

JAYHAWK FLEET (60)
Central States District
Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain Dr. Robert Exon
 Fleet Secretary Robert Pooler
 Fleet Champion Fritz Toussaint
 Runner-Up Bud Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7001	.....	Robert A. Exon
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.
11135	Aquarius	Bob Florence & Nick Reilly
11339	The Air Weasel	Jack M. Newell
11736	.....	Wayne R. Newell
12049	Dyed Blue	Bob Curry
12508	Streaker	Bill Merillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint
13016	Mean Machine	Harold Hunt
13021	.....	Steve Thomas
13384	.....	Bob Florence
.....	.....	Howard Paul

The 1981 racing season at Lake Shawnee — Topeka, Kansas was marked by good winds, cool weather, and intense competition. Fritz Toussaint was fleet champion with Bud Hunt runner-up; the outcome decided on the last race of the season. Fleet 60 is growing faster than any fleet in the central states with six new Lightning skippers joining in the last two years. This will guarantee even better competition and fun in the years ahead.



Fritz Toussaint battles Bud Hunt downwind for the lead. These two sparred for first all year with Toussaint winning the last race and the championship.

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Maple Bay at
Maple Bay, British Columbia

Fleet Captain George Blumel
 Fleet Secretary Helen Schuckel
 Fleet Champion George Blumel
 Runner-Up Grant Taylor

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3244	.....	George A. Maggs
9782	Firefly	Michael Hanson
10065	.....	Marilyn Boechler
11283	Blind Pew	George A. Maggs
12475	Katchup	Jean Humphrey
13289	Bald Eagle	George & Todd Blumel
13511	.....	Ken Sissons

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Ken Sissons into our group. Ken bought the boat Tom Allen, Jr. sailed in the North Americans. George Blumel and Mike Hanson went down to Reno with Ken to pick up his boat. They had an exciting trip complete with black ice, a major snowstorm, and bald tires, not to mention having to explain to Customs why anyone would buy a sailboat in Nevada in the middle of winter to sail in British Columbia.

We had our usual sailing season. With our unusually mild winter, some of the Lightnings joined the keel boats for winter races and managed to keep their hand in all year round. Nine keen skippers and boats that are well matched produce exciting races — almost everyone has either won or at least placed in one or more races.

Our big project this year was developing our club race around Saltspring Island into an international race. We especially owe a debt of thanks to the power boats that went around the course with us as safety boats.

In the new year we are hoping to develop more lightning racing at the various clubs here on the Island.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Michigan

Fleet Secretary Susan Whalen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8889	Betsy	Robert J. Casper
10099	.....	Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.
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
13259	Good Grief	Marvin F. Whalen, Jr.

No Report

RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURY (70)
Metropolitan District
Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River
at Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain John Brewster
 Fleet Secretary Pat Corr

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
7798	Spunky Alois	Robert Schnurr
8101	Avenger III	John English
8502	Dawn Mere	James M. Kelly
9217	.....	Paul Forsman
9407	Repechage	Arthur S. Hunnewell
9932	No Problem	David Pezzutti
10242	Horseradish	Denis Farley
10378	Q. E. TU	Bill Ewing
10408	Sandpiper II	Jeffrey F. Chandor
10538	.....	E.A. Wall
10702	Blank Blank	Jack Huntsman
10942	Rollover	Dr. Robert Kane
11138	New Blue	John Schneider
11237	.....	Charles F. Reade, Jr.
11308	White Lightning	John M. Stewart
11327	Bam II	V. N. Vaughn, Jr.
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	Eluside	Patrick Rafter, Jr. & Kerry Klinger

12366	Right-on	Charles Roden
12499	Frigid Bitch	Bob Hutchinson
12714	Adios	Ralph F. Wilson
12716	My Honey	Richard C. Davis
12800	Hikeles	Arnold & Jim Schwartz
13051	Leprechaun	Pat Corr
13053	Murphy-Magee	Ralph Messersmith
13177	Desperado	John Schneider
13249	.....	Charles Tripp & W. J. Mergenthaler
13314	Passing Wind	Rob Held
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin Corr
13459	.....	Louis Zinterhofer, M.D.
13572	.....	Paul Huntsman, Jr.
13573	.....	Rob Held
13675	.....	Arnold & Jon Schwartz
.....	.....	Alan V. Schroeder
.....	.....	Kevin G. Robinson, M.D.
Honorary Member	.....	Harold Beck
Honorary Member	.....	Les Hathaway

Our 1981 sailing season ended with the last race of the fall series on October 25. John Brewster edged out Walt Colantuono for first place. Pat Corr was third in the series.

The 1981 "Long John Regatta" was held on April 25 & 26. Jim Carson won this regatta; and from our fleet, Bill Mergenthaler, Bill Ewing, Denis Farley and Jon Schwartz was among the top 10.

Our fleet was well represented at the North Americans. Denis Farley, Bill Ewing, Rob Held and Jon Schwartz were in the Blue Fleet. Jack Huntsman, District Champion, was unable to participate in the North Americans this year due to other commitments.

Congratulations to Kevin Corr on his 1st place finish at Junior North Americans. His crew, Mike Mergenthaler and Electra Thomas also deserve high praise.

We wish to welcome the new members of our fleet: Bill Ewing, Warren Kaiser, Ed Wall, Paul Forsman and Akry Bianco.



Fleet 70 — Fall Series contenders: Pat Corr (13386), John Brewster (11958), Denis Farley (10242), and Charley Roden (12366).

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ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

Ohio District

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

Fleet Captain	.....	Jimmy Disch
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jackie Mueller
Fleet Champion	.....	Paul Auer
Runner-Up	.....	Wally Sellars

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedy Too	John L. & John B. Horton
9498	Earthly Delight	Donald Friswold
10646	Sting Rea	John Rea
11912	Newfie	Wally Sellars
12594	Bump N Grind	George Auer
13370	.....	Jack & John Mueller
13531	.....	Bill Buckles & Jack Mueller
.....	.....	H. F. Hooker

The 1981 sailing season at Cleveland Yacht Club was very materially hampered by the assorted barges and dredges needed to reclaim our waterway from the badly silted-up river. This year's loss however will be next year's gain when we begin the new season with lots of good water.

Some of our skippers got away from it all by attending some of our excellent Ohio District regattas. At the Great Lakes Championship Regatta, Bill Buckles physically demonstrated the infallibility of the old geometric adage that states the difficulty of fitting a square peg to a round hole. He failed to bodily negotiate the porthole window in the bar at the Club House.

The Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake had all the charm proclaimed by the old times; it was complete with a magnificent Harvest Moon and fresh breezes — a very satisfying place to be sailing a Lightning, even for the newcomer who is unaware of the frustration to be borne "rounding the point."

The Snowball Regatta at Buckeye Lake was anything but snowball this year. Golden sunshine with balmy breezes and a shoreline painted with the many hues of autumn leaves made this an idyllic way to wind up the 1981 Lightning sailing season.

And Newfie winds up the season by receiving the Chinese Firedrill trophy of Cleveland Yacht Club.

Jackie Mueller will serve as Fleet Captain in 1982 and Walter Sellars as Fleet Secretary.

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73)

Colombia District

Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogota, Colombia

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3041	Tiz Taz II	Andres Lisocki
7293	Sue	Ary Fernandez
7451	Falconetty	Edwardo Bernal
7453	Krunch	Rudi Salmang
8911	Play Boy	Antonio Paccini
8972	Tortuga	Antonio Bustos
11260	Tropico	Ken Campbell
11926	Surbaron	Enrique Alvarez
12510	Chan Chan	Hernando Higuera
12829	Mostaza	Funando Tovar & Juan Carlos Uzategui
13216	Aquarius	Fernando Plazas
13300	Antares	Jaime Casabianca
13410	Claudia	Eduardo Colmenares & Reginald Shlubach
13427	Garufa	Roberto Matagraz
13428	Aloha	Richard Deeb
13429	Sirius	Leopoldo Gonzalez
13431	Solitario	Manuel Isaza
13446	Sunshine	Philippe Jacob
13447	Chekelete	Jorge Uzcate Gui
13461	Candelaria	Vincente Hernandez & Fernando De La Concha
13604	Tiz Taz	Andres Lisocki
13607	Antonio Paccini
.....	Garry Jackson

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DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain	.....	Barton L. Cole
Fleet Secretary	.....	Allan S. Penwell
Fleet Champion	.....	Todd Sternaman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6446	Galatea	James Bomball
10100	.....	Bob Ohlsen & James Lackman
10527	Shark	Gary Quinlan
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd Irish
11133	Full House	J. Parke Boyer
11203	.....	Mike Kerber
11280	Blew None	Mike Kerber
11290	Catty Wampus	Allan S. Penwell

11456	Bottoms Up	Don L. Johnson
12321	Bon Homme II	Al Kirkman
12464	Apt-Two	J. Roger Miller
12540	Todd's Fault	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	Arthur Barrows
13308	Dammit II	Barton A. Cole

It seems like only yesterday when April rolled in, and the docks were lowered and gently floated off their concrete piers. The heavy winch motors were assembled on the hoists, and after the slip assignments were posted on the bulletin board, our Lightning masts filled the spring air.

Kurt and Ed weren't with us, but straight from the Parke Boyer sailing school, Art and Mary Barrows took over the helm of the *Merry Bee* and added to the competition. Jim Bombal rolled out a rejuvenated *Galatea*, and Mike and Sally Kerber brought along *Blew None* (Can you guess the color?) from Indiana. Departing at the end of the season was the red *Cattywampus* which was always nipping the committee boat.

Saturdays and Sundays are racing days in Basin Two, and five to twelve Lightnings usually competed for the series of each season. Todd Sternaman took a second in the spring and first in the summer. Vince Daube and Bob Buckles were one-two in the fall, and last year's Fleet Champion, Greg Florian, was second in the summer series. Don Johnson won his first race in 1981 but also took the ill-fated but properly named "Swimmers Trophy." Best luck to Bob Ohlsen as the 1982 District Commodore, but does that mean that your life-long boat partner, Jim Lackman, has more time as a helmsman: It is not forgotten, the best is just saved for last—Jim won the spring series.

Overall winner and Fleet Champion is Todd Sternaman who pursued this honor with zeal for the whole season. Congratulations Todd! Greg Florian was second in District and first at the Labor Day Impromptu at Carlyle. Hats off to Fleet 74 for taking seven boats to Carlyle and winning the first five places.



Todd Sternaman, Fleet 74 Champion, and Art Bickers prepare to hoist the main.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75) Metropolitan District Sailing on Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Gary S. Hurban
Fleet Secretary	.....	Elliot Carmen & Geoffrey Parker
Fleet Champion	.....	Gary S. Hurban
Runner-Up	.....	Richard Weitzman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7616	Festival of Fools	Rod Johnson
8182	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
8885	.....	George Conk
9100	Madam Blue	Thomas De Stasio
9369	Wendy Too	David Beardsley
10030	Charade	Geoffrey Parker
10620	Waxing Lyrical	Adam Brown
10737	Allegro	A. C. Neff
10769	Different	.....
	Drummer	Edward Deeb
10907	Squeeze Two	Stephanie Mayo
11507	.....	Bill Reeve
12386	Trans Fusion	Richard Weitzman
12642	.....	Howie Rinehart
12842	Avanti	William Day

This season, Fleet 75 had 18 boats actively participating in 27 races from May 3rd through October 25th. In addition, those who traveled to nearby regattas included the Weitzmans, Hurbans, Carmans, Mayos, Rod Johnson and Howie Rhinehart.

The highlight of this season was the Magnus Pederson Regatta on June 6th and 7th which was attended by 20 boats from as far away as Riverton, New Jersey. Winds were brisk, gusting over 25 knots, which created some hard driving windward competition and some hairy reaches. Once again, the highlight of the weekend was the Saturday evening steak barbecue. When the regatta was over Riverton's Allen Crew captured first place honors, Kerry Klingler from Nyack was a close second, Tom Green out of Amityville, Long Island, took third, and Chelsea's Ben Hunter finished fourth.

Our fleet welcomes the active participation on the race course this year by our new members, Terry Gibbs and Bill Cook. George Conk had a smashing season. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the proud parents of new future Lightning skippers, the Parkers, Rhineharts and the Cooks. Special recognition goes to Rod Johnson and his crew for their daring seamanship while pushing their craft to the brink, thereby having the seasons record for the most capsizes. They will be presented with floating buckets in the spring.

Fleet 75 is looking forward to hosting the Metropolitan District Championships next year in addition to the Magnus Pederson Regatta. We hope you can join us.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77) Central New York District Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	George Sereno
Fleet Secretary	.....	Bob Laduca
Fleet Champion	.....	Tony Orlen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6710	.....	Glenn F. Himmelsbach
7300	Orange Crate	Richard Arnold
9386	Anwyl	Russell Morton
10096	Sparkle	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Wilmer Wright
10487	.....	Mike Murray
10679	Caprice II	Richard Zuegel
11010	.....	Norman B. Thayer
11050	Re Quest	Ernest Hamilton
11051	Snookums	Larry Stephens
11074	Kopykat	Howard Stickney
11395	Fire Fly	Ernest L. Brown, Jr.
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12355	Shadow	Dick Hallagan & Peter
12400	Windswept	Andrew Smith



Top — Ray Nelson, Dick Hallagan, Mike Healy, ?, and Bob Wardwell.

Below — Tom Allen, Jim Doherty, Jay Lutz, Dave Wait, Dick Doherty and Bill Dodge.

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"Celebration of Spring"

At Irondequoit

Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, New York



"Celebration of Spring" fifth race off Stony Point.

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"Jay Lutz, Newport Invitational Winner"

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12423	Comet	Robert L. Shanebrook & Richard Cloven
12613	Dysphea	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
12764	Kaygit	Michael J. Graney
12924	Gen Eva	Robert Wheeler
13080	Misty Beethoven	James I. McIntosh
13081	Irish VI	Richard Doherty
13082	Anemone	C. Edwin Howe
13083	Sea Fever	Barbara B. Platt
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 Saks
13351	Zing	Anthony Orlen
13363	Pure Luck	Wayne Menz
13469	White Cap	Dr. Robert Jamison
13651	.....	Tom Kennel
13660	.....	Bill Golden
13679	.....	John McIntosh, M.D.

In recalling the highlights of the 1981 season, I would have to say that our proudest achievement was this year's Newport Invitational Regatta. Forty five boats from the eastern United States and Canada attended what turned out to be the largest regatta in the C.N.Y. and Erie Districts. Jay Lutz was the ultimate victor of the five race, seven leg per race series. Rick Zuegel did an expert job of chairing the race committee, and Arnie Saks designed and built his famous custom trophies for the skippers who finished first through fifth.

As fleet captain, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this our most successful regatta ever. Most importantly, I would like to thank those who attended our regatta and I hope to see you all again this spring.

Once again, our fleet grew over the preceding year. We're proud to number 36 Lightnings at Fleet 77. We sailed 56 championship series races

this summer, with typical Sunday turnouts of between seven and 22 boats per race.

Following is a list of winners of the 1981 season:

Peter Hallagan.....	Spring Series
George Sereno.....	Summer Series
Tony Orlen.....	Fall Series
Tony Orlen.....	Over-all Champion
Larry Stephens.....	"B" Fleet
Sandy Myerson.....	Women's Series
Dick Hallagan.....	Single Handed Series
George Sereno.....	Most Improved
Wayne Menz.....	Tip Over Award
Bob Jamison.....	Award for Most Races Sailed

Fleet 77 is also proud of one of our newer skippers, Peter Hallagan, who won the District Championship, along with Dick Hallagan and yours truly, represented our fleet at the North Americans this year.

As out-going fleet captain, I would like to thank my secretary, Bob LaDuca and all the other members who helped make this another successful year for the Lightnings at Newport. Good luck to the incoming Captain, Barbar Platt and Secretary, Jim Doherty.

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB (78)

Lake Erie District

Based on the Niagara River, Grand Island, New York

Fleet Secretary Gordon L. Compson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13605	.....	Gordon L. & Norman H. Compson
.....	Top Banana	Ted Kumrow
.....	Bad Company	Rick Hensel
.....	Marrah	John C. Boyce
No Report		

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

Fleet Captain Nelson Hoffman
 Fleet Secretary Donna Barrett
 Fleet Champion John Vann
 Runner-Up George Mitchell & Rit Manthous

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
9093	Heete	W. Harmon Leete
10003	Bumble	Thomas V. Moriarty II
10066	.....	James Fennema
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson
10901	Puff	George P. Mitchell & Aristodes K. Manthous
11100	.....	Charles Zarembo
11603	Mar-Bar	John P. & Chris Vann
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buchler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	Aplomb	Donald R. Barrett
12185	Largo Too	Bryce E. Tate
12621	Puff-Puff	Christopher J. Vann
13456	.....	John Bauer
13500	Finesse	William & Bonnie Shore
13636	.....	Nelson Hoffman

The Niantic Lightning Fleet was alive and kicking in '81. Out there being launched from our newly paved parking lot were our old faithfuls, several new boats, and much renewed enthusiasm. Our sailors were very active again this year both at home and away and were representatives at regattas from Red Bank's Long John in April through Spofford's Invitational in late September.

The season series' trophy was proudly won by John Vann and his able assistants Lenny, Joel, etc. Close on their transom were Mitchell-Manthous, Barry Beuhler, and Chris Vann the new skipper of *Puff-Puff*. Our home port special series winners were Dave Peterson for Memorial Day, Don Barrett for Independence Day, and Dave Peck for Labor Day. John Oldham won our first annual Junior Day at which Lightning owners gave some of our aspiring young sailors a chance to skipper. Don Barrett ran a long string of firsts to capture the EGYRA. Last but not least was our famous Governor's Cup. This year the huge trophy had to make only a short trip to the home of David Peck. His competition came from Georges Peter, Edson White, Guy Moulton, and Dave Peterson in that order.

Early July saw several Lightnings over on their sides for wet sanding before setting off for the Districts to qualify for the hotly contested spots at the NA's at nearby CPYC. NBYC made a fine showing, and in those unexpectedly strong winds of August, Dave Peterson and Don Barrett were sailing in the green fleet and John Vann in the yellow fleet.

The season neared an end with Don Barrett finishing third at the Eastern U.S. and closed with several boats traveling for a fresh water dip at Spofford Lake. Don again, was in the silver with a second, and Sandy Peterson and her Dad captured fourth.

Our fleet size was at an all time high this season, and we hope for even more competitors next year.

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

Fleet Captain Matthew Henley
 Fleet Secretary Clifford Harris
 Fleet Champion Peter Idema
 Runner-Up Matthew Henley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5567	.....	Albert Murphy
7071	Waibalong	Cornelis G. Zandbergen
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris

8337	Bugaboo	Gerry Lockhart
9268	Pirkko	Dick Pearce
11645	Kermit The Boat	Matthew Henley
13680	Peter Idema

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

Fleet Captain Nancy J. Olsen
 Fleet Secretary Jeanette Santoro
 Fleet Champion Ole Olsen
 Runner-Up Nick Santoro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9059	.....	Ole Olsen
10048	.....	Nicholas Santoro
10218	.....	Ron Wulff
10735	.....	Herbert Dickert
11771	.....	Irwin Kwartler
12013	Dilly Dilly	Walt Johnson
12045	Yield	Royal Sengstacken
.....	Murphy's Law	Daniel J. Murphy

The 1981 season has been one of progress for Lightning Fleet 95. Our fleet grew a bit and we frequently saw seven boats on the starting line in spite of the lengthy vacations enjoyed by several of our members. Each race was hotly contested among our enthusiastic group of sailors, from the pre-season tune ups to the last race of the season. During the tune-ups, Fleet Captain Ron Wulff demonstrated a foolproof technique for capsizing a Lightning on a spinnaker leg. He was able to achieve this by carefully positioning all crew members on the leeward rail and waiting for a puff. This form of knockdown is sure to become known as the "Wulff Down." Ron came right back, however, with two firsts in the "Secretary Series," but was unable to catch Herb Dickert who made good on his promise to get ahead this year and posted three firsts and a second. Herb had the head fully operational by regatta time! The Lightning Fleet was selected as one of three fleets to participate in the U.S.Y.R.U. Racing Clinic and we were happy to make our boats available to members of other fleets who wanted to participate in the "on the water" portion of the instruction. All who participated in the three-day clinic found it to be both enjoyable and educational. One of the few Lightning sailors who did not attend was Ole Olsen, who spent the entire weekend poking around his old wooden boat trying to find a better place to put his mast; and, much to everyone else's frustration, he found just the right spot. When the regular season resumed, Ole was darn near unbeatable, winning seven consecutive races (a feat achieved only once before in the history of Lightning racing on Greenwood Lake), two series, and the Fleet Championship. Congratulations to Ole Olsen and his outstanding crew, Nancy Olsen and Nancy Sengstacken. Everyone else ended up behind the "Eight Ball" in the final series of the season and Nick's two first and a third earned him the runner-up spot for the season. The Johnson team demonstrated their specialty during the Specialty Series — the self-rescuing capabilities of the later Lightning models. They took a knockdown and recovered in 90 seconds!

An election of new fleet officers was conducted at a closed-door meeting held in a smoke filled room late in August. After much deliberation, Nancy Olsen was unanimously elected in absentia as next year's Fleet Captain, relieving Ron Wulff. Jeanette Santoro was selected as Fleet Secretary, replacing Jim Cosmas who served as Fleet Secretary for the past three years; and Bob Sengstacken was re-elected as Regatta Chairman.

The annual "Labor Day Classic" was won by Nick Santoro with Ron Wulff in second place. The "Whiskerpole Regatta" was held on September 12th and consisted of three races sailed in the wider, deeper, stump-free waters north of Fox Island. Our Regatta Chairman, Bob Sengstacken, kept the fourth place silver at home during this very successful one-day event hosted for 15 boats. Being the highest scoring home fleet sailor, Bob also earned the Howell Memorial Trophy, which stays in the local fleet. Fair skies, increasing winds, great lunch, and a super cocktail party (thanks, Lynn!) while watching the sunset (long party!) made for a perfect day! Some of our sailors traveled to Lake Mohawk, Lake Wallenpaupack, Red Bank, and Stony Point before packing their boats away for the winter.



Lightning Fleet #95 Champion, Ole Olsen

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District
Sailing on Santa Monica Bay
at King Harbor

Fleet Captain Peter Aperlo
Fleet Secretary Bertil A. Winther
Fleet Champion Wendell Harter
Runner-Up Quintin Foster

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

The first fleet event of the year was the annual ski weekend at Mammoth Lake. Sailors from the Mission Bay Fleet also participated. We have not been able to confirm reports that Lightning boats with skis attached to the hull were seen racing down the slopes, but everyone assured us that the skiing was great. Back from the ski trip with all bones intact, Mike Boswell and Peter Aperlo contributed to the Lightning Fleet glory on Clean-up Day at the King Harbor Yacht Club. Our team was judged to be the winner after hauling about 150 pounds of floating and submerged debris from the harbor.

As usual, we hosted the King Harbor portion of the Southern California Lightning Circuit. We had seventeen boats participating in the event. The overall series was won by visiting Jay Lutz from the Metedeconk River Fleet. Our Max Rosenberg, who is a young and rapidly improving sailor, came in second. In early May we sailed the New Cachuma Regatta at Cachuma Lake. This is a new event that was added to our regular racing schedule this year. We also hosted the California District Championship at King Harbor and the "Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta" at Cachuma Lake. Max Rosenberg again came out and showed us how to sail fast by winning the District Championship. Later, he and Mike Brewer attended the North American Championship in Connecticut. Max placed third in the President's Cup races and Mike was 16th in the "Governor's Cup Regatta." We understand that they got to see a lot of Nebraska on their return trip as their truck broke down in Ogallala.

As we go to press, we have completed our "Fall Regatta" with Wendell Harter cementing his lead in the Fleet Championship Series for the umpteenth year in a row. Quinton Foster is the runner-up. We have had eight skippers sailing in the championship series, but the attendance has been spotty at times. Our last regatta for the year is the "Turkey Race" in mid-November. With new members like Bill Marting and Jack Critchfield starting to race with our fleet, we are looking forward to many well-attended regattas in 1982.

GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

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

Fleet Secretary L. Tiedemann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11537	Superchick	L. Tiedemann
12064	.....	Bob & Jed Dodge
13677	.....	Jed Dodge

No Report

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District
Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5981	.....	Gordon R. Gustin
8285	.....	R. Gary Stauffer
11070	.....	Fred Krauss
11185	.....	Ormond Barstow
11433	Carousel VII	Frank Fowler
12104	.....	Duane E. Dent
12108	Serenity	Gary Cutler
12784	Pacemaker	John N. Dent
12977	.....	Gerald M. Finch
13493	Serendipity	Michael Dow
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold

Lightning sailing on Higgins Lake is on the increase and Fleet 110 is excited! Several new sailors have joined our local fleet this year.

Mike Dow, Jr. has become a regular traveler from around Michigan spreading the good word. John and Stan Dent joined him at the Traverse City Districts.

Our racing began the weekend before the 4th of July with a practice race. Our 4th of July Firecracker Regatta saw 10 Lightnings sailing, with Mike Dow, Jr. taking first place, Mike, Sr. taking second place and Fred Krauss taking third place. Our Invitational Regatta on the first weekend in August was a great Lightning Regatta. The Lightning Fleet of 19 boats was led by Hank Hodgson, Gary Demarest was second, Tim Vandermeulen third and Brian Hussey was fourth. Higgins Lake then came on strong with Fred Krauss fifth and Mike Dow, Jr. and Mike Dow, Sr. tied for 6th. We concluded our season with a two day Labor Day Regatta which this year was won by Fred Krauss. Stan Dent was second and 16 year old Diane Dow was third.

The Fleet was very pleased to have 12 Lightnings racing at various times in 1981. We have great hopes for several new boats in 1982.

The Higgins Lake Boat Club's facilities are terrific and are constantly being improved. Come and see us in 1982!



"It's finally over."

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GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)
Midwest District
Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain John Evans
 Fleet Secretary Mari Vandenberg
 Fleet Champion Gary Marshall
 Runner-Up John Evans

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1578	.....	Dale Phillips
2557	Tinker Bell	Eugene Goffard
8025	Apple Jack	Quintin J. Adamski
8634	No Regrets	Ellen Blakeley
9309	Old Hickory	David Whitton
9634	.....	James L. Hopkins
10178	Slippery When Wet	Douglas E. Olson & Charles Walter
10395	Irish Eyes	Mike Quinn
11547	Peter Pan	Eugene Goffard
11931	.....	Gordon Valentine
11953	.....	Mary Jo Rosato & Mari Vandenberg
12457	Stinger	David M. Roznowski
12496	.....	Bill Kulkoski
13111	.....	Bill Sims
13224	After You	Thomas V. Geocaris
13233	Snafu III	John Evans
13235	.....	Vernon Heyrman
13304	.....	Herb Wake
13376	Deja Vu	Jim Robinson
13486	.....	Steve Somerville
13487	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler
13568	.....	Bill Dean

Our season began in early May with a gathering of present and former members who celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Green Bay Sailing Club. The club has survived through some lean seasons thanks to some gritty members who refused to pull the plug on a good thing, and to the pervasive Lightning that, like the ever-present algae, has refused to leave our shores.

The racing schedule consisted of a spring, summer and fall series with ten races in each series. At it has for the past 35 years, the club raced every Monday and Thursday evening. Summer in the north country is short and evening races free up valuable weekends for vacation time. The Catch-22 is that the evening winds can be fresh at the start then diminish during the race and pick up again after sunset. This weather pattern was more prevalent this year as nearly half of the summer races were cancelled — more cancellations than in the last three years combined. It seemed that no air nights were followed by near-gale winds. The weather notwithstanding, the season proved a success with a record turn-out for races and number of boats registered.

There was the departure of a long-time friend and the return of another. Lyle Bracker left for Madison, selling his boat in the process. We wish him well and hope he will return often. Lyle had been a consistent winner for many years after racing with Jim Hopkins who ravished the Midwest District in the 1960's. Ironically, Hopkins returned this year after a stint with off-shore racing. He restored a vintage Allen and preceded to dominate the summer series with his two children. The transition included the acquisition of several new members — not the least of which was Pat Lennon, a scrappy young Laser sailor who proved himself an instant competitor.

GBSC sophomore Gary Marshall, sailing with his wife, fulfilled a prophecy and captured the Fleet Championship. But it was nip and tuck with the Evans' brothers finishing a close second, building momentum at the season's end. Charley Wolter, Frank Vandersteen and Bruce Bressler proved that club successes are a combination of many people contributing with little recognition or thanks. Thanks guys.

Fleet 112 hosted the "Evans' Regatta" with John Esser of Milwaukee taking first, and the Midwest District Championship won by Ron Blair from Chicago. The club finale, the Walter Masse, was won by Mari Vandenberg and her crew of veteran sailors — Jim Ford and George Bielefeldt.

Though most GBSC racing is done in-house so to speak, several members did travel to other regattas. A small contingent from Green Bay travelled to Savannah and St. Pete for a taste of competition — Southern Circuit style. Though not fairing well race-wise, they felt challenged by the southern waters and hospitality. Bill Dean won the Bratz at Sheboygan and John Evans won the Polar Bear at Davenport, Iowa establishing what we all hope will be a winning tradition for Fleet 112.

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

Fleet Captain Ward Wilday
 Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane
 Fleet Champion Greg Buckley
 Runner-Up Michael 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
11870	.....	Paul Branch
12926	Jenny Bell	Ward, Skip Wilday & C. Paul Clark

Our 1981 season started in May on Cuba Lake. We had a very active season with two to four races every weekend, finishing on Labor Day. The fleet champion was a new skipper, Greg Buckley, with Mike Kane, a second year sailor as runner-up. Our fleet is still in the process of re-building and were fortunate to add two boats this year. With the addition of new skippers, Don Boon and Sam Levine, along with the enthusiasm of our older ones, we hope next year to schedule and host our traditional but temporarily suspended, Three Lakes Regatta.

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

Fleet Secretary Larry MacDonald, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8903	Sailbad The Sinner	Ian Bailey
10292	KT	Tom Robertson
11814	.....	Larry & Susan McDonald & Larry Sr.
12100	Electric Banana	Bill Hunter
12443	Cha Gheill	Mike Vollmer
13305	Endeavour	Larry Jr. & Susan MacDonald
13609	Grey Matter	Bill Hunter
13671	.....	Larry, Sr. & Sandy McDonald

No Report

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
268	Pen-G-Win	Grant Pendill
1320	.....	Robert E. Carleton
2052	.....	John Kelleher
7037	.....	John Kelleher
10240	.....	John Kelleher
10804	Flip-Top	Joe Peterson
11250	Gemini	Judy Young
12385	.....	Elizabeth Savage
13153	Dee Bee	Al DeBernardi
13448	Luffable	John Kelleher
13517	Swan	W. J. Snow, Jr.
13576	.....	Alan Lavender & Steve Fram
13642	Ellipse III	Wenyon Wyser

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 Willets
 Fleet Champion Gianni Cuccio
 Runner-Up Tom Ingram



Fleet 126 Champion — Gianni Cuccio

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2700	.....	Bryce Porter
7552	.....	Edson White
10431	Bone Swah	Peter Tarnoff
10690	Tuned	Gianni Cuccio
10892	Uncle Coch	Stephen Kavanewsky
11082	TNT	C. Dayton Tittsworth
11220	White Lightning	Allen Bemus
11381	.....	Richard Price III
11576	Intracacy	Aric Van Breems II
11657	Challenge	John Dymont
12244	.....	Chad Young
12367	Amok	Dr. Richard Thackaberry
12744	Tito	Guillermo D. Payet
12853	Gotcha III	Mike Willets
12863	Think Faster	Guy Moulton
12876	Tex	Dave Fagin & Phil Griffin
13055	Gemma	Thomas M. LeBrun
13200	Red Peppers	Jack Lewis
13206	Giannina	John Cuccio
13494	Triple Trouble	Alan & Rowan Chaplin
13613	.....	Tom & Dave Ingram
13652	.....	Edwon White
.....	Les Trois Chats II	Wayne Atwell

The big event for Fleet 126 was hosting the 1981 North Americans. John Cuccio's leadership, Gene Wurster's financial wizardry, Eleanor & Wayne Atwell's hours of work and Dick Thackaberry's organizational ability made it happen (along with lots of other Fleet 126 people). And how about our stellar Race Committees — Terrific Ted Fontelieu and Wonderful Wally Lineburg! It was a lot of hard work, but with extremely satisfying results (who says there's no air on Long Island Sound in August?).

Gianni Cuccio's name joins his father's on the roster of CPYC Lightning Champions. Gianni and Tom Ingram fought tooth and nail all summer for first place with Gianni emerging victoriously. In another close battle, Guy Moulton, Bud Tittsworth and Dick Thackaberry finished third, fourth and

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fifth for the season. Guy and Bud tangled in the Rear Commodore's Cup Regatta as well, with Bud edging Guy by only a quarter of a point for second place behind Gianni Cuccio.

Thack had a great year (again). Supported by crew Kathy, Chuck Whitteley and sometimes son Evan, he took first place in the North Americans Governor's Cup, fifth in the Club Championship and won the Vice Commodore's Cup Regatta at CPYC. All this while performing ably as both Fleet Captain and North American Vice Chairman — super job Thack!

While Fleet 126 had a lot of fun and a lot of beer in 1981, we mostly worked — we had FIVE (count 'em) regattas in one season: "Early Bird," "North American Championships," "Women's Championships," "Junior Championships" and the "Eastern U.S. Championships" (not too much work on the lawn this summer!)

We missed Tom and Cathie LeBrun this season. Tom was in a serious car accident, but he's recovering nicely and we'll welcome him back in 1982.

The Fleet 126 Road Show made stops this year at Red Bank, Annapolis, Spofford (yea!), Madison, Niantic Bay and Black Rock. Guy Moulton, Bud Tittsworth, Dick Thackaberry, John Cuccio and Edson White were the main "roadies." Guy, John and Edson all returned with some silverware. Bud and Dick returned with a lot of empty beer cans.

It was great to see some of Fleet 126's "second generation" on the race course this summer: Thack's son Evan, Alan Chaplain's boys, Adam Lewis (who won the "Commodore's Cup Regatta"), Ellen ("Jay's asleep") Moulton, Jenny Price (who, together with Dad Dick, nailed a solid third in the Commodore's Cup), as well as a boatload of Tittsworths (Grandfather Dayton, 70 years old; son Gregory, 6 years old and Budweiser Bud — along with Miss Lightning 1981, Polly Purcell, who sails as good as she looks).

See you at the Early Bird!

**SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)
Southeastern District**

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

Fleet Secretary Sydney Oetgen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
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

No Report

**MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)
Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.**

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	Debtor-in-Possession	Dick Grant

No Report