

LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Algarrobo	318	Galway Lake	338	Massabesic Y.C.	273
Ancon Y.C.	264	Grand Traverse Y.C.	326	Mayfield Y.C.	13
Androscoggin Lightning Fleet	450	Granite Lake Fleet	457	Memphis	274
Annisquam	151	Great Egg Harbor	99	Merrimac River Fleet	121
Armada Del Ecuador	411	Great Sodus Bay	108	Metedeconck River	34
Atwood Lake	212	Great South Bay	178	Milwaukee	69
Awosting Yacht Sq.	95	Greater Charleston	429	Mission Bay	194
Barnegat Light Y.C.	335	Green Bay	112	Mississinewa Reservoir	420
Bay Head Y.C.	3	Greenwich Cove	7	Mobile Bay	135
Belle Haven Y.C.	7	Guarapiranga Lake	462	Morgan City	443
Biscayne Bay	226	Guayaquil	272	Muncie Sailing Club	460
Black Rock Y.C.	17	Gull Lake	137		
Bombay Harbour Lightning Fleet	451	Harbor Lake Y.C.	262	Nasijarvi	394
Bomoseen Y.C.	227	Harraseeket	244	Neahtawanta Y.C.	403
Bracciano Fleet	479	Harveys Lake Lightning Fleet	350	New Orleans	209
Brant Beach	173	Hawaii	143	Newport Y.C.	77
Brockport	267	Helsinki	166	Niagara S.C.	59
Buckeye Lake	43	Henderson Harbor	225	Niantic Bay	85
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Higgins Lake	110	Noroton	134
Buffalo Y.C.	81	High Tor	41	North East River	192
Burnham Park Y.C.	56	Higuerillas	342	Northeast Y.C.	207
		Hoover Y.C.	353	Nyack	75
Capricornio	319	Housatonic Boat Club	6		
Carlyle Sailing Association	266			Ocean City Y.C.	430
Casco Bay	471	Iate Clube de Brasilia	375	Odd Winds	296
Catawba	365	Indian Harbor	7	Old Port Yacht Club	
Cedar Lightning Fleet	478	Indian Lake	23	Lightning Fleet	477
Cedar Point	126	Indian River Y.C.	72	Okanagan	368
Centerboard Y.C.	14	Indianapolis Sailing Club	270	Olivos	206
Chandlers Landing Y.C.	473			Oulu	307
Chautauqua Lake	19	Jamsan	469		
Chautauqua	198	Jardim Guanabara	401	Palmetto	440
Chelsea Y.C.	39	Jayhawk	60	Parkway S.C.	406
Chequesset	280	Jyvaskylan	328	Parthenon	286
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	5			Paupack Sailing	16
Chinook	229	Kemin	310	Penn Manor Fleet	422
Clark Lake Sail Club	475	Keuka Lake	252	Pentwater Y.C.	340
Clarks Hill	257	Klamath Lightning Fleet	455	Perry Lightning Fleet	438
Club de Yates Pucon	482	Kotka	298	Peruvian Naval School	452
Club Lago San Pablo Fleet	447			Pontiac Y.C.	54
Club Nautico del Calima	419	Lake Arthur	441	Pontoosuc	417
Club Nautico del Muna	73	Lake Champlain	301	Porin	306
Club Regattas Lima	261	Lake Davenport	167	Pultneyville Y.C.	61
Club Universitario Buenos Aires	446	Lake Delta Yacht Club	4	Pymatuning Y.C.	36
Club Universitario de Regatas	265	Lake Fenton Y.C.	53	Pyhaselka Lightning Fleet	428
Columbia	283	Lake Geneva S.C.	345		
Conneaut Lake	180	Lake Greifensee	309	Raahe	308
Cowan Lake	303	Lake Hartwell	391	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	70
Crescent Sail Y.C.	51	Lake Keystone	402	Red Dragon Canoe Club	357
Cuba Lake	115	Lake Lanier	348	Red Jacket	125
		Lake Mohawk Y.C.	25	Rehoboth	325
Dallas Corinthian	35	Lake Monroe Sailing Association	464	Riverside	7
Decatur	74	Lake Murray	341	Riverton Y.C.	228
Delfino Fleet	480	Lake Washington	132	Rocky Point	7
Del Faro	390	Lansing S.C.	387	Rock River	71
Devil's Lake	31	Le Spezia	321	Roma	271
Douglas Lake	374	LaVallette	104	Royal Hamilton Y.C.	118
		Leatherlips Y.C.	27	Royal Lake of the Woods	320
Escuela Naval Militar Argentina	474	Lega Navale Italiana	312	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	215
		London	347	Rush Creek	435
Flotilha de Lightning de Niteroi	351	Loviisa	299		
Flotilha de Lightning de Florianopolis	162	Madison Beach	129	Sabazia	381
Flotilha de Lightning de Pernambuco	373	Manitowoc	393	Saginaw Bay	216
Flotta de Anzio	278	Mansfield	150	St. John's River	461
Flotta del Conero	466	Maple Bay Y.C.	64	St. Marys	400
Flotta del Lario	467	Marblehead Harbor	189	Salamis Fleet	251
Flotta Del Savio	476	Marine Corps D & E Command	354	Salinas Y.C.	405
Flotte del Garda	249	Marsala Lightning Fleet	449	San Francisco Bay	372
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	169	Marvilla Lightning Fleet	235	Sandy Beach Y.C.	78
Flotte Murtensee	358			Santa Monica Bay	102
				Sao Paulo	147

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Sassafras River	314	Tawas Bay	152	Waccamaw Fleet	463
Savannah	127	Temple Reef S.C.	279	Wake Lightning Fleet	481
Sempachersee	250	Thousand Islands	382	Washington	50
Severn River	329	Tippecanoe Lake S.C.	425	Waterce	459
Sheboygan	187	Toledo	42	Wawasee Y.C.	154
Shreveport	175	Toronto Bay	146	Western Connecticut	7
Silver Lake Y.C.	47	Trasimeno	453	Western Narragansett Bay	119
Skaneateles Country Club	1	Triad	415	Willow Bank Y.C.	164
Smith Mt. Lake	377	Turkeyfoot Lake	33		
Southampton	431	Tuusulanjarri Lightning Fleet	456	Yacht Club de Chile	317
South Haven Y.C.	30			Yacht Club Olivos	356
South Skaneateles Lightning Association	439	Union Lake Y.C.	458	Yacht Club Paysandu	423
Spofford Lake	145	Universitario de Regatas	424	Yacht Club Peruano	265
Squam Lake	332				
Surf City	196	Valkea Kosken	468	Zig Zig Yacht Club	277
Susquehanna	253	Vancouver	90	Zurich	219
Syros Island	465				



FINLAND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP "Riuttasaari"

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Lightning Fleets

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain & Secretary Robert B. O'Brien, Jr.
Fleet Champion Bob Adams
Runner-Up Jim Simpson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11569	.....	Bay Head Yacht Club
11908	Envy	Robert & Thayer Adams
12210	Ensayo	James Simpson
13333	.....	Bob O'Brien, III
Life Member	.....	Mrs. Kenneth Miller

Lightning sailing at Bay Head Yacht Club continued to show a revitalization during the summer of 1980. The Adams family, led by Tay and Bob, campaigned actively on both the state and national level while participating actively in the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Summer Series. Jim Simpson and Bobby O'Brien also sailed in key reginal races held in home waters.

A hopeful sign was the resurgence of Lightning racing in the Bay Head Yacht Club. Several Sunday races were held. Among the juniors there is evidence of increased interest in Lightning sailing, particularly among children of established Lightning skippers. This, plus the appearance of a new boat or two bodes well for Lightning sailing in 1981.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain Jerry O'Kane
Fleet Secretary Donna House
Fleet Champion Gordon Ettie
Runner-Up Fred House

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5133	XPG	Fred Bell
8541	Colombian	G. Thomas Ditman
9591	Scram	Tom Blount
9957	Comin'	John Walter
10250	Z-Boat	Bill Zamzow
10721	T.N.T.	Tom Tambling
10930	Fission	Bob Smither
11446	Frolic	Dick Hinze
11556	Goose	H. A. Briele, Jr.
12034	Willy	William L. Marting
12136	Ya Hoo	Vince Camarda
12220	Razorback	W. R. Wynn
12283	Midette	Dennis A. Burke
12830	Gotcha	Robert Monnette & Gail Norstrom II
13103	Harmony	Cyril J. Touff & Tom Howell
13268	Sweet Pea	Roger & Martin G. Seitz
13377	Sazerae	Gordon Ettie
13426	.....	Fred G. House
.....	.....	Bud Wilson
.....	.....	Richard Stearns

To the casual observer, the 1980 sailing season at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club appeared to be the same as any other.

The Fleet Championship series was sailed by an active cadre of 10-15 boats, and the other series attracted about the normal, or slightly above-normal turnout. While Bill Crowell, Bill Marting and Bud Wilson were lost to other fleets, four newcomers, Vince Camarda, Tom Considine, Jim Jackson, and Richard Stearns joined the "happy" throng. The weather didn't cooperate very well with twelve races of thirty-two scheduled blown or fogged out. However, the social hours so common at CCYC helped soothe the mental anguish of non-racing dates.

So, then, if everything is so normal, what is this undercurrent, this black spectre in certain sailor's dreams, those resigned looks! Perhaps a brief look at the secret inner thoughts, laments, vendettas of certain fleet members of Fleet 5 will tell us what is *really* going on.

"DAMN YOU GORDON ETTIE!!! DAMN YOU!!!" — hissed Fred House to himself. "By one point he wins the Fleet Championship. By one point! It just isn't fair! I sailed well. That one lousy race when I let Dick Hinze and Roger Seitz get to the lifted side first. Next year I'll be Fleet Champion, just wait 'til next year. Maybe he'll go to school for two months. Of course if he does, Derrick will just win! Next year!" To a lesser extent, similar dark thoughts cross the minds of third and fourth-place winners, Dick Hinze and Roger Seitz, who were within one point of each other. "Next year!" Bill Wynn who took fifth place is, however, all smiles. He just collects his fifth-place silver with characteristic modesty.

"Fred House, back under your rock!" broods John Walter. All I had for competition in last year's Moonbeam (Wednesday night series) was that turkey Norstrom! Now Fred gets his new boat and he's out every bloody night. Look at this — six first for House. And when he doesn't win, Tom Hennessey does. Thank God *he* only shows up half the time! However, Tom was a strong third. Maybe a new boat. Next year."

"And they said the Old Grey Fox couldn't do it again. Four bullets. Count 'em," muttered Dick Hinze to himself (his normal speech pattern), reflecting upon winning the Corinthian Series. "True, young Dennis Burke gave a game show with a second place finish and if Roger Seitz (third) or Fred House (fourth) had shown up more, I would have had some small problem. However, they didn't and I prevailed. I would have won anyway! They thought they were so smart. Just wait 'til Next Year."

"Z Boat, Z Boat," cheered the Lady Zamzows collectively, and Bill Zamzow individually. "First place silver in the Ding Dong!!! Buck Wynn was tough, *but remember the last race*. Me first, him second. Love it! — Love it! — Love it!" Bill Wynn brooded silently to himself. "Purple boats do sink. Next year." Cy Touff just looked at the standings and tried to think of the spot to put his third-place trophy.

Dark thoughts? Evil plans? Well, maybe for now. Meanwhile, all winter long the "go fasts" are improved, books read, hulls polished, and sails bought. But as soon as our mild Chicago winter breaks in July or August, they'll be at it again ——— "DAMN YOU GORDON ETTIE!!! DAMN YOU!!!"

HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB (6)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Secretary Linda Hays

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6013	Scamp II	William Kidd
10746	How Cum	Richard N. W. Hayes, Sr.
11674	Sail-on	Vaughan Lee
12119	Citiboy	Theodore J. Dombroski
Life Member	.....	Edward R. Olsen

No report.

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)

Lake Erie District

Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Robert M. Dobmeier
Fleet Secretary Norb Wrobel
Fleet Champion Stu Anderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
7549	.....	Robert J. Woepel
7830	LTB	John T. Gentry
8510	Ra	William R. Potter
9373	Putt Putt	Mark Bryant
10006	Dirty Duck	Matt Bryant, Jr.
10031	Restless	William Hughes

10303	Y'All	Matthew J. Masterson
10356	Spirit	Robert & David Fretz
10565	Blue Moon	Matt Bryant Sr.
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11000	Thermis XI	Karl Smither & Robert Dobmeier, Jr.
11126	Air Bear	David C. Duchscherer
11450	.....	Mark Bryant
11702	Glockenspiel III	Stuart Anderson
12445	Trooper	Matthew D. Georger
12729	Berry III	Ed Roseberry
12770	.....	C. O. Jones, Jr.
12802	Westwind III	Thomas M. Ward
13265	Schuss	Douglas Oak
13366	Firecracker	John Swanson
13398	.....	Jack Sparpe
13411	.....	Thomas G. & Anne Allen, III
13510	.....	Thomas G. & Anne Allen
13511	.....	Tom Allen, IV
.....	.....	Francis M. Huffman
.....	.....	Doug Heussler
.....	.....	Dr. John Kostecki
.....	.....	Jeff Blatt

Things got underway in spring with a Fleet 12 Party and election, hosted by Mat and Chris Georger. Officers for the year were Mat Georger, Treasurer; Paul Niederlander, Secretary; and Bob Dobmeier, Fleet Captain. Plans were discussed for a very busy season of races and regattas.

The schedule this year was unusual due to the many regattas and the North Americans being on the West Coast. The Eby Series was consolidated on an experimental basis to one weekend. The major "heavy racing" was completed by mid July. The Hussey and Lightning Championship Series were raced over three day weekends and were like mini regattas. Eighteen boats contended for the Club Championship held over the 4th of July weekend. Stu Anderson is the Fleet Champion.

Jeff Batt was a regular on the race course this year. Both Jeff and his crew Mike Brock have ordered new Allen Lightnings for next season. There's enthusiasm! The Swanson Family were all sailing. John, Jody, and Jill all had a lot of stick time. We missed Eddie Roseberry who was sidelined with an eye injury most of the season.

The Wednesday night series was popular again this year. Jan Shoemaker, Don Masterson, and Jeff Batt were regulars. Jill Swanson won the Meyers Memorial, Bob Fretz was second, and Mat Georger was third. The Mother Carey (Ladies) Series had a real thrill this year. The finish of the first race coincided perfectly with 130 cruising boats rounding the same mark in the Mayor's Cup. When all was said and done, Susie Fretz took top honors, followed by Peggy Roberts and Bobby Barlow.

Fleet 12 sponsored the Lake Erie Districts which attracted 42 boats. Fleet 12, Buffalo Canoe Clubbers, dominated the Juniors, Ladies, and District! Tommy Allen, Jr. of the BCC took top honors in the Juniors followed by Andy Hunter and Ian Jones. The Ladies' race was a real contest with Cherie Neville just nosing out Brenda Allen for first place, while Judy Walker came in third.

Lake Erie District Champion is Larry McDonald, BCC. Jim Neville was second and Tom Allen was third. A number of Fleet 12 members packed up and went to the North Americans, namely, Larry McDonald, Jr., Tom Allen, Sr., and Jr., Mark Bryant, and Stu Anderson. A guy named Mark Bryant came back with all the silver as North American Champion!

Fleet 12 was active during the Youth Worlds; it was run excellently by Jack Swanson. Fleet 12 sponsored a traditional hot dog roast for the foreign contestants. Members of the fleet donated their Lightnings, time, and talents to make the Youth Worlds a great success. And, it was won by Ian Jones of the BBC.

In summary, Fleet 12 has the reigning North American Champion, Mark Bryant; the reigning Ladies' North American Champion, Brenda Allen; the Youth World Champion, Ian Jones; and the Canadian Open and District Champion, Larry McDonald, Jr. We're tough!

MAYFIELD YACHT CLUB (13) Central New York District Sailing on Great Sacandaga Lake Mayfield, New York

Fleet Captain William Schultz
Fleet Secretary Ric Klug

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12130	Viva	Sam Folger

12379	.....	Robert Klug
12636	Kittiwake	Edgar F. Koenig
13251	The Engineer	Ric Klug
.....	.....	Walter Ryan

No report.

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB (14) New England District Sailing on Casco Bay South Portland, Maine

Fleet Secretary Granville H. Dyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1644	Ginger III	Grandville H. Dyer
12233	Cormorant	George J. Heuttl

No report.

PAUPACK FLEET (16) Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains at Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Stan Moldawsky
Fleet Secretary Joe Mark
Fleet Champion Franz Schneider
Runner-Up John Rowley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5380	Chantey	Karl H. Kornmann
8379	Ta'Aroa	Franz Schneider
8676	Rooster	Herm Henschen
8691	.....	C. Phillip Roland
10010	Whiffer	Ray Micheels
10115	Gail Winds	Gail Chestnut
10301	Mimsy II	Joe Mark
10909	.....	Hank Fretz
11801	Moby Duck	John Rowley
11907	Mach I	George Madel
11960	.....	Ronald Regus
12416	Audra II	Peter Boettcher
12786	.....	Howard Harsch
12867	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
13514	.....	Jeremiah W. Egen, MD
13520	.....	Stan Moldawsky

1980 will be known as the year the Paupack Fleet grew to 15 boats and the year of the 900 pound Lightning. There's no way that it will come back in style. Our Fleet Captain, after weighing his boat in June had to contend alternately with rage and depression. Luckily this was a great summer for wind on Saturdays and the racing was exciting.

After five years of leading the pack John Rowley had to settle for a close runner-up spot. His misfortunes rivalled the 900 pound boat discovery. His rudder broke on the starting line in our first race and his mast went through the bottom in his last race, causing him to cancel out our last two races. Stan and John have wrung out their crying towels and are dreaming up new excuses for next year when they will return with a new boat (Stan) and a new bottom (John).

We crowned a new Fleet Champion this year, Franz Schneider! Franz had been a regular visitor to the Poconos and raced with us many times. This year Franz and Sheila bought a beautiful house on the Lake and raced every week. They have a "Gung-Ho" racing family and either Kathy, Suzie, Carolyn or even Mark, when he's not winning with his *Comet* elsewhere, can be found on one or another boat on the line. In fact, when Joe Mark visited his son Josh in Wisconsin one week this summer Mark skippered Joe's boat. Those two firsts look good on Joe's record. Franz brought an element of sharp competition to the fleet and even Henry Fretz, when he wasn't racing his one-tonner had to view the transoms of four or five of the fleet. George Madel sailed some excellent races and finished the season in third place. An age-old battle raged in the 4th spot and Joe Mark regained his supremacy over Stan Moldawsky (same excuse here again; 900 pounds is a mental hazard. I wonder what excuse I'll use next year, perhaps senility). Heinz Kornmann had his boat moving well most of the summer, making for interesting sailing in the middle of the fleet. Heinz always threatened to break out of the middle and often challenged the leaders.

What was new for us this year was the presence of Chuck Roland, Les Rosencrance, Howard Harsh, Jerry Eagen, and Ron Regis in their debut as Lightning skippers. Chuck, Les, and Howard were "baptized" in our heavy weather but they provided good competition as the season progressed.

Mid-season we invited Lake Mohawk sailors up for the second time, just for the sport of it. Tom Bierman and Bob Graham took the two races (same as last year), and although we had a fun time, we're thinking that next year we'll simply mail them the champagne and tell them not to bother. We enjoy the friendship and the racing and count on five or six boats to join us again.

Our Paupack Invitational Regatta held in September brought out 17 boats and some beautiful, moderate breezes. Djoerd Hoekstra from River-ton collected the winner's trophies, with Franz Schneider of the host club finishing a strong second. George Madel ran off with the third prize, and Pat Corr of the Monmouth Boat Club finished fourth. We had a great party with lots of good food and dancing. We also celebrated a first in the fleet. Davey Coutts met Jane Sullivan on Stan's boat in 1979 when both crewed. They married in August of 1980 and plan to continue to crew until they birth their own Lightning. The Bard of Lake Wallenpaupack, Joe Mark waxed (or waned) poetical commemorating the occasion properly.

Thus ended a successful sailing season on beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack. Howard Harsh assumes the role of Fleet Captain for 1981 and is planning an exciting program.

CHATAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain Ed Burger
Fleet Secretary James J. McDonnell
Fleet Champion Chuck Hodges

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9332	Blue Mac's	J. J. McDonnell
10035	Flaming Mabel	Edward W. Burger

This was a rare season for weather. We lost three whole weekends due to no wind, or too much wind.

Our season opened with the traditional Memorial Day race to Long Point and return. Chuck Hodges had the best start and continued to improve his position till he crossed the finish line. Ed Burger and Jim McDonnell fought it out for second and third place, respectively.

June 14th and 15th was the 17th annual Cornball Regatta, 20 boats gathered from eleven clubs in three states and Canada. Jim Crane from Noroton, Conn., was the winner. Cal Schmiede of the Niagara Sailing Club and Ron Cochrane of the National YC in Toronto were second and third. The wind never did exceed 3 MPH.

The Fourth of July series was wiped out by bad weather, but Labor Day was fine for an uphill beat to Long Point and ended in a close spinnaker reach to the finish. Jim McDonnell moved out fast at the start but had a tough time holding the lead as Ed Burger in second place and Chuck Hodger in third closed in on him at the finish.

Throughout the season we have a combined handicap series with the Thistle Fleet and the Flying Scot Fleet. This year the Lightning Fleet won three of the top four positions. Congratulations to Chuck Hodger, Ed Burger and Jim McDonnell who finished in first, second and fourth places.

Chuck Hodges left no doubt who was Fleet Champion, as he captured the High Point Series for the season. In addition, he almost won the Club Championship, in Snipes, except for an equipment failure. Nice going, Chuck—and crew.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain Howard R. Eckels
Fleet Secretary Howard R. Eckels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7424	Captain America	James R. Goslee III
9969	Draggin' Lady	Lowell Butler
11138	Cock Pit	Jay & Helen Limbaugh
11640	Windsong	Gordon D. Scullion
12287	Jean	Ted Siferd
12412	If III	Thomas L. Wilkins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12415	Bob Cat	Robert & David Stremple
12875	.....	Howard Eckels
12881	At Last	John Timmermeister
12960	St. Elmo's Fire	Susan G. Ewing
13189	Finally Blue	Dick & John Collier
Life Member	.....	Alex Kaye
.....	.....	Bernie Malcolm

No report.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Bob Graham
Fleet Secretary Pat Graham
Fleet Champion Bob Graham
Runner-Up Tom Bierman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5617	Bali Hai	George F. Sweeney
9984	Cumulonimbus	Robert Watters
10014	Puff	Mike Venus
10207	Jax Delight	Martin Jachts
10220	.....	Victor Haines
11420	.....	Bob Graham
11448	.....	M. Edward Bartusek
11565	Arriba Arriba Andde	John Kindschi
11572	Apple Jack	James E. Wavle, Jr.
12166	.....	Ronald Beard
12912	Ruptured Duck	Tom Bierman
13154	Jackie	Armond R. Tomassetti
13211	Windfall	Richard Miner
13373	The Great Escape	David MacDonald
.....	.....	Donald R. Plotner

Lake Mohawk Lightning Fleet completed another successful season in 1980. This was the year the wind blew with more races being cancelled because of high wind than no wind.

Two of our fleet members, Bob Graham and Bob Tomassetti ventured south to Florida for the Southern Circuit. Both report having a great time, and hope to do it again.

The Spring Series at Lake Mohawk was won by Bob Graham, with Tom Bierman, second, and Rich Miner a close third.

Tom Bierman found the summer winds to his liking, and was first in the Summer Series. Bob Graham was second, with Ron Beard, third. Fourth place was a tie between Rich Miner and Bob Tomassetti.

The Fall Series and the Metropolitan District Short Circuit kept our sailors busy most weekends. Tom Bierman cleaned up the first leg of the circuit by winning all three races at Greenwood Lake. Tom was able to get home early enough on Sunday to win the second race at Mohawk. The second leg of the Short Circuit was held at Lake Mohawk. Bob Graham was first this time, with Kerry Klinger of Nyack, second, followed by Tom Bierman. The third leg of the circuit was sailed at Monmouth Boat Club. Dennis Farley had a hot day and won. Tom Bierman's fourth place finish gave him the victory as the overall SHORT CIRCUIT CHAMPION.

The results of the Fall Series were: Bob Graham, first; Tom Bierman, second, and Ron Beard, third. Bob Graham was the overall Fleet Champion.

This year saw more swimming than normal at the lake. Mike Venus, after years of coming close, finally figured out how to turn his Lightning over, and started getting good at it by the fall. Other turtle awards go to Jim Wavle, Bob Waters, Don Plotner and Bob Tomassetti.

We're hoping that we will get Jim Wavle back next year and are looking forward to an active season in 1981.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

Ohio District

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain George Hodge
Fleet Secretary Harry Robertson
Fleet Champion Carl Clipp
Runner-Up Warren Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10271	The Ghost	Harry Robertson
11332	Miss Judy II	Warren Baltimore
11499	.....	Bucky Powless
11932	.....	George Seiple
11982	Gone With the Wind	George Hodge
12388	The Molly B	Thomas R. Kennedy
12541	.....	Richard P. Brown
12787	LADY BE	.....
.....	GOODer	Ron Schulster
12797	.....	Sam Fairchild
12895	Thumper	Paul Howald
13006	Clipp Joint	Carl Clipp

This year saw a few more new faces and boats race in our fleet as Dick Brown (from the East) and Harry Robertson (from Indian Lake) joined us. Traveling to such regattas as St. Mary's, the Districts, Hoover, Harvest Moon, Snow Ball, and the Fall-In were Carl Clipp, Ron Schulster, Dick Brown, George Hodge, Harry Robertson, Sam Fairchild, and Paul Howald. Some of these stalwart travelers finished in the money here and there, but there was nothing to brag about. In any event we all had fun, which is what the Class is all about, isn't it? We again hosted a very successful Windshift Regatta in June, with the usual good food and good times.

We are proud as grog of Carl Clipp who is our District Commodore this year, and Ron Schulster and Carl who are Commodore and Vice Commodore of Leatherlips Yacht Club, respectively.

We closed the season with an excellent Lobster Bash attended by some forty sailors, including some of our good friends from Buckeye Lake. New officers were elected, and plans made for the next year.

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

Michigan District

Based on Devil's Lake at Manitu Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain Jack Tibbs, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Bill Nuoffer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5800	.....	Walt Swindeman
8381	Blue Boat	Steve Benz, MD
8642	.....	Walt Swindeman
9650	Red Carpet	Dr. James & Phillip J. Reynolds
11156	.....	Daniel T. Wolf
11449	.....	James Sayre
12345	.....	Ed Engle
12548	No Excuses	Dr. Charles Smith
12724	Sun Rise	Dr. G. Thomas Poirier
12773	.....	Jack Tibbs
12777	.....	Dan Bruggeman
12939	.....	Richard Elwell
13310	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal
Life Member	.....	Barnie Crittenden

No report.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

Ohio District

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain Clem Shriver
Fleet Secretary Charles Suter
Fleet Champion Clem Shriver
Runner-Up Tom Daugherty

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
123	Suits-Us	William C. Blank
8637	.....	Tom Daugherty
10425	.....	Charles Suter
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	.....	Ralph Lawry

No report.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Metedeconk River at Ocean County, N.J.

Fleet Captain Jay Lutz
Fleet Secretary James G. Carson
Fleet Champions Paul & Betty Gelenitis
Runners-Up Charles & Wendy Thrower

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9633	Shazam	E. Kenneth Snedeker, Jr.
10775	Affront	Richard Shaps
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
10988	Jim Dandy III	James J. Daley
11007	Thunder Ball	Mark Beaton
11077	.....	Jody & Jay Lutz
11099	.....	Jay & Jody Lutz
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas
11894	Love It	William E. Newman
11933	Barbarella	Alan & David S. Ruiter
11972	Scream Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
12695	Sigh	Frank Di Fazio
12789	Little Feat	Charles Thrower
13084	Fuzzy	Richard T. Waage
13162	Shattered	Richard Tell
13545	Fuzzy Ghost	James G. Carlson & Paul Gelenitis

Metedeconk River Yacht Club was once again well represented on the Lightning schedule with Jim Carson and Jay Lutz leading the way and with other members following close behind.

The Southern Circuit started things off with Jim Carson, Paul Gelenitis and Jay Lutz traveling the entire circuit. Jay finished a strong third winning the combined Savannah/St. Pete Trophy. Jay continued the following month in the California Circuit by winning six out of eight races, taking the California Circuit Championship back to the east coast. The next regatta attended by fleet members was the Long John. Mark Beaton sailed a strong series and finished second, Jay Lutz, third, and Paul Gelenitis, sixth. The following weekend Jay and Jody Lutz traveled to the midwest to sail in the Indiana open. Jay finished second and Jody, fifth.

Once gain, the Districts were held in early June, with a Metedeconk contingent of four in the top five. Jim Carson sailed very well to finish first and District Champion. Jay Lutz, Runner-up, Jody Lutz, third and Mark Beaton, fifth.

The Atlantic Coast Championship, held at Metedeconk, saw our Jay Lutz come out on top convincingly. Next up was the long trip out to San Diego for the North Americans. Jody Lutz trailered out early to sail in and win the Junior North Americans. Our congratulations to him for capturing the Championship and claiming the candy stripe insignia. As for the North American Championship, well, three of our sailors qualified for the Blue Fleet, but none can claim too much fame. Let's just say Jim Carson and Jay and Jody Lutz qualified for the Worlds in Chile!

The Eastern U.S. Championship began the fall regattas with Jay Lutz taking fourth and Jim Carson, seventh. A majority of our fleet sailed in the Surf City Regatta which could have been called "The Metedeconk Regatta." Jay and Jody Lutz co-skipped to victory, with Paul Gelenitis, second, Mark Beaton, third, and Dave Ruiter, fifth. Although many of our fleet members sailed in the Frigid Digit, none with too much success. The following weekend at Quantico was a different story, however. Jim Carson showed the way to victory with Mark Beaton and Jay Lutz a close second and third respectively. Jim Carson and Paul Gelenitis co-skipped their way to the combined trophy for the two regattas.

While Fleet 34 traveled extensively during the year there was plenty of action at home. Paul and Betsey Gelenitis won the Fleet Championships with Charles and Wendy Thrower finishing a close second. Paul Gelenitis easily defended his overall Club Championship, and Keith Taboada became the new Junior Club Champion.

With new fleet members joining every day and young crew graduating to skippers the 1981 season for Fleet 34 looks brighter than ever.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET CLUB (35)

Texas District

Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain A. A. Ted Treadway
Fleet Secretary John B. Waskom, III
Fleet Champion Al E. Sather

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3196	.....	Joel Good
3519	.....	Willis McQueen
9281	White Lightning	A. A. (Ted) Treadway
10264	Thor II	Al E. Sather
10959	Hard Tack	John B. Waskom III & IV
13100	.....	Willis McQueen

After a short period in the doldrums, Fleet 35 is alive and well. Two of our fleet members have traded their wooden boats for newer boats. We have prospects for at least one, and possibly two new fleet members.

We did not have a full racing season last year, but with the prospect of at least five evenly matched boats, we are looking forward to an early start next year.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Ohio District

Based on Pymatuning Lake, Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	.....	William E. Weihe, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	.....	Thomas A. Sankey
Fleet Champion	.....	Charles H. Maltbie, D.D.S.
Runner-Up	.....	Donald P. Courtsal

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5323	Cigan II	Frederick R. & Frank E. Lange
7126	More Havoc	Edward E. Werley
7904	Sun Smile	John R. Willoughby, D.D.S.
8330	Hot Canary III	Dick Maras
9080	Hotz Blitz	George Cummings
9517	Rhiannon	Rob Ruhlman
9619	.....	John Swartz
10047	Weatherly	John B. Harrell
10163	Witch Wa thego	Homer Benson
10210	Venture II	Kenneth B. Finnie, Sr.
10273	Old Yeller	Don Courtsal
10525	.....	Dr. Phil Wedemeyer
10789	Lemon Twist	Donald H. DeSplinter
11240	.....	Gordon R. Miller
11278	LaBiche III	Lud Lekson
11618	Wing Tips	Ralph Meacham
11651	High Voltage I	Jerry King
11671	Blue Purr	John & Peter Swartz
11768	Blue Bayou	Jeff Borland
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe
12271	Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12313	Blue Fox	Dave Lewis, Jr.
12420	Ruler VIII	Jon & Randy Ruhlman
12848	Gotcha Again	Dr. John Borland
12916	Most Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
12972	L'Aigle	Joe Redding
12973	Tai Kun	George Prince
12983	Duck Again	Dave Kuntz
13181	Grayling	John Glasson
13255	Gone with the Wind	Dr. James & Jim, Jr. Martuccio
13318	Go For Gold	Dr. Ralph & Marc Snelson
13465	Hot Canary VIII	Dr. C. H. Maltbie
.....	.....	E. L. Caldwell
.....	.....	Tom Sankey

Racing activity at Fleet 36 got underway with a seminar conducted by Bruce Goldsmith on May 9, 1980, and a Shakedown Regatta, the second leg of the Northern Spring Circuit, on May 10 and 11. To give added credibility to his seminar instruction, Bruce placed first in the regatta followed by Jack Mueller and Hank Hodgson.

Our Spring Series from May 17 thru June 15 was won by Pymatuning Yacht Club Commodore Jack Borland, with junior skipper Charlie Courtsal, second, and John Swartz, third.

Lightning winners in PYC's annual Independence Day Regatta on July 5 and 6 were our own Chuck Maltbie and Don Courtsal, 1st and 2nd, followed by guest Jed Dodge in 3rd place.

Our Championship Series ran from June 21 thru August 31 (excluding three weekends for Districts and North Americans). The top five finishers

respectively were Chuck Maltbie, Don Courtsal, Jack Borland, Al Caldwell, and John Swartz.

Fleet 36 skippers participating in the Ohio Districts at Buckeye Lake were Jeff Borland, Herb Jestel, Chuck Maltbie, Jim Martuccio, Jr., Randy Ruhlman, Rob Ruhlman, and junior skipper Marc Snelson. Randy Ruhlman and Herb Jestel subsequently made the long trip to the North American's at Mission Bay. Both sailed in the Governor's Flight which Randy Ruhlman won.

Our Fall Series of seven races was won by junior skipper Dave Werley followed closely by Al Caldwell and Jack Borland.

The Fleet 36 social season was active and a thoroughly enjoyable one. It began with a covered dish dinner in May, followed by a wine and cheese taster in June (wine from our own Lud Lekson's home winery), another covered dish dinner in August, and our annual, fantastic, corn roast in September. Fleet 36 also entertained the entire Pymatuning Yacht Club on August 31 with a cocktail party, covered dish dinner, and live music for dancing and pleasant listening.

As this account is submitted to meet an October 29 deadline, our 1980 activities are still to be completed. Trophy presentation night, including cocktails and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 at the home of Fleet Captain Bill and Marian Weihe in Murrysville, Pa. A 10:00 a.m. brunch the following morning at the home of fleet members John and Marge Swartz, also of Murrysville, will be the wind up to a highly successful and rewarding season.

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Benjamin S. Hunter
Fleet Secretary	.....	Samuel I. York
Fleet Champion	.....	Benjamin S. Hunter
Runner-Up	.....	William Gordon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2125	.....	Thurlow W. Burnett
6454	.....	Explorer Post #381
6731	Natasha	William Jones
7359	.....	F. David Petelinz
8783	Fox's Reward	Frank Newman
9496	.....	Thurlow W. Burnett
9662	Prelude	Sharon L. Koblinsky
10381	Winklehawk	Explorer Post #381
10779	Shadowfox	Joseph M. Sullivan, Jr.
10796	Irish Mist	Benjamin S. Hunter, Jr.
11158	Blue Chips	William C. Gordon
11431	R. Boat	James W. & Donna S. VanFleet
11570	LoLigo	Donald B. Williams
11578	.....	Ed Garber
11604	Toy Boat	Stephen Schwark
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York

Fleet 39 saw an average of six boats on the line for 16 series races from early May to late October. Competition was keen as the Fleet Championship was wrested from four-time winner Will Gordon by Ben Hunter in *Irish Mist*. Steve Schwark placed third overall.

Will Gordon was the A Series with four firsts. Ben Hunter was second. Hunter and Gordon tied for first in the B Series. In the C Series Hunter took first and Steve Schwark second place. The D Series with some "hiking and planning" races was won by Ben Hunter with Will Gordon taking second.

Jim Van Fleet captured the Mini Series, Will Gordon won the Single Handed Trophy. Bill Heaney sailing Will Gordon's *Blue Chips* took the Skipper-Crew title with Bill Penney in Steve Schwark's *Toy Boat* taking second.

The 1980 season saw Fleet 39 members Will Gordon and Ben Hunter take first and second in the Chelsea Open and second and third, respectively, in the Mid-Hudson circuit. Will Gordon also won the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association Lightning Championship.

Fleet 39 boats competed at Nyack, Grassy Point, and Ossining as well as Red Bank and Barnegat Bay. The sailing skills of those travelers were enhanced by the experience. More Fleet 39 sailors can be expected to follow this example in the coming year.

Some extra fine sweet corn was added to the Clambake menu, and five alarm chili warmed chilled bones at the End of Season Supper at Will Gordon's house.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41) Metropolitan District Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain Nick Mazzeo
Fleet Secretary Beth Mazzeo
Fleet Champion Bill Meyer
Runner-Up Bitler/Lewis Syndicate

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10261	Imposter	Dennis Szokolay & David P. Reddy
10784	"Heads Up"	Eric Schreck
11227	Heuristic	Paul J. Krick
11583	Meliora III	George Bitler & Mark Lewis
12991	Afternoon Delight	Bill Meyer
13044	E'Clat	Nick Mazzeo
13249	.....	Chuck R. Tripp

Wind and sun abounded on the Hudson this summer. Dickie (Chuck) Tripp helped fill in the ranks this spring with a first in the Spring Series, a top five finish in the Districts, and a 15th place in the Blue Fleet in the North Americans. Fleet 41 is duly proud of its first Blue Fleet skipper. It is our understanding that Tripp's finish was among the best this year for a rookie in the North Americans. He might be a rookie in the North Americans, but there are still a few in the local fleet who remember finishing behind Dickie when he was barely in high school in a boat that was held together with little more than a prayer and a bucket.

Bill Meyer, sailing with crews Kathy Moran and son Billy placed second in both the Spring and Fall Series, and edged out the Bitler/Lewis syndicate by less than a one place finish over the 20 race series to win the Fleet Championship. Alternate skippers George Bitler and Mark Lewis were runner-up for the year, and winners of the Fall Series. Eric Schreck, with crews Eric Jr. and Eddie earned one of his first "Tin Pots" with a third at the Shattemuc Regatta, and making a strong charge in the Fall Series to challenge the leaders.

Nick and Beth Mazzeo are gaining a reputation for sailing fast, and have pulled at least one horizon job when they get it pointed in the right direction.

Dennis Szokolay is our hard luck sailor who is out to set a record for broken masts and other damages. Dennis is a former Hungarian freedom fighter who sometimes sees "Red" on the course, and has many stories to tell off the course.

Our Race Committee of Al Phelps, Walt Tripp, and other members of the cruising fleet did a magnificent job of running the Districts and local races. Thanks to them and the many others that have helped make our regattas a big success this year.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43) Ohio District Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Secretary Marty Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10638	The Black Flash	Mike Hein II
10860	Still Crazy After	
	All These Years	Greg & George Fisher
10956	Schuss	George & Matt Fisher
12265	.....	Willie Petersilge
12810	.....	Dan Roshon
13240	Hoot & Holler	Terry Ottenweller
13250	Laugh-A-Minute	Jim Dressel

No report.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47) Lake Erie District Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Captain Mark Grinder
Fleet Secretary Becky Bone
Fleet Champion Todd Jones

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6983	Sea Adler	Bill Neal & Karl Fahrner
7398	Widgeon	David Saunders
7949	Reylog Flyer	Calvin DeGolyer
8004	Cirrus II	Justus A. Emens
9140	Budget Buster II	Wm. Humphrey, D.D.S.

9415	.....	Peter Rathman
9417	Loophole	Timothy C. Leixner
9739	Hustler	Mark Grinder
9845	Hotel California	Peter K. Bone
9905	.....	Gerald Stout
10120	My Three Sons	Byron Matteson
10808	Jane III	Bud Van Arsdale
11587	.....	Ed Willse
12150	Port Said	Paul Mokdessi
12240	Desperado	W. Todd & Peter W. Jones
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss & Bill Van Arsdale
12926	Jenny Bell	Ward Wilday
12984	.....	Kent Lyons
13110	.....	Mark Dadd



Tom Allen accepts 1st place trophy at our annual Harvest Regatta from Commodore Lora Grinder and Vice Commodore Peter Bone.

Our 1980 season provided us with a wide variety of conditions, from a couple of blow-outs early in the year to a month of drifters in August. Through all the conditions, the competition remained tight all year long. In our first scheduled races, five short tune-up races on May 18, only Mark Dadd was ready to brave the cold winds of a threatening storm and the races were cancelled.

Memorial day weekend again provided strong winds and three good races. The series was close, and came down to the last race, which was won by Bill Neal. He took home the Jane VanArsdale Memorial Trophy for the series.

The Bill Humphrey Memorial Trophy was won by Mark Grinder and consisted of six races sailed on two weekends. A good indication of the competition on this lake is that after four races in this series, only one point separated the first four boats.

The Ed Neal Memorial Trophy was won by Todd Jones over the Fourth of July in fairly light, shift winds. Again, the finishes were close.

We held a fun race on July 27 for The Bucket, featuring a LeMans start. Amid confusion and laughter, we all pushed off from the shore and put up sails after the starting gun. Todd Jones won this one, and we all had some laughs about the race at the Bloody Mary lunch which followed.

Bill Neal won the Benedict Memorial Trophy over Labor Day weekend in his *Sea Adler* (6983) the oldest boat on the lake.

Our Stay-At-Home Series was won by Doug Bliss and Most Improved Skipper was Todd Jones.

Our boats travelled to quite a few regattas this year, and along with some great finishes, we also managed to keep things pretty lively after the races. Bill Neal won the Mid Neal Brown trophy for Best Away finishes. We should note here that one of our skippers, Peter Bone, crewed for Jim Crane in San Diego, finishing 7th.

The Jacob Hofstead Trophy for Most Valuable Crew this year was won by Lora Grinder.

Our annual Harvest Regatta was held Sept. 13-14. The competition was excellent with the top boats from Lake Erie and Central New York Districts here. We were plagued by very light, if any, wind on Saturday, but everyone seemed to enjoy our cocktail party and buffet that night. We always look forward to hosting our friends at this regatta, and this year it

was a real honor to award first place to Tom Allen. Of the Silver Lake boats, Mark Grinder led the fleet at 7th overall and won the C.L. VanArsdale Trophy.

The Club Championship Series, consisting of races spanning July and August, was won this year by Todd Jones, who had an excellent season with his brothers Peter and Kevin as crew. Our congratulations to him.

WASHINGTON, D.C. FLEET (50)

Dixie District

Based on the Potomac River

Fleet Captain Frank Gentile
Fleet Secretary Joseph Warren
Fleet Champion Frank Gallagher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3145	Bit Bucket	Harris J. Hulburt, Jr. & William H. McCarthy
4676	.....	Julie Coyle
7373	.....	Julie Coyle
7844	Syrena	Z. George Wachnik
8697	Stormy Petrel	Alva B. Davis
8745	Yuma Baby	Edgar D. (Ted) Hunting
9007	.....	Mariam Hartley
10104	Hustler	Reed Barrett
10745	Breezy II	Harris J. Hulburt, Jr.
10814	Fast n Loose	Dieter Grotheer
10817	Big Green	James H. Dillard
11405	Long Shot	Joseph P. Warren
12168	Tallyho	Winslow H. Randolph, III
12365	Energize	Frank J. Gallagher
12989	Jabberwock	Malcolm E. Arnold
13017	Potomoc Brave	Frank Gentile

Once again, our season opened with a visiting "heavy," Jay Lutz, stopping by on the way to the Southern Circuit to give us a warm up seminar at Mike and Carol Arnold's home on the Potomac. Thank's again to Jay, Mike, and Carol.

Our season progressed routinely with our Spring Regatta, Spring Series and many out of town regattas keeping us busy. We were gearing up to hold our District Championship in July when it happened—THE STORM!!!

June 17, Fathers Day, our annual sailing picnic to the Arnold's. It's a nice break in the middle of a hot summer. A lot of people drove to the picnic, but only three boats sailed down. We did have Angus Phillips, a reporter with the Washington Post sailing with us though. He was going to write an article on Lightnings to promote the upcoming Districts. The picnic was fine, Angus got lots of info, and we started sailing home. The storm came in quick with about 50-60 mph winds. Like they say — don't mess with Mother Nature. Final score: two broken masts, a broken rudder, and an uprooted tree on/in the Arnold's roof. Angus scrapped his original (wet) notes and wrote a very exciting disaster article.

Our Districts finally came around and Mother Nature gave us a little bit of everything — it was quite the summer for storms. The good guys don't seem to mind though. We let his highness, President Dr. Don Delorme win the Districts followed by Rob Pratt and Steve Bachman. We congratulate them and our own Dieter Grotheer who finished a very respectable fourth.

The summer storms blew by and we settled down to some serious fall racing on the Potomac and around the Dixie District. Frank Gallagher cleaned up in the Spring Regatta and held on in the Walter Collier Regatta in the fall to win the overall Fleet Championship.

We ended our sailing season at Quantico, where we had the great race—that-wasn't on Saturday. Confused? Well, so was the protest committee on Saturday night. Sunday dawned with heavy air. The Jersey boys really showed us how in three great races.

At this writing we're in the middle of planning our annual meeting and annual banquet to wrap up 1980 and elect officers for 1981. Hope 1980 was as exciting for you as it was for us.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51)

Michigan District

Based on Lake St. Clair

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain Ron Summers
Fleet Secretary Mike Williams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6066	XI	Henry Cawthra
8588	Rage	Tom Vickers
9616	.....	Bob Schoonbeck
10349	Blue Max	Robert Lees
11061	.....	Bob Schoonbeck
12060	.....	Bert Bowen
12121	Bird	Vincent Boyle
12178	Lots-A-Knots	John E. Schulte
12227	Pucker Power	Arlyn W. Kinkel
12369	Short Shirt II	Ron Summers
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Dick Drew
13298	.....	Mike Williams
13485	Close to Edge	Arlyn W. Kinkel

No report.

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain David Furey
Fleet Secretary Paul Militzer
Fleet Champion George Nickels
Runner-Up David Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1342	Impulse	Paul Cavanagh
11793	.....	Carl Pohly
12330	.....	Herman O. & George Nickels
12334	Bligh Spirit	Paul Militzer
12763	In Between	Al Bauer
13031	Mast Transit	Morris Gushen
13077	.....	Dave Nickels
13334	Chocolate Ship	Dave Furey
13344	.....	George W. Ford

We had generally good winds this year, in contrast with last year's drifters, which made for some exciting racing. Regrettably, our perennial champion, Herm Nickels, did not sail his Lightning this year, and we missed him. However, son George was back after an absence of two or three years, and welcome indeed. The competition was perhaps the closest we have ever had. Dave Furey led for most of the season, but never by a lot. George Nickels, maybe a bit rusty a first, came on strong at the end, and won both the Sunday and Wednesday Series.

Our November 8th banquet will be highlighted this year with our "Mortgage Burning." Hallelujah.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

Michigan District

Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain Rick Mullen
Fleet Secretary Richard Frank
Fleet Champion Lauren Bowler
Runner-Up John Corbett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
837	Luv II	Keith Thatcher
7959	Flip	F. Leslie Huntwork
9855	Bardy	J. F. Ensroth, MD
9964	Boat	William D. Scott
10128	Turned Around	Wayne M. Watson
10515	Why Worry	John Corbett
10850	Born Again	John R. Mathers
11202	Singin' Sails	Dale W. Clixby
11394	Spirit	Robert R. Sturgill
11452	Generation Gap	Paul R. Schneider
11520	Digit I	Dave Scott
11545	Kermit	Andre R. Dubel
11808	White Cloud	Sheldon Levin
11813	Evie	James Fryfogle, MD
11966	Thizzzzit	Lou Zednik
11987	.....	Dennis McCarthy

12033	.....	Eugene Peterson
12570	.....	Edward Dziuba
12707	Excelsior	James R. Bowers
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12890	Thunder'n	John D. Critchfield
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13088	Barefoot	Robert F. Knopp
13155	Cough Drop	Glenn Smith
13173	Whitewave	Rick Frank
13254	C-Lark	Alex Jr. & Robert Clark
13270	Evergreen	Robert H. Mathers
13275	Weather Mark	Lauren L. Bowler
13278	Seagull	Richard F. Beaudien
13280	Odessey	Jim McCoy
13281	Coast Guard I	Alan R. Pfaff, Jr.
13283	.....	Richard Adamson
13378	.....	Les Kastura
13391	.....	William F. McKinley
13397	.....	Brian Hussey
13468	Anargyros	Dr. O. L. Smith
.....	.....	Clarence Holman, Jr.
.....	.....	Clarence Holman III

The Pontiac Yacht Club opened its 1980 season with the Annual Bug Out Regatta, May 5. Lauren Bowler won, which was just the start for a very successful season for Lauren. Out of the '80 race schedule, eight races were cancelled, and we averaged 14 boats per race.

Lauren went on to win the Club Championship, Spring Nite-Owl, Sunday Summer and Summer Nite-Owl (A Fleet), Sunday Sno-Ball, Sunday Overall and Wednesday Overall. Other winners were: Clarence Holman, III — Commodore Regatta, John Mathers — Challenge Regatta, Bob Sturgill — Club B Champion, Bill McKinley — Spring Sunday Series, Ed Stack — B Fleet Sunday Summer, Ed Dziuba — B Fleet Summer Nite-Owl, Jack Critchfield — Wednesday Die-Hard, Wally Smith — PYC White Cap and John Mathers — Jr. Michigan High Point.

Special awards were the Ray Ransom Award — Ray Pfaff and Jim Grant, Clarence Holman Award (Most Improved) — Jack Critchfield, Good Sportsmanship Award — John Mathers, Michigan High Point Trophy — Rick Frank, and the George Bery Award (Persistence) — Dick Beaubien.

Match racing was introduced one weekend this year. It provided a new type of tactical sailing which was both fun and educational. The Club Championship was particularly competitive this year, with only 1½ point separating first from fifth place. The annual White Cap Regatta hosted 37 boats this year; apparently the home lake advantage was evident with nine of the first ten places won by Pontiac Yacht Club members.

Winter seems to be coming early this fall, and our last season race was cancelled due to high winds and cold weather. Maybe this means Spring will come sooner; let's hope so.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, NY

Fleet Captain	.....	Judy Walker
Fleet Secretary	.....	Bob Starck
Fleet Champion	.....	Fritz Dusel
Runner-Up	.....	Cal Schmiede

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
10482	On the Fritz	Fritz Dusel
11398	Black Mariah	Richard J. Carrel
11501	Ole Yeller	Dale Taulbee
11788	Vampira II	Judy Walker
12877	.....	Calvin H. Schmiede & Robert B. Starck
13366	Firecracker	John Swanson

Fritz Dusel was anything but "on the fritz" in 1980 as he walked away with two of the three Lightning series at the Niagara Sailing Club before the ink had dried on his membership application. Fritz, a recent transfer from the "big club down the river," indicated his intentions were serious from the onset with a close win over Calvin Schmiede in the Bowen Lightning Class Championship early in the season. Judy Walker was third. The results of

the extended Wardell Series proved that Mr. Dusel was no flash in the pan, as he again beat Cal and Judy. Cal got his act together for the final series, the Blake Memorial, to win going away.

The oldest regatta in the Lake Erie District, our Niagara River Lightning Championship, saw popular Stu Anderson emerge victorious for what must be at least the tenth time. Stu's consistent finishes of 2, 1, 1, 2, and 3 solidified his claim to the title of "River Rat Extraordinaire." Rounding out the top five were Larry MacDonald, Fritz Dusel, Dave Sprague and Matt Bryant, Jr.

Away from home base, highlights of the 1980 season included Cal Schmiede's impressive second in the Central New York Championships and Fritz Dusel's excellent showing at the North Americans where he crewed for brother-in-law Mark Bryant aboard the winning boat.

All-in-all, it was a good year. Here's hoping we see you at the River Championships in 1981.

JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

Central States District

Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain	.....	Chris Merrillat
Fleet Secretary	.....	Stacy Florence
Fleet Champion	.....	Bill Merrillat
Runner-Up	.....	Harold Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7040	Steady Alice	Robert French
7461	Cornflower	Ralph Persson
8761	A Proper Boat	Robert R. Pooler
10154	.....	David E. Thurston
10682	Woodstock	Warren R. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11048	.....	Ross Freeman
11135	Aquarius	Bob Florence
11229	The Air Weasel	Jack M. Newell
11736	White Lightning	Howard Paul
12049	Dyed Blue	Bob Curry
12428	Bullship	Scott Hamilton
12508	Streaker	Bill Merrillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint
13016	Mean Machine	Harold Hunt
13021	.....	Steve Thomas
13384	.....	Bob & Stacy Florence

The 1980 season has been another great sailing year for Fleet 60.

Bill Merrillat was crowned Fleet Champion as well as District Champion. But, the whole year was sparked by the great sailing of all skippers. Many new faces were in the winner's circle for a change. We are looking forward to next year and to the new skippers and boats as our fleet continues to grow.

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

LIGHTNING FLEET (61)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Ontario, Pultneyville, New York

Fleet Secretary	Susan J. Peterson
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4724	Boat	Winton Brown, Sr.
4879	Intrepid Too	Susan Peterson
6394	L'Alice	Daniel F. Montondo
8755	Slippin' Away	Rob McIntosh
11608	.....	Daniel W. Tomlinson

No report.

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Maple Bay at Maple Bay, British Columbia

Fleet Captain	.....	Peter Idema
Fleet Secretary	.....	Helen Schuckel
Fleet Champion	.....	George Blumel
Runner-Up	.....	George Maggs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3244	.....	George A. Maggs
6090	.....	John Dallyn
7258	.....	K. Ridenour
9782	Firefly	Michael Hanson
9820	.....	George Blumel
10065	.....	Marilyn Boechler
10981	Blitz	David M. Barber
11283	Blind Pew	George A. Maggs
12245	Desiderata	Peter Idema
12475	Katchup	Jean Humphrey
13289	Bald Eagle	George Blumel

This year the Lightning Fleet at Maple Bay has grown to seven fiberglass boats which consistently turn out for club racing. Our season starts the end of April with the Sail Stretch Series and runs through October when we finish the Fall Series. In between, we have longer races to Burial Island, North Reef, the race around Saltspring Island and regular series which are held in the bay, racing around marker buoys.

George Blumel still leads the pack overall but almost every skipper has had the satisfaction of winning at least one race, so the competition is keen.

We've started the odd Wednesday night get together to help each other with boat rigging, discuss out of town racing, before and after, racing tips and general Lightning talk. The big plan this year is to promote an International Lightning race around Saltspring Island. This has been a club race for many years and we hope to start sharing the 45 mile, sometimes overnight race with other Lightning sailors who might include it in a holiday trip to Vancouver Island next summer.

This has been a good year for all of us. We now have facilities for dryland sailing right at the Yacht Club. Now that we have learned to get our boats on the hoist and into the water in a reasonable length of time, we are able to concentrate on better racing technique and we are really improving.

We owe a special thanks to George Blumel, whose love of the sport is gaining us many interested people, who eventually will be joining our ranks.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	.....	Mary Whalen
Fleet Secretary	.....	Susan Whalen
Fleet Champion	.....	Dean Cady
Runner-Up	.....	John Esser

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

Fleet 69 made its presence known at Milwaukee Yacht Club at the beginning of our season by sponsoring the Commissioning Ceremony. This is the traditional opening of the Milwaukee Yacht Club sailing season, and takes place on Memorial Day Weekend.

Our racing season begins with the Lightning Fleet sponsoring the Marine Handicap for all boats in the Yacht Club. This was the beginning of an exciting, event filled summer. In addition to sailing a 20 race season series, Fleet 69 hosted their 35th Annual P&T regatta, and conducted the District Championships for the Midwest District. Both of these invitational regattas drew over 20 boats.

Our season series presented its usual excitement with the Fleet Championship not decided until the final races. Four points separated the first place and third place boat. Dean Cady is our Fleet Champion with John Esser in second place-I (that's right one) point out, Byron Roe was in third.

Fleet 69 is looking forward to the '81 season with the excitement of possible new members on the horizon. We expect a better than ever year in '81 with more boats in our fleet and on the line for every race. We now take advantage of the winter months to plot and plan.

RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURY (70)

Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain	.....	Ralph Wilson
Fleet Secretary	.....	John Brewster
Fleet Champion	.....	Bill Ewing
Runner-Up	.....	John Brewster

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
8101	Avenger III	John English
8502	Dawn Mere	James M. Kelly
9407	Repechage	Arthur S. Hunnewell
9932	No Problem	David Pezzutti
9971	Irish Mist	Pat Bennett
10242	Horseradish	Denis Farley
10408	Sandpiper II	Jeffrey F. Chondor
10702	Blank Blank	Jack Huntsman
10942	Rollover	Dr. Robert Kane
11138	New Blue	John Schneider
11308	White Lightning	John M. Stewart
11327	Bam II	V. N. Vaughan Jr. & III
11416	.....	Alan V. Schroeder
11728	Blue Max III	B. P. Donohue, III
11740	River Blues	Walt Colantuono
11958	.....	John Brewster
12133	Kennebec II	Nick Smith
12209	Flying Cloud II	Ira Ross, M.D.
12337	Elusive	Patrick Rafter, Jr. & Kerry Klinger
12366	Right-on	Charles Roden
12499	Frigid Bitch	Bob Hutchinson
12690	Think Positive	Maurice K. Shaw & Michael Hagler
12714	Adios	Ralph F. Wilson
12716	My Honey	Richard C. Davis
12800	Hikeles	Arnold, Jon & Jim Schwartz
13051	Leprechaun	Pat Corr
13053	Murphy-Magee	Ralph Messersmith
13177	Desperado	John Schneider
13304	.....	Kevin G. Robinson, MD
13314	Passing Wind	Rob Held
13369	The Sting	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin Corr
13459	.....	Dr. Louis Zinterhofer
.....	.....	Jim Schwartz
.....	.....	Tom McKeon
Honorary Member	.....	Harold Beck
Honorary Member	.....	Les Hathaway

Fleet 70 experienced its usual active season with a large number of fleet races interspersed with regattas and various local events. 1980 was exceptional, however, in that the weather was so cooperative that every scheduled race was sailed, albeit not always under the most ideal conditions.

The Spring Series, which began in mid-April and was open to boats from other fleets, was won by Sandy Huntsman. This was particularly satisfying to Sandy since it was about the only Fleet 70 prize that had thus far eluded him.

The Long John Regatta in late April again drew the usual large contingent of boats. Dave Curtis from Marblehead, Mass., took top honors by sailing extremely well under highly variable conditions while Mark Beaton of Mantoloking, N. J. nailed down second place.

Consistently good sailing over the long Summer Series enabled the Walt Colantuono/Charlie Altreuter combo to emerge victorious over the rest of the field. Denis Farley was the runner-up for that series. The Fall Series, however, saw Bill Ewing jump out to an early lead with an impressive string of wins. As the season progressed, John Brewster closed the gap, but was unable to overtake him and John was runner-up.

The holiday regattas at Monmouth Boat Club are always popular with the Lightning sailors. This year the Memorial Day Regatta was won by Denis Farley with Bob Hutchinson in the runner-up slot. The Memorial Day regatta saw Sandy Huntsman emerge victorious with Denis close behind in second while the Labor Day Regatta was won convincingly by Bill Ewing with Sandy Huntsman as runner-up.

The Atwater Trophy, awarded to the skipper with the best overall record in the three holiday regattas was awarded to Denis Farley. The overall Fleet Championship, which includes the three season series as well as holiday

regattas went to Bill Ewing.

In addition to all the above, Fleet 70 hosted two other regattas. The first was the Metropolitan District Junior Championships which was won by Larry Colantuono and the other was the Fall Has Fell Regatta which was won by Denis Farley. Both of these events were held for the first time in 1980 and were enthusiastically sailed by the participants. We hope that both regattas will attract additional participants next year.

So now, as we hibernate, Fleet 70 is looking forward to another super season which will also include the hosting of the 1981 Metropolitan District Championships.



Adrenalin flows at start of Fleet 70 Fall Series Race or: "30...25...20..."

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

Ohio District

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

Fleet Captain Jules Gerlack
Fleet Secretary John Zangerle

8100	Tweedy Too	John L. & John B. Horton
9498	Bonnie Lass	William Summers
10646	Sting Rea	John Rea
11912	Newfie	Wally Sellars
11931	Oliver	Harry Hooker
12594	Bump N Grind	George Auer
13370	.....	Jack & John Mueller
13531	.....	Bill Buckles & Jack Mueller
.....	.....	John Zangerle
.....	.....	John Stuart
.....	.....	Jules Gerlack
.....	.....	Ken Gilbert

No report.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain Don Johnson
Fleet Secretary Kurt J. Faxon
Fleet Champion Gregg Florian
Runner-Up Todd Sternaman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10100	.....	Bob Ohlsen & James Lackman
10527	Shark	Gary Quinlan
10603	.....	Robert C. Schaub
10700	.....	Edward Cave
10843	Thunderer	Kurt J. Faxon
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd Irish
11133	Full House	J. Parke Boyer
11290	.....	Allan S. Penwell
11456	.....	Don Johnson
12321	Bon Homme II	Al Kirkman
12464	Jolly Roger	J. Roger Miller
12540	.....	Carl Sternaman
12554	Pink Campaign	R. Vince Daube
12974	Bionic Chicken	Greg Florian
13059	Last Chance	William E. Badorek
13078	Enterprise	Roger & Todd Grohne
13102	Merry Bee	R. Nicholas Burton
13308	Dammit II	Barton L. Cole

Lighting sailing activity continues strong for Fleet 74, Decatur, Illinois. The 1980 sailing season was a good one with newer members upgrading boats, and trying to compete with the "old hands." The newcomers are finding the "old hands" to be tough competition. The "old hands" are representing themselves well and this year won two of the top five spots in the Mississippi Valley District.

Fleet Champion, as determined by the Summer Sunday Series, was Greg Florian. He edged out Todd Sternaman by 0.3 of one point. Greg and Todd were followed closely by Lloyd Irish, Parke Boyer and Bob Buckles. The Fall Series was won by Todd Sternaman followed by Roger Grohne, Vince Daube and Parke Boyer.

Several other events were held through the year, including a team race regatta won by Ed Cave, Don Johnson and Jim Lackman. This event proved popular and will probably become an annual event.

Memorial Day was celebrated by sailing in the lower basin and attending a large party hosted by Bart and Sandy Cole. A Handicap Regatta was held pitting Lightning sailors against many others in the Decatur Yacht Club. Three of the top four places were taken by Lightning sailors Lloyd Irish, Roger Grohne and Bart Cole. Our annual Decatur Yacht Club Regatta and 4th of July initiation of new members rounded out our active year.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain Howie Rinehart
Fleet Secretary Gary Hurban
Fleet Champion Gary Hurban
Runner-Up Rod Johnson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3322	Nordvind	Mons Grinager
7616	Festival of Fools	Rod Johnson
8182	Gotcha'	Gary Hurban
8885	.....	George Conk
9100	Madam Blue	Thomas De Stasio
9367	Wendy Too	David Beardsley
10030	Charade	Geoffrey Parker
10380	North River II	Elliott H. Carmen
10620	Dandy Funk	Adam Brown
10737	Allegro	A. C. Neff
10769	Different	.....
.....	Drummer	Edward Deeb
10907	Squeeze Two	Stephanie Mayo
11076	.....	Milton N. Ellis
11507	.....	Bill Reeve
12386	Trans Fusion	Richard Weitzman
12642	.....	Howie Rinehart
12842	Avanti	William Day

The number of participating boats and the quality of the competition kept building throughout the 1980 season at Nyack.

Fleet 75 held 25 races in its regular racing schedule consisting of the Spring, Summer and Fall Series. The vitality of the Fleet is evidenced by the growing participation in our racing program: an average of more than six boats starting in the Spring Series; more than nine in the Summer Series; and nearly 14 in the Fall. Nineteen different Nyack boats were represented

at one time or another on the line during the regular racing season.

New members of the Fleet include the brother and sister team of George and Nancy Conk; Mary Lynn and Milton Ellis; Jeane and Eric LeVesque; and Shirley and Irwin Kwartler. The Kwartler boat, at times with the assist of son Jed, finished third in the Fall Series.

In keeping with the Fleet's concern for sharing knowledge with less experienced members, a training session on boat speed and boat handling techniques was held one weekend, with about five participating boats.

The Nyack Lightning Fleet's flagship event is the Magnus Pedersen Regatta, which is held annually in June and is open to Lightning skippers from other clubs. This fact must be well known, because all four trophies awarded in this year's 19-boat event went to various hot boats from out-of-town. Congratulations to winner Dick Tripp from The High Tor Lightning Fleet 41, and to Bill Gordon of Chelsea's Fleet 39, second; Tom Green of Great South Bay's Fleet 178, third; and Bob Sengstacken of the Awosting Fleet 95, fourth. Come back next year, everyone, so we can get our licks in, and also to enjoy the Saturday evening steak dinner.

Honors for winning the Spring Series went to Fleet Captain Howie Rinehart, followed by Gary and Joan Hurban in second place. Third place went to Stephanie and Bill Mayo, their first silverware at Nyack. The Summer Series and Fleet Championship was won by veteran Gary Hurban. Runner-up for both was Rod Johnson in his now highly competitive older boat 7616. Third was Howie Rinehart. Special recognition goes to Gary K. Hurban, the veteran's son, as the winner of the Fall Series. Second again was Rod Johnson. Irwin Kwartler, as mentioned, finished third.

For Lightning devotees, it is great to see the quality of Lightning sailing continue to improve in the Lower Hudson Valley. We look forward to picking up next spring where we left off in October.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain Andrew Smith

Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3667	Pixie	Michael Myerson
7300	Orangeate	Richard Arnold
8322	.....	Robert Wheeler
9386	Anwyl	Russell Morton
10096	Sparkle Plenty	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Wilmer Wright
10002	.....	Charles Keller
10096	Sparkle Plenty	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Wilmer Wright
10679	Caprice II	Richard Zuegel
11050	Re Quest	Ernest Hamilton
11051	Snookums	Larry Stephans
11074	Kopykat	Howard Stickney
11395	Fire Fly	Ernest L. Brown, Jr.
11766	Arethusia	Edward L. Massare
12064	.....	Bob & Jerry Dodge
12188	Zip-Zap	Bill Eckert
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12355	Shadow	Dick Hallagan & Peter
12400	Windswept	Andrew Smith
12466	Shazam	Jed Dodge
12613	Dysphea	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
12764	Kaygit	Michael J. Graney
12924	Gen Eva	Robert Wheeler
13079	Blue Jacket IX	Dr. John McIntosh
13080	Misty Beethoven	James F. McIntosh
13081	Irish VI	Richard Doherty
13082	Anemone	C. Edwin Howe
13083	Sea Fever	Albert H. Platt, III
13182	White Cap	Dr. Robert Jamison
13185	Spar Trek	George Sereno
13192	Slicker	R. Neal Smith
13207	Whisky Sour	Victor Catsro-Hahn
13287	Tamar	Dr. Jacob Schaechter
13313	Reunion	Steven C. & Arnold Sahs
13351	Zing	Anthony Orlen
13363	Pure Luck	Wayne Menz
13469	.....	Dr. Robert Jamison

Activities at Newport Yacht Club got off to an early start this year with several winter work parties out on the ice. Power poles were set through the ice for eight new dock slips. Membership has been steadily growing and now stands at 37 boats.

Sunday races were very competitive this year with 55 races sailed in the championship series. There was an average of over 13 boats per race for the season. That's a pretty good turn out considering the sometimes less than favorable weather in Rochester.

The Championship trophy was won by 15 year old Peter Hallagan, a new member this year. After taking fourth in the spring series, and being away to regattas most of the summer, he came back with 9 bullets in 10 races in the fall series. Right behind Peter was Steve Sahs, sailing *Reunion* to second place overall. Steve also took first place in both the spring and summer series. Tony Orlen finished third in the Championship series, followed by Ed Howe in fourth, and John "Doc" McIntosh, fifth.

Special series winners were: Al Hamilton, Burns Hanna Handicap; Donna Durbin, Powder Puff; Steve Baker, Crew series; Dick Doherty, Single Handed; Barbara Platt, Missal; George Sereno, Most Improved; Bob Jamison, "B" Fleet; and Larry Stephans took home the Tip Over trophy.

Newport had two special weekends this year. We warmed up with our annual Newport Invitational regatta in early June. Later we hosted the Central N.Y. District Championships. Both events were a tremendous success.

New officers for 1981 will be George Sereno, Fleet Captain, and Bob LaDuca, Secretary/Treasurer.



Runner-Up Steve Sahs "Reunion" 13313, Newport Y.C.

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SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

Lake Erie District

Based on the Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain & Secretary Ted Kumrow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9582	Bad Company	Rick Hensel
13179	Top Banana	Ted Kumrow
13338	Splash Gordon	Gordy & Norm Compson

Due to lack of boats actually at the club, we were unable to have our weekly club races. Hensel never brought his boat over to Sandy Beach even to dry sail. We lost four Lightnings from our fleet to sales and transfers. However we will be back in the future because of younger sailors coming of age.

On September 20-21 we hosted the 23rd annual "Haul Out" Regatta at Sandy Beach. This is a board-boat affair and there were a total of 60 boats. The Lightning Class had 16 entries. Winners in the Haul Out were Tom Allen, #13311, first; Stu Anderson, #11702, second and Ron Cochrane, #13180, from National Yacht Club, Toronto Ontario, third.

The Sandy Beach Haul Out Regatta is the third leg of the annual Fall Northern Series. First leg was at Silver Lake Fleet 47. Second leg was at National Y.C., Toronto. The trophy winners of the Fall Northern Series were: first, Tom Allen of B.C.C. Fleet 12; second, Matt Bryant #10006 of B.C.C.; third, Stu Anderson also of B.C.C. Fleet 12. This was a remarkable sweep by Fleet 12.

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85) Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Barry Buehler
Fleet Secretary Donna Barrett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
7912	Blood, Sweat & Tears	Jack R. Sauer
8690	Fore Sail	Barry C. Plum
9089	Thunder &	Gary W. Saunders
9093	.....	W. Harmon Leete
10003	Bumble	Thomas V. Moriarty II
10066	.....	James Fennema
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson
10901	Puff	George P. Mitchell & Aristedes K. Manthous
11100	.....	Charles Zaremba
11603	Mar-Bar	John P. & Chris Vanni
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	Aplomb	Donald R. Barrett
12185	Largo Too	Bryce E. Tate
12621	Puff-Puff	Nelson M. Hoffman
13500	Finesse	William & Bonnie Shore
.....	.....	John Bauer
.....	.....	Peter Jordan

The 1980 season was an exciting one for the NBYC lightning sailors both at home and away. Most of the old familiar faces with some new reinforcements kept the starting line crowded and a great place to be on a summer day.

Our Fleet Champion was Nelson Hoffman for the second consecutive year. We discovered that it is all due to a secret tobacco fired motor which silently puffs away. Runner-up and always finishing near the front, despite roof leaks and trips to California, was the Vann boat with its cast of family members. There is rumor that that blue boat has developed too many captains and will spawn at least one new boat in the fleet next season. Woody managed to coax the Petersons out frequently enough to capture third and to show that she remains a winner. Don Barrett hammered out some problems and nailed down a few victories to sneak into fourth place.

Once again our Governor's Cup Regatta was a huge success with Spoford's Bob Pinnard taking that beautiful and petite trophy home for a year. The Weather Gods, some very helpful club members, and a couple of beef cattle got together for the best sailing and steak dinner to be had in the land. We hope for an even better turn out next year.

Away from home Fleet 85 also let her presence be known. The Long Island Sound Championship almost became the Niantic Bay Yacht Club Championship with David Peterson, first; Vann, second; and Hoffman, fourth. David also captured a sixth at CPYC's Early Bird, fourth at the Districts, and tenth at CPYC's East Coast Championship.

Everywhere in our district the most frequently overheard conversation

seemed to center around one event, next year's North American Championship to be held at Cedar Point, and the fact that everyone will be trying to qualify. The competition should be intense, and we at Niantic Bay will be trying our best.

VANCOUVER FLEET (90) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7071	Waibalong	Cornelis G. Zandbergen
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris
8337	Bugaboo	Gerry Lockhart
8605	Barak	John Lamble
9268	Pirkko	Dick Pearce
11645	Kermit The Boat	Matthew Henley

No report.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95) Metropolitan District Sailing on Greenwood Lake at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Ronald Wulff
Fleet Secretary Jim Cosmas

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9059	.....	Ole Olsen
10048	.....	Nicholas Santoro
10218	.....	Ron Wulff
10735	.....	Herbert Dickert
11771	.....	Irwin & Jed Kwartler
12013	Dilly Dilly	Walt Johnson
12045	Yield	Royal Sengstacken

No report.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102) California District Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain Bert Winther
Fleet Secretary Don Rondeau

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7860	.....	Don Rondeau
8122	Rusalka	Dick Vianden
8525	Chapaleo	Peter Aperlo
11373	Sea Fever	Mike Boswell
11568	Blue Wooz	Quinter Foster, Jr.
12815	Lotsa Work	Ralph Stober
13117	Well Greased	Bert Winther
13186	Paddlin Madelyn III	Wendell Harter
13191	.....	Mike Boswell
13247	.....	Edward F. Spurl
.....	.....	Max Rosenberg
.....	.....	Peter Huston

No report.

LAVALLETTE LIGHTNING FLEET (104) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Lavallette, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary Bob Williams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2067	.....	Chris J. Larsen
9250	Puck	Walter H. Krueger

10181	.....	Ben Singleton
10633	Star Dust Again	Fred Slovak
11444	.....	Todd Elsasser
12209	Flying Cloud II	Dr. Ira Ross
12350	Elam	Chris J. Larsen
.....	.....	Bob Williams
.....	.....	George Zabrycki

No report.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain & Secretary	.....	Michael Dow
Fleet Champion	.....	Fred Krauss
Runner-Up	.....	John Dent

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5981	.....	Gordon R. Gustin
8285	.....	R. Gary Stauffer
11185	.....	Ormond Barstow
11433	Carousel VII	Frank Fowler
12108	Serenity	Gary Cutler
12784	Pacemaker	John N. Dent
12977	.....	Gerald M. Finch
13493	Serendipity	Michael Dow
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold

The 1980 sailing season was an active one at Higgins Lake with several new Lightnings racing this year. Our location on Treasure Island continues to be a great sailing attraction and the Higgins Lake Boat Club clubhouse works beautifully for our many parties. The season began on the 4th of July with a Firecracker Regatta. Mike Dow, Jr. was first, followed by Fred Krauss skippering Orman Barstow's boat.

On the second and third of August, we had our Annual Regatta with many catamarans present and a solid Lightning Fleet of 17 boats. The five race series was won by Brian Hussey of Union Lake. Hank Hodgson was second, also from Union Lake. Third and fourth were won by local boats, which shows our growing competitiveness with Mike Dow, Jr., third and Fred Krauss, fourth.

The season of racing every Saturday was dominated by Gary Cutler in third place, Fred Krauss, second place and Mike Dow, Jr., first place.

The season closed on Labor Day weekend with our traditional Labor Day Regatta. Mike Dow, Jr. was finally eliminated by going off to college, so Fred Krauss became our Fleet Champion sailing Mike's old boat which he had just acquired. John Dent was Runner-Up and Gary Cutler was third. We are very pleased with the additional interest in our Lightning Fleet and look forward to an even finer 1981 Season. Come and sail with us and enjoy Michigan's finest!

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	.....	Patrick Berndt
Fleet Secretary	.....	John Evans
Fleet Champion	.....	Brian Phelan
Runner-Up	.....	Jim Robinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1578	.....	Dale Phillips
2557	Tinker Bell	Eugene Goffard
7375	.....	Mark Neilson
8025	Apple Jack	Quintin J. Adamski
8350	Fast Closer	Jim Michaud
8634	Blood Sweat & Tears	Ellen Blakeley
8644	Crocodile	Lyle M. Bracker
8749	Bright Eyes	Bruce Miller
9309	Old Hickory	J. Gagnon, III, David Whitton
9634	.....	James L. Hopkins
10178	Slippery When Wet	Douglas E. Olson
10395	Irish Eyes	Mike Quinn

11490	.....	Brian Phelan
11547	Peter Pan	Eugene Goffard
11953	Olson Eater	Patrick Berndt
12457	Stinger	David M. Roznowski
13141	Flying High	Bill R. Dean
13224	After You	Thomas V. Geocaris
13233	Snafu III	John Evans
13235	.....	Vernon Heyrman
13376	Deja Vu	Jim Robinson
13486	.....	Steve Somerville
13487	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler
.....	.....	Robert Minahan

The 1980 season was off to an early start for the Green Bay Sailing Club. Bruce Goldsmith found time in February for a one day seminar and a little socializing. The turnout was excellent and we hope to do it again in 1981.

By the time May rolled around, we had 26 Lightnings registered, of which 18 actively participated, and in the end, we saw a new skipper, Brian Phelan, walk away with the honors. Jim Robinson and Dave Roznowski, second and third respectively, put in an excellent showing. Another new skipper, Gary Marshall, also showed his expertise, and we'll be keeping our eye on him next year.

In addition to our 32 regular races we sponsored five regattas and a number of social events. The Evans Regatta, a qualifier for the Midwest Districts, was very successful with 28 boats participating. G.B.S.C. sailors put up a good fight but it wasn't quite enough as John Esser of Milwaukee took first place. A new race was named for the man who has devoted much time and energy to sailboat racing. Frank Vandersteen. This Race was held in conjunction with the Chancellor's Cup and both were open to Centerboard and Multi Hull classes. Lightning sailor Jim Robinson took first in centerboard for both races. Also a first was the Women at the Helm Race in which only women skippers qualified. The race was completed in near drifting conditions with Barb Patz, Dianne Van Beek, and Mari Vandenberg taking the first three places. The season came to a close with the Walter Masse Race in which John Evans finished first in both corrected and actual time.

The main social event of the year was our annual 4th of July Pig Roast. The agenda included Tech Dinghy racing, frisbee, volleyball, and pleasant conversation, after which everyone indulged in as much beer and roast pig as they could handle. The day was concluded with a moonlight sail across the bay to watch the fireworks.

All in all it was a very successful year, and 1981 promises to be just as good, as we already have two new Lightning owners. A special thanks goes to Pat Berndt, Doug Olson, and Betsy Whitton, who will be stepping down as officers, for the time and energy they devoted to this organization.



Fleet champion Brian Phelan leads pack at drop mark.

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