

LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Aculeo Lake	490	High Tor	41	Pontiac Y.C.	54
Androscoggin Lightning Fleet	450	Hoover Y.C.	353	Port Oswego Fleet	485
Annisquam	151	Housatonic Boat Club	6	Provincetown Yacht Club L.F.	487
Atwood Lake	212	Indian Harbor	7	Pyhaselka L.F.	428
Awosting Yacht Sq.	95	Indian Lake	23	Pymatuning Y.C.	36
Barnegat Light Y.C.	335	Indianapolis Sailing Club	270	Racine Yacht Club	489
Bay Head Y.C.	3	Ithaca Lightning Fleet	484	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	70
Belle Haven Y.C.	7	Jamsan	469	Red Dragon Canoe Club	357
Biscayne Bay	226	Jardim Guanabara	401	Rehoboth	325
Black Rock Y.C.	17	Jayhawk	60	Riverside	7
Bomoseen Y.C.	227	Hyvaskylan	328	Riverton Y.C.	228
Bracciano Fleet	479	Kemin	310	Rocky Point	7
Brant Beach	173	Keuka Lake	252	Rock River	71
Brockport	267	Klamath Lightning Fleet	455	Rocky Mtn. L.F.	488
Bronte Harbour L.F.	492	Kotka	298	Roma	271
Buckeye Lake	43	Lake Champlain	301	Royal Hamilton Y.C.	118
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Lake Davenport	167	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	215
Carlyle Sailing Association	266	Lake Delta Y.C.	4	Rush Creek	435
Catawba	365	Lake Fenton Y.C.	53	Sabazia	381
Cedar Lightning Fleet	478	Lake Geneva S.C.	345	Saginaw Bay	216
Cedar Point	126	Lake Greifensee	309	St. John's River	461
Centerboard Y.C.	14	Lake Hartwell	391	St. Marys	400
Chautauqua Lake	19	Lake Lanier	348	Salinas Y.C.	405
Chautauqua	198	Lake Mohawk Y.C.	25	Salto Grande	483
Chelsea Y.C.	39	Lake Washington	132	San Francisco Bay	372
Chequesset	280	Lansing S.C.	387	Santa Monica Bay	102
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	5	La Vallette	104	Sao Paulo	147
Chinook Lightning Fleet	229	Le Spezia	321	Sassafras River	314
Clarks Hill	257	Leatherlips Y.C.	27	Savannah	127
Club Lago San Pablo Fleet	447	London	347	Sempachersee	250
Club Nautico del Calima	419	Madison Beach	129	Severn River	329
Club Universitario Buenos Aires	446	Manitowoc	393	Sheboygan	187
Club Universitario de Regatas	265	Mansfield	150	Shreveport	175
Columbia	283	Maple Bay Y.C.	64	Silver Lake Y.C.	47
Conesus Lake	140	Marblehead Harbor	189	Smith Mt. Lake	377
Conneaut Lake	180	Marsala Lightning Fleet	449	South Skaneateles Lightning Assoc.	439
Cowan Lake	303	Marvilla Lightning Fleet	235	Spofford Lake	145
Crescent Sail Y.C.	51	Massabesic Y.C.	273	Squam Lake	332
Cuba Lake	115	Mayfield Y.C.	13	Surf City	196
Dallas Corinthian	35	Memphis	274	Susquehanna	253
Decatur	74	Merrimac River Fleet	121	Tawas Bay	152
Devil's Lake	31	Metedeconk River	34	Teple Reef S.C.	279
Douglas Lake	374	Milwaukee	69	Tohickon Creek	491
Flotilha de Lightning de Niteroi	351	Mission Bay	194	Toronto Bay	146
Flotilha de Lightning de Florianopolis	162	Mobile Bay	135	Trasimeno	453
Flotta de Anzio	278	Napoli	191	Triad	415
Flotta del Conero	466	Nasijarvi	394	Turkeyfoot Lake	33
Flotta del Lario	467	New Orleans	209	Tuusulanjarri Lightning Fleet	456
Flotta del Savio	476	Newport Y.C.	77	Union Lake Y.C.	458
Flotte del Garda	249	Niagara S.C.	59	Universitario de Regatas	424
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	169	Niantic Bay	85	Valkea Kosken	468
Flotte Murtensee	358	North East River	192	Valley Lightning Fleet	486
Galway Lake	338	North Shrewsbury	11	Vancouver	90
Grand Traverse Y.C.	326	Nyack	75	Waccamaw Fleet	463
Great Sodus Bay	108	Ocean City Y.C.	430	Wake Lightning Fleet	481
Great South Bay	178	Old Port Yacht Club Lightning Fleet	477	Washington	50
Greater Charleston	429	Okanagan	368	Waterlee	459
Green Bay	112	Olivos	206	Wawasee Y.C.	154
Greenwich Cove	7	Oulu	307	Western Connecticut	7
Guarapiranga Lake	462	Palmetto	440	Western Narragansett Bay	119
Gull Lake	137	Parkway S.C.	406	Willow Bank Y.C.	164
Harbor Lake Y.C.	262	Parthenon	286	Yacht Club Olivos	356
Hawaii	143	Paupack Sailing	16	Yacht Club Paysandu	423
Helsinki	166	Pentwater Y.C.	340	Yacht Club Peruano	265
Henderson Harbor	225	Perry L.F.	438	Zurich	219
Hewlett Bay	58				
Higgins Lake	110				

Lightning Fleets

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Robert Adams
Fleet Secretary Robert O'Brien, Jr.
Fleet Champion Robert Adams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11569	.....	Bay Head Yacht Club
11908	Envy	Robert & Thayer Adams
13333	Silvia	Robert B. O'Brien, III

Lightning sailing was not as active this year as it has been in previous years. There is interest at the junior level, however, and the club training boat was actively used. Hopefully this means that Lightning racing will soon return to Bay Head.

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB (4)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Delta, Rome, New York

Fleet Captain John H. Martin, Jr.
Fleet Secretary John J. Hayes
Fleet Champion Jack Martin
Runner-Up Robert Carrier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8917	.....	Arthur Peel
10725	Sno-Bird	Robert M. Carrier
11624	"Huh"	John Martin, Jr.
12823	Papillon	Nita Skogland
13143	Run Away	John Kahler

The usual cold, rainy, blustery Memorial Day weekend weather was superceded this year by gentle, warm breezes to ease us into our '83 season.

The same weather prevailed throughout the season to Labor Day weekend. That final series was tallied on only three races, instead of five for lack of wind. Jack Martin and crew, wife Sukie and Rich Rabe, took the first place trophies home. Jack Kahler placed second and Tony Kimball, third.

The weekend of July 8-10 provided us with a delightful exception to the weather trend when we hosted the Central New York District Championship Regatta. We had plenty of wind as well as sun for six exciting races. (Ask us sometime about the crew who broke his own competitive swim record catching his spinnaker-flying boat at the jibe mark in the third race.) Saturday evening energies were recharged by a hearty buffet followed by live music, dancing, suds and good socializing. By Sunday afternoon, Peter Hallagan, with his father, Dick and Maureen Smith for crew, had won the Championship for the third consecutive year. Jed Dodge finished second and Mark Sertl placed third.

Our seasonal trophies will be presented to Jack Martin, Bob Carrier and Jack Kahler, respectively, at the Annual Meeting in January. Much appreciation should be expressed to the "unsung" such as the race committee, headed by John Hayes, and all the other supportive club members who help to put it all together.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain Michael Huffman
Fleet Secretary John Walter
Fleet Champion Richard Hinze
Runner-up Roger Seitz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9591	Scram	J. Thomas Blount
9607	Flo-Fre	Mark Johnson
9675	Booger's T	Raymond Bradley
9987	Irish Navy	Martin J. Kennelly
10250	Z-Boat	Bill Zamzow
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessy
10930	Whammer Jammer	Michael L. Huffman



Fleet 5 members "watch the birdie" after a hard day of racing.

11446	Frolic	Dick Hinze
11618	Wingtips	Ralph T. Meacham
11703	Dandelion	Geary Gaspord
12025	Charlie Brown	Ronald Blair
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12396	Bahuba	Mike & Patrick Considine
13268	Sweet Pea	Roger Seitz & Martin G. Seitz
13426	Feelin' Orange	John Walter
13479	TNT	Tom Tambling
13729	Razorback	W. R. Wynn
13787	Fusion	Bob Smither

Sunshine and fair winds propelled Fleet 5 to a successful 1983 sailing season. Almost all of the 34 scheduled races were held.

Dick Hinze repeated as Club Champion with Roger Seitz and John Walter taking second and third. Hinze also won the Corinthian Series, followed by Buck Wynn and Tom Hennessey. The Summer Series saw Wynn, Seitz and Hinze at the top. Mike Huffman won the Moonbeam Series, sailed on Wednesday evenings, with Walter second.

Chicago boats swept each of the two regattas held annually on our home waters. Pat Considine won the Hobelman in August; Hinze and Huffman tied for second. It was Huffman's turn at the Red Flannels, with Mike Considine and Hinze following. Fleet 5 was tough on the road, too. Mike Considine won the 1983 Midwest Districts in convincing fashion. Buck Wynn traveled to the North Americans in Dallas and Mike Huffman to the Worlds in Italy.

Marty and Marilyn Seitz organized this year's Champagne Regatta. This event combines mass team racing (the entire club fleet is split into two teams), water balloons and champagne for all. As usual the Lightnings led all other boats across the finish line and then Bruce Thompson and crew led all other boats in champagne consumed. Also notable were Sunday afternoon fleet get-togethers held after Championship races.

We were sorry to lose Gail Norstrom to a job move. Gail is not only a nice guy and a crack sailor, but also was an assistant measurer of the class last year. There were several new boats added to the roster in 1983 and this bodes well for the future vitality of Fleet 5.

Come join us for the Red Flannel Regatta next September.

NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET (11)

Metropolitan District

Fleet Captain Mary Huntsman
Social Director & Boss Mary Huntsman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13572	Huntsman
13675	Schwartz, J.
13782	Huntsman, J.
13792	Huntsman, S.

Fleet 11 is newly reorganized and at this time all members are also active in Fleet 70. A schedule is now being set up for the coming year. Plans include — CAD MET District Seminar in January. HYC North Ski Weekend, a summer regatta, and many other social gatherings.

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)**Lake Erie District****Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada**

Fleet Captain David Fretz
 Fleet Secretary Susan Fretz
 Fleet Champion Thomas G. Allen III
 Runner-Up Thomas Allen, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
8510	Mr. Bill	William R. Potter
9111	Isotope	John Y. Sloan
10031	Restless	William & Ron William Hughes
10303	Y'All	Matthew J. Masterson
10147	.....	Allen W. Siegner, Jr.
10303	Y'All	Matthew J. Masterson
10356	Spirit	David Fretz
10565	.....	Mark Bryant
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11000	Thermis XI	Karl Smither & Robert Dobmeier, Jr.
11126	Air Bear	David C. Duchscherer
11814	Innisfree	Larry Sr., Larry Jr. & Susan MacDonald
12066	.....	Jeffrey L. Robins
12445	Spruce Goose	William Hughes
12729	Berry III	Ed Roseberry
12770	Sea-O	C. O. Jones, Jr.
12802	West Wind III	Thomas M. Ward
13050	Shibumi	Doug Heussler
13265	.....	Joseph B. Folds, Jr.
13305	Endeavor	Mark L. Sullivan
13358	Shazzam	Wally Tykoliz
13366	Firecracker	John Swanson
13510	.....	Thomas G. Allen Anne Allen Tom Allen, Jr. Thomas G. Allen, Anne Allen, & Tom Allen, Jr.
13747	.....	Mark Bryant
13750	.....	Tom Allen, Jr.
13793	.....	Thomas G. Allen
13811	.....	John Cox
13847	Saltarin	Barbara Staniforth
.....	.....	J. Allen Bernel
Life Member	.....

Sailing on the sparkling waters of Point Abino Bay, Fleet 12 was very active this year. We held all but one of our scheduled series. Our numbers for the races were a little low due to many of our fine sailors traveling to area regattas. Some even traveled farther, across the Atlantic. We'd like to congratulate Tom Allen on his fine victory in the European Championships.

Next spring, the Buffalo Canoe Club and Fleet 12 will again host two invitational series in May. The Eby Series will be held May 5-6, and the Foster Series will be held on May 12-13. This year for the first time we will offer several phone numbers that interested people can call for information. The "Ice Phone" will keep those traveling posted on the ice in our bay and of the projected weather. We will have several rescue equipped crash boats available, so there will not be any excuse for not sailing except for no wind. We hope that our district sailors and even out of the district sailors will also come to the annual Niagara Frontier Invitational Regatta. This will provide great competition before our hosting of the 1984 Lake Erie District Championships. We hope to see everyone at the Canoe Club in 1984. This promises to be our best year yet.

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

Fleet Captain Bill Schultz
 Fleet Secretary Ric Klug
 Fleet Champion Rob Klug/Mark Sturges

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12379	.....	Robert Klug
12636	Outrageous	Edgar F. Koening

13251

The Engineer
VivaRic Klug
Sam Folger

The year of 1983 was a quiet one for Fleet 13. The only club racing for the members took place during the Fulton County's annual Great Sacandaga Open. Three Lightnings participated. Rob Klug with crew of Katie Klug and Doug Sturges took first place, based on handicap times over Rebels, Tempests and others. Ric Klug finished third in the same event with a crew of Erik Linell and Jim Longwell.

The rest of Fleet 13's activity was confined to day sailing (Bill Schultz and Rob Klug) and to Ric Klug's regatta sailing. Ric and his crew of Doug Sturges, Erik Linell and Mark Sturges would like to thank the various yacht clubs that held invitationals this year.

Hope to see you all in the spring with plenty of wind and sunshine.

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

Fleet Secretary George Huettl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12233	Cormorant	George J. Huettl

No Report.



Fleet 16 — Bands-Awards Night — Lou, Stan, Rob, John, Bob & Mark.

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

Fleet Captain Robert Baron
 Fleet Secretary Bob Baron
 Fleet Champion Franz Schneider
 Runner-Up Heinz Kornmann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8379	Ta 'Aroa	Franz Schneider
8676	Rooster	Herm Henschen
8691	Thor	C. Phillip Roland
10010	Whiffer	Ray Micheels
10115	Gail Winds	Gail Chestnut
10215	The Shadow	Joe Feyder
10301	Mimsy II	Joe Mark
11801	Moby Duck	Harvey S. Milch
11907	Mach I	George Madel
12140	Daisy	Mark Schneider
12167	Acolus	Robert M. Baron
12416	Audra II	Peter Boettcher
13514	.....	Jeremiah W. Egen, MD
13520	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
13638	Windy	Karl H. Kornmann
.....	.....	Ronald Regis

The big news for Fleet 16 was that 1982 Champ John Rowley sold his boat and sorta dropped out of racing. He kept his hand in though by crewing occasionally for several of the fleet's boats and significantly improved their performance with his sailing skill. Fortunately John's boat stayed in the fleet and was raced by the new owner Harvey Mileh.

Once again this year the Schneider family dominated the scene with an occasional interruption by Heinz Kornmann, Stan Moldawsky, and Bob Baron. The Schneider family sailed two boats with the "A" team skippered by son Mark and crewed by his sisters Cathy and Caroline, and the "B" team skippered by father Franz with wife Sheila and daughter Susie for crew. Mark won a high percentage of the races he entered but he was often away seeking greener pastures and this prevented him from winning the Fleet Championship.

The Miller Series was won by Mark Schneider followed by Franz and Heinz. The Lake Series was won by Franz Schneider followed by Mark and Heinz. The Club Series was again won by Franz followed by Heinz and Stan Moldawsky.

The season standings were 1st - Franz Schneider, 2nd - Heinz Kornmann, 3rd - Mark Schneider, and 4th - Stan Moldawsky.

It was a pleasure to see Joe Mark back on the race course after a long illness.

This year Fleet 16 had the privilege of hosting the Metropolitan Districts which was won by Jack Huntsman.

Our Annual Fall Regatta produced beautiful winds, as usual, and 3 great races were sailed with Tom Bierman nosing out Sandy Huntsman and Djoerd Hoekstra.

For 1984, the Fleet Captain will be Franz Schneider and the Secretary-Treasurer will be Heinz Kornmann.

BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB (17)

Connecticut/Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Bridgeport, CT

Fleet Captain	James Nelson
Fleet Secretary	Vaughn Lee
Fleet Champion	Vaughn Lee
Runner-Up	Ralph B. Sperry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9122	Thor II	K. M. Anderson
10492	Esprit	Jeff McCormick
11674	Sail On	Vaughn Lee
11874	Fiddler's Green	James Nelson
12124	Ariel	David W. Orange & Peter Standish
12739	Arago	Ralph Sperry
13669	Regatta Blue	Joanne Locke

Fleet 17 had a very good season with the best weather in years. Eighteen races were scheduled and eighteen raced. Only one race was postponed for weather and was later sailed as a makeup.

This year, the Ken Anderson's sailed their completely rebuilt No. 9122, *Thor II*. The Mark Pinkerton's joined the Fleet with No. 10382, previously owned by a member now living in Florida.

Every race was extremely close and in many instances the boats were only a few seconds apart. Ralph Sperry's boat, No. 12739, fleet runner-up, missed winning the Second-Half Series only after going to three decimal places when figuring the final score.

Skippers and crews had many good times and good fellowship on the club deck after each race at the Lightning "Round Table."

We are hoping to build our fleet with more boats participating and a great season next year. Election of fleet officers for the 1984 season will take place in the near future.

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain	Charles A. Hodges
Fleet Secretary	James J. McDonnell
Fleet Champion	Charles A. Hodges

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9332	Blue Mac's	J. J. McDonnell
10035	Flamin Mabel	Coleman Holt
12937	.....	Kenneth A. Rait

No Report.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain	Bill Bassitt
Fleet Secretary	Dick Collier
Fleet Champion	John Timmermeister
Runner-Up	Dick Collier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7424	Captain America	James R. Goslee III
11138	Cock Pit	Jay & Helen Limbaugh
12287	Jean	Ted Siferd
12793	.....	D. W. Bassitt
12960	St. Elmo's Fire	Susan G. Ewing & Peter Hagar
13189	Finally Blue	Dick Collier
13741	.....	John Timmermeister
.....	.....	Robert Strempel
.....	.....	Howard Eckels
Life Member .....	.....	Alex Kaye

Our Fleet 23 had a good year for racing and a good year for growth. Just when we thought the Fleet was losing boats, here come four Lightnings. So we welcome Jon Rockhold, Bill Bassitt, Frank Hill, and Bob Clover to one of the oldest fleets in the world.

John Timmermeister, with his new boat and sails, did his usual excellent job at the helm and took top spot in both the spring and summer series. Dick and John Collier played the bridesmaid and placed second in both series.

The Hagar boys did real well this year with their new suits of sails, and Bill Bassitt made everyone watch when he won one of the races. Then Frank Hill, with just a little coaching, won the Stouder Thompson Race.

We will have a real good racing program for 1984, and we invite you to come and sail on our beautiful lake.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Bob Graham
Fleet Secretary	Dave MacDonald
Fleet Champion	Bob Graham
Runner-Up	Tom Bierman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9984	Cumulonimbus	Robert Watters
10014	Puff	Mike Venus
11448	Tomato Sloop	Lawrence W. Kenny
11565	Arriba Arriba	John Kindschi
11572	Apple Jack	James E. Wavle, Jr.
12187	Trust Me	Charles R. Comeau
12912	Ruptured Duck	Victor Haines
12975	Sea Ya	Wayne B. Catoe
13211	Windfall	Richard Miner
13373	The Great Escape	David MacDonald
13381	Great Expectations	Perry Anderson
13673	.....	Charles Zackman
13740	.....	Bob Graham
13820	.....	T. R. Bierman

Lake Mohawk winds, which were variable in direction and very light to medium most of the 1983 season, gave our sailors a real challenge. But with excellent knowledge of the hill surrounded lake, and a nose for wind, Bob Graham finished as our Fleet Champion, with Tom Bierman a very close runner-up.

The Spring Series brought out the most boats this year, and the first three spots tightly contested. Tom Bierman was the winner, Bob Graham second and Rich Miner third. Dave MacDonald and Chuck Zackman finished fourth and fifth.

Three boats traveled to Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos, for the Metropolitan District Championship, June 25-26. Winds were 20-30 on Saturday and 0-3 on Sunday! With survival being important the first day, and keeping the sails full the second, Rich Miner sailed all three races for an over-all seventh finish. Tom Bierman finished ninth sailing only two races on Saturday.

Rich Miner also trailed to the Lightning Mid-Hudson Circuit at Nyack, Minisceongo and Chelsea, all on the Hudson River in New York. He won five of nine races and brought home the first place silver. It was the first time the winner was off the Hudson.

The Summer Series, with our usual light and variable over-the-hills winds, saw Bob Graham back in first, Tom Bierman in second, Dave MacDonald third and Rich Miner fourth.

Lake Wallenpaupack hosted a cool day regatta on September 12, with winds 8-18. Tom Bierman was our only entry—and he bested all for a first place. Then came the first leg of our Short Circuit, held at Greenwood Lake on the NY/NJ border. Winds were 0-25! Bob Graham took the top honors, with Tom Bierman second.

On September 24, the middle leg of the Short Circuit was here, and 15 boats from five fleets attended. Tom Bierman won first, Bob Graham second, Sandy Huntsman (of Monmouth Boat Club and past I.L.C.A. President) third. Three Snipe sailors borrowed a boat and with John Marx skippering took fourth—maybe we can convert him! Rich Miner finished fifth.

Tom Bierman and Rich Miner went on down to Monmouth, and the last leg of the Short Circuit on October 1. This regatta draws some heavy competition along the East Coast, and Tom finished fifth in this event. With consistent sailing he also won the over-all Short Circuit, with Rich Miner third.

Our fall series had Bob Graham the winner, with Tom Bierman close on his transom. Following were Rich Miner, third; Wayne Catoe, fourth; and Mike Venus, fifth.

Wayne joined our fleet having been transferred from South Carolina Fleet 440, where he was Fleet Champion. It was great to have him aboard and we also welcome the arrival of Perry Anderson, who brought his boat in from Michigan late in the season.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27) Ohio District Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain Dick Brown
Fleet Secretary Tom Varley
Fleet Champion Tom Varley, Jr.
Runner-Up George Hodge

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
296	.....	Robert W. Bunn, Jr.
11332	Miss Judy II	Warren Baltimore
11499	.....	Bucky Powless
12388	The Molly B.	Thomas R. Kennedy
12541	Rage	Richard P. Brown
12797	Ketch-Up	Sam Fairchild
12895	Thumper	Paul Howald
12896	.....	Carl Clipp
13113	Mirage	Thomas H. Varley, Jr.
11982	Gone With The Wind	George Hodge

Fleet 27 started its season with a party at the Fairchilds home. Plenty of cheer and a hearty potluck dinner put all of us in the spirit for a wet and wild spring.

Most active on the regatta circuit was Tom Varley, who won the St. Marys 400 to start the season off right for the Fleet 27 boats. Carl Clipp also put it together this year and qualified for the North Americans and making the big trip to Texas.

14 boats attended our Windshift Regatta, where the winds were forever shifty. Our own Dick Brown won again, with Dick Pugh from Cowan Lake second, and Carl Clipp, third.

The Club Championship was won by Tom Varley and the runner up was George Hodge. We hope to see an active fleet again next year, both at the club and on the road, for a season full of great sailing and good times.

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31) Michigan District Based on Devil's Lake at Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain Dave Gardiner
Fleet Secretary Bill Nuoffer
Fleet Champion Merrill Bales
Runner-Up Jim Sayre

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5800	.....	Walt Swindeman
8642	Lady Di	Douglas P. Tagsold

9650	Red Carpet	Phillip J. Reynolds
10803	Jeritol Jet	Jack Tibbs
11449	Re-Run	James Sayre
11951	Goeblu	Peter Paulin
12425	.....	Douglas Kapnick
12755	Windjamit	Dave Gardiner
13310	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
13767	.....	Doug Kapnick
13862	Dirt Ball	Bruce Goldsmith
.....	No Excuses	Charles Smith, M.D.
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal
Life Member	.....	Barnie Crittenden

George Sipel, Jr. winning the Michigan Junior District Championship for the second year in a row and Bruce Goldsmith taking title to the District trophy. A pretty exciting season at Devils Lake.

The Fleet Championship was won by only .06 points as champion Merrill Bales was almost unseated by Jim Sayre with his totally new old boat. Jim and crew went through many hours and six pucks refitting his old boat so that even the original builder wouldn't recognize it. Jim did win the Memorial Day Series and received the Most Improved Skipper Award. Bruce Goldsmith, though busy watching the stock market, did find time to win the fourth of July Series while seadog Bales reaped the Fleet Championship. Commodore Series, Night Race and the Labor Day Series, leaving Dave Gardiner to sandbag the Captains Series and the Stay-at-Home trophy. Bob Hayes, the #1 crew on *Windjamit*, was voted the Best Crew Award by the fleet. Charlie Smith captured the torturing Round the Lake Race and was given the Sportsmanship Award by the fleet. Barney Crittenden's granddaughter, Sheila Gregory, received the Governors Trophy for her outstanding contribution to the fleet and race committee.

Intoxicating sailing conditions were found on Devils Lake the weekend of Sept. 17-18, when the fleet held its 40th Annual "This One's For Fun" Regatta. This is the longest continual Lightning Regatta in the world. The first six places were as follows: Colin Park, Bay City, first; Matt Fisher, Buckeye Lake, second; Clarence Holman III, Pontiac, third; George Nickels, Lake Fenton, fourth; Tom Vickers, Crescent, fifth; and Bruce Goldsmith, Devils Lake sixth.



The starting line at the 40th Devils Lake Regatta.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33) Ohio District Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain Clem Shriver
Fleet Secretary Charles Suter
Fleet Champion Clem Shriver
Runner-Up William Blank

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10425	.....	Charles Suter
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	.....	Ralph Lawry
No Report		

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

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

Fleet Captain Richard Thomas
Fleet Secretary Jim Carson
Fleet Champion Paul Gelenitis
Runner-Up Dave Ruiter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9852	.....	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10816	.....	William J. Hespe
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas
11739	.....	Jody Lutz
11894	Love It	William E. Newman
11972	Screamin Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
12405	.....	Werner Schon
13359	Perfection	David K. Holland
13703	Miss Piggy	David S. Ruiter
13710	Fuzzy Blues	James G. Carson
13766	.....	Paul F. Gelenitis
13810	Fuzz	Lawrence E. Stanley
13821	.....	Keith Taboada
.....	.....	Charles Thrower
.....	.....	Jim Gelenitis
.....	.....	Jay Lutz

Jay Lutz lives here! We are proud to say that the current Lightning World Champion has been a member of our outstanding fleet for many years. Jay grew up sailing on the Metedeconk, as we watched him pile up sailing honor after honor. As much as we are proud of his success, we appreciate Jay for his contribution and help to our fleet sailors. He has made racing at Metedeconk more fun and exciting for all of us.

Back closer to home, another busy year at Metedeconk ensued. From March to October, we keep pretty busy. Jay Lutz, Jim Carson, and Dick Thomas made it south for the Southern Circuit with Jay and Jim finishing second and third overall. We held our local regatta, the Spring Tune-up in June, with abnormally light winds prevailing. Jay won the four race series, followed by Jack Huntsman, Jim Carson, Sandy Huntsman and Bill Clausen. It is always a hotly contested regatta with the cream of new Jersey's competition. Please mark it on your calendar in June of this year.

The Summer Championship Series saw Paul Gelenitis take the Lightning title. Paul outdistanced Dave Ruiter to win, and went on to conquer the Club Championship. We have a strong Junior Lightning program with Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter as inhouse professors. They have developed a fine program and have kept the Lightning as a major interest for the developing sailors. Brian Taboada won the Club's Junior Championship held in Lightnings, squeezing that into a busy schedule which included a trip to the Junior North Americans and a runner-up in the U.S.Y.R.U. Smythe Cup competition. Keith Taboada missed garnering the Junior North Americans title by an eyelash, taking second after a three way tie for first was broken. Jay, Jody Lutz and Jim Carson all sailed well in the North Americans, with all three in the top half of the blue fleet. Jay finished fifth, Jody 12th, and Jim 14th. Jody Lutz had a fine summer, winning the Central Atlantic Districts, New Jersey State Championship and the Manahawkin Bay Cup. All three regattas were held on Long Beach Island, which is where the 1985 Lightning Worlds will be held. Jim Carson kept his usual busy schedule in tact, placing high in Cedar Point and Annapolis. Jim still has more places to sail, as he goes where no man has gone before in pursuit of Lightning sailing. As you gathered by now, we enjoy ourselves here, and invite all for a sail and good time.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET CLUB (35)

Texas District

Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain Joel Good
Fleet Secretary Ardis Good
Fleet Champion Ralph Bilnoski
Runner-Up John B. Waskom IV

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3442	Gary Pielet
3519	Willis McQueen



Greetings from Fleet 35 Fall Picnic

9281	White Lightnin	A. A. (Ted) Treadway
10069	Suanji II	James B. Shirreff
10135	.....	Robert Martinez
10155	.....	Donald G. Otte
10264	Thor II	Linc Eldredge
10959	Hard Tack	John B. Waskom III,
		John B. Waskom IV
10987	.....	Robert S. Munford
11015	.....	Thomas W. Wyatt
11118	Road Runner	Ralph Bilnoski
11817	.....	Joel Good
13100	Dream Queen	Willis McQueen
13229	.....	Dr. Leon Cohen
13248	.....	Rodney L. Wallace
13365	Prime Time	A. James Deibel

The rebuilding of Fleet 35 gained even greater momentum this year with the addition of four new skippers and an extended racing season. Taking advantage of Texas weather and a lot of enthusiasm for racing, we sailed a Summer Championship Series and are now into our Fall Series. August proved to be a good break between series with members lending assistance to neighboring Fleet 435 which hosted the North Americans.

Our Summer Championship Series was a great success with 5 to 7 regular competitors. Once again Ralph Bilnoski sailed away with Fleet Champion honors followed by John Waskom IV. The Fall Series is proving to be even better attended with a minimum of seven boats starting each weekend.

We are extremely pleased that Ralph Bilnoski qualified for and finished well in the Governor's Flight at this year's North Americans. It is the first time in many years that Fleet 35 has been represented and, hopefully, will establish a trend to be continued.

We owe special recognition and thanks to John Waskom III for his efforts in locating boats, new members and in coming up with the much needed davits through leases, purchases and reconstruction.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Ohio District

Based on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Jack Glasson
Fleet Secretary Herb Jestel
Fleet Champion John Werley
Runner-Up Dave Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6133	.....	Ed Werley
6661	.....	Steve Sava
7126	Fool's Paradise	Edward E. & John H. Werley
9080	Hotz Blitz	George Cummings
9375	.....	Edward E. Werley
9517	Rhiannon	Rob Ruhlman
10163	Witch Wa thego	Homer Benson
10273	Old Yeller	Don Courtsal
10525	Blue Streak	Dr. Phil Wedemeyer
10527	Changes In Attitudes	Marilyn & Victor Maras
11240	.....	Gordon R. Miller
11278	LaBiche III	Lud Lekson

11651	High Voltage I	Jerry King
11661	Lolli-Pop Too	Henry Theis, Sr.
11768	Blue Bayou	Jeff Borland
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe
12271	Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12313	Blue Fox	Dave Lewis, Jr.
12420	Ruler VIII	Jon & Randy Ruhlman
12587	Tiger	John & Peter Swartz
12848	Gotcha Again	Dr. John Borland
12916	Most Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
12972	Enticer	Francis Thompson
12973	Tai Kun	Tom Sankey
13181	Grayling	John Glasson
13255	Gone with the Wind	Dr. James & Jim Jr. Martuccio
13318	Go For Gold	Dr. Ralph & Marc Snelson
13465	Hot Canary VIII	Curt Maltbie
13701	Peach Fuzz	Dave Kuntz
.....	Weatherly	John B. Harrell

The 1983 sailing season got underway in May. In spite of many 'no wind' days this season, we did get off enough races to complete our different series. In the Eager Beaver Series, Rob Ruhlman was first, followed by John Werley and Jack Borland. In the Spring Series it was John Werley and Rob Ruhlman with John Swartz taking third. Our five winners in the Saturday (summer) Series were John Swartz, Dave Werley, Jack Borland, Dave Lewis and Vic Maras. The top five in the summer Sunday series were John Werley, Bob Scher, Dave Lewis, Chip Miller, and Rob Ruhlman. The Fall series saw John Werley first, with John Swartz and Dave Lewis second and third. In the Stay-at-Home Series, Dave Lewis took first, with a newcomer to our fleet, Frank Thompson, second; and Jack Borland, third. This year, after all the figures were tallied, we had five top-notch sailors getting championship awards: John Werley took top honors, with Dave Lewis second. Third place was taken by John Swartz, fourth by Rob Ruhlman, and Jack Borland finished in fifth place.

Midway through the season we held our annual Fourth of July regatta. John Werley won. There was a three-way tie for second, which went down to the last tie-breaking procedure before Chip Miller was declared the second-place winner, followed by Don Courtsal and Rob Ruhlman.

Pymatuning Yacht Club awards a Corinthian trophy to an outstanding member who gives more than his fair share of time and energy to make the club the best around. This year Dave Lewis of our fleet was the recipient of that prestigious award.

We would like to welcome four new members and their families into our fleet this year: Frank Thompson, Don Melanio, Bob Frymier, and Dick Hall. I'm sure you will be seeing their names on the winners lists in the future.

A project that has received much attention and the interest of everyone at our Club this past summer was undertaken by Scott Werley. He is refurbishing an abandoned wood Lightning. We are all looking forward to seeing this boat on the starting line in the spring.

Pymatuning Yacht Club Fleet 36 would like to announce and invite everyone in the Ohio, Indiana, western New York and Pennsylvania area to mark May 18-19 on their calendars. We are going to hold an early spring regatta for all you early-bird sailors to get your boats tuned for a great 1984 sailing season. Y'all come!!

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain Dave Petelinz
Fleet Secretary Michael Pike

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8783	Fox's Reward	Frank Newman
10796	Irish Mist	Michael B. Pike
11431	The Moose	Dave Petelinz
	Is Loose	
11578	.....	Ed Garber
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York

Our efforts to expand the Chelsea Fleet are beginning to gain momentum. Former sailors Joe Sullivan and Lou Lewis have returned their boats to active duty. We are also anxious to welcome Bill Muth into the fleet for 1984. Bill spent the 1983 season crewing with Michael Pike and is currently looking for a boat of his own.

Frank Newman and Michael Pike were active travelers, with Frank kicking off the season with a trip to Nyack for the Magnus Pederson Regatta. Mike then joined up with Frank and boosted the egos of many

district sailors with their dazzling performances at the Sutherland Regatta, the Lake Wallenpaupak Fall Regatta and the Minisceongo Last Blast.

Local races had Sam York and Michael Pike exchanging the lead almost every weekend. To keep things challenging, Dave Petelinz and Frank Newman were always in there mixing things up at mark roundings and the finish line. In the end, Sam and Mike had seven victories each, waiting for protest hearings to determine the champion. Frank secured third place with his deadly light air techniques. Dave captured fourth with only one capsized this season. His ex-crew, Mike, helped to carry on Dave's tradition with a capsized of his own.

The Chelsea Open was a great success even through weeds, strategically planted around the race course, failed to keep any of the trophies at home. The wind, though fluky, held out to complete all three races. Good food and live music rounded out the weekend.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain Paul Krick
Fleet Secretary Pat Lewis
Fleet Champion Eric Schreck
Runners-Up George Bitler & Mark Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10412	Fritz	Fritz H. Gaensslen
10784	"Heads Up"	Eric Schreck
11227	Heuristic	Paul J. Krick
11583	Meliora III	George Bitler
		Mark Lewis
13044	E'Clat	Nick Mazzeo
13154	Druid	Paul Kiernan
.....	.....	Chuck R. Tripp

In a season characterized in general by good weather and fairly consistent wind, the activities of the fleet members were divided between regattas and home races. The Bitler-Lewis team placed second in the Mid-Hudson circuit, based on overall performance at the Magnus Pederson (Nyack), Sutherland (Minisceongo), and Chelsea Open regattas.

The High Tor Fleet once again hosted the Sutherland Regatta in June and the Last Blast in October. After years of being good hosts in allowing visitors to depart with the majority of the trophies, High Tor's own Bitler-Lewis team put together 4, 3, 2 finishes (Consistency! Consistency!) for a first place in the Sutherland Regatta. Unfortunately, the Last Blast turned out to be the "Last Whisper" for the first time since its inception. It was only through the consistent efforts of the Race Committee Chairman, ex-Lightning skipper Walt Tripp, who searched the river in his run-about to locate a wind, then pried the participants away from the bar, that one short race was completed. The race, and hence the regatta, was won by Nick Santoro of Greenwood Lake, with Eric Schreck of the home club in second, and Gary Hurban of Nyack in third place. The fellowship of the cocktail hour followed by a fine dinner prepared by Eleanor Schreck and family helped to make up for the lack of wind.

The club championship, which was based on a single all-season series including the two home regattas and club races, was won by Eric Schreck. Eric, who really worked hard at tuning his boat, was ably assisted by his son Eric and daughter Nancy as crew and well deserves a hearty "splice the mainbrace" for his efforts.

The High Tor Fleet once again acknowledges the support and assistance of our many friends at Minisceongo who provided assistance in running regattas and boats and personnel for race committees. Special thanks go to Al Phelps, chairman of the race committee for many years, and Walt Tripp.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)

Ohio District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Captain Marty Headlee
Fleet Secretary Terry Ottenweller
Fleet Champion Jim Dressel
Runner-Up Will Petersilge

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6711	.....	James McBride
9420	.....	Marty Headlee
10638	The Black Flash	Mike Hein II

10860	Still Crazy After All These Years	George & Greg Fisher
10956	Schuss	George & Matt Fisher
11502	Shazam	Dan Dressel
11640	.....	Ed Ballenger
12265	.....	Willie Petersilge
13240	Hoot & Holler	Terry Ottenweller
13250	Laugh-A-Minute	Jim Dressel

Our Fleet races began the middle of May with the majority of our boats actively participating. The competition was very keen and individual races were won by different fleet members. The majority of the races were won by George Fisher, Jim Dressel, Matt Fisher and Willie Petersilge.

The Ohio Districts were held at the Cleveland Yacht Club on Lake Erie and the Lightning sailors from Buckeye Lake captured the first five places. Going into the last race there was a three way tie for first place and after the final race the results were clear: Willie Petersilge was our District Champion, Dan Dressel second, Jim Dressel third, Matt Fisher fourth, and George Fisher finished fifth. We were pleased to see our fleet so competitive among other sailors at the Districts. Congratulations to Willie Petersilge — our new District Champion.

Jim Dressel, his son, Dan Dressel, and Willie Petersilge traveled to Texas for the North American Championships. Jim Dressel finished third and Dan Dressel finished thirteenth. Dan Dressel received the "Thermis Trophy Award." This award is given for the best finish in the North American Championships of a first time participant.

George Fisher, competing in the Interlake Nationals won again for the fourth consecutive year.

In October, Buckeye Lake hosted it's Annual Snowball Regatta and with stiff competition, the top five were Bill Shore, Tom Allen, Willie Petersilge, Jack Mueller and Matt Fisher. We would like to invite you to our Snowball Regatta which is held the second weekend in October each year.

We hope to see our Lightning Fleet grow in the future since Buckeye Lake Yacht Club's purchase of new lakefront property and the installation of its own hoist. This offers us the potential for future dry sailing and expansion of our fleet once additional improvements can be made on the newly acquired land.

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

Fleet Captain	.....	Mark Grinder
Fleet Secretary	.....	Lora Grinder
Fleet Champion	.....	Mark Grinder
Runner-Up	.....	Ed Willse, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
755	Whoops	W. Dana Jones
6983	Sea Adler	Bill Neal
7949	Reylog Flyer	Calvin DeGolyer
8004	Cirrus II	Justus A. & Paul D. Emens
9119	The Patch	Mark Otis Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster II	Wm. Humphrey, D.D.S.
9417	Loophole	Timothy C. Leixner
9739	Hustler	Mark Grinder
9845	Hotel California	Peter K. Bone
10120	My Three Sons	Byron Matteson
10808	Jane II	Bud Van Arsdale, III
11587	Easy Rider	Ed Willse
12240	Desperado	W. Todd Jones
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss
		Bill Van Arsdale
12984	CKG III	Carl Lyons
13110	.....	Mark Dadd

The 1983 season was one of many accomplishments. We began the season in early May by cleaning up our point and planning the rehabilitation of our waterfront and break wall. New buoys were purchased and painted which allowed for easy sightings of marks. We also managed to have a lot of fun this summer, not only with a great deal of competitive sailing, but also with our leisurely Wednesday night sailing, two crazy moonlight sails and a delicious Bloody Mary breakfast.

Congratulations are due to the Race Committee, consisting of Doc Humphrey, Fred Schade, Platt Fowleston, Jack Grinder and Ken Thompson, for dealing with the famous flukey Silver Lake winds and setting first rate courses.

The competition was as tough as usual with many boats capable of winning. In addition to our many seasoned sailors we had two new members on the line this year with the Adrian and Nasca boats. The caliber of sailing has continued to improve as shown by Peter Bone winning the Cuba Lake Regatta; Mark Grinder taking second at the Champagne Regatta at Keuka Lake; and a respectable fifth by Bill Neal at the Districts.

On the home front the season started in early May with Mike Humphrey winning the Caldwell Bucket Regatta. The Jane Van Arsdale Memorial Series, sailed during the Memorial Day weekend, was exciting as usual. Mark Grinder was impressive with this win as was Todd Jones in second. The Bill Humphrey Memorial Series, sailed over three weekends in the early summer was won by Bill Neal with Mike Humphrey second. The Neal Memorial Series, sailed during the Fourth of July weekend gave us a taste of heavy sailing and tight competition. Bill Neal managed to nip out Todd for the win, with Peter Bone third. This turned out to be a very exciting series for all. The Club Championship Series, sailed over the bulk of the summer months, was won by a decisive margin by Mark Grinder due to some very consistent sailing with Ed Willse, Jr. second. The Stay-at-Home Series, sailed over many weekends when there are major regattas elsewhere, was won by Ed Willse, Jr. The Benedict Memorial Series, which is the beginning of the end of the summer on Labor Day weekend, was sailed in good air and one of the tightest series of the year. The series came down to the last race with Jeff Jones and Bill Neal tied for first with Mark Grinder only 3 points back. Bill Neal managed to win with Jeff Jones second and Mark Grinder third.

WASHINGTON, D.C. FLEET (50) Dixie District Based on the Potomac River

Fleet Captain	.....	Reed Barrett
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jim Capron
Fleet Champion	.....	Jim Capron
Runner-Up	.....	Dieter Grotheer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6015	.....	E. Jeffrey Stann
7844	Syrena	Z. George Wachnik
8697	Stormy Petrel	Alva B. Davis, Jr.
9007	.....	William Fletcher
9155	Corlew 3	W. F. Mackin
9685	.....	Frank Gentile
9894	.....	Peter Syverson
10814	Fast 'n Loose	Dieter Grotheer
10817	Big Green	James H. Dillard
10829	Error Squared	Jim Capron
11369	Broom Hilda	S. R. Heller III
11405	.....	Joseph P. Warren
12081	Hasta Luego	Ted Hunting
12126	Grin' N	Reed Barrett

With over forty different sailing dates on the fleet calendar, Lightning sailors in the Washington, D.C. area can be kept on the water from March to November with a series of winter lectures and seminars in between. A seven week long series in the spring, and a similar one in the fall anchor the local racing scene, with a full summer of picnics, local and nearby traveling regattas, several junior regattas and the districts filling out the season.

The "storm" of '83 leveled a 70 boat mixed-class fleet when a line squall ended the races on the second Sunday of the spring series. The storm was clocked at 58 mph at nearby National Airport and arrived so fast that only three boats remained upright, all Lightnings. Reed Barrett and Jim Capron immediately dropped all sail, while Phillip Grotheer beat in to a standing ovation. Jim Dillard set a new Lightning speed record when his rudder broke and he reached off in a wild plane to watch the pinwheeling Hobies. Quick action by local authorities and the hustling Race Committee contained the potential for hypothermia and kept the consequences down to broken boats only. Three Lightnings suffered major (but repairable) damage and kept Jim Dillard from repeating as fleet champion. The spring series ended with Jim Capron as the new Fleet 50 champion, Dieter Grotheer as runner-up, followed closely by Frank Gentile in third place, and Ron Buchanan in fourth.

Thistle competition was stiff but Pete Syverson and an all-star (Laser) crew got his Lightning going fast enough to put together the winning combination for the Annual Lightning-Thistle Challenge on the Potomac River. Bob Astrove won the Collier Cup regatta with Steve Bachman from Fleet 329 winning the volleyball game.

Virginia Governor and Honorary Commodore Charles Robb watched

Frank Gallagher came out of semi-retirement to win the Annual Junior Diabetes Foundation Regatta. Dieter Grotheer was second and Bob Astrove placed third. Ted Hunting provided Frank with the boat and all necessary supervision.

The annual Fleet 50 picnic at Mike Arnold's home on the Potomac was well attended. Six Lightnings sailed down from Washington Sailing Marina on a sunny, light air day, while other members took the overland route. Angie Dimson orchestrated the affair as old friends joined new members in volleyball, good food and great fun.

Fleet 50 was represented at the North Americans in Dallas with one boat sailed by Philip Grotheer (7th in the Junior Championship) and Jim Capron (4th in the Governors Cup). Albacore/Laser/Lightning sailor John Grant crewed in both series.

After several district traveling regattas, Fleet 50 finished the racing season at the Borderline Regatta in North Carolina where Philip Grotheer continued his successful year by taking fourth in the 30 boat competition. Reed Barrett, Frank Gentile, Jim Dillard, and Jim Capron also sailed in the brisk cold winds, but could not crack the top ten. However, Fleet 50 will be remembered at this regatta when a certain unnamed skipper launched an unnamed expensive German car instead of Lightning 9685. As if that wasn't enough, a stray cat ate his lunch and his unnamed crew fell overboard when a hiking strap broke. But just wait until next year!



A clean start for Fleet 51.

Photo Credit: Hugh Granum

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51) Michigan District Based on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain Mike Konen
Fleet Secretary Dave Miller
Fleet Champion Arlyn Kinkel
Runner-Up Tom Vickers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5260	.....	John Mayer
5518	.....	Joseph Gulawsky
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
8208	Mud Shark	Rolland Vortriede
9616	.....	Richard Waite
10290	Leather Boys From Venus	Walter (Skip) Remter
11061	Blue Money	David Miller
11742	.....	Alex Suczek
12178	Lots-A-Knots	John E. Schulte

12121	.....	Jerry Irwin, M.D.
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Dick Drew
13298	Captain Crunch	Mike Williams
13388	Rage	Tom Vickers
13485	Close To The Edge	Arlyn W. Kinkel
13488	Tall Cotton	Ron Summers

1983 sailing season on Lake St. Clair was excellent with good weather and only a few cancellations. Fleet activity was high, which was evident on the starting line and participation on the Michigan circuit. Tom Vickers was the most active traveler, starting at St. Pete in March and several Michigan regattas during the summer. It was rumored that Tom went swimming twice during the season — real surprise after several years of 'dry' sailing.

Arlyn Kinkel lost one crew (his oldest son) to graduation and an out-of-town job. Winter gossip spelled doom for Arlyn on the race course, but once again he took command as fleet champion. Tom Vickers repeated the pursuit of last year with second and Dave Miller was third. Ron Summers stayed in *Tall Cotton* this year and battled in close contention.

The fleet regatta saw a relatively light turnout in spite of beautiful weather and a good steak dinner. Bob Mathers took first place with Clarence Holman second. Following were Tom Vickers, Jim McCoy and Mike *Captain Crunch* Williams (the first year that he didn't make trophies at home!).

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53) Michigan District Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain David Vore
Fleet Secretary William Seaman
Fleet Champion George Nickels
Runner-Up Herman Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8784	.....	Ronald Schriber
11236	.....	Walt Plamondon
12334	Bligh Spirit	Paul Militzer
12890	Ajua	William H. Seaman
13595	Beam-Reach	Ian James Reach
13631	.....	Morrison Gushen
13640	My Favorite	David Vore
13666	Irish Mist	Paul Cavanaugh
13704	.....	George H. Nickels
13751	.....	Herman O. Nickels, Jr.
13791	.....	Dave Nickels
13807	Goldilocks	Carl Pohly
13815	.....	George H. Nickels
13834	Deaf	Dave Furey

The sailing season on Lake Fenton has come to an end for 1983. On October 15 we took the hoists and docks out of the water in preparation for winter. Fleet 53 had a busy schedule of 26 Sunday races and 14 Wednesday races between Memorial Day and Labor Day. On any Sunday, there were 8 to 12 Lightnings competing on the lake. The format of an A and B fleet was continued this year giving the newer sailors a chance to compete among themselves. 1983 was another growth year with two additional boats added to the fleet by Labor Day. They will be a welcome addition to the 1984 season.

The winds were obliging with moderate and above conditions for the majority of the races. We only had to cancel one race all year due to lack of wind. The other extreme occurred on the 4th of July with a thunder squall striking in the middle of the spinnaker run, causing much excitement with everyone running for the safety of the shore. Wednesday evenings produced some beautiful sunsets for viewing after racing.

The Nickels family showed their dominance with a one, two, three, placing again this year. George Nickels, with his son Brian as crew is the repeating Fleet Champion followed by his father, Herman and brother David. The Wednesday series was won by Herman Nickels, followed by Paul Militzer. Carl Pohly won the most improved skipper award with consistent good sailing leading to the winning of a few races. Jim Reach with his sister, Lisa, as crew is the new B fleet champion and will be moving up to the A fleet in 1984.

The last weekend in June was our annual Team Race Regatta. There were seven teams, four boats each, from other fleets plus two teams of our own, adding up to plenty of racing for all. For the first time in a few years,



A beautiful start of Lake Fenton.

we were able to win our own regatta. Everyone who participated had a good time with several comments on how much fun team racing can be. Two weeks later the Michigan District Championship was held on Tawas Bay with three days of heavy air. There were seven boats from Lake Fenton in attendance with three making it into the top ten. David Nickels traveled to Rush Creek, Texas for the North Americans. All of our sailors are to be congratulated for doing a fine job.

The fall regattas are all over and the time has come to put the boats and gear away for the winter. The close of the season leaves us with pleasant memories and nice dreams. We expect to have additions to the fleet in 1984, and are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in the year to come.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)

Michigan District

Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Louie Nickels
Fleet Secretary	.....	Robert Sturgill
Fleet Champion	.....	Les Kastura
Runner-Up	.....	Lauren Bowler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
837	Luv II	Keith Thatcher
4205	.....	Albert E. Winters
6161	French Electricity	Brad B. Boyle
7305	.....	Joseph M. Szydlowski
7959	Flip	F. Leslie Huntwork
8330	Hot Canary	Buzz Brown
9335	.....	P. Thomas Jungiohann
9855	Bardy	J. F. Ensroth, M.D.
10515	Why Worry	John Corbett
10850	Born Again	John Mathers
10902	.....	John D. Griffin
11065	.....	Eugene Bego
11520	Digit I	Dave Scott
11531	Fast Eddy	Richard T. Eddy
11743	Vector	Donald Fraser
11808	White Cloud	Sheldon Levin
11844	.....	Ronald Newman
12404	Yarely II	Nahum Medalia
12708	Electric Werewolf	Dan Wolf
12724	Dan A. Jan	Daniel Hillbom
12756	Luffer	Melvin G. Bleitz
12780	Escargot	Gresh Sackett
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12927	.....	Marylly Skalos
12928	Limelighter	Fred Paski
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13031	.....	Robert Shaw
13077	.....	E. Gary Veltman
13155	Beer Hunter	Wallace Smith
13173	Whitewave	A. Rick Frank
13253	.....	Dennis McCarthy

13270	Evergreen	R. Bruce Kramer
13275	Weather Mark	Lauren L. Bowler
13278	Seagull	Richard F. Beaudien
13280	.....	Kenneth Benmark
13281	Coast Guard I	Alan R. Pfaff, Jr.
13283	.....	Richard Adamson
13391	In Sure	William F. McKinley
13451	.....	Robert Maxwell
13468	Anargyros	Dr. O. L. Smith
13580	Splurge	Bruce J. Finsilver
13594	Joyride	Robert R. Sturgill
13606	BJ's	Bruce Henderson
13625	Tae-Man	Louie & Bonnie Nickels
13717	.....	Edward Dziuba
13719	Hysteria	R. Bruce Kramer
13789	Excelsior	James R. Bowers
13808	.....	Jim McCoy, DDS
13819	Charisma	Les Kastura
13826	.....	A. Rick Frank
13836	.....	Volkmar Neudoerffer
13837	Insure II	William F. McKinley
13838	.....	Clarence L. Holman III
13855	.....	Louie Nickels
.....	.....	Alex Clark, Jr.
.....	Kermit	Andre Dubel
.....	.....	Robert F. Knopp
.....	Evergreen	Robert K. Mathers

1983 was a very competitive year at PYC in spite of slightly lower participation in our regular club races. We added some new skippers to our fleet who will definitely win their share of races next year.

Bill McKinley started the season by winning the Bug-Out Regatta. Louis Nickels won the match racing tournament. Les Kastura won our Club Championship Regatta and Karen Case won the Commodore's Challenge Regatta, where regular crew take the helm.

The regular series winners were Jim McCoy, Sunday Spring; Bonnie Nickels, Sunday Summer; Rick Frank, Sunday Fall; Louie Nickels, Wednesday Spring; Wally Smith, Wednesday Summer; and Les Kastura, Wednesday Fall Series. The Sunday overall winner was Rick Eddy and Les Kastura took Wednesday overall honors.

PYC sailors did very well at regattas this year which shows that the quality of our fleet is vastly improved. Bonnie Nickels heads our honor roll with a second place finish in the Womens North Americans at Dallas. Clarence Holman and Louie Nickels qualified for the Blue Fleet in the North Americans. Clarence sailed very consistently all summer, winning four regattas including our own White Cap, and placed fourth in the Michigan Districts. Les Kastura was second in two regattas in his first summer of traveling with his Lightning.

1984 marks the 50th anniversary of the Pontiac Yacht Club. Plans are underway for a formal celebration at the club. We would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our 50th anniversary White Cap Regatta in Sept. This event annually attracts 40 boats and will be even bigger and better next year.



Skipper Bonnie Nickels flanked by her crew Joan Green (L) and Esther Callahan (R) display the fruits of a hard fought N.A.'s in Texas.

HEWLETT BAY (58)
Long Island District
Sailing on South Shore Long Island
New York, New York

Fleet Secretary Edward J. Crawford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10892	Bald Eagle	Henry Dailledouze
11143	.....	Edward J. Crawford
12008	Blitzkrieg	Donald Donohue

No Report

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, N.Y.

Fleet Captain Cal Schmieg
 Fleet Secretary Bob Starck
 Fleet Champion Cal Schmieg
 Runner-Up Judy Walker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
10788	.....	James Dulski
11398	Black Mariah	Richard J. Carrel
11788	Vampira II	Judy Walker
12877	.....	Calvin H. Schmieg & Robert B. Starck
13366	Firecracker	John Swanson
13605	Splash Gordon	Gordon Compson
13775	.....	Bernard Carreno

Cal Schmieg proved just about unbeatable at the NSC this year as he walked away with all three fleet trophies contested.

Our early Wardell Series, sailed under almost ideal conditions every weekend, saw Judy Walker garner the runner-up spot to Cal with Gordy Compson third.

The fleet championship Bowen Series provided a mirror image of the Wardell, as both Judy and Gordy finished in Cal's wake.

The late-season Blake Memorial Series was a light air affair in which Kathy Taylor, Gordy's sometimes stellar crew, cranked up to give Cal a real battle before succumbing in the final race to finish a strong second. Judy Walker was third in this one.

Cal continued his unbeaten string at the Niagara River Championships, the oldest regatta in the Lake Erie District, where Gordy Compson sailed an excellent series to finish second. Rounding out the top five were David Fretz, Dave Sprague and Jack Swanson.

We look forward to another year of active racing in 1984 and invite our Lake Erie cohorts to the Districts which will be hosted by the NSC.

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

Fleet Captain Robert French
 Fleet Secretary Arthur Jones
 Fleet Champion Ralph Persson
 Runner-Up Harold Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7001	Bad Dogs Revenge	Gerald Jasper
7040	Steady Alice	Robert French
7461	Cornflower	Ralph Persson
8761	A Proper Boat	Robert R. & William R. Pooler
9025	.....	Bob Sommers
9196	Summertime	Bern Ketchum & Bill Stinchcomb
10330	Blew Bayou	Robert P. Davis
10682	.....	Arthur O. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11048	Blue Heron	Robert A. Exon
11135	Aquarius	Bob Florence & Nick Reilly
11339	The Air Weasel	Jack M. Newell
12508	Streaker	Bill Merillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz & Norman Toussaint
13016	Mean Machine	Harold Hunt
13384	Grey Shadow	Bob Florence

Fleet 60 at Lake Shawnee in Topeka, Kansas, just keeps rolling along. Ralph Persson, sailing 10682 this year, again carried away the Sunday Series, always pressed by Bud Hunt in 13016. While these and other veterans are proving difficult to unseat, two new skippers did apply some pressure this year. Norm Toussaint displaced his father, Fritz, from the helm of 12847 on Sundays, finishing third for the season, and Bill Pooler got 8761 on the water after an extended period in dry dock. Bill posted two victories, and wound up in fourth place in this sixteen race series. Overall, fifteen skippers participated in these races, with ten of them sailing at least sixty per cent of the races.

Fritz Toussaint, however, has not retired. He had the Holiday Series trophy in his sailbag by the Fourth of July (Labor Day was a picnic for Fritz) and he also won the Central States District Regatta, toppling perennial district champ John Gall.

Other highlights of the season included Gerald Jasper sailing the cleanest boat in the fleet, having washed it from stem to stern a time or two; Ed Bassett, new to the fleet, with an outstanding single-handed performance at the Oktoberfest (not exactly a sailing event); and the infamous "Over Early" Sunday when few starters didn't encroach, fewer yet restarted, and confusion reigned. Finally, a protest was filed, the jury adjudicated, and the race was thrown out. But it didn't matter. When the numbers for the season were computed, nary a place was affected by this mishap.

We anticipate an active 1984 season, with prospects of gaining a few new skippers, and resurrecting a few older ones, whose boats did entirely too much resting this past summer.

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

Fleet Captain Marilyn Boechler
 Fleet Secretary Helen Schuckel
 Fleet Champion Todd Blumel
 Runner-Up Ken Sissons

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9782	Firefly	Michael Hanson
10065	Grey Ghost	Marilyn Boechler
11283	Blind Pew	George A. Maggs
13289	Bald Eagle	George Blumel
13511	.....	Ken Sissons

During the last two years, Lightning Fleet 64 has tried to interest other Lightning owners on Vancouver Island in the joys of racing. Last year Jean Atkinson invited us to a regatta in Youbou on Lake Wowichan. The whole fleet went up with boats and sleeping bags and healthy appetites and had a grand time. This year we were invited by Pat and Walter Dahlquist to come to Sprout Lake, near Port Alberni and spend the July 1st weekend racing and carousing with them and their neighbors. This proved to be quite an experience for all, right from the start when we launched our boats at the Provincial Park and were towed five miles down the lake in a driving rainstorm until we finally tied up at Dahlquist's wharf despite gusting winds and inclement weather. The waiting dry sauna, hot drinks and goodies were very welcome.

The next morning found us, the imported experts, helping Walter rig his old wooden Lightning which we had completely done over and christened, *Captain Crunch* (Or did we christen him that?) Ah well, the upshot of the rigging maneuver was that when the boat was launched we discovered that one of the halyards was caught in the spreader. So we brought it back into shore and rolled it over on its side to correct the problem. This operation solved one problem and created another. Even though everyone bailed out the boat everytime they passed it, (and thought how glad they were to have fiberglass which didn't need to swell up before it stopped leaking), when the boats went out to start the first race, Walter's boat was already half full of water in spite of both crew bailing for all they were worth. It finally became apparent that we had really done it to Walter!

The rest of us went on racing in winds gusting to 25 knots and occasional driving rainstorms. At the end of the first day, the other two Lightnings were tied for first place and George Maggs and his loyal crew, including Shirley MacFarlane and me, held a solid third. The next morning, Jim MacFarlane, Officer of the Day, found it expedient to shorten a twice around race to once around as the boats came through the line with you guessed it, George Maggs in the lead. The next race found us victorious without any help from anyone and George was the Dawg Mountain Regatta Champion. Well done George!

In a more serious vein I should mention that Todd Blumel is our Class

Champion and that Greg Zettler came up from Seattle and walked away with the Lightning trophy honors at the annual MBYC Labor Day Regatta. I should also mention, if I ever hope to crew with him again, that George Maggs and crew won both of these last year. George has been active in Lightning racing for over forty years and this was the first time he won both trophies in the same year and then I forgot to file a report, 'nuff said.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69) Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee

Fleet Captain Dr. John Esser
Fleet Secretary Randall D. Crocker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
11442	Rampage	Dean S. Cady
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
11903	Ariel	Randall D. Crocker
12342	Bluette	Allen N. Rieselbach
13026	RoeBoat	Byron K. Roe
13259	Fountainhead	Mark Johnson
13695	Whimsey	Robert C. Mahne
13727	Dos Manana	Walter C. Nickerson
13794	.....	Allen Rieselbach

No Report

RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURY (70) Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain Rob Held
Fleet Secretary Denis Farley
Fleet Champion Sandy Huntsman
Runner-Up Tony Fink

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
279	Sunny	Pete McEwen
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
8502	Dawn Mere	James M. Kelly
9217	Chandu	Paul Forsman
9407	Repechage	Arthur S. Hunnewell
10249	Red Baron	Warren Kaiser
10371	Celeste	Arky Bianco
10408	Sandpiper II	Jeffrey F. Chandor
10538	.....	Denis Farley
10626	Seaweed	William V. Kolshorn, Jr.
10942	Rollover	Dr. Robert Kane
11007	Daddy's Joy	William T. Griffin
11327	Bam II	V. N. Vaughn, Jr. & V. Nelson Vaughn II
11740	River Blues	Walt Colantuono
11958	.....	John Brewster
12133	Kennebec II	Nick Smith
12499	Frigid Bitch	Bob Hutchinson
12714	Adios	Ralph F. Wilson
12716	My Honey	Richard C. Davis
13053	Murphy-Magee	Ralph Messersmith
13104	.....	Ted Kummer
13139	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin & Pat Corr
13459	.....	Louis Zinterhofer, M.D.
13572	Sting	Paul Huntsman, Jr.
13573	Scramblin Rummy	Rob Held
13675	.....	Arnold & Jon Schwartz
13782	Jack Huntsman
13792	Paul Huntsman Jr.
Hon. Member	Harold Beck
Hon. Member	Les Hathaway
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The good news is that Jack Huntsman had an excellent year of Lightning racing, and the bad news is that the fleet activity and attendance dropped to the lowest level in anyone's memory. Part of the problem is that a few sailors had difficult years due to some peculiar problems that limited their participation, and we are looking forward to 1984 as a year of renewal.



Fleet 70 Champion Sandy Huntsman, Larry Colantuono, Tony Fink.

The season started on the Southern Circuit for Jack Huntsman and Jon Schwartz. Jack finished fifth at Miami and seventh overall. Jon sailed at St. Pete and Miami.

Fleet 70's major event is the Long John Regatta held every April and in 1983 we had great competition as usual, warm and windy weather and the traditional great party on Saturday night. Bill Shore won the regatta followed by Stu Nickerson, Larry MacDonald, Jack Elfman, and Fleet Captain, Rob Held. Fleet members Denis Farley and Ralph Messersmith were ninth and tenth in the 41 boat fleet.

The Spring Series is traditionally our most competitive series and 1983 was no exception. It was a Huntsman affair as ILCA President Sandy Huntsman won with son Jack in second. Bill Clausen, Ralph Messersmith, and Arnold Schwartz rounded out the top five. Sandy Huntsman continued in form at the Memorial Day Regatta followed by John Brewster, and Walt Colantuono. Winner of the Independence Day Regatta was Kevin Corr with Tony Fink in second and Walt again third. The Labor Day Regatta was the last of the holiday regattas and was won by Tony Fink ahead of John Brewster and Walt in third. Walt's consistency paid off as he won the Atwater trophy for the best combined score for the three regattas.

This year's Met Districts were at Lake Wallenpaupack and for the 11th consecutive year was won by a member of MBC. Jack Huntsman won, Sandy Huntsman was second, John Brewster sixth, and Pat Corr tenth. Rob Held would have done well for found out in the first race that upside down is slow.

MBC hosted the MET-CAD Junior Districts and was won by Tony Fink followed by Larry Colantuono in second, and Elisa Smith in third.

In July, Jack Huntsman with crew Henry O'Hern and Mike Hein traveled to Italy for the World's and made us all proud of them as they won the first race and finished fifth overall. Jon Schwartz with crew Arnold Schwartz and Will Jeffers finished 13th.

Jack continued his excellent sailing at the North American's in Dallas with a ninth overall. Sandy Huntsman made the blue fleet, and Pat Corr, sailing in his first North American's sailed in the yellow fleet.

The team of Tony Fink, Larry Colantuono and Johanna Verkooyen sailed a terrific series at the Junior North American's in Dallas and wound up in a three way tie for first. They lost on the tie-break and finished third overall.

We managed to have a Summer Series at MBC and this series was decided on the last day. Winner was Tony Fink ahead of Denis Farley and John Brewster. There was also a National Sweepstakes Regatta sailed at MBC during the summer and the winner was Tony Fink with Denis Farley second ahead of Pat Corr.

Our Fall has Fell Regatta is a one day regatta held in October as part of the Short Circuit (three regattas — Greenwood, Mohawk, and Monmouth) and is increasing in popularity. There were 19 Lightnings this year with all three previous winners on hand. A new winner emerged: Bill Ewing, followed by Jack Huntsman, Glenn Reiting, Sandy Huntsman, and Tom Bierman.

Our final series was the Fall Series which was won by Sandy Huntsman, Rob Held was second, and Pat Corr third.

Changes are already taking place in the fleet and we know that 1984 is going to be a good year. We will miss John and Sandy Stewart who moved to Florida, but we have gained Ted Kummer and Herb Ulrich. With a little luck we will get our fleet attendance up and start growing again.