

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

Fleet Captain Robert Buckley
 Fleet Secretary Ward Wilday
 Fleet Champion Bob Buckley
 Runner-Up Mike Kane

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6358	Wimbrel	Robert Hendryx
7744	Outrageous	Bob Buckley
8792	Blue Dolphin	Bill Rollo
10556	.....	Paul Branch
10730	Rainin' Kane	Michael Kane
11175	Wildfire	Bill McIntyre
11599	Bote	Don Cutler
12926	Jenny Bell	Ward Wilday & C. Paul Clark

Cuba Lake Fleet 115 added two new boats to its Lightning Class this past summer. Welcomed were Mike Kane and Pete Chicola. Both are enthusiastic, competitive sailors.

We had great sailing weather at Cuba Lake with no rain and fairly good winds. One of the highlights of our summer season was the Moonlight sail. A great time was had by all.

Plans are underway to renew the Three Lakes Regatta next year. We are hoping for a good turnout and steady winds.

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

Fleet Captain Grant Pendill
 Fleet Secretary Joe Peterson
 Fleet Champion Al DeBernardi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
268	Pen-G-Win	Grant Pendill
1320	.....	Robert E. Carleton
2052	.....	John Kelleher
6654	Encore II	Thomas Tolman
7037	.....	John Kelleher
10240	.....	John Kelleher
10804	Flip-Top	Joe Peterson
11250	Gemini	Joyce Stoehr & Judy Young
13153	Dee Bee	Al DeBernardi
13448	Luffable	John Kelleher
13456	Remedy	Steve Fram & Alan Lavender
13517	Swan	W. J. Snow, Jr.
.....	.....	Tom Valeo

Fleet 121's sailing season has come and gone, but the great memories will linger. The season started quickly, with the Fleet hosting the 1981 State of Massachusetts Championships in June. The Regatta was won by Marblehead's Dave Curtis.

Fleet 121's Championship Series was divided into two series. The Spring series was won by 1978, 1979 Fleet Champion Al DeBernardi. On the CB they call him "Fat Albert", on the Race Course "Fast Albert". The Fall Series was won by Steve Fram winning all but one race in the series. In the match race to decide the over-all Champion, DeBernardi prevailed, to make it three years in a row. (Albert, the rest of the fleet is closing the gap!)

The Twilight Series was won by wooden boat purist, Grant Pendill. Grant seems to be the only Fleet member who can sail consistently when the sun is setting.

Some Fleet members traveled far and wide in 1980. Red Bank, Cedar Point, and most of the New England District Schedule were visited by 121's crews this year. The most road success came when Steve Fram and Al Lavender co-skipped #13456 to 2nd Place in the Annual Massabesic Race Weekend, losing to Dave Fitch by 3/4 point.

1981 looks promising for Fleet 121, with some new Lightnings taking part, and a couple others coming out of mothballs. Come start your 1981 season early at one of New England's first regattas in June. Perhaps your name will be added to the list of Newburyport winners which include Shore, Curtis, Brush,

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

Fleet Captain Chet Abend

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9133	.....	Tripp Blair
9239	Hex-A-Gone	Jim Heckey
9429	Kittywake	William MacPhee
12480	Partners	Pete Bodine, Andy Batty & John W. Felton
	Choice	

No report.

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

Fleet Captain Richard Thackaberry
 Fleet Secretary Michael Willetts
 Fleet Champion Richard Thackaberry
 Runner-Up Jack Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7245	.....	Todd Cameron
9542	Sue	Charles D. Agnew
9632	Silver	Chuck Whittelsey, II
10119	Loki	Kjell Heitmann
10431	Bone Swah	Peter Tarnoff
10690	Tuned	Gianni Cuccio
10892	Uncle Coch	Stephen Kavanewsky
11082	TNT	C. Dayton Titworth
11143	.....	Don Gorman
11220	White Lightning	Allen Bemus
11381	.....	Richard Price III
11576	Intracacy	Arie Van Breems II
11580	.....	Willis Wendell III
11657	Challenge	John Dymont
12244	Hot Rudderred	
	Bum	Todd Cameron
12367	Amok	Dr. Richard Thackaberry
12744	Tito	Guillermo D. Payet
12853	Gotcha II!	Mike Willets
12863	Think Faster	Guy Moulton
12876	Tex	Dave Fagin & Phil Griffin
13000	Les Trois Chats II	Wayne Atwell
13055	Gemma	Thomas M. LeBrun
13200	Red Peppers	Jack Lewis
13206	Giannina	John Cuccio
13494	Triple Trouble	Alan Chaplin

Racing in 1980 began for some of us at scenic Red Bank. While we did not win any hardware, it was rumored that we won the party. Racing in earnest for Fleet 126 began at the annual Early Bird Regatta. Forty boats sailed and we were pleased to see so many of our North East Coast neighbors in attendance. Winds were tricky, but somehow a skipper named Bill Shore managed to figure them out and take home another trophy for his trophy room.

Winds were warm and as a rule pretty steady this summer. We had a lot of practice in heavy air and some good "ray days." Fleet 126 welcomed some new members. Alan Chaplin, John Dymont, Guy Moulton, Brice Porter and Bill Payet were all new faces who became old friends as the year went on.

Memorial Day saw our first regatta weekend and Johnny Cuccio won the Vice Commodore's Cup. Wildman Willetts was second, Dick Thackaberry was third.

The Fourth of July saw Dick "AMOK" Thackaberry winning the series followed closely by Dick Price who left us all in the dust in the first race. Bill Gutzwiller was third.

Our Districts were held at Noroton this year, home club of Jim Crane. Cedar Point sent ten boats. Ours may be the only district where we have to sail against two past North American Champions, but there we all were racing against not only Jim Crane, but also the infamous Bill Shore. The wind BLEW! and we had to work hard just to keep afloat. (Some of us

didn't make it!). Bill Shore won followed by Jim Crane, Dick Thackaberry was third and is to be congratulated for keeping up with Bill and Jim throughout the series. At one point they were the only three flying chutes and were "miles" ahead of the pack. Dick's super-crew Adam Lewis had a lot to do with that victory and was one tired lad at the end of the weekend.

Fleet 126 sailors Cuccio, Willetts, Moulton and Titsworth traveled to Madison Beach for the Long Island Sound Championships. Phil Griffin and John Cuccio attended the Governor's Cup at Niantic.

Labor Day weekend came all too soon and was won by Dave Fagin, who after a long absence proved he hadn't forgotten a thing. Jack Lewis took second and Bud Titsworth with a midair crew switch before the last race came in third.

The Fleet Champion was Dick Thackaberry who won by a large margin, winning over half the races he sailed. Congratulations to the super team of Thack-Lewis-Thack who really had their act together.

Jack Lewis was runner-up edging out Johnny Cucci by less than .001 of a point in the last race of the season. After Johnny, fourth place was taken by Bud Titsworth who showed us some super sailing. Alan and Glenn Bemus were fifth overall.

The Climax of the year came in September as we hosted our annual fall regatta. Sixty-one boats showed up. Do you suppose they heard that we were to host the North Americans next year, and came to check us out? Mike Willetts did a great job as Regatta Chairman, Kathy Moulton fed us all well and our super efficient race committee Ted Fontilieu did a fantastic job of getting off four superb races. Mark Bryant, current North American Champion walked away with the top honors and even shared some of his secrets with us at a post race seminar. Dave Curtiss was second; our old friend Stu Nickerson, third; Jay Lutz was fourth, and Don Brush, fifth.

Spofford capped off the season. It was a great party as usual and this year we even had wind. Dick Thackaberry would up fifth overall.

Thanks to Fleet Captain Will Wendell and all fleet members, wives, and crews for making 1980 a great year.

We are now all hard at work under the direction of John Cuccio planning for the 1981 North Americans. We are very excited to be the host club and hope to see you all there in August '81!



"Thack-Lewis-Thack"

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

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

Fleet Captain	Gary Oetgen
Fleet Secretary	Sidney Oetgen
Fleet Champion	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
Runner-Up	Chip Ogletree

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9098	Rainbow Rig	Chip Ogletree
11336	.....	James L. Daniell
12055	Pacifier	Randy Brooks
12828	.....	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
13013	Jinx	C. A. McMurray, Jr.
13190	.....	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	.....	J. Wallace Aggett

Again, after two years, our fleet has been riddled with a poor turnout for our local series racing. But, we did host: Another well attended Deep South Regatta consisting of 54 boats; a Lightning Invitational; and our members also participated in various South Eastern District Regattas.

Our Deep South Regatta and our Invitational would not have been successful without our very efficient Race Committee which was headed up this year by John McIntosh, Jr., thanks goes to you all!

Our sailors did get together during the Labor Day weekend to compete for our cherished Lightning Cup. The results were as follows: Bert Berry ended up our Fleet Champion with Chip Ogletree, second, and Jimmy Nettles, third.

Another award winner was, Kelley Oetgen, who was unanimously chosen as this year's recipient of our "Crew of the Year" Trophy. Kelley has sailed Lightnings for approximately six years and has competed in the 1978 Women's North Americans held at the Metedeconk Yacht Club and the 1979 North Americans held at the Cleveland Yachting Club. With her excellent participation and superb enthusiasms, she well deserves the award; Congratulations Kelley!

This year's Stubbs Trophy recipient was Don Heyel. He soundly earned this award due to his enthusiastic and unselfish cooperation while assisting the Race Committee during the year. Congratulations Mr. Heyel!

In closing, thanks also go to Randy Brooks and Sydney Oetgen for being our Fleet Captain and Secretary for this year.

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.

Fleet Captain	Richard Maxwell
Fleet Secretary	Jane Hilton
Fleet Champion	Nancy Young
Runner-Up	David Deephouse

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

1980 was a tremendous year for the Madison Beach Club Lightning Fleet. Competition and enthusiasm were greater than ever—as evidenced by the close competition for series championships and in regional regattas. Nancy Young managed to regain the title of Club Champion from Dick Grant, last year's Champion, but it wasn't that easy. David Deephouse, Jay Jackson, Dick Grant and Mike Sulzbach were close behind her.

Enthusiasm is increasing at a phenomenal rate. Our junior sailing program has generated a lot of interest and in the process, some excellent (potential Lightning) sailors. Jay Renchan and his brother, Peter won the Blue Jay North American Championship. Our sailing team raced well against local competitors, and we are developing a new midget team for next season. Dick Grant's "home movies" of the 1980 season were shown over Labor Day weekend—and were proof of our fantastic season.

Next year promises to be even better. Madison Beach Club is hosting the Connecticut-Rhode Island Districts. We're expecting a large fleet and some excellent competition. An added bonus: Madison is just a short sail from

Westport: the site of the 1981 North American Championship. Come sail with us!

LAKE WASHINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Shilshole Bay at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain Alan Hunt
Fleet Secretary Cheryl Zettler
Fleet Champion Bruce Deitz
Runner-Up Alan Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6560	.....	Larry DeBardi
8578	Hecate	John Burt
9024	.....	Allen Hunt
10256	Blue Kazoo	Eric Lindahl
10319	.....	Dick Ensminger
10364	.....	Jennie Calvin
10699	.....	David Hammer
11031	.....	Allen Hunt
11457	Mrs. Henry VII	Greg Zettler
11470	My Pet II	Kenneth Dunkelberg
11636	Lightning Rod	Pete Robinson
13054	Flashstone	Bruce Deitz
13242	Silver Fox	Frank Wise

Locating the North Americans on the West Coast had a big impact on the Seattle Fleet this year. "Frantic to Sail" was the unofficial fleet motto. From May through August most of us spent two weekends a month sailing out-of-town while trying to keep up with local racing on Thursday nights. Bruce Deitz won the most Regattas for Seattle, taking top honors in Vancouver, B. C. (July 12-13) and Seattle (Oct. 25-26). Both Regattas were PIYA and Lightning Circuit Regattas. The Seattle Race doubled as the Fleet Championship, so Bruce wears that crown, also. With consistently good finishes in Circuit Racing, chances are excellent that he will take home the overall PIYA Circuit Trophy — won by Seattle sailors since 1974. (We like, the Marines, are a small but quality group.) Unfortunately Bruce went for a swim in the middle of the District Championships. Except for this little diversion, Bruce would be a cinch to win the overall Lightning Circuit Trophy, also.

Alan Hunt and team have gotten their act together and won their first trophy on the circuit: Alan took fifth place in the Klamath Falls PIYA (July 5-6). He later won second place in the Seattle PIYA Regatta, earning him the title of Fleet Champion Runner-up. A warning to the Northwest District: Alan now counts his finishes from the FRONT end of the fleet.

Greg "Count" Zettler has seen some ups and downs this year. He gave his crew surprise swimming lessons during the first and largest PIYA Circuit Regatta (Eugene, Ore.) during Memorial weekend. The season could only get better after that opener. Greg later won the Districts (June 21-23) for the third time since 1974, and managed a fifth place in the Canadian Opens in Vancouver, B. C. (Aug. 1-3). The Count was our top Northwest District qualifier in the San Diego North Americans (at 19th), but then got chewed alive by all the good guys in the Blue Fleet—a mixed blessing.

In its second year located on salty Puget Sound (Seattle), Fleet 132 is obviously alive and growing. We welcomed two new skippers into the fleet. Ken "Dunk" Dunkelberg and Pete Robinson. Realistically, we expect to see three or four additional Lightning owners join the ranks next season. All this growth (we started two years ago with three sailors!) is due to the efforts of Fleet Captain Alan Hunt. A good worker deserves a reward; he will probably be re-elected.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)

Michigan District

Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain Mike Rathbun
Fleet Secretary Fred Harrison
Fleet Champion Carl Engels
Runner-Up Tim VanderMeulen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9734	.....	Donald G. Albert
10842	Tsunami	Mike Rathbun
11016	Second Wind	Carter Brooks
11068	Sea Nymph	Dick Howard

11806	.....	Bill Patten
11811	Double	Jakob Vos
12103	Red Baron	Fred Harrison
12595	Tim-Buck II	Tim Stewart
12931	.....	Tom Merritt
12958	Tektite	Jack Engels
13112	.....	Carl Engels
13236	.....	Tony Peschiera
13279	Cyxobeu	Tim VanderMeulen
13379	Coming Home	Dan Chappell
13449	.....	Carter Brooks

Fleet 137 enjoyed another excellent year of fun filled sailing on Gull Lake, Michigan. Races are scheduled every Saturday and Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Carl Engels once again took the Season Championship. Tim Vandermeulen was this year's Runner-up in a battle for second that was in question until he passed Jack Engels on the last tack of the last beat of the last race of the season.

The first ten places in the fleet standings this year were: Carl/Jim Engels, first; Tim Vandermeulen, second; Jack Engels, third; Dan Chappell, fourth; Tim Stewart, fifth; Carter Brooks, sixth; Bill Patten, seventh; Mike Rathbun, eighth; Matt Howard, ninth; Tom Merritt, tenth.

We welcomed three new sailors to the fleet this year. Don Albert, Bill Weston and Jakob Voss. All three are interested in racing and moving up through the fleet. There were two new boats in the fleet this year, they belong to Carter Brooks and Dan Chappell.

Bill Patten was our most improved Skipper moving from 12th place last year to 7th this year. Carter Brooks also made a big jump up in the standings this year.

Our annual regatta was held in July, like last year, good winds blew and we were again able to feature a few capsize at the gybe mark. Tom Jungiohann won the regatta. The best for Fleet 137 were Carl Engels in third, Tim Vandermeulen in sixth, Dan Chappell in seventh, and Matt Howard in tenth place. There were 25 boats this year.

Gull Lake sent six boats to the District Championships this year. Tim Vandermeulen won three races and ended up fourth overall. Carl Engels also cracked the top ten with an eighth overall.

On the social side our annual spring meeting was held at the Engels' house. The annual regatta picnic was put on in fine style at the Harrisons' house. The sail to breakfast was put on by Mike and Bonnie Rathbun at their home—rain provided this year's excuse for driving and not sailing.

Next season promises to be another good one for Fleet 137—under the guidance of Fleet Captain Mike Rathbun and Secretary Fred Harrison we hope to put on two regattas next year. Come and enjoy one of the finest lakes in the midwest with us.

HAWAII FLEET (143)

Hawaii District

Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Fleet Captain William Heine
Fleet Secretary Frances Vaughan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9622	.....	Chuck Gustin
10920	Protea	Dave Fergusson
11084	Horizon	Frances C. Vaughan
11786	.....	Bobby Edmondson

There seems to be a trend in Hawaii away from the medium sized centerboarder toward either the small, high performance centerboarder or the large ocean racer. Us "in-betweens" are fighting for survival for we still feel that the Lightning is the finest boat of her type in the world.

Way back in January of 1980, we had a Grand Season's Kickoff Party at Chuck and Maggie Gustin's which got us off to a roaring start, and the wind did continue to roar all through the winter until April. None of the Winter and Early Spring Series were raced and we didn't sail our first series until May 4th, when Bob Edmondson sailed off with the honors and the Woodbury Bowl. By the way, Woody, where are you?

From June on, the weather improved rapidly and the hardware was pretty evenly divided between Chuck Gustin and Dave Fergusson with Fran Vaughan finally getting her act together to take all firsts to win the District Eliminations.

Two new aluminum Masts, three aluminum booms and two new suits of sail blossomed on the boats of Dave Ferguson, Mickey Meierdiercks and Fran Vaughan in September and we all had our teeth set for the October 12th series, but RATS! the wind blew like stink and two red rags were flying from the yacht club mast and the races were cancelled. What a let down!

Never mind, they'll still work next year.

As of this writing we're looking forward to two more 1980 series and a whole new ball game for 1981 with lots of hot participation and a new boat or two on the starting line.

Happiness is a Hot Lightning!

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145) New England District Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Fred Turner
Fleet Secretary Bob Pinard
Fleet Champion Bob Pinard
Runner-Up Fred (Bud) Hamblet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6888	Cutty Sark	Frederick H. Edwards
8339	.....	Virginia Gilson
10093	Namy	H. Fletcher Willey
10480	.....	Robert Pinard
11194	Straight Arrow	Spurgeon W. Thompson
11210	.....	Jody B., Rick & Frederick Turner, Jr.
11288	Bon Joy	Leonard Pratt
11346	Gail	Fred H. Hamblet
12362	Three Cheers	David H. Fitch
12982	Bluet	David C. Bischoff



Fleet Champion Bob Pinard and crew, sons David and Brian, pictured with the Connecticut Governor's Trophy.

Tom Fitch sailed his new Sunfish to a 1st place in SYC's Junior Championship. He was hotly pursued by Dave Pinard and light air magician Andy Gale. Tommy Thompson, last year's Fleet Captain, was absent from Spofford Lake this year. Thompson, who heads up Bill Shore's loft in the Virgin Islands, has it tough these days dividing his time between Newport and Charlotte Amalie. Staunch home guardian Fred Turner took over as Fleet Captain from Thompson. Rebuilding the fleet and local sailing are two formidable challenges Fleet 145 will be addressing under Turner's direction. Ginny Gilson, SYC's Sailing Instructor and Race Committee, became a fleet member and part owner of Lightning 8339. Welcome aboard Ginny. Bon Joy, Len and Rob Pratt's boat, stayed south this summer. Len

sailed with the Aeron team at most New England regatta's.

The Fitch's returned from a taste of Great Lakes "big boat" cruising to place third in the Fleet Championship Series and first at Massabesic's Fall regatta. Their win was the second year in a row the Fitch's won top honors at Massabesic. Congratulations to Tom Fitch who, sailing *Three Cheers*, was the top Spofford finisher at this year's Spofford Regatta. "Fast Fred" Hamblet, with son Kip aboard, notched the runner-up spot in the hotly contested Fleet Championship Series. Bob and David Pinard, Hamblet's 1979 crew, with son Brian adding 68 pounds of hiking power, edged out their former skipper to become this year's Fleet Champions. The Pinard's also sailed their newly acquired *Boat from Sparta* to a first in the 1980 Connecticut Governor's Cup.

Thirty boats attended one of Spofford's best regattas in recent years where Jay Lutz took first followed by Stu Nickerson, second, and last year's winner Dick Hallagan, third.

Come sail with us next year—we guarantee a great time for all!

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146) Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain David Roost
Fleet Secretary George Styan
Fleet Champions (co-owners)
..... Bob Elliott, Patrick Nolan
Runner-Up David Roost

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5223	Seabiscuit	Ed Hearn
8152	Mimi	Elliot M. Wilson
8579	Passe Partout	V. H. Olsen
9091	Sans Egal	Dave Thomas
9543	Adgo	Tim, Ben & Camille Willings
9936	Tumult	Ross Graves
10126	Rorida	K. N. Jeejeebhoy
10393	Something Special	George Styan
11136	Prometheus	Ken Inglis
11174	Janitor	David & D. Stewart Sprague
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11275	Aquaholic	Bob Elliott & Pat Nolan
11331	Cul De Sac	John D. Gorrie
11631	Apprenticeship	Prentice Smith
11884	Serena	David Roost
12039	Intrigue	Fred Watson
12217	Bata Buidhe	A. N. Mackay
12246	.....	Ben Willings
12878	Fantaisie	.....
.....	Improptu	Brian Beattie
12932	Pipe Dream III	Donald G. Piper
13180	Frenzy Free	Ron Cochrane
13260	Fire Fly	Harvey P. Harman
13509	.....	David Sprague
13519	.....	John D. Gorrie

Toronto Fleet 146 had another active year, as usual, starting with the Boat Show in February, followed by a well attended Seminar with guest speakers, Tom Allen and Larry MacDonald.

The Fleet Champion was co-owner combination Bob Elliott and Patrick Nolan, provided with able crews by their First Mates, Irene and Jackie. The runner-up in 1980 was Dave Roost, always a great contributor to the class in Toronto.

The Juvenile Championship has become a year after year success. We offer for many youth sailors, the only opportunity to: race lightnings; understand the stability and resources of the class, and the people that sail this great boat. Eighteen entries participated in the 1980 event from as far away as Halifax, Thunder Bay, Quebec City, Kingston and Hamilton. 1981 will see the seventh running of this event by the Toronto fleet.

The Ontario Open, hosted by (it seems) a one man yacht club, Prentice Smith, at the Reef on Georgian Bay has become so successful that the Canadian Open will be hosted there in 1981. This year's event was captured by Mike Volmer of Hamilton with Ron Cochrane runner-up.

The Hurrell Shaker became the first of a fall series of races which moved to Silver Lake and on to Sandy Beach. The Toronto Hurrell Shaker leg had 25 starters and was gratefully attended by our American friends. Tom Allen trailed into the last race, but ended with a win.

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)
Brazil District
Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain & Secretary Peter Zacher
 Fleet Champion Claudio Bickarck
 Runner-Up Robert Buckup

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7495	ZRBST	Manfred Kauffmann, Jr.
8495	Hummel	Wolfgang Aurbach
9243	Le Pastis	Carlos Edmundo Miller
11708	.....	Robert Buckup
11709	Canarinho	Willi Carlos Tietze & Juergen Lajus
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
12360	Brisa	Constatino Fraga
12414	Meia Noite IV	Claudio Kunz
12440	Patua	Rogério Queiroz Guilger
12489	Phrescura	Claudio Bickarck
12524	Fox Fire	Heinz & Horst Thielemann
13008	Viking II	Rolf H. Ett
13027	Undine IV	Silvia Buchmann Batello
13405	.....	Claudio Abramowitz
13406	Meia Noite VI	Mario Buckup

This year we had the National Championship in Guarapiranga at our Club—Yacht Club Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo. The Champion is a new member in our clan Claudio Bickarck. We also had the 50th Birthday of the Yacht Club Santo Amaro. Two-hundred boats from ten different classes participated in these races. The champion in the Lightning Class was Claudio Abramowitz. In this year we also held the Junior Races, and the Champion was Ofavio M. Almeida, of the participating 12 boats.

In our fleet we have two races in which the skippers are women. This was a great success, with ten boats. The Champion was Miss Mailla Flesch.

In 1981, the National Championship will be in Florianopolis, Santa Cabarina. We hope to participate from our fleet with ten boats. We send a program from the 50th Birthday of our Yacht Club, Santo Amaro, where there participated 200 boats from Rio de Janeiro, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais Pernambuco and Sao Paulo.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)
Ohio District
Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at
Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Secretary Del Storich

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
7785	Merrimax	Donald C. Walter
10165	In-A-Jam	John a. Mintz
10272	Screaming Yellow	
	Zonker	Burton L. Preston
11557	Lantmont	Dr. Jerome Hurley
11681	Lady	Charles H. Huston
12085	Phoenix	R. A. Bonham
12205	Tarre On	Derek West
12425	Schuss	Donald E. Widman, MD
12439	Prosit	Ed & Dr. John A. Brennan
12498	Yacht-Not	Al Storich
12567	Wind Sprite	Thomas J. McDermott

No report.

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB (151)
New England District
Sailing on Ipswich Bay at
Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Secretary Carolyn Peter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9973	.....	John I. Reed
10212	Second Effort	Dr. Georges & J. Georges Peter
10831	Reflex	Bruce P. Abbott

No report.

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

Fleet Captain & Secretary Gary Cameron
 Fleet Champion Garry Demarest

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

The lovely breezes still blow on Tawas Bay.

Fleet 152 was invisible in 1980, but we will rise again when we finally budge the big boaters off their sterns and budgets. In the meantime, One-Design sailing at Tawas Bay Yacht Club is only a victim and a memory.

Here's hoping for better days.

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

Fleet Captain Dick Boenger
 Fleet Secretary Steve Miller
 Fleet Champion George Buckingham
 Runner-Up John Call

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

This was the season of the "Big Boat," weddings, and an unusual amount of little or no sailing on race days. Our season got underway early in April when Bruce Baiden's future son-in-law decided to sail beautiful Lake Wawasee in his new 30 foot Catalina equipped with Amish running lights imported from Grabill, Indiana. After some humorous weekends and numerous "war stories," our actual racing season began on Memorial Day weekend. George Buckingham picked up where he left off the previous year by taking first place followed by Dick Boenger and John Call. This trend prevailed much of the time.

The beginning of summer left little time for practice and tuning as the second week of June we hosted the 26th Hoosier Regatta. The 23 boats and crews participatin found the weather anything but ideal. The winds were light and fluky on Saturday and the rains came on Sunday. Gordon Ettie put on a ski show and Bruce Goldsmith gave a practical demonstration on how to beach a lightning in preparation for later sailing, thereby giving more time to volleyball—at 3:00 a.m. Bruce recovered sufficiently to take home another first place. The following weekend the Indiana Districts took place at Wawasee and Bob Carter of Indianapolis took first. Chuck Medlock of Wawasee qualified and later made the long trip to San Diego where he achieved a W.Y.C. first by qualifying for the Championship Fleet in the North Americans.

After the hectic June the yacht club settled down to the season's sailing, but with just about as much cooperation from the weather. The winds were

either high and gusty or nonexistent. Our July 4 series was a repeat of Memorial Day. George placed first with Chuck Medlock a close second and John Call rounded up third. By the middle of the season George had the lid on first place, but second and third place were hotly contested by Dick Boerger, John Call, and Chuck Medlock. The Labor Day series, which ended our racing season, saw a shift in that Dick Boerger finished first followed by George and Doug Schmahl. Poor Chuck had to go back to school and missed all the fun. For the season George Buckingham again retained his Championship (six straight) followed by John Call, who had a tough time going the "right" direction at the marks, and Dick Boerger who moved into third place. Our Commodore's Cup was won by Dick Galmeyer with Ray Gans second and Bob Troutman in third.

All in all it was a fun and eventful summer. Bruce and Gloria Baiden's daughter Julie married Andy VanDerPlaats Jr., and Jack Gibson married the former Ann Singer. Lee Witwer was named the outstanding yacht club woman and to top all things Bruce Baiden got his boat back from the repair shop in time to put it away for the winter. It even came equipped with a new "twisty" mast that we're all going to keep our eye on. We again thank our race committee of Paul Penn, Barb Medlock, and Lee Witwer who again gave so much of their time. We hope to see all of you at Lake Wawasee next year. Good luck and good sailing.

FLOTILHA DE FLORIANOPOLIS FLEET (162)

Brazil District

Sailing at Veleiros de Ilha Club on Baia Sul, Florianopolis

Fleet Captain Walmor Gomes Soares
Fleet Secretary Valerio Gomes Soares

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11721	Goiabada	Walmor Soares
12526	Lixa	Valerio & Walmor Soares

Our 1980 Championship will be held in February 1981 because, now, we have only two boats in condition.

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164)

Central New York District

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain Dave Bull
Fleet Secretary Ron Kokot
Fleet Champion Jeff Penfield
Runner-Up Dick Tuttle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
10171	Cowpens	Dr. Thomas Kozlowski
10367	.....	Donald Barter
10414	Charming II	Nelson Neidhardt
11307	Second Life	Ron Kokot
11555	Reluctant	Jim Hole
11650	Tutty Two	Dick Tuttle
11853	Dandy II	Jeffrey Bassin, MD
12004	.....	Donald B. Barter
12065	.....	Frederick S. Keith
12587	Tiger	Dr. Jeff Penfield
12646	Mimi	Edward Cabaniss
12792	Thor	Geoffrey & W. B. Smith
12809	Bull Ship	David K. Bull
12929	Wildfire	Merle & Jim Pindell
13011	Dutchman's Gold	Richard Sinn
13052	Full Deck	Milt Rubenstein
13353	.....	Dr. Gerald Bezner
.....	.....	David W. Guinther
.....	.....	Tom McAuliffe

"BOOM... ALL CLEAR!" And so began the 25th point race of the season for Fleet 164 sailing on picturesque Cazenovia Lake. On the surface, what appeared a normal enough start actually belied the intense drama that characterized this 1980 Summer Series grand finale. For this one race would determine the order of the top three boats for the entire year. It is

fitting that a year filled with exciting competition should see the final event begin with the top two boats (Penfield and Helmer-Sinn) in a dead heat on total points, and the third (Tuttle) a mere 1½ points behind. "BOOM... 12587, OVER!" After several early lead changes, in typically shifty breezes, Dr. Jeff Penfield emerged with his sixth victory of the year and the overall Fleet Championship. Dick Tuttle managed to put one boat (Jim Hole playing the spoiler) between himself and Tadd Helmer to grab second place, silver by ½ point. Congratulations to Jeff and Kathy (who won it without a steady third crew) and to Dick, Pam and Leslie (it looks like Dick has found a pretty good third crew member.)

Thrills and excitement were not limited to the end of the year however. Cazenovia's shifting winds and surprise storms provided the settings that saw: Milt Rubenstein spend the first half of the season getting *Full Deck* in order without son Jeff aboard, and then finish the year strong with four seconds in his last five races as an indication of his 1981 plans; Tadd Helmer entertain his competitors with a unique version of the Flying Wallendas substituting mast for high-wire and lake for netting. His dive with spinnaker full was rated a very high degree of difficulty, and scored a near perfect "10" by all the judges. 1980 also saw Ron and Pam Kokot win their first race, only to find the salutary finish cannon not working. Ron accepted the pathetic whistle in place of the stately victory boom, but promised to come back next year to seek the proper first place reward. Ron credits a lot of his improved results to Ned Cabaniss, who taught him that battens have a fat and skinny end for a reason! Dave Bull, Fleet 164 Captain, proved early in the year that *BULLSHIP* sails much better with mast pointing up than down. Were it not for the hulk of Art Diefendorf standing by, Dave and crew might have made it all the way to Lake Meadows. . . Turtled! Jim Hole stole the show for 1980 by appearing under full sail (in full color) on the front page of Syracuse's Herald-Journal. The accompanying article "Cavorting on Cazenovia Lake" told of "eager sailors giving their all. . ." and how "such maneuvers are advised only for experienced sailors. . . with life preservers at hand. . ." Jim always could spin a good yarn!

Mid July saw Fleet 164 host the second leg of the Central New York District's Triple Crown—The L.S.L.S. Regatta. Sodus Bay's Jed Dodge barely nipped ex-Willow Bank Yacht Club sailor Jim Pindell (with Jeff Budrow aboard) in a hotly contested series, while Jeff Penfield grabbed fourth place silver (missing third by ¼ point). The first day of the event saw absolutely superb weather and prompted a real test of stamina, as the race committee strung four exciting races together. All participants agreed Fleet 164 and WBYC upheld their tradition by offering a super organized, professional and, most important, highly enjoyable regatta weekend, topped off by Saturday's Delmonico steak roast and disco entertainment. Many thanks to Art Diefendorf (Finn sailor extraordinaire) for a fine job as Race Committee Chairman.

Fleet 164 continued to be well represented in District Regattas this summer. Most notably, in the District Championship, where Jeff Penfield finished a strong third, followed by Dick Tuttle in seventh. Dick went off to San Diego, and qualified for the Championship Fleet at the North Americans. He said his biggest thrill yet in Lightning racing was during the qualifiers, looking back on the second spinnaker run to see three former World Champions behind him! In other events, the Helmer-Sinn combo was all set for a high finish in the Keuka Champagne Regatta's final race until Janet decided on a mid-race swim. She claims it was a sudden wind shift at the jibe mark, but one has to wonder given the nature of this traditional "bubbly" series.

The club's annual Labor Day festivities proved exciting with a good turnout of Lightning sailors for these season ending races. Caroline Penfield (with Kathy and Janet Barter aboard) won the Crewettes Trophy event, and Dick Tuttle prevailed in the Lightning Charter Member's Cup Race.

In the "Coming and Going" department, Fleet 164's size remained stable, but not without some personnel changes. Last year's Fleet Champion Dave Guinther moved on to new employment in New Jersey, leaving *K & T* behind. (Don Barter was quick to take ownership of this proven racing machine.) We wish Dave and Jane well, along with Norm and Dorothy Washburn, who've joined the growing list of ex-WBYC dingy sailors taking early retirement at a big boat mooring in Henderson Harbor. And lastly, Tom McAuliffe left us for the big boats in Boston's salty harbor. Meanwhile, Jeff Bassin became active in the meticulously cared for Washburn boat, and John and Sandy Tarrant joined us late in the year. These ex-Ensign racers from Boston will be trying their skills in a Lightning next Spring.

And now, as we look out over the ice covered lake and the occasional wind swept dot of a die-hard ice boater, Fleet 164 anxiously awaits the start of the 1981 sailing season with one objective. . . to make it an even more successful summer than our super 1980!

HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166) **Finland District** **Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland**

Fleet Captain Juha Aromaa
 Fleet Secretary Noora Maenpaa
 Fleet Champion Kari Maenpaa
 Runner-Up Juhani Haila

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10344	Lipla	Paavo Korhonen
11358	Katariina	Kauko Kanerva
11358	Katariina	Kauko Kanerva
11544	Kesaheila	Raimo Aromaa
11818	Hippopotamus	Kaj Lindstrom
12258	.....	Jorma Karkkainen
12429	Elosalama	Heikki Helin
12759	Jumbo	Bo Urbans
12805	.....	Antti Ruuskanen
12906	Triple	Ahti Immonen
12914	Vahine II	Unto & Kari Maenpaa
12919	Ariana V	Leif Haglund
13130	Masi the 3rd	Terho Aromaa
13135	Olga	Pentti Puupera
13435	.....	Pekka Sayra

The problem of Helsinki Fleet is the low fleet activity. The active sailors travel around and get good results from major regattas while the unactive ones often seem to be totally forgotten. Attempts have been made to improve the activity in Helsinki but a lot more work has to be done. Well, from the bad points to the good points. Although there were no ranking regattas in Helsinki our sailors enjoyed many good races. Ahti Immonen began the season in January in Sicily. Some of us also visited Neuchatel in Switzerland. The best result from the Europeans was Ahti Immonen's 19th place.

Mike Aromaa with his brother Kimmo and Leena Laitinen from Tuusula participated in the Junior Worlds in Buffalo. In the Junior Regatta held in Tuusula there were two boats from Helsinki. We are looking forward to having new junior crews too.

In the Finnish Championships we had six boats from our fleet. The best result was the third place reached by Kari Maenpaa.

Our Fleet Championships were held in August with only four boats participating. Kari Maenpaa won the title of the Fleet Champion. Most of us ended the season in September in the Tuusula Autumn Regatta. During the winter officers for 1981 will be elected and we hope that we'll have better activity next year.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167) **Midwest District** **Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa**

Fleet Captain Charles Nelson
 Fleet Secretary Sue James
 Fleet Champion Mike Steffenson
 Runner-Up Jim Flick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5955	Twilight	G. W. Charlesworth
8222	Kati-D	Ron Hughes
9368	Ta De Win	Gerry Miller
9524	White Lightning	Jim Van Hyfte
10156	Misque "25"	Bill Quaintance
10232	.....	Chuck White
10891	Blue Dragon	Donald Perkins
12022	The Screamer	Mike Steffenson
12732	Gemma M	James Flick
12817	.....	Don Morrison
12884	Zing Bat	Ken Jensen
12942	Hummer	Henry Neuman
13202	.....	Henry Strieder
13286	.....	H. Reed Doughty

1980 was a good year for Lake Davenport Sailing Club. We had the best Polar Bear Regatta ever, with 12 local boats and 5 out-of-town boats. The out-of-towners were put up in the homes of the local sailors.

1980 also saw improvement in the sailing expertise of Henry Strieder and Reed Doughty. Chuck Nelson is threatening to become the next fleet champion with his new set of sails.

We're all looking forward to 1981 and hopefully to the addition of 2 or 3 new boats.

LAKE OF NEUCHATEL FLEET (169) **Switzerland District** **Based on Lac de Neuchatel, Switzerland**

Fleet Captain & Secretary Jean-Pierre Monnier

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

This season was different because we had the honor to organize the European Championship. Due to that we had a great activity compared with the last few years.

This Championship was a big success and the specialised and local newspaper gave changing comments but full of praise. Our fleet's members finished well because of the 29 crew engaged, 4 of them were in the top ten and even one with the title of European Champion. Our members traveled a lot during this season. They went in Marsala, Venise, Trasimeno.

As usual we have closed this season with our fleet Championship on the 25th and 26th October. On Friday we had a strong wind and snowy rain on the mountains around us, we got very anxious. But on Saturday the rain had almost gone and the wind was light and dizzy so we had the first race. Sunday was nice and sunny with a fine breeze, we had two races.

On the first race Schaer had a good start following by Monier, but at the end of the race Lambelet came from behind to put a bit of order and finished first. On the second race the Swiss Champion Schaer showed us his capacities. The third and the last one gave the occasion to the European Champion to finish first too.

Final Results:

1st and Fleet Champion Lambelet, 4,5 pts., 1, 2, 3; 2nd Monnier 6,1 pts., 2, 3, 2; 3rd DuPasquier 7,9 pts., 3, 5, 1; 4th Schaer 8 pts., 4, 1, 4; 5th Despland 14 pts., 5, 4, 5.

Corinne and Jean-Claude DuPasquier have had the pleasure to welcome their new crew Guillaume. We are giving them our best felicitations and wishes.

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173) **Central Atlantic District** **Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at** **Brant Beach, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain J. Edward Serrill
 Fleet Secretary Carl Reitingar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5837	Barracuda	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
11176	.....	Tom Hyndman & Bill Phillips
11235	.....	Peter Hyndman
11701	Karma Sutra	William Crowell, Jr.
12872	Snooky	Glen & Carl Reitingar
12873	Quakers	J. Edward Serrill
.....	.....	Charles W. Hitcher III

No report.

SHREVEPORT FLEET (175) **Southern District** **Sailing on Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana**

Fleet Captain Mike Kidda
 Fleet Secretary James Mills
 Fleet Champion Marshall H. Walker
 Runner-Up Mark & David Moore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4158	Moriah	David McCary
4747	.....	Michael Kidda
10748	Mad Dog	M. Daniel LaGrone
11081	Mullett	Henry C. Coutret
11385	Buglet	John Butcher

11562	Mahi	James Mills
11725	.....	Michael Kidda
12699	Cooter Poo III	Marshall H. Walker
12836	Keg Killer	David Moore
12839	Knee Deep II	Larry Pledger
13040	Gray Ghost	Marcus Millican

Fleet 175 had a good sailing year. The Annual Holiday in Dixie Regatta was a big success with the Lightnings having the largest fleet turn out. The racing is starting to get very competitive. We had as many as eight boats on the line for our local fleet regattas. There was a good turn out for our 4th of July Race and the party that followed.

We have a new member to welcome to the fleet, he is Mr. Al Otto.

Mike Kidda was elected the new Fleet Captain, and James Mills is Secretary for 1981.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

Long Island District

Sailing on Great South Bay at Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Frank Marinaccio
Fleet Secretary	.....	William Weiss
Fleet Champion	.....	Frank Atkinson
Runner-Up	.....	Frank Marinaccio

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
24	.....	Bob David
2230	Freedom	Jeffrey Urquhart
4220	Maggie	Joseph P. Conway
7948	Trilogy	John A. Davidson
8780	Islander	Robert Beckmann & Donald Havlish, Jr.
9615	.....	Joseph P. Conway
9670	.....	Angelo DiMartino
9804	.....	Richard Miller
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
10724	Mistress	Bob David
11486	Shannon Breeze	James T. McCarthy
11530	Ay, Caramba!	Tom Green
11774	.....	Alan Pearlman
11852	Endeavor	Mike Gargiulo
12042	Cookie Monster	Frank Marinaccio
12987	Kow-A-Bung-A	Charles A. Ford
13460	.....	Frank Atkinson, Sr.

In 1980, Fleet 178 scheduled its longest season series, ever. Forty-five qualifying races were scheduled for the Fleet Championship.

The season started with an unfortunate "bang", as the new kid in the fleet contracted a severe case of "bumper-boat." The fleet is thankful to Divine Providence that he has apparently been cured.

The Spring Series belonged to Atkinson in his new, self-rigged *Ifonlyida*. The Summer Series was a close-fought duel between Atkinson and Marinaccio, the 1979 champion, but Atkinson prevailed. Marinaccio took the Fall Series in a blitz, but it was just too little, too late to overcome Atkinson's earlier lead. Along the way, Frank Atkinson added "Queen of the Bay" honors by winning the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association's all-comers handicap race on corrected time.

In the spring, the fleet planned, promoted, and carried-off two days of open-house to introduce new or prospective sailors to the Lightning, the fleet, and the club. We gained, thereby, a new boat owner, several crew members, and several new members for the club.

The annual lobster-party was a roaring success, and the club Commodore graced us with his traditional tribulation-marred arrival. Tom Tyler rescued the madding throng from a fate worse than something-or-other at the finish.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain	.....	Ronald (Skip) Ragghianti
Fleet Secretary	.....	Linda Ragghianti
Fleet Champion	.....	Skipper Ragghianti
Runner-Up	.....	Bob Lily

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7171	Ol' Blue	Dr. Duane & Charles Good
9427	Whirlwind	John N. Shaffer
10941	Confusion III	Dr. John Hanek
11063	Old Duker	Bob Lilly
11563	.....	John E. Shaffer
11747	Heid Aweigh III	Charles & Dr. Duane Good
13372	Wind Walker	Skipper Ragghianti
13506	.....	Lawrence Levine

The 1980 sailing season started with our Spring series of four races scheduled to begin May 25th. The first two races were in stiff breezes, catching the early skippers a little stale from six months of winter lay-off. Skip Ragghianti upset in the first race, and Charlie Good broke his rudder. In the second race, Bob Lilly upset, and Dr. Good broke down. The next two races were rained out. John Schaffer unofficially won the two race series with two second places.

The Summer Championship had 22 races scheduled. Six of them were cancelled due to weather conditions. The sixteen races that were held in all types of wind conditions put the skippers through as many changes in their feelings. Just to mention a few incidents; there was the time Charlie Good had the lead by a mile and went the wrong way on an Olympic leg, but came back to win. Gary Titzel took the lead on the beats and reaches in one race, but gave it back on the spinnaker runs because he didn't fly his. Bob Lilly was late for a start at a critical time in the series. Sue Shaffer lead the first weather leg of the fun race until 9727 looked like the Titanic going down. Some of these happenings are what builds better sailors, good sportsmanship and friends.

The Labor Day Series consisted of four races loaded with thrills, spills and good times.

Our social activities began with a Spring dinner at the Conneaut Lake Hotel. In July, Mark & Carol Prather held a picnic at their Summer home on the lake's edge. The Labor Day picnic and award giving ceremony was held by Dr. Hanek and Charlie Brown.

This year a new Fleet Champion emerged in the overall series. Skip Ragghianti was awarded first place, Bob Lilly, second and Charlie Good, third.

We are expecting the 1981 season to be competitive and exciting as ever.



Light breezes, heavy competition on Conneaut Lake.

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain/Secretary John Kastendiek

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

No report.

MARBLE HEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189)

New England District

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain John Collins
Fleet Secretary Rich Humphrey
Fleet Champion John Collins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6655	Riki Tiki Tavi	Warren Sawyer
9499	Gull's Rest	Gerard Hosman
10555	Riot	David Curtis
11379	Sopwith Camel	Hale Walcott
11630	Io	Bernard Burke
11799	Rocinante	Charles H. Berg
12385	Shamrock	John Collins
12456	Wil-Ve-Lee-V	William H. Bray
12706	Courageous	Donald Humphrey, Jr.
.....	Doe Doe II	.....
.....	.....	Larry Fretts
Life Member	.....	Dr. Louis Pocharski
.....	.....	Charles Pace

Some say great sailboat racers are born with a certain "touch", others say it is a totally learned skill whose results are due to hard work. Both on and off the race course, either way, John Collins has combined the best of both worlds. This past year, as well as those within recent memory, John swept to victory in every series fleet race he participated in. It's not like he has not had any competition either. Fleet 189 is tightening up its ranks. Old hands like Larry Fretts, Rick Humphrey, and Gerard Hausman are pushing John in every race. Gone are the days of the Collins "horizon-job."

The addition of Hale Walcott to several of our series races made things even more interesting. Hale brings with him the experience and know-how of a top sailor in the Lightning Class. His ability to sail those heavy weather downward legs with tremendous success has driven the rest of the fleet towards improvement including our sailing guru himself, John Collins.

If fleet 189 was awarding a trophy for the "Most Improved", it would certainly go to Bernard Burke. Bernard took a second in this year's Marblehead Race week, with Collins taking first. Sailing like a man possessed, Bernard showed us all toward the end of the season what he could do given a few tips on sail trim, and a regular crew. He has served notice that he will no longer be sailing in the "second fleet" come Spring '81.

This year we hosted the New England District Championships. The entire fleet did an outstanding job of coordinating all aspects of the three-day event. Twenty-three entries from around New England enjoyed competitive sailing, sun, fair starting lines, and warm hospitality. At the end of the five race series Fleet 189 posted three out of five top finishers. Dave Curtis was first, John Collins, second, and Hale Walcott finished fifth. To add to that great showing, Rick Humphrey finished tenth, and Larry Fretts managed to salvage a second in the last race after having missed two races due to business.

Half of the boats in Fleet 189 spent a great deal of time journeying to the many regattas held in New England. Newburyport hosted us at their State of Massachusetts Regatta in June, which was won by Dave Curtis with John Collins finishing in third place. Lake Champlain sponsored its regatta in mid-August, which was an experience that few of us will ever forget. Heavy winds were the highlight of the weekend resulting in capsizes, unavoidable collisions, and loss of rigging. September saw Collins and Fretts taking second and sixth respectively at Niantic's Governors Cup.

Cedar Point drew five eager competitors from the fleet with promises of an '81 North American preview. Dave Curtis placed second, with John Collins, taking eighth place in an extremely competitive flotilla of 62 boats.

As always we finished the season by celebrating with our friends at Spofford Lake (Oh yea, we brought out boats to race.) Dave Curtis continues to make his mark in the Lightning class by placing second in the North American Championships. The many victories he has posted in the short year in which he made his return to the class are too numerous to list. It is sufficient to say Dave is a top world class sailor and Marblehead is proud of him. Wouldn't it be just perfect if Dave trades in his Etchells 22 so that he and Collins could be on the same starting line each week.

In any event next year portends to be even better. Word has it that some 'hot names in New England racing may be joining us. People like Dick Hale, Georges Peter, C. H. Ritt, and Russ Cavanaugh could contribute to an already revitalized fleet. We can't wait!

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

Dixie District

Sailing on North Chesapeake Bay of Navre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain Cliff Matson
Fleet Secretary Thomas R. Clark
Fleet Champion Fred Eng
Runner-Up Vic Wareham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3245	Orient Express	Fred Eng
9852	Heads Up	Thomas R. Clark
9976	.....	Carl Slocumb
10852	.....	Victor G. Wareham
13277	Mint Julep	Bruce Hardy
13282	Marmalade	Victor M. Solomon
13399	.....	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Charles Trayford, III



Tom Clark and Fred Bennett relaxing in a race on the Susquehanna River.

The 1980 season started on a sad note as four former members were not able to return. We lost Bob Crowder to a C&C 29, Tom Webster to a Chrysler 22 and Victor Solomon & Tom Thompson to new jobs.

We decided at our winter meeting to change the format for our club races in order to accommodate the various schedule conflicts. We sailed all of our club events, except the Club Championship, for points toward a Season Series. The 16 race series was won by Tom Clark.

Our annual regatta was a success, with the weather cooperating beautifully on Saturday. Sunday was a day to sharpen your heavy weather skills as the average wind was above 25 with measured gusts just over 45 miles per hour. Bob Wardwell of Fleet 253 showed us all the short way home.

The Fleet Championship was won by Fred Eng who exhibited some fine sailing, winning all the races, which included coming from dead last after one lap to win one of them.

Next year we plan a less ambitious local schedule in hopes of increasing participation.

MISSION BAY FLEET (194) California District Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain	.....	Kirk Johnson
Fleet Secretary	.....	Charles Schwab
Fleet Champion	.....	Al Poindexter or Kirk Johnson
Runner-Up	.....	Poindexter or Johnson
Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3614	.....	John L. Guinther
8966	.....	James Hoch
9172	U-3	Jere Erickson
9237	White Lightning	Charles Schwab
9396	.....	John L. Guinther
11514	Molly	Samuel T. D. Anderson, M.D.
11625	Now	Fred Knauer
11662	Tangerine	Charles Gotschalk
11735	Nameless Terror	Myron C. Lyon
11965	Gone with the Wind	Jerry Boyle
13116	Batu II	Richard Brewer
13187	Afternoon Delight	Al Poindexter
13188	Puddleglum	Kirk A. Johnson
13467	.....	Warren & Bernard Gross
13475	Dandylyon	Myron C. Lyon
13478	.....	John W. Lyon
Life Member	.....	Al Coha
.....	.....	Lee Cochrane
Honorary Member	.....	Paul Brady

A fleet report this year is not really necessary, because you already know what we were doing in 1980. We were preparing to host the North Americans, then hosting them in August, and, finally, recovering from hosting them. From the reactions we got during the North Americans, and since then by letter and phone, the event went off successfully. We not only have new champions, but many additional people now appreciative of the southern California life style. It was a pleasure to have you out here. We deeply appreciate the help we got from MBYC, its other fleets and members, as well as other California Lightning fleets. The details of all the racing are set out in articles elsewhere in this yearbook. At least this time we had some pretty nice racing conditions in the ocean — not like the windless wonders of 1961 and 1964.

Warren Gross won the Knauer Trophy as the outstanding Lightning skipper in 1980 in regattas. He last won it in 1976. He got off to a good start early in the season by winning the very windy (up to 30-40) SCYA Midwinters and also coming in 3rd overall in the week long Southern California Circuit, which was won by Jay Lutz.

Dick Brewer pulled a surprise by winning his first major regatta ever — our District Championship. Charlie Gotschalk won the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta at Lake Cachuma (some drifting in this one). Al Poindexter came on strong at the end of the season to win the Bowen Memorial and Hurricane Gulch regattas, each with 3 straight firsts! Al ranks second to Gross in the trophy standings, topping Fleet Captain Kirk Johnson by one point.

In our many Club races, which go on from January through November, there was a great duel all year between Poindexter and Johnson. As of this writing, the result, as the media say, is too close to call. Poindexter is leading 186½ to Johnson's 172, but there is still one series of 3 races left (appropriately named "The Last Chance Regatta"), and there is a mathematical chance that Johnson might pull it out. Tune in next year, folks, for

the results.

We have elected Charlie Gotschalk as next year's Fleet Captain, Sam Anderson as secretary, with Fred Knauer continuing to hold the money bags and to write all our articles.

If any of you are free, plan to join us during the week before Easter for the Southern California Circuit. It starts on Palm Sunday at King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach, and moves on from there. Satisfaction guaranteed.

SURF CITY (196) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	.....	Frank Temme
Fleet Secretary	.....	Les Hunton
Fleet Champion	.....	Jack Elfman
Runner-Up	.....	Frank Temme

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
787	Jeanie	John H. Elfman
7733	Tori II	George A. Christie
10370	Blew Cheese	Les Hunton
10599	.....	Jack & Holly Elfman
10771	Warlock	Thomas F. Temme
11122	Punch	George Schmidt
11739	Dinah-Moe-Humm	Stephen Warren
11753	Escape II	Carl O. Berg
12454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
12553	The Pink Panther	Glenn L. Weber, Jr.
13053	Murphy Magee	Ralph Messersmith
13394	.....	Peter T. Gray
Life Member	.....	Howard Mullin



Temme, Warren & Hunton, practicing starts.

If anything can be said of the 1980 racing season at the Surf City Yacht Club, the one sure fact is that the weather was truly amazing. Although the prevailing southeasterlies were noticeably absent for most of the summer, there was not one weekend raindrop for the entire season. A new format of more races on shorter courses allowed us to schedule 44 races, of which only four were cancelled due to heavy air.

Our fleet's road show was not quite as active as in recent years, but some good performances resulted nonetheless. Jack Elfman opened the season on a good note by taking second place at the Cedar Point Early Bird with his "new" vintage Lippincott #10599. Surf City sailors also fared well at the New Jersey State Championship with Ralph Messersmith, second, and

Steve Warren, sixth. Steve was the only fleet sailor to travel to San Diego for the North Americans, where he participated as a crew for Jim Swartz of the Monmouth Boat Club.

Fleet 196 hosted a new event this year as the Manahawkin Bay Cup was sailed in delightful weather at the end of September. The Regatta drew a small but very talented fleet with Jay Lutz winning followed by Paul Gelenitis and Mark Beaton. We hope to run this event each year in September.

The Surf City Yacht Club Annual Regatta in early September was won by Tim Robinson, one of our own young skippers who has a very bright future ahead. Tim also placed second in this year's Junior Districts.

The Lightning and Comet sailors got out of the water long enough to put together a County Music and Beer Bash on the weekend of the Mariner Class North Americans which was hosted by Surf City. Regarded by many as the season's best party, we are considering attempting more of this in the future.

Locally, Jack Elfman repeated as the Fleet Champion for the umpteenth time by a nose over Fran Temme. The Most Improved Skipper Award went to Ellen Cox, a good young sailor under the tutelage of George Schmidt, our resident sailmaker and rip-repairer.

Our fleet wishes to thank all those who helped run our races this year, especially Patti Elfman, Debbie Hunton and Peter Clifford who bailed us out on numerous occasions.

We would like to wish everyone a prosperous winter and we'll see you again when the first white shape goes up in the spring.

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)

Lake Erie District
Based on Lake Chautauqua,
Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain Barbara Turney
Fleet Secretary Jonathan M. Oram
Fleet Champion Jim Neville
Runner-Up David Hill

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7766	Play Mor	Lewis Morgan
10534	Henrietta	Dave Hill
10556	.....	Paul Branch
10893	.....	Bob Park
10922	.....	James & Cherie Neville
11469	Rangy Lil	Tom & Dave Ingram
11619	O. B. Joyful	R. W. Cornell
11870	.....	Paul Branch
12230	Jelly Bean	Donald Zarow
12601	Second Wind	John Bailey
12614	Fledermaus	Jonathan Oram
12778	Zonker	Clinton Wilder
12855	Julia	Jeffrey Digel
12910	Stinger	John C. Wallace, Jr.
13222	.....	James D. & Cherie Neville
13312	Burley Girl Again	John R. Turney
13368	.....	Kevin Dietly
13497	.....	David Bargar

Summer 1980 brought gorgeous weather to Chautauqua Lake, home of Fleet 198. Our commuters from Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Hartford make the trek to the lake to match wits with the locals over the usual 5-9 mile long courses. The social events were not neglected; the fleet tested the capacity of the Digel and Ingram front porches on several occasions.

Some changes were made. Jon Oram returned from two years of exile in the Michigan District with the Bat-boat. The Park brothers attempted to disguise #10893, which had obliterated the previous Bargar boat, with new blue gelcoat, spars, and sails, fooling nobody. Commodore Dave Bargar got a new boat.

The Fleet Championship was decided in the July or Sample Trophy Series of 9 races with 2 throwouts. Jim Neville dominated this with wins in every race sailed, so the action centered on runner-up honors. Dave Hill, a Sample grandson, sailed consistently well to take second, nosing out Jono Oram, third. Bargar followed in fourth place.

Ignoring history, we staged the annual folly of a morning race on July 4th. The usual lack of air caused abandonment on the very first leg with the leaders drifting through the C-Scows, exchanging pleasantries. Maybe we can save the medals for next year.

The fleet sent five boats to the Districts at the Buffalo Canoe Club, where Neville came in second to a hot Larry MacDonald. Jim, his sister Cherie, and Doug Heussler represented us at San Diego; their achievements are

celebrated on other pages. We're proud of them.

The 10-race, 2-throwout August Series provided the closest racing of all. Dave Hill started fast, challenged strongly by Kevin Dietly, John Wallace, and Oram. Hill was consistent, and Oram uncharacteristically fast in light air. Dietly almost always went the right way on the first beat, and after six races looked golden with three bullets. Then he promptly tanked a pair of long races won by Oram. Finally, the varsity returned from the West Coast. Bargar got hot with new rags, and Ingram notched a victory thoroughly to shake up the standings. The leaders wound up discarding the last two races and Oram took the series by a point over Hill with Dietly third.

The Labor Day Series trophies were also sent to Box 22, Prendergast Point, as Neville defeated the money-green, Bargar boat and the algae-green, Ingram craft. We closed the season with the best party of all, celebrating the marriage of Debbie Turney and Marty Digel. Summer, hurry back!



Fleet 198 Skippers relaxing in the clubhouse. From left: Doug Bargar, John Turney, Mary Bailey, Jeff Digel, Jono Oram, Dave Hill (rear). Chris Grant, Marty Digel (rear), Dave Ingram, Chuck Ferguson, and Kevin Dietly. Next year we show the crews.

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206) Argentina District Based at Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fleet Secretary Angel Vila
Fleet Champion Angel Vila
Runner-Up Javier Pascuchi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8411	Repunte V	Francisco Pascuchi
12824	Redomon	Angel Vila

The oldest Lightning fleet in the Argentina District is a small fleet because it is based in a little club, but really very enthusiastic and sailed in all events at the District. This year the District Championship was held in our Club and the members of the fleet worked very hard for a successful Districts.

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209) Southern District Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Secretary Buck Ballatin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7421	Sarah J.	Dr. Wm. Pelon
9012	Tigger	Glen Higgins
9319	Cajun	Roger Evans
9423	PABU	Terry E. Passman, MD
9696	S/B	Buck Ballatin
10811	S/B II	Arthur Villavecchia
11483	Super Mink	Cal Herman

No report.