win, and to Davenport's Polar Bear for a fourth.

Vicki Matthews, who crewed extensively for Bruce Goldsmith in the summer's campaigns, used his boat for an eighth place overall in the Women's North Americans, finishing first in one of the races.

Bob Novak had a fourth in the Indiana Open at Indianapolis, and a third at Davenport.

And Bruce Goldsmith capped a busy season with second place at the North Americans. He had a first at Savannah and a sixth overall in the Southern Circuit. He won the Indiana Northern Spring Circuit; was first at the Snowball at Buckeye Lake, Ohio; and won Davenport's Polar Bear. He had seconds at the Midwest Districts; at Lake Geneva's Oxie and at Pontiac, Michigan's BIG White Cap. Sherry Schiche and Vicki Matthews assisted Bruce in most of these efforts.

Young Jay Matteson, who regatta-hopped extensively last year and competed at ILCA's Junior meet, is away at college and inactive on the sailing scene.

A meeting is scheduled in November to discuss and act on the future of Lake Geneva Sailing Club and Fleet 345.

Loyal and hopeful Wisconsinites have a saying...."The Pack will be back!"

Also Fleet 345?

LONDON LIGHTNING FLEET (347)

Lake Erie District
Sailing on Fanshawe Lake at
London, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Secretary David M. Kopec

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8130	Whisper	Elmer C. Searle
11132	Valkyrie	Larry Minshall
11883	Red Pepper	Dave Kopec
12075	.....	Graham Laing
12569	Dee-Dee	Ed Van Puymbroeck
12870	Chinook	Denise Atherton

LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)

Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Lanier out of Lanier Sailing Club,
Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet Captain Richard M. Williams
Fleet Secretary Cythia R. Williams
Fleet Treasurer Buck Harris
Fleet Lieutenant Robert P. White

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6523	.....	John E. Waldo
9570	Ariel	William L. Pulgram
10111	Lord Jim	Robert Schindel
10821	.....	Joseph D. Stites
10824	.....	David Whelchel
10870	Sailbad the Sinner	Rev. John H. Allen
10877	Thunderbolt	Fred W. Crawford
11299	Auriga	Richard M. Williams
11723	Tevake	Hayden Harriss
12331	Hot Chocolate	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12691	Long Gone	James N. Howard, Jr. & Sr.
12736	John B.	John Brian Johnstone
12849	Eh La Bas	Reginald Brooks
12935	.....	Kenneth Wallace
13421	.....	Thomas M. Barnett

Excitement has been the watch word of the 1979 racing season. It started as if it were going to be a repeat of the previous season which was dominated by our current Fleet Champion, Sputter Howard. However, toward the end of the season, Ken Wallace fought back to make it close. Many races were close and hotly contested. One race was so close, in fact, that Dick Williams

and Ken Wallace tied for first and Sputter Howard came in third only three feet behind. Wow! You can't ask for closer racing than that. Eventually, Sputter pulled out the Spring Series. The Fall Series has seen Ken Wallace take control and is leading in this series. At the time of the writing of this article for the Year Book deadline, four races remained in the Fall Series and the race for the overall Fleet Championship between Ken and Sputter is too close to guess who will come out on top. Third place in the fleet is also hotly contested. Dick Williams took third in the Spring Series, but Tom Barnett has come on strong in the Fall Series with a boat fresh out of the mold. The race for the 1979 silver at Fleet 348 is still very tight.

1979 has been a good year for recruiting Lightning skippers to replace those who have moved out of the Atlanta area. Seven owners have joined Fleet 348, two are second generation Lightning sailors. Bob White, son of a former club and Fleet 348 member, has joined us at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club. Cliff Haughey, son of the gentleman who designed the Lightning for Sparkman and Stephens, has brought a restored wooden Lightning to Fleet 348. Chuck Fatherree, John King, and David Welchel, new Lightning owners have also joined Fleet 348. Bob Proffitt and David Pitts, co-owners of boat 9568, also came on board in 1979.

The Atlanta Cup held on October 6-7 was won by Bob Wardwell who came out of the Mississippi Valley District and Chattanooga, Tennessee to take the Cup from Southeast District skippers. While participation was off from last year, as it has been all around the District in 1979, boats came from many Southeast District cities and three other Districts: the Southern, Florida, and the afore mentioned Mississippi Valley District. The weather cooperated nicely with winds mostly between 25 and 30 mph, and occasionally as low as 15 mph.

Fleet 348 is looking forward to 1980 and good racing on Lake Lanier.

FLOTILHA DE LIGHTNINGS DE NITEROI (351)

Brazil District

Sailing on Guanabara Bay at Niterio, Brazil

Fleet Secretary Jose Luis Amarai Couto

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8233	Almat	Alzir de Gstra Faria, Jr.
Life Member		Denis R. Clemence

No report.



Warren Schieser's crew, Kurt Finney, says "Look Ma, No Hands" as they attempt to overtake Dick Brown.

HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain James Rogers
 Fleet Secretary J. K. Barron
 Fleet Champion Warren Schieser
 Runner-Up Tom Varley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10687	Walloping Window	Frankland Oakley
	Blind	Joe Barron
11269	Way To Go	Charles Schmidt
11796	White Lightning	Ehmann Miller
12015	Goldie Marie	Ed Whiteman
12046	Under Way	Bill McCarthy
12346	Irish Mist	Jim Rogers
12395	Sunrise	James H. Schwartz
12816	.....	Warren Schieser
12896	.....	Jim Andrews
12950	Streaker Too	Tom Varley, Jr. & Sr.
13113	Mirage	Jim Dressel
13250	Dr. Charles H. Wolfgang
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Congratulations are in order for Warren Schieser who won the Club Championship for the second year in a row. Warren's crew, his wife Jane and Kurt Finney, pulled all the right strings to keep them out in front most of the season as Warren won the Spring and Summer Series. Warren also took a second in the Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake. There were not enough races sailed in the Fall Series to establish positions.

Tom Varley won his share of races this year and ended up the season with a second in both the Spring and Summer Series. Unfortunately for us, Tom took a position in Chicago and will be relocating there, but, hopefully, we will see the Varley family racing again next year.

The Schwartz's took a third in the Spring Series, a fourth in the Summer Series, and closed the season out with a Labor Day weekend victory. Jim and Mary were transferred to the Philadelphia area where a sailing club there will gain some active sailors.

While Ed Whiteman was always waiting around for the leaders to make a mistake, he took fourth in the Spring Series, third in the Summer Series, and placed third in the Mayor's Cup competition. The Rogers' took a fifth in the Spring Series even while enjoying their family cruiser on Lake Erie. Bill McCarthy took a fifth in the Summer Series and swept the 4th of July weekend races.

It was always good to see the fleet at the starting line especially during the Summer Series when the fleet participation averaged better than 50 percent. We are already anticipating next season, looking forward to sailing with our new members.

Lightning folks are "in" to more than just racing. You'd better believe it! Because our attendance at Hoover Yacht Club social events and our excellent racing activity topped all the other fleets at Hoover, the Lightnings won the All-Club Participation Contest. Good for us!

When we weren't racing or keeping pace with club affairs, we managed to meet about once a month for a Lightning party or brunch or dinner "on the town" or moonlight sail or whatever. Thanks to all those who helped arrange these gatherings. And- we'll be doing the same routine during 1980!

MARINE CORPS D & E COMMAND (354)

(Quantico Yacht Club)

Dixie District

Sailing on the Potomac River at Quantico, Virginia

Fleet Captain John Morgenstern
 Fleet Secretary John Morgenstern
 Fleet Champion John Morgenstern
 Runner-Up Terry Traywick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9772	Montezuma	Terry N. Traywick
10979	Morningstar	John Morgenstern
11087	Spirit	Bernard M. Sisson
10544	Leatherneck	Marine Corps, Michael N. Shahan

Fleet 354 got off to a bad start this season. On Easter Sunday, in gusts of 35 MPH, one boat overturned and later was declared a total loss. A second

boat broke a mast, then found 1000 gallons of crude oil which had drifted to the shore line causing the boat to be beached.

Only two boats traveled to a number of regattas and the only silver was brought home by John Morgenstern from the Smith Mountain Invitational. (If you have never sailed there you should try it — it's beautiful.)

Members of Fleet 354 were busy this year as we continued to conduct sailing classes in the five workable Marine Corps Lightnings. A total of 85 new Lightning sailors received their sailing permits and we hope, in this way, to do our part in maintaining a strong Lightning Class.

The 27th Annual Frostbite Regatta was sponsored by the Marine Corps Base and hosted by the Quantico Yacht Club. We were sad that only 25 boats showed; however, we feel that if participants tell their friends of this year's event with plenty of beer, snacks, and a steamship round dinner, followed by a tremendous party in our club until 4 a.m., next year we may come back to "Class" for good.

A new trophy was started this year; it is the Dr. James Gilbert Perpetual Trophy for the sailor in 10th place. This year, we presented the trophy to Doc Gilbert since we recognized that he has attended 26 of the 27 Regattas at Quantico and the year he missed, because of a heart attack, his boat nevertheless was entered and raced.

Race committee Woody Woodbury, Kitty Racine, and Rusky Arcuni did an outstanding job. Following the three races, in light-to-fair winds with much tide, the silver went to: Jay Lutz, first; Dave Ruiter, second, Don Delorme third; Jim Carson, fourth; and Dick Hallagan, fifth. The Fred Slovak Memorial Trophy for Middle of the Fleet went to Terry Traywick of the Quantico Yacht Club.

YACHT CLUB OLIVOS (356)

Argentina District

Sailing on the River Plate at

Olivos, Argentina

Fleet Captain Alberto Ranieri
Fleet Secretary Antonio A. Gneri
Fleet Champion Jose Blanco

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5957	.....	Joaquin Cloos
8412	Llovizna	Juan Echarri
8802	Stradivarius	Eric Nordenstahl
12622	Morsa II	Antonio Gneri
12747	.....	Jose M. Blanco
13069	.....	Horacio Gonzales Dume
13324	.....	Hugo Di Stasi

No report.

RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB (357)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Delaware River at Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary Jack Perkins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4107	Jean I	Henry Di Campello
5558	Merry Jo	Raymond M. Horwitz, Jr.
7826	Alacrity	Frank K. Hawley
8379	Ta 'Aroa	Franz Schneider
9970	Blissful Folly	William S. Bliss, Jr.
10072	.....	Grace Smith
10215	Ho-Ho	Clarence W. Cramer
10249	.....	John J. Owens
11157	Truckin' On	Mark Young
	Home	Martin Feybusch
11340	Masada	Gary Waters
11606	Frolic	John Teigland, Jr.
11666	Cirrus	Dr. John Fenlin
12140	Daisy	John C. Perkins
12167	.....	H. Gunter Seydel
12438	Holy Terror	Bruce R. Kloss
12728	Impending Disaster	Tom Slook
12920	Gregg Funari
13139	Stinger	Richard D. Stevens
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No report.

FLEET 357



SAILING ON THE DELAWARE RIVER
AT BEVERLY NEW JERSEY

MEMORIAL DAY REGATTA MAY 25-26

INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA JULY 5-6

LABOR DAY REGATTA AUG. 31-SEPT. 1

FALL LIGHTNING REGATTA SEPT. 20-21

LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Murten at Switzerland

Fleet Captain Peter Wyler
Fleet Secretary Marlyse Divernois-Merz
Fleet Champion Urs Wyler
Runner-Up Hans-Peter Schmid

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7805	.....	Dr. Herbert Carnes
8190	Sarabande	Rolf Buchschacher
8623	Aphrodite	Robert Bodmer
9068	Milan II	Hans-Peter Schmid
9357	Viola II	Erich Messner
9362	Jumegal	Dr. Jacques Bachmann
10464	Baba Yaga	Ueli & Max Aebi
10465	Malibu	Hans F. Meyer
10715	Hausi	Ernst Schar
10898	Milan III	Hans-Peter Schmid
10899	.....	Daniel Fischlin
11857	.....	Jean-Pierre Duri & Gilbert Durr
12307	Dambema	Dr. Bernhard Gruninger
12634	Blizzard	Sodeco-Saia (W. Tschumi)
12637	Waggu	Rudolf, Urs, & Peter Wyler
12638	Snovsen	Ernst Ruch
12639	Andy	Heinz Thuler
12951	Santa Fiamma	R. Fluhmann & M. Divernois
12952	Noa IV	Peter Bernasconi

For our fleet this year's activities were centered around two regattas, the Pfauencup and the Criterium-Aventicum.

Pfauencup. Good wind conditions allowed good sailing in four races of the "Pfauencup". The large number of participants in this regatta made it one of the best in the country. In addition, the raclette evening, which was transferred from Mr. and Mrs. Divernois residence to the SCM clubhouse, due to the cool weather, was another factor in making the occasion such a success.



Tight competition at the windward mark at the "Pfaucup."

Criterium-Aventicum. Our Fleet Championship took place again at the Criterium-Aventicum. With winds between four and six and beautiful weather conditions, our fleet participated in four races. The Wyler-Wyler team clearly dominated the Championship ahead of the Schmid-Buschacher-Hofer and Bernasconi-Kipfer-Baumgartner team.

Six boats participated in the Swiss Championship on Lake Greifen, thanks to the effort of E. Schar and U. Wyler. A masterly achievement was done by the Scharer brother, obtaining ninth place. The Wyler-Wyler team in second place and Schmid-Buschacher-Hofer team in fifth place also did well in regard to the very difficult wind conditions. First and Swiss Championship for 1979 is Adam-Pfister-Koller team.

It is certainly worth mentioning, that the Fleet Champion, Urs Wyler, also was the winner of the Year's Championship, this happening for the fourth time since 1973.

OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Okanagan Lake at
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain Robert Bazett
 Fleet Secretary Doug Gillett
 Fleet Champion Robert Bazett
 Runner-Up Doug Gillett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9267	.....	Alf Puder
9532	Cataquil	Roger Triance

9533	Lanakila	K. K. Maltman
9782	Vishnu	Robert Bazett
9853	Frolic	James MacDonnell
9856	.....	Doug Gillett
10658	Firedance	A. Grant MacKinnon
11462	Aristeia	W. J. Ehmann
12158	.....	Neil MacGibbon

The 1979 sailing season was a very eventful one for Fleet 368.

At the beginning of May a group of dinghy sailors, including several from the Lightning Fleet, opened the Central Okanagan Sailing Association. This facility provides the first dry land moorage in our areas.

In out of town racing action, three of our members returned home with hardware. Our most successful skipper was Neil MacGibbon who seemed to spend the whole sailing season traveling to the various events. Neil managed to bring home three firsts and two thirds for his efforts. Jim MacDonnell justly won the top rookie award at the Pacific Northwest Districts and Robert Bazett managed a second place finish at the Lake Chelan Regatta.

Our Fleet Champion was decided on the basis of a five race Regatta held in mid-September. Unfortunately, only three races could be sailed due to the light winds. The final results showed Robert Bazett to be the winner with Doug Gillett as runner-up.

The 1980 sailing season is shaping up to be a very busy one. For the first time, both the Canadian and North American Championships are to be held on the West Coast. Hopefully, these events will help to promote the Lightning Class in our area.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)**California District****Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California**

Fleet Captain	Bruce Hanover
Fleet Secretary	Mark Patty
Fleet Champion	Mark Patty
Runner-Up	Bruce Arnold

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8736	Pangloss	Doug Moler & Sarah Collins
9169	Genie II	Bill Hole
10481	Sweet Okole	Bob Smith
10809	Thunder Chicken	Jack McCarthy
11511	Peppermint Patty	Bruce B. Arnold
11514	Molly	Samuel T. D. Anderson, M.D.
11744	Ko Kru	Dan Milligan
13243	Raggedy Ann III	Mark D. Patty
13246	.....	Bill Hole

The San Francisco Fleet has a year round sailing schedule, although the bulk of the activity seemed to come in the late summer this year.

Mark Patty won the Richmond Winter Series which is sailed on the first Sunday of each month, November through March. The "real" season opens in mid-March with the Lake Merced Regatta, kicking off our heavy trail-and-sail schedule. This year, Jack McCarthy won the opener, which also is an excellent tune up for the California Circuit.

Returning from the good time on the California Circuit and with varying degrees of success, gaps in the schedule were closed with some local, informal regattas at Half Moon Bay and Lake Del Valle. Bill Hole won the Half Moon Bay event; Bruce and Heidi Brown were awarded the Starkey Perpetual for Del Valle. Heidi crewed on the first place boat and Bruce crewed on the second place boat and that seemed to fit the deed of gift.

The Pacific Coast Championships were hosted on San Francisco Bay by Richmond Yacht Club again this year. We were at maximum gasoline crisis at the time (the \$1.00 a gallon prices were something new) so participation was down. But all the hotshots showed and both Districts were well represented. In truly hospitable fashion, we allowed the visitors four of the top five positions: the Championship was won in a runaway by Charlie Gotschalk from San Diego; Dennis Torgeson from Portland and Ken White from Klamath Falls finished second and third. Our own Mark Patty finished fourth followed by Myron Lyon of San Diego. The racing conditions featured something of everything except for a fifth race that was cancelled due to not enough of anything. The Richmond Yacht Club effort was as impeccable as always.

Once the season had wound its course through the regular regattas at Santa Cruz, Clear Lake, Inverness, Richmond, Palo Alto, Monterey, and Alameda, Mark Patty with crew Stan Starkey and Heidi Brown emerged as Fleet Champion. Bruce Arnold with wife Sue, and alternating sons, Rand and Kevin as crew, pushed hard at the end of the season and finished second in Fleet standings. Stan Starkey went to Texas for the Worlds as crew for his Swiss friend, Christoph Luthy. Unfortunately, their teaming wasn't as successful as the year before when they placed second in the Europeans. Bruce and Martha Hanover went to Texas and decided to stay there! Rush Creek's gain is certainly our loss as we wish them the best of luck. The Arnolds and the Smiths remodeled their houses, while the Pattys manufactured their first born, Scott.

DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)**Michigan District****Sailing on Douglas Lake at Cheboygan County, Michigan**

Fleet Captain	Earl Peters
Fleet Secretary	Linda Orlow
Fleet Champion	Tom Orlow
Runner-Up	Bud Osgood

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9394	Spirit	Manley Osgood
9663	Daddy-O II	Maurice Olsaver
10198	Mer Sea	John G. Young
12178	Jaclyn	John E. Schulte
12754	Shrub	David O. Peters
12755	Spirit	Garry Demarest & Jeffrey Prince
13015	Don Quixote II	Howard Eddy
13123	Mod-Mid	Earl J. & Richard J. Peters
13174	Deliverance	Tom L. Orlow
13176	.....	John Johns & Terry Timm

This was another good year for Fleet 374. As usual, the sailing conditions were ideal. We enjoy a relatively large body of water with consistent winds and a relatively underpopulated lake. If ever there were a "Lightning Lake", this is it. Our only problem is our collective inability to take our lake home with us as most of us spend our winters elsewhere.

We are proud of our fleet in terms of the contributions and accomplishments of our members. This year, for the first time, we held our First Invitational Regatta, July 7-8. It was a fun four-race series with perfect sailing conditions and an enjoyable dinner Saturday night. We all enjoyed an interesting report of the Worlds from our Race Committee Chairman and ILCA President Dave Peters. We have all benefited in our own fleet and as a class from Dave's dedication to Lightnings. Our congratulations to Les Kastura who won our Regatta and Rick Peters for a strong second place finish. We are planning to hold it again next year and encourage you to join us. In terms of other accomplishments, three Fleet 374 members qualified for the North Americans in Cleveland this year. They were John Johns, Garry Demarest, and Dave Peters. John Johns was the 1979 Michigan District Champion. Tom Orlow won the boat-for-boat race from Cheboygan to Bois Bland Island against a field of 13-36 footers.

We are always interested in promoting the class and local participation. This year we welcome Jack Schulte of Detroit and his fine crew, daughters Laura and Linda.

Rick Peters won the Labor Day Trophy and Jack Young was runner up for that award.

In summary, it was a great season of good sailing, good competition, and fun. We hope many of you will be with us for our regatta next summer and if you are in the area vacationing stop and visit and sail!

BRASILIA (375)**Brazil District****Sailing on Lago de Brasilia**

Fleet Captain	Mario Brandao Cavalcanti
Fleet Secretary	Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa
Fleet Treasurer	Walter Reinicke
Fleet Champion	Walter Reinicke
Runner-Up	Mario Brandao Cavalcanti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3081	Blikzen	Mario Brandao Cavalcanti
8089	Sunday	Mario Brandao Cavalcanti
9193	Cartola	Ralph de Vasconcellos Rosa

No report.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE FLEET (377)**Dixie District****Sailing on Smith Mountain Lake at Scruggs, Virginia**

Fleet Captain	Henry Riviere
Fleet Secretary	Henry Riviere

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
651	Tarantelle	Franklin H. Pritchard, Jr.
8507	.....	Barry K. Goodwin
11871	Jabberwock	Henry W. Riviere

No report.

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)**Michigan District****Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan**

Fleet Captain	Robert MacDonald
Fleet Secretary	Jeanette MacDonald
Fleet Champion	Robert Hill
Runner-Up	William Celio

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3618	Big Mac	Robert MacDonald
5885	Red Baroness	Raymond Yerkie
8250	.....	Max R. Hoffman, Jr.
11488	Diligence	Robert Hill
12328	.....	William J. Celio

This year's Tune-up Regatta was the first regatta of the Southern Michigan Circuit. Hank Hodgson took first and Bob Knop second. There was a three-way tie for third among Mike Dow, David Furey, and Jack Tibbs. Mike Harvey was the best from the local fleet coming in ninth.

We have managed to sail around the dredge that has been working all summer to deepen the lake.

The Labor Day Regatta was fun because most of the Lightnings in the club were there. The results were marred by protests and appeals. However, it was a good season overall.

LAKE HARTWELL FLEET (391)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Secretary Jim Marlow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9379	Gael Wynd	P. Sandra Horton
10149	.....	C. L. Dalton
10432	Sea Gull	James Marlow, Jr.
10616	Foxy Lady	James R. Gasque
10807	Prurient Pirate	Ann B. & William R. Sloger, Jr.
11007	Blue Jeans	Kilby B. Smith, III
11738	Tabasco	William Sloger

No report.

MANITOWOC LIGHTNING FLEET (393)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Manitowoc, Michigan

Fleet Captain	Ron Schaper
Fleet Secretary	Bob Waid
Fleet Champion	Ron Schaper
Runner-Up	Karl Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2326	Inheritance	Walter C. Arndt
9763	Circa	Billie E. Williamson
9823	Hunky Dory	Robert A. Waid
10632	Jaws	Ronald Schaper
12179	Captain-C	David Wilhelm
12380	Flatus	Karl M. Miller

The summer of '79 marked another great season of racing on Lake Michigan for Fleet 393. Perennial Fleet Champion, Ron Schaper, with crew Tom Bennin and George Perry, did it again this year. It was close though. Karl Miller, with crew John Chadic and Kurt Miller, gave him a run for the silver right down to the last race.

The season opened with our own Icebreaker Regatta. Although lightly attended due to the uncertain weather on Lake Michigan in early June, the racing was close. Rick Larson from Sheboygan did his usual number on us and took first but Ron Schaper and Bob Waid were right on his rudder taking second and third respectively. Ron was so excited he armed himself with a fresh roll of duct tape and took fourth in the Evans Regatta on Green Bay two weeks later.

Manitowoc's Champs checking the water. Ready for the Icebreaker?



Racing in Fleet 393 is growing both in quality and quantity. Any one of the five crews in the fleet is capable of winning any race and we expect to add three new boats for 1980. There are enough war stories to keep the arguments flying around the yacht club all winter, but everyone is anxious for the ice to go off the big pond so we can get back on the field of battle.

ST. MARYS LIGHTNING FLEET (400)
Ohio District
Sailing on Grand Lake St. Marys, St. Marys, Ohio

Fleet Captain Addis Katterheinrich
Fleet Secretary Dr. Robert Wilkins
Fleet Champion Phil Cornett
Runner-Up Addis Katterheinrich

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6142	Indescribable	Steve Schieltz
9393	Follow Me	John Tilton
9884	Sandbagger	Bob Kruger
11515	.....	Roger Henkener
11777	.....	Dr. Robert Wilkins
12296	.....	Addis Katterheinrich
12620	.....	Philip M. Cornett
13412	.....	David Slabodnick

Our club races Portsmouth Handicap with all classes, however Lightnings almost dominated the top places of both series.

Results of series one: Cornett first; Katterheinrich, second; Tilton, third. Results of series two: Wilkins, first; Cornett, second; Kruger, third.

In addition to our club series, we held our annual Thundermug Regatta. The top four were: Jim Dressel, Addis Katterheinrich, Mark Wilkins, Ron Schulster.

We also hosted the Ohio District Championships, the results to be found elsewhere in the yearbook. However the top five were: Willy Petersilge, Bill Buckles, Rob Ruhlman, George Fisher and Jim Dressel.

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

GUANABARA (401)
Brazil District

Sailing on Baia de Guanabara at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fleet Captain Frederico G. Volpato Gama
Fleet Secretary Silvio Pinheiro Da Silva, Jr.
Fleet Champion Sergio Gilaberte

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5327	Xixinha	Marcio Sansao
6939	Fim de Papo	Elizabeth Anunciacao Chaves
7526	Volare	Newton Passos
8329	Tiorga VI	Silvio Pinheiro da Silva, Jr.
12382	Maneca	Frederico Gama & Keeis Albernaz
12472	Xiriana	Sergio Gilaberte

No report.

LAKE KEYSTONE LIGHTNING FLEET (402)
Central States District

Sailing on Lake Keystone at Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fleet Secretary G. C. Spillers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9470	Miss Jayne	Richard S. Bartlett
11111	Capricorn	G. C. Spillers, Jr.
11367	.....	Jack Zink
Life Member	.....	Stan Brander

No report.

PARKWAY SAILING CLUB (406)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on the Niagara River at Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Donald A. Boon
Fleet Secretary Donald A. Boon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5148	Evenlode	Donald A. Boon
6808	Cluthia II	Alan Stouffer
8033	Valium V	R. Filsinger
10125	.....	Graham Misner
10200	Brig-o-Don	D. Glenn
12300	Puffin	D. Smith

A season of "good" sailing weather on the Upper Niagara River was detrimental to the Lightning Fleet Championship series. With only one scheduled club race cancelled by inclement weather, the socially active Lightning sailors were too busy to be able to participate in a sufficient number of races to be able to meet the 60 percent requirement qualifying them for a Fleet Championship.

Des Smith won the final club handicap race of the season which earned him the Molson Award for winning the Commodore's Regatta. He finished ahead of 14 other boats, all Albacores and Fireballs.

Two Lightnings qualified for the Club Handicap Series, Des Smith finishing in a tie for sixth, while Dieter Weinmann ended the season in ninth place.

The annual Fleet meeting, which was a pool party at the Glenn's, and a Powder Puff race, followed by a spaghetti supper, which was sponsored by the Fleet, were both social successes, with the latter event being a financial one as well.

Six boats participated in the racing this year with three different boats winning at least one race; this made for some exciting and interesting matches. We hope it is an omen of better and more racing in 1980.

TRIAD LIGHTNING FLEET (415)

Southeastern District

Sailing on High Rock Lake at
Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet Captain Kenneth Lawder
Fleet Secretary Henry M. Boone
Fleet Champion Corky Gray
Runner-Up Henry M. Boone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4582	Galadriel	Stephen M. Murphy
6848	Ikon	Warren Osborne
8779	Gypsy	Meredith R. Nelson
9568	.....	Robert H. Proffitt & David Y. Pitts
9931	Virginia Creeper	K. A. Lawder, Jr.
10284	.....	David D. Addison
10723	The Patricia Ann	Frank Mills
10728	No Trump	Dr. William Montgomery
11027	Check-Mate	Sam Boone
12336	.....	William Pleasants & Scott Pleasants
12704	Special K	Gordon P. Kellogg
12776	Donnybrook	Clayton "Corky" Gray
12281	.....	Sam Boone
13140	.....	Henry M. Boone

Fleet 415 has had a building year with many of our good skippers having opted to sail the very active Southeastern District circuit. However, our winds were good this year and several new sailors are helping to improve our competition.

Our season started in April with eight Lightnings on line. As usual, Corky Gray led the pack with Len Lawder and his family pushing for second place, followed by Henry Boone and Ralph Mills.

In contrast, our second week-end of racing brought howling winds which kept most of the boats on shore. Henry Boone finding the winds too strong for a green crew sailed to win on main alone while others went swimming.

All in all, it was an up-and-down year with the fleet having some weak and some strong showings. Nevertheless, we are looking for a strong build-up for next year from our new sailors.

PENN MANOR LIGHTNING FLEET (422)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Van Sciver Lake at
Tullytown, Pennsylvania

Fleet SecretaryGerry Bell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10380	Hizakite	Gary Swangler
10766	Peachunk	Janet Hamm Cummons
11124	Swampy Skunk- bucket	Dwight Hutchison
11182	Menace II	George Dennis, Jr.

No report.

YACHT CLUB PAYSANDU FLEET (423)

Uruguay District
Sailing on Rio Uruguay at Paysandu, Uruguay

Fleet Captain C. Franchini
Fleet SecretaryRicardo Molenelli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8401	Rex	Carlos Franchini
8414	Timbo	Homero M. Came
8810	Taboba	Ricardo Molenelli
11376	Dirki	Homero R. Came

No report.

CLUB UNIVERSTORIO DE RAGATAS, LA PINTA (424)

Peru District
Sailing on Bay of Callao at Lima, Peru

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9977	Gerhard Jansen
10605	Enrique Conterno
10997	Luis A. Bryce
12515	Cantolao	Cesar Zanatti
12516	Felix Segura
12518	Luis Loli
12519	Jose Barrera-Moller
13316	Enrique Conterno

No report.

GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)

Southeastern District
Sailing on Charleston Harbor at
Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet CaptainGeorge Scarborough
Fleet SecretaryJanet Scarborough
Fleet ChampionGeorge Scarborough
Runner-UpPete Russell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9874	Beaho	Paul Hydrick
10355	School Bus	George Scarborough
10849	.....	Pat Kennedy
11004	.....	Frank Robson
11984	Bayamo	John Gervais & Michael P. Allred
12709	Second Wynd	Henry "Pete" Russell
13145	.....	Harold L. Hintz
13258	Schmoo	Leonard Krawcheck

This year the Greater Charleston Lightning Fleet showed great success. Lenny Krawcheck placed 1st in the Southeastern Districts at Camden. He was followed by fleet member Pete Russell in 3rd place. Lenny also captured the Southeastern District Circuit Championship. George Scarborough of the Charleston Fleet finished 3rd.

Pete Russell sailed in Dallas in the Worlds and finished 22nd, while

Lenny Krawcheck placed 23rd in the Blue Fleet of the North Americans.

The Second Annual Ice Breaker Regatta was a great way for skippers to warm up for the Deep South. Jeff Boyd of Canada won the event, which is held the weekend before Savannah.

Our Lightning Invitational in August was sailed in light wind. Sputter Howard won the regatta with consistent finishes of third, fifth, and seventh.

The Charleston Fleet has sponsored a special trophy. It is determined by finishes in our two open regattas and our invitational. The three events decide our Fleet Champion as well as stimulate fleet interest. George Scarborough won this first year and was followed by Pete Russell. Competition for the fleet trophy will be greater in 1980 with the addition of new skippers, Fred Martschink, Saul Krawcheck, and Jack Deas.

The Charleston Fleet extends our invitation to everyone interested in our Ice Breaker regatta and we look forward to hosting the 1980 Southeastern Districts.

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at
Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainDonald Gartland
Fleet SecretaryJames V. Accardi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7195	Sandpiper	William H. Lindsay, Jr.
12081	Hasta Luiego	Richard Claus
12687	White Lightnin'	Dr. C. James Kavle
12868	.....	J. Donald Gartland III & James Accardi
13158	Peaches goes Bananas	George Glenn III
13163	Shogun	Bud Hopkin
13359	.....	Robert J. LeFort
13380	.....	John J. Parker

No report.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)

Long Island District
Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton,
Long Island, New York

Fleet SecretaryRay Rumph

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Uncle Mills	Wally Carucci
7124	North Wind	Kent Ryberg
10299	Windy	Hugh Halsey II
10634	Coco II	Alex D. Irving
10865	Chinese Fire Drill	Ray & Tim Rumph
12123	.....	Lawrence Savetsky, M.D.
11399	Holy Cannoli	Ken Wright & Amenteo Fiore

No report.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)

Texas District
Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet CaptainRoger Wach
Executive Officer.....Lance Drewes
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Vernon Goldberg
Fleet ChampionStephen Craig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3498	.....	Robert V. Karnaugh
8157	Andale II	Irwin Grossman
9473	.....	David Card

10068	.....	Rick Bentley
10069	Excaliber	Brian Morgan
10211	Blue Angel	Sam Lett, Jr.
10275	Shang-Hi-Noodle-Factory	John Skiles
10289	.....	James P. Lewis
10318	Go For It	Clark & Sylvan Newman
10405	Grak	Bruce W. Hanover
10987	Blast Off	Harris Garrett
11028	Shikari	Peter Hunter
11046	.....	Vernon R. Goldberg
11114	.....	Byron Bynum
11118	.....	John Haynes
11311	Rockwall Success	Bob & Stewart Thomas
11817	Jewish Princess I	Harmon Cohen
11877	Water Log	Warren Lewis
11955	.....	Milo Johnson
11956	Shady Lady	Roger Wach
11957	.....	Mark Hallman
12052	Bewitched	Thomas D. DuBose, Jr.
12289	.....	Hal Ploch
12488	Coron	William C. Garrett
12834	Plop-Plop-Fizz-Fizz	Ann & Stan Wessell
12835	.....	Rick Tears
13100	.....	Sylvan Newman
13177	Desperado	John Schneider
13220	Trolley Dodger	Murray Benenson
13221	Rasputin	John McGown
13223	.....	Harold Ploch
13228	Too Bad	Lance Drews
13231	.....	Duncan Porter
13248	Horizon Job	Bob Chilton
13329	.....	Warren Lewis
13341	.....	Richard Guinan
13347	.....	George Hatfield
13350	Yankee Flyer II	Paul D. Emens
13365	.....	Sylvan Newman
.....	.....	C. Garrett
.....	.....	Jim & Stephen Craig

1979 was the Year of the Worlds for Rush Creek Yacht Club. Under the Co-chairmanship of Duncan Porter and Bob Thomas, we took great pride in hosting 53 boats from eight countries of what proved to be a great set of races. The winner was Glenn Darden from our own backyard in Fort Worth, and a very close second was Bill Shore. As we all know, the thing that makes a regatta a success is the women in the fleet, and we had an absolutely outstanding group—including Committee Chairmen Claudette Hatfield, Jeannie Craig, Eilene Guinan, Gail Thomas, Judy Grinnan, Regina Ploch, and quite a few others.

Our traditional Thanksgiving Regatta was better than ever because we got in all five races—under warm, sunny skies—for the first time in memory. Glenn Darden defended his world title form by coming in first, followed by Jim Carson, Bill Buckles, Bob Chilton, and Richie Stern.

One of the hottest sailors in the fleet continues to be Stephen Craig, who won the Junior North Americans—with crew Electra Thomas and Ira Johnson. On the local front, Stephen won the Rush Creek Group Championship and was also the local Fleet Champion for the second year in a row followed closely by Runner-up Bob Chilton. Special recognition has to go to Richard Guinan who sailed in every one of the fleet races this year.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

	Fleet Captain	.....	Sonny Gresham
	Fleet Secretary	.....	Paul F. Rodesiler
	Fleet Champion	.....	Wayne Catoe
	Runner-Up	.....	Paul Rodesiler
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper	
9402	.....	Tom Wilson	
11412	Somethin' Else	Wilburn Brewer	

11881	Procrastination	Stanley N. Jacques
11905	.....	S. C. Gresham
12401	Seetenfel III	Paul F. Rodesiler
12730	Miss Joyce VI	Tom Waters
12975	Sea Ya	Wayne B. Catoe
13002	Lite & Lively	Charles E. Gise
13005	Creme de la Creme	Preston Scott
13105	Foxy Lady Too	Donald A. Babb
.....	.....	Paul V. Ryan

Fleet 440 continues to be blessed with a wonderful sailing environment. 1979 provided us with moderate weather, fine breezes, and excellent competition. Our excellent location in the geographic center of the Southeastern District allows us easy access to all of the Lightning Regattas. Our climate permitted us to begin our season in early March following the Deep South and continued on through November culminating with the recognition of our new Fleet Champion, Wayne Catoe.

Numerous activities included fourteen fleet races, an invitational regatta, a fleet recruiting day, and a Lightning training weekend. Using the techniques brought to our club by USYRU Instructor, Dave Perry, we conducted a Friday through Sunday training session which provided learning for even our most experienced sailors. Our training weekend is now a permanent activity on our annual schedule.

An even more exciting activity was our first recruiting day to entice sailors to buy a Lightning. Paul Rodesiler began the day with a lecture-demonstration on the positive aspects of the Lightning over other boats. We raised all sails and conducted maneuvers on dry land. Twenty non-Lightning sailors participated. We then took our recruits on the water to give them a real-life experience. The winds were blowing about eighteen knots—great weather for novices. Our best sailor, due to a communication error, turtled his boat. He re-couped immediately by demonstrating how to right a Lightning and sail it dry to the amazement of his novice crew. Now we all know why Don Babb is our best sailor.

Southeastern District representation continued at a high level with members attending every District regatta. Our club hosted the 1979 SARYA Championship. We are pleased to congratulate Wilburn Brewer (11412) for winning second place out of eleven clubs represented with Lightnings.

We continued our active emphasis on growth, resulting in the addition of Bill Malin, Bill George, Chuck Minges, and Bondy Long to our fleet. Stan Jacques, our 1979 Fleet Captain, moved to Texas and, before he left, he recruited a new fleet member. We also have prospects for additional growth this winter and plan to concentrate on the acquisition of quality equipment for our prospective members.

Finally, we would like to sign off with an invitation to our Lightning Invitational in early May, 1980. Plan to shed the gray and cold of winter and join us next spring for a refreshing dose of Carolina wind and sunshine.

LAKE ARTHUR FLEET (441) Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Arthur at New Castle, Pennsylvania

	Fleet Captain	.....	David Knapp
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper	
4582	.....	Steve Murphey	
10081	C'Est La Vie	David R. Weill, III	
10241	Red Baron	J. Richard Porter	
10339	Landler	David V. Knapp	

After several years of inactivity our fleet is moving ahead again.

Our spring series started in early May and featured the Moraine Sailing Club's Spring Invitational Regatta. The Lightning Class was represented by six boats (six more than last year). Marshall Sansbury won the regatta which had mild temperatures and plenty of breeze. Our summer series gave us plenty of light air experience but the fall sailing was worth waiting for. We had a long beautiful indian summer in the Pittsburgh area and had ideal sailing conditions almost every weekend of September and October. Our fleet was well represented at the Sailing Club's Awards Banquet in November.

We're planning on more activity next year and always welcome visitors and new friends.



*Jockeying for position at the start of the Winter European Championship.
Photo by Crucitti*

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES (446)

Argentina District
Sailing on Waters of Rio De La Plata
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet Captain J. Manuel Irizar
Fleet Secretary J. Manuel Irizar
Fleet Champion J. Manuel Irizar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7768	Flamingo II	Heraldo Tramaglia
8814	Aguapey	Eduardo Batkis
9643	.....	Mario Abinzano
11035	Que Se Yo V	J. Manuel Irizar
11041	Flamingo III	Rolando L. Turrado
11042	Indio Juerte	Hugo Arazi & Horacio-Tettamanti
13360	.....	Anibal Gatti
13364	.....	Eduardo Batkis
13409	.....	Mario Abinzano

No report.

12221	Impossible	Dr. Jose M. Perez
12338	.....	Dieter Dyck
12557	Elsie	Ernesto Martinez
12768	.....	Dr. Ricardo Crespo

Fleet 447 was very active this year. Four crews participated early this year at the Regatta between Club Nautico del Muna and Club Nautico San Pablo held at Lake Pomine near Bogota. We enjoyed the hospitality very much, but had to contend ourselves with places sixth to ninth.

The next event was our Fleet Championship in April, which served at the same time for qualifying for the Annual Regatta between Ecuador and Peru, which this year happened to be at the San Pablo. A report was published in the July *Flashes*.

Activities started again after holidays with qualifiers for the next event, again Club Nautico del Muna-Club Nautico San Pablo, held at Lake San Pablo during the first week of November. This time Andres Lisocki took first back to Bogota; second was Lars Dyck followed by Martinez, Ramsurer, and Crespo all from San Pablo. From December 6-9, the District Championship will be sailed at San Pablo.

Dieter Dyck participated in the South American Championship in Ancon, Peru, and the Dunlop Regatta at Vina del Mar, Chile.

SAN PABLO FLEET (447)

Ecuador District
Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain Dieter Dyck
Fleet Secretary Dr. Rodrigo Perez
Fleet Champion Dieter Dyck
Runner-Up Mauricio Martinez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10114	Mario Ribadeneira
12097	Carlos Ramsurer

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Gianni Pellegrino
Fleet Secretary Roberto Crucitti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11325	Joker	Angelo Zerilli
12027	Wind	Vincenzo Linares
12061	Zaza	Gaspar Giacalone
12087	Milouin	Pietro Marino
12193	Joshua	Franco Riti



The gun has sounded and oh what swells!!

Photo by Crucitti

12831	.....	Giuseppe Grassi
12904	Wind II	Luca Grisotti
12905	Easy Wave	Rudolfo Loffredo
13035	Scirocco	Tino Pernice
13036	Lian II	Antonio De Vita & Gianni Pellegrino
13266	.....	Francesco Riti
13349	.....	Stefano Del Sordo
13414	.....	Roberto Crucitti
.....	.....	Alfonso Pastorino

This year, as in the past, we have had many important regattas in which many boats and crews have taken part. Among the most important we have to remember is the Campionato Siculo-Calabro which was won by De Vita and the Capo Boeo's Cup won by De Vita. Perhaps the most interesting race was the Winter Criterium in which our Swiss friends participated and succeeded in getting the first positions. Our fleet this year is going to be modernized and new boats are almost ready for the new competitions.

Robert Crucitti participated in the Worlds in Dallas.

photo caption

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

Fleet Captain	.....	Bob Foster
Fleet Secretary	.....	Clinton P. Carhart
Fleet Champion	.....	George Place, Jr.
Runner-Up	.....	Bob & Lynn Foster

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
67	Nuclear Phyllis	Richard Hoddinott
70	.....	Stefan M. Pakulski
82	Slain Lat	Clinton Carhart
7896	Mirage	Bob Foster
9980	Countess II	Peter J. Leadley, M.D.
10830	.....	Charles M. Jackson
12194	Phoebe	George Place

The Androscoggin Fleet out of Wayne, Maine had a total of 11 races this summer with five or six boats, out of a seven-fleet total competing each week. George Place in *Phoebe* retained his Fleet Championship for another

year, with Fleet Captain Bob Foster as runner-up again. They are hard to beat, but we all keep trying. In one race Carhart in *Slain-Lat* picked up two places by a short cut behind a rock ledge, with the opponents claiming he unfairly used local knowledge. At least, that was the beer talk afterwards!! Poor weather caused three weeks of cancellations but we made them up by having five races the last two weekend. Clint Carhart was out of action in July with a bad back but managed a tie for fourth overall thanks to a fair showing in the Labor Day sails. All in all, it was a good season.

It ended on a sad note on Labor Day Weekend when *Slain-Lat* began to leak badly after some tight sailing, and when she was hauled, severe rot was discovered along one chine with three ribs gone as well. The cost of repairs is prohibitive, so #82 is laid to rest. (ILCA please note.) There is a possibility of a bare hull being available, so with 82's mast and fittings, *Slain-Lat II* may be sailing in 1980. We all hope so.

FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453)

Italian District

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy

Fleet Captain	.....	Paolo Rosi
Fleet Secretary	.....	Fabio Nicchiarelli
Fleet Champion	.....	Franco De Regis
Runner-Up	.....	Sauro Sarpocchi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8621	Lilian	Paolo Nebbiai
9953	Fifi	Paolo Barbacci
10916	Corsaro Biondo	Sauro Sarpocchi
11244	Winny I	Paolo Barbacci & Francesco Coscia
12059	Arcnames	Fabio Nicchiarelli
12297	Gargantua	Franco & Massimo De Regis
12968	.....	Mauro Salvetti
13061	Lola	Mauro Salvetti
13062	Winny 2	Paolo Rosi

For Fleet 453, 1979 has been a very binding but also a very interesting and pleasant year.

From April 23-27, we hosted the Italian Championship which was splen-



Fabio Nicchiarelli in 12059 takes the lead.

didly organized by Club Velico Trasimeno. For the adverse atmospheric conditions, the regatta was very pressing as crews and boats had to work very hard.

Merola — Lo Sardo — Lo Sardo won the Championship, but the level of improvement of the mid-fleet was remarkable.

Franco De Regis, Sergio Rustichelli, and Stefano Rosi are the Champions of Fleet 453; they gained the Moratti Trophy and took fifth place at the Italian's (a very good result!).

THUNDERSEE LIGHTNING FLEET (454)

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Thoun

Fleet Captain P. Gerber
Fleet Secretary Jurg Haudenschild

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9354	E. Bechter-Muller
12067	U. Kasper
12302	B. Kunzli
12304	T. Bichsel
.....	P. Aellen
.....	P. Gerber

No report.

KLAMATH LIGHTNING FLEET (455)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Klamath Lake at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Fleet Secretary Bill Sisemore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11151	Saxy	Kenneth White
11428	Late Charge	Dick Marlatt
12093	Hutser's Hornet	Larry & Suzanne Gaye
13029	This Side Up	Bill Sisemore
13106	.....	Dick Marlatt

No report.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain Juhani Haila
Fleet Secretary Tuula Haila
Fleet Champion Lauri Hamalainen
Runner-Up Heikki Kirjavainen
B-Champion Heikki Kirjavainen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7178	Orkari	Lauri Kitinoja & Martti Kirjavainen
9438	Kulkuri	Kalevi Siiskonen
10664	Old Lady	Pentti Laitinen
10668	Lady Bird	Pekka Hongisto & Tuomo Kauhanen
11527	Papillon	Heikki Leikoski
12258	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
12434	.....	Leo Manninen
12435	Punkku	Antti Aromaa
12748	.....	Juhani Haila
12750	Obelix	Ilkka Saari
12761	VIP	Vesa Tapola
12762	OHO	Antti Tapola
12909	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
.....	.....	Jarmo Maenpaa
13413	.....	Pertti Pyy

The past year has been full of action for Fleet 456. During the winter we



B-Champion. Heikki Kirjavainen, with his crew at the Europeans.

Photo Credit — Martti Kirjavainen

had our monthly meetings full of sailing theory and happy time together. In March, Ritva and Pertti Pyy took a flight to Florida after they had been looking at our sailing water covered by two feet of ice and three feet of snow for three months. They sailed the Mid-Winters at Savannah, Sanford, and St. Petersburg, and their crew was the Laitinen family.

Our biggest regatta, On the Rocks, was hosted in the middle of May and between the races we had a very successful grill party.

Pertti Pyy and Hartti Nisonen represented the Finnish District in the Worlds. But most of our skippers aimed at the Finnish and European Championships held in Kotka and Helsinki, not far from our sailing water. In the Districts, *Punkku* and *V.I.P.* took gold in the team race and *Punkku* skippered by Heikki Kirjavainen was third in the personal competition, an excellent result for a team sailing Lightning for their first season. In the Europeans, Fleet 456 had 12 boats among the 46 total. I suppose that it is a record in its class! The best was again *Punkku* at sixth place. *Asterix* skippered by Hartti Nisonen was tenth. Our Fleet also organized maybe the most tasteful evening party during the European Championships.

We have gotten three new hulls during the past season, the last one from America is the newest one for the family Pyy.

Well, we have had a very busy time and now we are collecting energy for next season.

GRANITE LAKE FLEET (457)

New England District

Sailing on Granite Lake at Keene, New Hampshire

Fleet Secretary Ronald Lyon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3394	Wettagin	Byron Tucker

6308	Windfall II	Ronald E. Lyon
7420	Bull	James D. Ewing & George T. Kingsbury
8480	Ketch-Ya-Lata	Mark L'Heureux
9525	.....	Ronald L'Heureux
10683	Bafa	Bert Dardani

No report.

UNION LAKE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (458)

Michigan District

Sailing on Union Lake at Union Lake, Michigan

Fleet Commodore	.....	Fred Paski
Fleet Secretary	.....	Carol Hachlinski
Fleet Champion	.....	Fred Paski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2884	For Sail	Don Farmer
10388	The Red Baron	Ray Aird
11090	Turtle IV	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
11216	.....	Dale Mahrle
12288	Brian's Song II	Brian Hussey
12534	Go Blue	John Crawford
12645	Luff Affair	Ron Sievertson
12891	Rainbow Sunday	Ralph Waibel
12927	.....	Erwin Schwarze
12928	Limelighter	Fred Paski
13397	.....	Brian Hussey

We had a very successful season with a change in our format. We were hosts for a Michigan District Invitational Regatta for the FIRST time in our 10 year history. The turnout was a very good 17 boats, not bad for a first time regatta. The winds were very cooperative especially for the second day with gusts up to 35-40 mph. There were not too many chutes flying, but Henry Hodgson came flying thru to take first prize.

Our Club Championship was sailed during the 4th of July holidays and the winner was our Commodore, Fred Paski.

Two special regattas were sponsored by The Little Brown Jug Tavern and Magoo's Tavern. The Brown Jug Regatta was sailed in August and was won by Dale Mahrle. The Magoo's Regatta was sailed during Labor Day weekend and the winner was Brian Hussey. A good time was had by all at both regattas, particularly the beer drinkers. Fleet 458 is looking forward to hosting their second Michigan District Invitational during 1980 and we extend a cordial welcome to all Lightning skippers and crew.

WATEREE LIGHTNING FLEET (459)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wateree Lake at Camden, South Carolina

Fleet Captain	.....	Hal Storey
Fleet Secretary	.....	Robert Rowan
Fleet Champion	.....	Hal Storey
Runner-Up	.....	Robert Rowan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10516	Lucky Strike	Harold J. Storey
10599	Lightning Bug	Frank W. Oglesby
11553	Nan-Sea	Samuel J. Cheek
11821	Iron Butterfly	Robert A. Rowan
11914	Seven C's	William Canniff
12742	Gail Wind	William S. Marshall

This year Fleet 459 was privileged to host the Southeastern Districts on June 8-10, for twenty-two Lightnings. A different skipper won each of the four races. The quality of the competition is demonstrated by the fact that nine of the top ten competitors are former North American Championship sailors, and the tenth won last year's Atlanta Cup. Lenny Krawcheck, from Charleston, took top honors, closely followed by Sam Cheek. Bill Marshall, with ninth, was our other top ten representative. We initiated a special trophy this year for the boat placing highest with a non-oval mast. Bill Canniff, finishing seventeenth, won it.

The majority of our sailing has been done at home this year, primarily in club handicap races. We did muster a Lightning fleet for the First Annual Wateree Sailing Club Fall Intraclub Regatta. Hal Storey placed first, Bob Rowan second, and Bill Canniff third.

Two of our tigers will be missing next year. Bill Marshall moved and joined the Lake Murray Club, and Frank Oglesby "graduated" to a San Juan 21.

We anticipate sailing in Sunday club races through most of the winter, and joining the Lightning Circuit for the Deep South next spring.

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Southeastern District

Sailing on St. John's River at Jacksonville, Florida

Fleet Secretary Clifford Spohr

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4226	.....	Pen Smith
7737	.....	John Zitco
8746	Aurora	David Backus, Jr.
8822	Predator	Ralph Suhm
11205	.....	Al Miller
12293	Renaissance	Clifford Spohr
13010	Eye Eye Sir	Dr. Tully Patrowicz

No report.

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462)

Brazilian District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Albert G. Lunnerdal
Fleet Secretary Thomas Sumner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6558	.....	Jens Ruschmann
8602	Surprise	John Scott
8795	Juriti II	Paul P. Bolesen
9284	Malandro II	Francisco Del Re Netto
11693	Easy Rider	Thomas Sumner
11713	Xamego	Nelson Schmitt
12489	Phreskura	Albert Arnesen & Arne S. Arnesen, Jr.
12812	Flash Rider	Michael A. Norris

No report.

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)

Southeastern District

Sailing at Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

Fleet Captain Vivian Hollinshed
Fleet Secretary Bob Ames
Fleet Champion Charles Andrews
Runner-Up Vivian Hollinshed

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5564	Spiritus	Steve Small
11898	.....	Tom Hollinshed, Jr.
12798	Esperanza II	Robert G. Ames
12936	Lulu	Charles B. Andrews
13451	.....	Robert G. Ames

It has been a rather quiet summer sailing-wise. Due to the press of business and other things, I was unable to make more than two races. However, another old friend did not get into the water at all — that makes three seasons.

The highlight of the season was again our Annual District Lightning Regatta — highlights of which can be read in the *Flashex*.

We hope 1980 will be a better sailing season for Fleet 463.

**LAKE MONROE SAILING ASSOCIATION
LIGHTNING FLEET (464)
Indiana District
Sailing on Lake Monroe at Bloomington, Indiana**

Fleet Secretary Joe Mihelick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7223	Hannabelle	Dr. Austin Gardner
12676	Hansom Transom	Ron Shea
12746	Thunder "N"	Joe Mihelick
13108	.....	Howard Lickerman

**FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)
Italian District
Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Numana, Ancona,
Falconara and Senigallia**

Fleet Captain Lino Moroni
Fleet Secretary Renzo Bozzi
Fleet Champion Alberto Vivani
Runner-up Bruno Roccheggiani

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9308	Agata	Bruno Roccheggiani & Andriano Pelonara
9602	Kandahar	Fausto Gherlantini
12427	Julia III	Alberto Vivani & Elvio Moroni
13346	.....	Bruno Roccheggiani



The beaches of Falconara near Ancona.

This year has been a very fine year for the Conero Fleet. In fact, we have seen a radical transformation. The new direction has provided to change the interests of the fleet members.

The Conero Fleet is becoming more representative among the other fleets in Italy. Young boys who use other boats are beginning to take interest in

the Lightning. Other Lightnings are coming to sail at Falconara and new skippers want to buy the Lightning. These things have contributed to the success of Conero Fleet. We have two crews at the highest and best positions at National level. They are Vivani and Roccheggiani.

In June 1979, the Fleet organized the First Middle Adriatic Trophy Regatta. Sailing would be done on the sea in front of the beaches of Falconara (near Ancona). The attendance was great, 21 boats, even though we had a few problems running the races (wind, rough sea). Vivani - Moroni - Armeni (Falconara) won this regatta followed by DeRegis - Nicchiarelli - Rustichelli (Trasimeno Lake), Poeti - Massaccesi - Massaccesi (Senigallia), Roccheggiani - Bozzi - Favi (Falconara), Scarpocchi - Scarpocchi - Roberti (Trasimeno Lake).

We hope 1980 will be a wonderful year for this young Fleet.

**FLOTTA DEL LARIO (467)
Italian District
Sailing at Gravedona on Lake of Como
North Italy**

Fleet Captain Luigi Guicciardi
Fleet Secretary Luca Grisotti
Fleet Champion Claudio Motti
Runner-Up Luca Grisotti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8618	Teresa	Renato Peona
8619	Cecilia	Carlo Lampugnani
8702	Lolita	Luigi Guicciardi
9450	Larus	Claudio Motti
9676	Mazzagallo	Ambrogio Dell'Era
12904	Molana 2d	Luca Grisotti
13348	Lady White	Luigi Pellegrini
	Tina	

This year, for the first time, two of our fleet boats, with many supporters, attended the Italian Championship in Trasimeno. This was a very cold and windy spring — so the heroes, in spite of a certain reputation of being scouts and skiers, had many shivers. Nevertheless, Motti finished ninth and Grisotti finished eleventh. Both were pleased and raced to the hot baths.

Our season burst out like the thunderstorms of early evening in the beginning of August. Luca Grisotti astonished the crowd by winning the "Domaso Cup" with over 65 boats participating and within the time allowance. Shortly afterwards, no less than three of our skippers, Grisotti, Pellegrini, and Motti placed in the huge fleet of 92 boats at Gravedona. These boats had come to Gravedona from all over to compete in the "Menotti Cup", another handicap. Motti was not content with winning the Fleet Championship, as he did last year; now he possesses the "Tolometti Cup" winning over 25 boats and also sailed under handicap. This cup was donated five years ago to the club for its Championship.

Let us now come to the "highlight" of our season, the "De Marzi Trophy" Regatta sailed annually between the Swiss and the Italians. As night-fall began on the evening of August 30, our friends from Trasimeno, Ancona, Garda, Zurich, and surrounding areas began to fill the Caffè Centrale, our usual meeting place.

It was dawn when De Regis reached the small harbor and by one o'clock the next day all of the 14 contestants were ready and on the starting line. A fantastic breeze blew from the south during the whole series resulting in pleasant 19 to 20 knot winds. Vivani won both races which were sailed back to back.

In the evening a merry gang of sailors met at Ristotante Pescatori where we enjoyed the fishes of the Lake and the wines of Valtellina. Following our dining we gathered at the club to view the film, "Quarant'anni". This film was produced last year by ourselves. The guests were very fond of the beautiful pictures and enjoyed the "gags" too.

The next day Vivani repeated his victory. He is a clever and skillful skipper and his heavy and tall crew is at the top in our European competition. However, we did see many good sailors: the terrific Motti's and Roccheggiani's and Nicchiarelli winning back ground made a great sensation. Vivani was the winner over Weilenmann, Roccheggiani and Motti. His victory this year was more important than the one of the Italian District because of the short weight of the Swiss team.

At the trophy presentation, our dear friend Schraner promised that he would spread the good news of Gravedona among the Swiss Mountains. In fact, they cannot help loving this village, this wind and these people.

VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)

Finland District

Sailing on Lakes Mallasvesi and
Vanajavesi, Valkeakoski, FinlandFleet Captain Veikko Ylarakkola
Fleet Secretary Pertti Jalonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12481	Sea Horse II	Pertti Jalonen
12992	.....	Aimo Jokiniemi

No report.

CHANDLERS LANDING YACHT CLUB (473)

Texas District

Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Secretary Dave Irwin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11957	Mark Hallman
12289	Harold Ploch
13100	Sylvan Newman
13212	Dave Irwin
13223	Harold Ploch
13347	George Hatfield
13365	Sylvan Newman

No report.

CASCO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (471)

New England District

Sailing on Casco Bay at Portland, Maine

Fleet Secretary Dave White

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1058	Gregory Maxwell
1644	Granville Dyer
4903	Steve Kennedy
10196	Dave White
12233	George & Jay Huettl
12364	John Tarling

No report.

ESCUELA NAVAL MILITAR ARGENTINA (474)

Argentina District

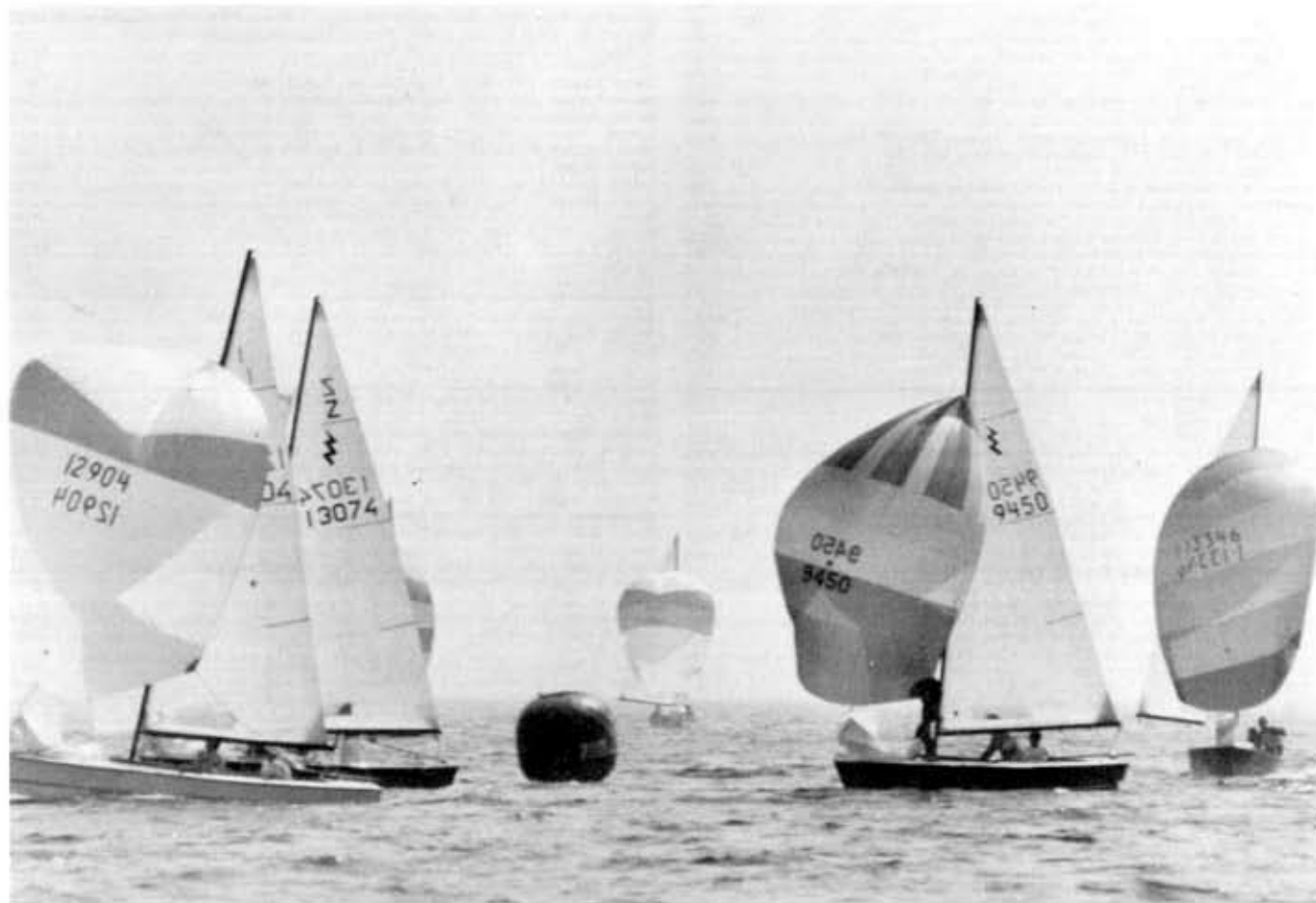
Sailing on Rio Santiago at La Plata, Argentina

Fleet Captain Lcdr. Luis A. Garcia
Bourimborde

Fleet Secretary Lt. Jorge E. Souto

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13292	Escuela Naval Militar
13294	Argentina
13295	"
13297	"

No report.



Rounding the leeward mark during the DeMarzi Trophy Regatta.