

# **KOTKA LIGHTNING FLEET (298)** **Finland District** **Sailing on Gulf of Finland at Kotka and** **Hamina, Finland**

Fleet Captain ..... Osmo Savola  
Fleet Secretary ..... Antero Westerlund  
Fleet Champion ..... Osmo Savola  
Runner-Up ..... Pekka Borg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12352	Bella I	Pekka Borg
12479	Melanie	Antero Westerlund
13135	Bella II	Osmo Savola

This year our fleet was about as active as usual. Three boats raced, while our fourth skipper Jorma Vartiainen spent a sabbath year. We had the honour of hosting one of Finland District's ranking regattas and several local regattas were arranged.

The District Championship Regatta was sailed in Lohja. We did do better than usual. Osmo Savola was 14th, Pekka Borg 19th, and Antero Westerlund 22nd. We also participated in some District ranking regattas. Only 11 boats got ranking score by attending the minimum of three regattas. Among those, Osmo was sixth, Pekka ninth and Antero 11th.

The Fleet Championship was sailed at the 95th Anniversary Regatta of the Yacht Club of Kotka. The races were quite tight, as there was hardly any difference in boat speed, but finally Osmo got three firsts and Pekka three second places, while it was Antero's turn to stay behind.

During the winter, we try to do our homework better than before. We plan to have several meetings discussing tuning, tactics, and racing rules. Of our boats, *Melanie* will go through a major reconstruction, as her wooden interior proved to be too heavy. Next spring everything will be plastic.

Warm thanks to our Lightning friends for a happy season, especially to Kari Maenpaa, Hartti Nisonen, Juha Aromaa, Heimo Apilo and their crews for visiting our regattas. Welcome again next season!

## **LAKE CHAMPLAIN (301)** **New England District** **Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain,** **Colchester, Vermont**

Fleet Captain ..... Dick Fastiggi  
Fleet Secretary ..... Kurt Kling  
Fleet Champion ..... Dick Fastiggi  
Runner-Up ..... Kurt Kling

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7829	Wind Harp	Peter Tourin
9550	.....	Christopher B. Leopold
9610	Lion's Paw	Donald A. Eberly
10313	Hawk	Peter Hubbard
10666	The "Young One"	Robert C. Young
10773	The Apple	Kurt Kling
11267	5 Hugs	John R. Hughes
11504	Second Wind	Janice Lange
11560	Ciao	Dick Fastiggi
12328	.....	Bruce Cunningham
12366	Loon	Todd Cox
12967	Zoom	Edward Ziemer
13156	Nightmare II	Stanford White
13172	Wild Goose	Don Brush
13232	.....	Bob Goodwin
13859	.....	Don Brush

Our year started off with a great Christmas party at the Hughes' house. Santa arrived with too much food and drink, but John says the kids enjoyed both for several parties. We all made it home.

Throughout the year we have had monthly meetings to encourage participation and promote the class. Our goal is to increase our membership and we have new members Peter Tourin, Bruce Cunningham, Stan White, and Dan Zagler. Our prospective list is growing for next season as well.

Stan White is our recipient of the Emerson Trophy for dedication to the Fleet and Class. He launched 13156 this July after 3 years of wood working effort. The boat is beautiful.

Several members put on their traveling shoes and went to the Southern Circuit, Cedar Point, Newport, The NE Districts, and Spofford. All had a great time and are looking forward to going again.

Our racing activity was busy with a round robin series which we hope to expand next season. Our regular series: Series A: Hughes, Brush, Kling; Series B, Kling, Hughes, Brush. Our Chiotti Regatta to promote one-design sailing was Brush, Cox, Fastiggi. Race Week: Kling, Ziemer, Fastiggi. The highlight of the season had to be the Jack and Marilyn Burwell show at the NE Districts. Great sailing and a great party. Hubbs decided to find his boat and put the paint brush down to win the regatta. He says he may find the time to defend next year as the MBBC and Fleet 301 will be welcoming the district to Malletts Bay for the annual regatta. Dick Fastiggi was our Fleet Champ this summer and also had been elected to head up our group for another year. He has done an excellent job making certain the secretary does his work. We welcome Michele Ferland, Doug Barger, and Jim Carroll for next season.

## **COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION (303)** **Ohio District** **Sailing on Cowan Lake at Cincinnati, Ohio**

Fleet Captain ..... Dick Pugh  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Young  
Fleet Champion ..... Ken Irwin  
Runner-Up ..... W. J. Rider

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5222	Cable Kid	W. J. Rider
7940	Storm	Kenneth Irwin
10013	Gypsy	Bill Young
11144	.....	Paul Back
11445	.....	Joel Cohen
11930	Confusion III	Dick Pugh

The 1983 Fall-in-Regatta held on October 15-16 was once again a great success. The temperatures in the 70's, sunny and HOT competition was the bill of fare. There were five races held in moderate winds with Tom Allen winning four of them with wife Ann and daughter Jane as crew. Dick Pugh, Carl Clipp, Hank Hodgson and John Mueller finishing up very close to fill the top five positions.

The Ohio Governors Cup was also clinched by Dick Pugh who finished the best in a three regatta series consisting of Leatherlips Y.C., St. Mary's Y.C. and Cowan Lake's 1983 regattas. The competition gets better every year! See you in 1984!

## **OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)** **Finland District** **Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia at Oulu, Finland**

Fleet Captain ..... Harry Hammar  
Fleet Secretary ..... Simo Koski  
Fleet Champion ..... Lasse Hammar  
Runner-Up ..... Markku Paloma

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9436	Rio-Rita II	Lasse Hammar
12918	Kikka II	Markku Paloma
13137	Hattiwatti II	Ilmo Hassinen
13505	Rio Rita IV	Lasse Hammar

The skilled skippers of our Fleet, Lasse Hammar and Markku Paloma have shown very good activity more than 20 year sailing Lightning boats and this year was no exception. The season began in Finnish Championships in Lohja which is located on the shore of a quite small lake. This normally means light winds but this time we met weathers from calm to storm. Of course, the last one was a little bit too much for everyone, but most of the boats suggested without any big damages, except those boats who capsized. Nevertheless, it was very exciting to be there. Thinking about the results the boats of our fleet still have a very good standing in Lightning class in Finland. Final position for Lasse Hammar was second and for Markku Paloma sixth. After that both skippers travelled to Italy taking part in European and World Championships. These races were a disappointment for Finnish boats, because of the poor success. In every case it's more important to take part than to win.

## **SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)** **Dixie District** **Based on Sassafra River, Maryland**

Fleet Captain ..... Al Mast  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Horne

Fleet Champion ..... Tom Hopkins  
 Runner-Up ..... Al Mast

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9391	Doc's Boat	Doc Walbert & Bob Horne
9800	Inversass	John Farquhar, M.D.
10336	Bayberry	David Scott Ingram
12453	Sassy	Tom Hopkins, M.D.
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred Mast
12964	Redoubtable	James T. Elliott, Jr.
13043	.....	Kirk Williams
13495	Awesome	Dr. James V. Ganley

One of the hottest summers in a long while did provide, amazingly enough, some great sailing weather. As a consequence the silver was spread around pretty well.

Jim Ganley won the Early Series, with Al Mast second and Tom Hopkins third. Jim Hopkins won the Summer Bay Race, with Jim Elliott second and Al Mast third. Tom Hopkins won the Late Series, with Patty Ganley second and Bob Horne third. Tom also won the Fall Bay Race. Al Mast was second and Bob followed through with another third.

Special Lightning trophies were won as follows: Walbert Cup, Al Mast; Buss Neff and Skippers Cuts, Tom Hopkins; and the Commodore's Trophy, Jim Ganley.

The Taylor Handicap Cup was won by Tom Hopkins and the finalists for the Matlack Trophies were Jim Hopkins, first; Tom Hopkins, second; and Bob Horne, third, with Dave Horne, Doug Hopkins, and Mauro (Ganley's Brazilian exchange student) finishing one, two, three in the Junior Division.

The Stardust Trophy was awarded to Jim Elliott, and to round out the recognition given to sailors for distinguished performance, Chas. Witomski was presented with the Brett Award.

Of all the Fleet 314 sailors participating in outside regattas, the most notable performance was provided by Ted Ganley, who with his crew of Christy Wardwell and Walt Pletcher finished ninth in the Junior North Americans at Rush Creek. Congratulations, Ted!

## REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325) Dixie District Sailing on Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

Fleet Captain ..... Carol Mertes  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Carol Mertes  
 Fleet Champion ..... Bob Currie  
 Runner-Up ..... Carl Slocumb

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3481	.....	Jim Mumford
7592	Capricorn	Ed Niemann
9527	Bo Bo II	Bob Purnell
9199	.....	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Club
10427	Just One Look	Fred Mertes
9976	White Magic	Carl Slocumb
10351	Sans-Souci	Ronald Dawson
10427	Just One Look	Fred Mertes
11155	.....	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Club
11288	.....	Preston A. Littleton, Jr.
11444	Artful Dodger	Thomas Clark
11899	Pises	Dave & David Racine
13670	.....	Robert W. Hansen, M.D.
.....	.....	John Hazzard
Life Member	.....	Jacob Zimmerman

The 1983 season at Rehoboth Bay Sailing Assoc. got off to an excellent start with the addition of two new skippers, Ron Dawson and Carl Slocumb. This increased our racing fleet to seven boats, making for improved competition in our weekly Sunday races. The annual Governor's Cup Regatta was held on June 18-19 with 26 participants. As usual the weather was prefect and the winds were a steady 12 to 15 knots. This year we decided to outdo (or overwork) ourselves and have a barbequed chicken dinner along with the cocktail party. Everyone had a great time including our fleet chefs, Bernie Hedges and Fred Mertes. First place went to Bob Wardwell of Susquehanna Yacht Club. Steve Bachman and Joe Frieble both of Severn S.A. placed second and third respectively. Fourth and fifth went to Frank Gallagher of Potomac S.A. and Bill McShane of Susquehanna Y.C.



*What do you do when you skipper decides to take a swim?*

July brought back the Atlantic Coast Championships to R.B.S.A. Even though the turnout was disappointing (26 boats), we couldn't have asked for better weather. As usual the sea breeze kicked in both afternoons at about one o'clock making for excellent racing conditions. Ken Read of Niantic Bay Y.C., Keith Toboada of Metedeconk River Fleet, Bob Wardwell of Susquehanna Y.C., Steve Bachman of Severn S.A., and Phil Lotz of Niantic Bay Y.C. were first, second, third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

The fleet championship was held Labor Day Weekend with a six-race series. It seems that this was the year for upsets. Bob Currie managed to win the championship away from Fred Mertes (winner in 7 of the last 8 years) in a borrowed boat, with borrowed sails, and an out-of-town crew. Hopefully Bob will officially become a member of the fleet next year. Second thru fifth places went to Carl Slocumb, Fred Mertes, Bernie Hedges, and Ron Dawson.

Participation really dropped off for the Fall Regatta which was held on September 17-18. Hopefully we can get more sailors out for this regatta next year. Steve Bachman of Severn S.A. took first place. While Peter Buckley of Severn S.A. and Fred Mertes of R.B.S.A. came in second and third place.

We ended our season in October with the Annual Awards Banquet at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club. The trophies were presented for the Club Championship along with some special awards. This year we initiated a new trophy for the most improved skipper and crew which went to Ron and Donna Dawson.

I hope everyone has a "short winter" and we'll see you at the Governor's Cup in June.

## GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326) Michigan District Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... John Van Dalsen  
 Fleet Secretary ..... John Van Dalsen  
 Fleet Champion ..... James Milliman  
 Runner-Up ..... John Van Dalsen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10429	White Elephant	John Van Dalsen
10944	.....	Glen G. Carlin
11107	Classic Case	Craig S. Horvath
11467	4 Sail 4	Gordon Cornwell
12369	.....	James Milliman

The GTYC Lightning Fleet recently completed its 1983 season. Fourteen weekend races were held this year plus a new Wednesday Jib and Main series was started.

The season championship was hotly contested by Jim Milliman and John Van Dalsen. The final results were not determined until the last leg of the season's last race. The total points accrued for all the races were a deadlock between the two skippers, but according to the throw-out system Jim Milliman emerged the season champion. (Congratulations Jim, that's two years straight. Much of his success (although skippers hate to admit it) goes

to his regular fore-deck person, Mary Beth Milliman. But watch out Jim, we'll be gunning for you next year.

The JAM series was a new concept for Lightning sailors. Our races were aimed at interesting new and/or inexperienced Lightning sailors with previous trophy winners excluded from skippering. The series was dominated by Remy Champt and Russ Dzuba. They rarely gave the other boats a glimpse of anything except their stern. Since our participation, like the cruising boats, was encouraging, the JAM series will be expanded next year.

The trophy series weekends were an example of the close competition among our fleet, being divided among three different skippers.

Firecracker:	John Van Dalsen
Stay-at-Home:	Craig Horvath
Back-to-School:	Jim Milliman

Season Standing: 1-Jim Milliman; 2-John Van Dalsen; 3 (tie)-David Dykstra and Craig Horvath; 4-Lora Martin. Jam Series: 1-Remy Champt; 2-Mary Beth Milliman; 3-Nathaniel Dykstra; 4-Paul Davis; 5-Joe Bottenhorn; 6-Brian Hanz; 7-George Brown.

## JYVASKYLAN LIGHTNING FLEET (328) Finland District Sailing on Lake Paijanne at Jyvaskyla, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Ilkka Lilja

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6838	Old Lady	Timo Lehtinen
12996	Kristiina	Samppa Salminen
13734	Valko	Ilkka Lilja

Since 1966 there has been no report about our fleet which was the first international racing fleet at Finnish lakes (fleet was founded 23 years ago). However, one or two of our boats have each year locally raced or even taken part in Finnish/European Championships with moderate results. Our speciality is the Paijanne Race (65 miles long) collecting 12-20 Lightning boats to race and about 240 other (keel) boats.

Our fleet's grand old men Ilkka Lilja (37) and Martti Nurminen (42) have been the class champions at the Paijanne Race; Ilkka seven (7) times and Martti two (2) times (since year 1973) including last summer.

Martti is now building (with Kari Elivuo) his fourth "Liti" (as we call the Lightning in Finland) which is a plywood boat, similar to his old-77-model. *Valko* skippered by Ilkka Lilja is his third "Liti".

Our youngest skipper Samppa Salminen — sailing a plywood boat, too — has proven himself a potential fellow finishing second after *Valko* at the Paijanne Race Lightning class.

Next summer 3-4 boats from our fleet are actively alive and some of them are going to take part in the Finnish and European Championships. Let us wish them fair winds.



Fleet 328 Champions from left — Ilkka Lilja, Hannu Leinonen, and Jouni Kerinen.



Fleet 329 Champion — Steve Bachman.

## SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329) Dixie District Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain ..... Doug Dixon  
Fleet Secretary ..... Michael Denning  
Fleet Champion ..... Steve Bachman  
Runner-Up ..... Joe Friebele

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9099	.....	Michael Denning
9110	Quick Beam	Bruce Lewenstein
9367	Chauve-Souris	Gregory Howell
10643	Speculation	Steve Bachman
10800	High Hopes	Donald R. Hope
11036	Think Fast	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
11217	Aengus	Gordon G. Hastings
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg
11767	.....	Alex Humphrey
11792	III	Dr. Edwin M. Oritz & John Richardson
12365	Jasper Nerg	Doug Dixon
12470	Lightning Bug	E. Joseph Friebele
12752	Yankee	William H. & Peter K. Buckley
12772	Clarrissa Marie	H. Warren Cooper
13306	Green Wave	A. Lee Fentress
13620	Peaches En Regalia	Robert Astrove
13766	.....	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
13827	Blixten	Peter H. Martin
10475	.....	Doug Perley & Ron Buchanan

Let's be different! 1983 was an absolutely terrible year for Fleet 329. It started lousy and ended even worse. Imagine in the middle of January over 30 fleet members and friends standing around the clubhouse, drinking beer



and eating fattening foods while watching grown men play Superbowl football. On top of that the home team Redskins win. You can surely imagine the depression of the attendees. Nine months later the same group of people are gathered around radios in the SSA parking lot listening to grown men play World Series baseball. Further depression — the Orioles win.

In between fleet members tried sailing — nothing exciting though. In recent years you could count on someone winning everything, making it easy to write about — but this year everybody seemed to win something. Record-keeping became a real headache. Of the six regularly sponsored Fleet and SSA regattas, six different skippers were winners. Silver winners included the following motley bunch:

No Gas Regatta — 1.-Bob Wardwell; 2.-Steve Bachman; 3.-Joe Friebele.  
Spring Regatta — 1.-Steve Bachman; 2.-Joe Friebele; 3.-Doug Dixon.  
Annual Regatta — 1.-Peter Buckley; 2.-Steve Bachman; 3.-John Richardson.

Governor's Cup — 1.-Don Delorme; 2.-Steve Bachman; 3.-Peter Buckley.

Fall Regatta — 1.-Joe Friebele; 2.-Steve Bachman; 3.-Bob Astrove.  
Frigid Digit — 1.-Dick Hallagan; 2.-Jim Carson; 3.-Stu Nickerson;  
4.-Larry MacDonald; 5.-Jack Elfman (talk about a crew of also rans finally winning something!)

When fleet members weren't sailing they had their usual dull time of drinking, eating, and having "fun". Party foods included the usual fare of guacamole, pita bread, nachos, crab dips, roast goose, and turkey, etc., etc. Whatever happened to potato chips!

The Frigid Digit was a real bore this year! In the past you could count on frostbite and capsizes Hollywood stunt men would envy...this year warm weather and moderate breezes — boring! The Dixie District also added grief to an already boring year by having Fleet 329 sponsor the annual championship. More beer and food, lots of hard work, but at least an utterly exciting baseball game in which the Orioles lost. Fleet members didn't do well in this regatta; they only won four of the top five spots: 1.-Joe Friebele; 2.-Bob Wardwell (the spoiler); 3.-Steve Bachman; 4.-Don Delorme; 5.-Doug Dixon.

Besides local sailing, — fleet members traveled far and wide — after all, misery loves company. Every district regatta was attended by at least one fleet member — outside the district, 329 members were found in Texas, New Jersey, Connecticut, North Carolina, New York, etc., etc. The usually horde of silverware was collected, more importantly, fleet members sustained their reputation as party spoilers. Would you think this group had any chance of growing? Again — misery loves company. We tried to discourage them but new members Ken Bedford, Greg Howell, and Charlie Portner just had to join. Well, maybe one of them will bring potato chips!

That's about it for another uneventful year. If you're involved in something exciting and want to get away from it all come down to Annapolis for one of our invitationals. Watch *Flashes* for details. Time for Christmas shopping — Bah-Hum-Bug.

## SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)

New England District  
Sailing on Big Squam Lake at  
Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain ..... John Russell, Jr.  
Fleet Secretary ..... Crecia C. Closson  
Fleet Champion ..... David D. Clossen  
Runner-Up ..... John Russell, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10732	Go-Mo-Shun	David Clossen
10818	Pequod	Donald P. Todd, M.D.
12859	.....	John S. Russell, Jr.
13101	Super Shuttle	Robert Ayotte

Sailing on "Golden Pond" during the summer of '83 provided all the coaxing needed to get most of our skippers out every Sunday. The skippers of Fleet 332 were blessed with excellent weather all summer long. Seven Sunday races were held starting July 31 through Sept. 4 and the competition was mostly between David Clossen and Jack Russell, Bob Ayotte and Robert Flint enjoyed teaching new crews in preparation for next summer while providing the two battling skippers some tense moments.

The summer will be remembered for its excellent weather; Dave Clossen winning 5 out of 7 races; Jack Russell for trying harder with two former skippers as crew; Bob Ayotte for sailing beyond the mark by a mile while instructing his new crew how to take down the spinnaker; and Robert Flint

for his psychological strategy of playing music and drinking beer while passing you. Needless to say, Dave won the overall Fleet Championship plus the Pop Closson Trophy, and the Bea Flint "Sunfish" Trophy for the best record during the July and August Sunfish races.

Congratulations, Dave and welcome back into the winners circle.

The annual party and awards presentation was held at Dave and Millie Clossen's home in Holderness and the dinner at the Corner House Inn in beautiful Center Sandwich. Crecia Clossen, our faithful fleet Secretary for several years, deserves our special thanks for keeping our fleet alive. Few as we are, we look forward to next summer for more fun sailing on beautiful Squam Lake.

## BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB (335) LIGHTNING FLEET

Central Atlantic District  
Sailing at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Art Steitz  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Clarke  
Fleet Champion ..... Dave Kunz  
Runner-Up ..... Bill Clarke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10445	Der Sea Adler II	Art Steitz
10526	Talisman	Paul B. Wood
10823	Careless	David C. Faus
11189	Bat Toe	Bill Clarke
13158	.....	Larry Murphy

In 1983, Lightning Fleet 335 completed a series of 19 races on Saturday afternoons in July and August. Sailing at the southern end of Barnegat Bay, off Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, we experienced a great summer of favorable sailing conditions. This year's winner was Dave Kunz, his second year skippering a Lightning, with Bill Clarke runner-up. Third place went to Larry Murphy, fourth place to Art Steitz and his daughter Maryann Toedtman, fifth place to Paul Wood, Commodore of BLYC this year, and sixth place to Jim Faus. We are delighted to have Jim back racing with us with his two sons, David and John, as crew.

The Sixth Annual Weekend Regatta, held on August 27 and 28, was won by Dave Kunz with Larry Murphy second and Paul Wood third.

On July 23 and 24, the BLYC hosted the new Jersey State Lightning Championship. Eighteen boats participated. The regatta was held well out in the southern Barnegat Bay necessitating a tow to the course. Winds ranged from mild to up to twenty miles per hour. Jody Lutz won the three race series with two firsts and a second. Ralph Messersmith finished second and Dave Ruiter, the winner in 1975, third. The Saturday evening festivities were enjoyed by all with a delicious roast beef dinner. Larry Murphy did an exemplary job as regatta chairman.

Again this year Surf City Yacht Club and Barnegat Light held joint races on two Saturday afternoons. This has become a tradition which will certainly be continued.

Next summer we hope to concentrate on the further growth of our Fleet and will continue to press Raleigh Nelson to skipper his own Lightning. Jay Pattison says he will be a serious competitor next year.

Special thanks is again extended to Fleet Captain Art Steitz and Regatta Chairman Don Haight, as well as our Fleet Racing Chairman Larry Murphy. These gentlemen were ably assisted by Randy Swartley and Rick Sanford in arranging the Saturday afternoon series.

## GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

Central New York District  
Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Walt Nial  
Fleet Secretary ..... James Millard  
Fleet Champion ..... James Millard  
Runner-Up .. Dale Brown/Walt Nial (co-owned)

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5155	Cawley Flower	Cornell C. Cawley, Jr.
6515	Restless	Richard B. Millard
7123	Rocky	Harold B. Hansen
7809	.....	James R. Buhrmaster
9370	.....	Everett P. Strong, Jr.

11519	.....	Dale H. Brown
12115	.....	James Dickson
12130	.....	Cornell C. Cawley, Jr.
12573	.....	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster
13655	Huggie	R. James Millard

The 1983 season brought warm weather and good wind to Galway Lake. Highlights of the season included Maury Gardner's vacation from Saudi Arabia and winning the last race before his return and boat trading during the final regatta. Both the fleet trophy and the Dunking Doughnut were won by Jim Millard, with Nell Burrows and Paul Heiner as crew. They also finished fourth in the District Triple Crown. Walt Nial and Dale Brown took second place on Galway. Doug Millard took third overall and the Vintage Trophy for wood lightnings. In the season ending race, Snipe/Dutchman sailor Rick LeBoeuf borrowed Doug's woody, won, and is now looking to move into the fleet. The fleet has also been bolstered by a new boat for Cornell Cawley and interest by several others in moving from wood to glass boats. We look forward to another successful year in '84.

### PENTWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (340)

#### Michigan District

#### Sailing on Lake Pentwater at Pentwater, Michigan

Fleet Secretary ..... Don Lambrix

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9259	Took	Mary Ann Bates
10071	Wiki-Wiki	Peter Northup
12371	Greased	Cliff Dibelka

Due to our kids growing up and away, our Lightnings were inactive this year.

We are hoping for new blood and renewed interest in the Lightning next year.

### LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)

#### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain ..... Gene Matthews

Fleet Secretary ..... Vickie Matthews

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
483	Between The Sheets	Steve Grotmeyer
8992	.....	Peter G. Ellis
11270	.....	Steve Grotmeyer
12452	Woodstock	Bill Connor
12822	Spike	Audrey & J. P. Matteson
13144	Opus 5	Robert C. LaBrot
13225	Free Spirit	Gene Matthews

No Report

### LONDON LIGHTNING FLEET (347)

#### Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Fanshawe Lake at London, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Secretary ..... David M. Kopec

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11117	Moonshine	David Rosner
11132	Valkyrie	Larry Minshall
11883	Red Pepper	Dave Kopec
12569	Family Feud	Ed Van Puymbroeck

No Report

### LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)

#### Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Lanier out of Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet Captain ..... Reg Brooks

Fleet Secretary ..... Dorothy Brooks

Fleet Champion .....	Reg Brooks
Runner-Up .....	Bob Terry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4383	Phoenix	William C. Harshman
5896	.....	Robert D. Shingler
9568	.....	Dave Pitts & Robert Proffit
9570	Ariel	William L. Pulgram
10009	Ol'Blue	Richard Boyles
10101	Fergus	Cotton M. Lindsay
10111	Lord Jim	Robert Schindel
10821	.....	Joseph D. Stites
10824	Lickety Split	David Whelchel
10877	Thunderbolt	Fred W. Crawford
10926	Chokanoke	John Bartholomew
11723	Tevake	Hayden Harriss
12331	Hot Chocolate	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12736	The John B.	John Brian Johnstone
12849	Eh La Bas	Reg Brooks
12935	Lemon Pie	Kenneth Wallace

No Report

### HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... Bill McCarthy

Fleet Secretary ..... Ehmann Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8559	Robert	Karl Schedler
10687	Walloping Window	Frankland Oakley
	Blind	Frank Amore
10960	.....	Charles Schmidt
11796	White Lightning	Ehmann Miller
12015	Goldie Marie	Bill McCarthy
12346	Irish Mist	Gordon Snyder
12950	Wave Dancer	

The 1983 sailing season started with 11 straight weekends of rain, followed by light to moderate air for most of the summer races.

Over the past two years we have seen our active racing fleet diminish from 15 boats to eight due to one reason or another. For the coming year of 1984 it is our resolution to concentrate our efforts to attracting new members who are active in sailing.

### RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB (357)

#### Central Atlantic District

#### Sailing on Delaware River at Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Jerry Harris

Fleet Secretary ..... Gary Waters

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4727	.....	Graham B. Gill
5558	Merry Jo	Raymond M. Horwitz, Jr.
8379	Ta'Aroa	Franz Schneider
11666	Cirrus	John Teigland, Jr.
12728	Albus	Frank Hawley
13624	Sparkie	Pat Drudy

No Report

### CATAWBA (365)

#### Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Wylie, Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary ..... Harold B. Bursley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11553	.....	F. Dan Thompson

No Report

## OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)

### Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Okanagan Lake at Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain ..... William Ehmann  
Fleet Secretary ..... Caroline Bolt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8539	.....	Hans Hart
9853	.....	James MacDonald
10658	Firedance	A. Grant MacKinnon
11462	Aristeia	William Ehmann
12158	.....	Neil MacGibbon
13299	Hot Chocolate	Ernie Chatham
13477	White Shadow	Robert Bazett

The Big News for Fleet 368 is that we will be moving to a new facility for 1984. Municipal authorities have allocated land for the project and the Central Okanagan Small Boat Association (the umbrella organization for dinghy sailing in Kelowna) has raised \$220,000.00 for site development. Work will be complete next spring. Included will be generous dry storage and a two-storey clubhouse. Two Lightning sailors, Jim MacDonnell and Doug Gillett, were largely responsible for arranging the funding and we all owe them a great vote of thanks for their tireless work on our behalf.

The wind gods were absent this summer with a racing schedule marked by numerous cancellations due to lack of wind. Neil MacGibbon and Bob Bazett were the top sailors in spite of the overall poor weather. These guys do well no matter what the conditions!

Bob Bazett, Neil MacGibbon and Bill Ehmann attended the Kitsilano Invitational Regatta and the District Championships held at the Kitsilano Yacht Club on English Bay at Vancouver, B.C., with good showings by Bob and Neil at the Invitational. Bob Bazett attended the Seattle Invitational in October and sat helplessly as the only movement on Puget Sound was the tide. Bob's trip to Seattle turned into a shopping trip rather than a warm-up for next year's North American Championships. We hope to have several boats (some of them new), at Seattle to represent our remote corner of the Lightning Association.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)

### California District Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California

Fleet Captain ..... Mike Molina  
Fleet Secretary ..... Mike Molina  
Fleet Champion ..... Mark Patty  
Runner-Up ..... Mike Molina

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3218	Brite Star	Guy McKenzie
8736	Pangloss	Douglas Moler
9169	.....	Michael Molina
10222	Tomato Sloop	Jerry Rochte
11463	Greyhound	John Hoffman
11511	Peppermint Patty	Bruce B. Arnold
11981	.....	Jon W. Ewing
12163	Orcas	Lynne S. Miller
13243	Raggedy Ann III	Mark D. Patty
13246	Genie III	Bill Hole
13828	.....	Bill Hole
13867	.....	Guy McKenzie
.....	The Killer Bees	Donald Wilson-Beaton

1983 was not a banner year for Fleet 372. However, it was a most spectacular year for some of its members. "If it wasn't one thing, it was another." If it wasn't bad enough that Bob Smith was building a house, Tim Barnes would break another mast. One could shrug his shoulders when learning Doug Moler had voted for education over recreation, but where the heck are the Arnold's? (On the East Coast watching leaves turn.)

In spite of reduced strength, the hard-cores hard-cores on, wheeling their pretty little boats to regattas from San Diego to Eugene, Oregon.

Where we sail, capsizing is considered a social event rather than a trauma experience. And why not? There is always plenty of company and it's so fun! The Mark Patty 'Cizer of the Year Award goes to Tim Barnes. He was not only notable in frequency of 'cizer activity, but he has rare talent for achieving the double bonus entertainment extravaganza: a good slam 'cizer

immediately followed by displaying a short mast and another short, portable mast.

Mark Patty, with crew Stan Starkey and Cheri Shaw buzzed off to Dallas for the North Americans. If you ask them, they did real good and had a good time too. But when they came back, they talked funny. Mike Molina also went to Dallas and crewed for our wayward charter member, Bill Hole.

Fleet 372 is home for the W.E.S.T. system Lightning project commonly referred to as XWC1. It should be sailing by January, 1984. Our fleet is also home for XALI, the aluminum boat, as Chuck Schwab moved up from San Diego. We are certainly not short on innovation.

In 1984 we look forward to the return of the lost lambs and welcome new folks, Jerry Rochte, Mark Barnes (a long, lost lamb), and Guy McKenzie. Guy recently rebuilt a 3000 series boat using only the frames and going from there. He is starting a new W.E.S.T. system boat soon.

Bill Ewing from Florida should be around here somewhere having been last seen in Arizona heading west after the North Americans. Will we ever find him? Stay tuned.

## DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

### Michigan District Sailing on Douglas Lake at Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Maurice Olsaver  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bud Osgood  
Fleet Champion ..... Bud Osgood  
Runner-Up ..... Maurice Olsaver

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10165	.....	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
10198	Mer Sea	John G. Young
10387	.....	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
12178	Lotsa Knots	Jack Schulte
12754	Shrub	David O. Peters
13015	Don Quixote II	Howard Eddy
13174	Oh Pear	Leo Lighthammer

With the wind and weather cooperating, Douglas Lake Lightning Fleet had a fairly active season. We sailed 11 regular season races and, in addition, our annual three race Labor Day series. Four to six boats participated in most of these races. Bud Osgood was winner of the season Oopy Trohy and also Labor Day series. Runner-up for the regular series was Maurice Olsaver; Labor Day runner-up was Rick Peters.

The fleet hosted a Regatta July 23 and 24 with 11 boats participating, five of which were from other Michigan fleets. In first place was Hank Hodgson, Mike Dow of the Higgins Lake fleet was second and Les Kastura third. Jody Lighthammer did her usual super job as Hostess with the Mostest in putting on the awards dinner.

## SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE FLEET (377)

### Dixie District Sailing on Smith Mountain Lake at Scruggs, Virginia

Fleet Captain ..... Hank Riviere  
Fleet Secretary ..... Hank Riviere

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

1983 started out windy and wet for Fleet 377. Activity during the spring months was moderate but at least there was wind.

As the year progressed, we had the hottest summer on record with max temperatures over 100 degrees on several days. Needless to say, activity slowed considerably in the heat with few sailors wanting to cook their brains in the light winds of August.

Fall brought a respite from the heat and a little more wind. Our invitational Regatta provided cool temperatures and some wind so that we were able to put on two days of racing.

If you are in our area during the year come sail with us. The 1984 Invitational will be held on Oct. 5-6, so mark your calendars and plan to be with us. Everyone always has a lot of fun.





Some of the 387 Fleet Members — Hill, Wilson, Caterino, Koster, and Dudley.

### LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387) Michigan District

#### Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	Robert Klimek
Fleet Secretary .....	Dennis Dudley
Fleet Champion .....	Mike Caterino
Runner-Up .....	Bob Hill

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5885	Red Baroness	Raymond Yerkie
8288	.....	Michael J. Caterino
11488	Diligence	Robert Hill
12341	Lady Jane	Robert E. Klimek
12888	Dudley Dorite II	D. Dennis Dudley
13254	.....	Michael J. Caterino

The summer sailing season on Lake Lansing was quite active this year. The Lightning fleet became one of the most active racing fleets at Lansing Sailing Club. A couple of elder statesmen from another fleet rather suddenly discovered that a boat you can sit in rather than on is a whole lot more comfortable to sail. The result was that the Lightning fleet has two new members who are active racing sailors. We feel the future looks promising for Fleet 387.

This summer will always be known as the year the dredging "project" was completed at Lake Lansing. At long last we have a lake where one can use a regulation rudder the whole summer and even into the fall, if you're daring. Our lake has now been dredged to an average depth of nine feet. This means that Lightning sailors can carry their center boards all the way down until at least the 4th of July. This is the reason our annual regatta is held the first weekend in June.

This year we had a good regatta. The water was up and the out-of-town sailors could sail as they were accustomed to; board down. Winds were moderate to heavy, as the fleet secretary's boat almost went over with one crew member half in the water. This demonstrates once again that it is always possible to snatch a tie from the jaws of victory. The results of our regatta were Mike Dow, first; Hank Hodgson, second; Dudley and Hill, third (tie); Yerkie, fifth.

We Lightning sailors at Lake Lansing would like to have more outside sailors at our regatta. If you haven't been here in a while, why not try us this year? We always get in six races and the lake really is greatly improved.

### LAKE HARTWELL FLEET (391) Southeastern District

#### Sailing on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Secretary .....

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13512	Intruder	William Sloger

No Report

### MANITOWOC LIGHTNING FLEET (393)

#### Midwest District

#### Sailing on Lake Michigan at Manitowoc, Michigan

Fleet Captain .....	David Wilhelm
Fleet Secretary .....	Robert Waid
Fleet Champion .....	Dr. Ron Schaper
Runner-Up .....	David Wilhelm

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9763	Circa	Bill E. Williamson
9823	Hunky Dory	Robert A. Waid
10632	Orange Blossom Special	Tom Bennin
12179	Captain Crunch	David Wilhelm
12380	Flatus	Karl M. Miller
13176	Femme Fatale	Ronald Schaper
.....	.....	Robert G. Grail

An unusually warm Lake Michigan, good winds and spirited sailors marked the sailing season of Fleet 393 of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Manitowoc Yacht Club and part of the Midwest District, the local fleet had three successful race series and a regatta that bested those of previous years.

Returning again as Fleet Champion was Ron Schaper with Bob Krowicz and John Creagh as crew. Dave Wilhelm repeated again as Fleet Runner-up with the crew of Terry Kukral, Chuck Hardy and Dean Rosinsky. Winning the special Labor Day Series was Ron Schaper. Other series winners were: Ron Schaper, Dave Wilhelm and Karl Miller (first through third, respectively) in the Tuesday Night Series. The top two places reversed themselves for the Thursday Night Series with Dave Wilhelm in first place, Ron Schaper in second, and Karl Miller taking third. Crewing for Karl were John Chadik and Russ Walters. The local season was highlighted by keen competition, many hours of "oral" sailing over the MYC bar, and a very successful regatta.

Newly named the Michelob Maritime Bay Regatta, the small regattas of past years was soon forgotten when 17 boats headed for the start line on that beautiful Saturday morning. Boats and crews completed five races, enjoyed informal lunches and lots of seafaring folklore. Gene Matthews of Lake Geneva along with crew Vicki Matthews and Dennis Bersch rode "Free Spirit" to victory on that great weekend. Green Bay's Blake Middleton, in "Dizzy", took second place honors. His crew mates were Bill Caudill and Chris Cayamberg. "Rampage" with Dean Cady as skipper, and Karen Cady and Jim Smyth as crew, took third place honors. All agreed it was a super weekend that could not have been, had it not been for the many MYC volunteers who worked in all the Regatta work areas.



Boats in Fleet 393 "Jockey for position" at starting line.

**TRIAD LIGHTNING FLEET (415)**  
**Southeastern District**  
**Sailing on High Rock Lake at**  
**Lexington, North Carolina**

Fleet Captain ..... Delbert Foster  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Frank Mills  
 Fleet Champion ..... Delbert Foster  
 Runner-Up ..... Jonathan Lange

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
5890	Snapdragon	R. Wayne Hodges
9931	Virginia Creeper	K. A. Lawder, Jr.
10168	Interlude	Jonathan I. Lange
10284	Saratoga Trunk	David D. Addison
10370	.....	W. Craig Thayer
10723	The Patricia Ann	Frank Mills
12336	.....	William Pleasants
12520	.....	G. K. Limber
12603	.....	Delbert E. Foster
12704	Special K	Gordon P. Kellogg
13105	Sneak-A-Tack	Lloyd Peterson
13140	.....	Henry M. Boone

1983 has been an exciting year for Fleet 415. Our new Lightning owner and Fleet Captain Del Foster, has kept his boat out front and provided the necessary leadership to insure that our fleet will remain active and growing.

Our regattas are held regularly on the fourth weekend of each month, from April through October. Visitors are always welcome. This year Gordon Kellogg conducted detailed pre-race lectures on sailing tactics and winning methods. This attitude of sharing skills and experiences blended with warm fellowship always results in a very pleasant sailing season.

The 1983 Fleet Championship awards will be given to Del Foster, first; Jonathan Lange, second; and Craig Thayer, third. Congratulations are extended to these fine sailors and their crew who would tack with the Devil.....to win.

**GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)**  
**Southeastern District**  
**Sailing on Charleston Harbor at**  
**Charleston, South Carolina**

Fleet Captain ..... William R. Sloger, Jr.  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Ann B. Sloger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10807	Doagie	William R. Sloger, Jr.
13145	.....	Harold L. Hintz
13656	Aoha	Leonard Krawcheck

No Report

**OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430)**  
**Central Atlantic District**  
**Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at**  
**Ocean City, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain ..... Pete Murray  
 Fleet Secretary ..... John Parker  
 Fleet Champion ..... John Parker  
 Runner-Up ..... Gidge Glenn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13159	Wave Warrior	George Glenn III
13380	Flower Child	John J. Parker

No Report

**RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)**  
**Texas District**  
**Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas**

Fleet Captain ..... Sylvan Newman  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Paul Emens  
 Fleet Champion ..... Warren Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9473	.....	David Card
10211	Blue Angel	Sam Lett, Jr.
10275	Xanado	John Skiles
10318	Go For It	Ira Johnson
10405	Grok	Bruce W. Hanover
10811	.....	Ken Huggins
10854	.....	Martin Koppers
10937	.....	Sylvan Newman
11046	Androsdos	Vernon R. Goldberg
11081	.....	Milo Johnson
11138	New Blue	John Schneider
11311	.....	Stephen Craig
11955	.....	Milo Johnson
11956	Shady Lady	Roger Wach
12289	.....	Rick Tears
12488	Coron	Lawrence Stanton
12500	Blitz'n	Sidney Trest
12834	.....	Stan L. Wessel, Jr.
12835	.....	Rick Tears
13212	.....	Gary Emery
13220	Deep Boat	Paul D. Emens
13221	Rasputin	John McGown
13223	Driven Snow	Lee Wright
13228	Too Bad	Lance Drewes
13231	.....	Greg Gust
13311	.....	Robert Thomas
13329	.....	Warren Lewis
13341	.....	Calvert Garrett
13347	.....	Warren Delano Smith
13537	.....	Stephen Craig
13622	Dark Horse	Glenn Darden
13644	.....	Richard J. Hockert
13691	.....	Greg Hatfield
13722	.....	Don R. Johnson
13806	.....	Geroge R. Hatfield
13831	.....	Richard Guinan
.....	.....	Dave Irwin

First things first. Since we have such a long season in Texas (just over eight months) we always come due for this report before we finish racing. So it's imperative to note here that the Fall Series Champ for 1982 was Warren Lewis. In winning that, he nailed down the Fleet Championship as well. For his performance in 1982, Warren richly deserved his nickname "Warren the Invincible"!

Last November we also had our annual Thanksgiving "Turkey Day Regatta". We had a good turnout, with some 25 boats competing for the silver. Unfortunately the Yankees brought their weather with them (I guess they figured it would give them an edge). They were right! Tom Allen won, in cold, rainy, breezy weather. What the heck. We had a fine time.

Each year we award the "Masthead Trophy" to that person who performs the most unusual act each year. For 1983 we have no front-runner—as yet. But for 1982 we had two **great** front-runners. One dropped his main on the run (in the Districts no less!) so more air would reach and fill his chute (he was subsequently blinded by the boats blazing by him); the other very neatly and carefully installed his new bailer in backwards (and was subsequently blinded by the rooster tail when he opened it). No names are mentioned here. National attention would be too much. Suffice to say that the winner was he who suffered from the "reverse-bailer syndrome".

Also at the close of 1982 we awarded these awards: the Fleet Champion Trophy for meritorious service went to Vern Goldberg (and he truly deserved it); Kurt Schuler was the Outstanding Crew; Greg Hatfield was both the Most Improved and Junior Trophy winner; and Warren Lewis won the Sylvan Newman Trophy for best performance at away regattas.

1983 has been a great year for us. We lost a few of our number to moves and transfers. But we gained as many in new members and competitors. Between some new competition (did we really need it any tougher?) and the new boats and sails (the North Americans were coming to town) things were cooking at Rush Creek.

The Spring Series (March-May) was somewhat abbreviated due to some incredibly high winds. We spent a fair bit of time on shore saying things like "Are you kidding me?" and "You really want to go out in **that?**"! Warren Lewis (remember him?) beat out Paul Emens on the last weekend to win the series.

The Summer Series (June-August) saw more moderate winds, bigger turn-outs and new leaders. George Hatfield walked in and away with the number one spot by posting an incredible number of ones and twos. Don Johnson gave it his best shot and was runner-up.



We did some traveling too. Five of us went to St. Pete and had a ball — as always. In April most of us trooped off to Shreveport — to be met by winter conditions. It was cold, showery, windy — and fun. Warren Lewis (him again) wrapped it up nicely with a one-one-one. Lance Drewes took second with two-two-two. Nice and consistent.

And then came Hurricane Alicia — and the North Americans. Everybody had been working and worrying about this for the past year. Instead of drifters, Alicia was a sweetie and gave us perfect winds. And the Rush Creekers did their best to take advantage of them. Three of us made the Champ Fleet: Ken Huggins, Don Johnson and Greg Gust. Ken finished a fantastic fourth. Virtually the rest of the fleet placed in the Presidents Fleet, where we swept the top four spots. In order of finish: Rick Tears, Paul Emens, Warren Lewis, Richard Guinan. As best we could tell, everyone had a fine time. (Richard won the dance contest and promptly named his boat *Flashdance*). It was the high point of a great year.

Some of us went to the other end of the lake for the Indian Summer Regatta where Rush Creek swept the top three Lightning spots. Ken Huggins was first, followed by Paul Emens and Don Johnson.

As this goes into the mail, we still have five weekends to sail and as usual, the standings are amazingly close. Tied for first in the Fall Series are Paul Emens and Richard Guinan, followed by Warren Lewis and Don Johnson. In a virtual tie for first for the year (all 7 months of it) are Emens and Lewis, closely followed by Don Johnson and Richard Guinan.

Tune in next year for the results!

### **PERRY LIGHTNING FLEET (438)** **Central States District** **Sailing at Perry Lake near Kansas City, KS**

Fleet Secretary ..... John L. Gall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11791	Charisma	John Corkhill
12424	Dog Meat	John Gall
No Report		

### **SOUTH SKANEATELES LIGHTNING ASSOC. (439)** **Central New York District** **Sailing on Skaneateles Lake at Cortland, New York**

Fleet Secretary ..... W. Howell Finn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8952	.....	Thomas A. Keebler
12174	Acey-Ducey	W. Howell Finn
13400	The Wind Suits	
	Us II	Frank H. Suits, Jr.
.....	.....	John G. Hazard
No Report		

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

Fleet Captain ..... Wilburn Brewer  
Fleet Secretary ..... Paul Rodesiler  
Fleet Champion ..... Paul Rodesiler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11412	Somethin' Else	Wilburn Brewer
12401	Seetenfel III	Paul Rodesiler
12705	Windance	William George
12712	.....	Bill Malin
12730	Miss Joye	Tom Waters
.....	.....	Sonny T. Weaver

The Palmetto Fleet Championship is based on the best nine of thirteen races which extend from the spring through the fall. This generally results in racing in all conditions and provides a true test for the fleet championship. This year, Paul Rodesiler was the best sailor. At this writing, Wilburn Brewer and Bill Malin are still racing for second place.

David and Rita Black and Fred Gertz purchased boats and joined the fleet. Unfortunately, long time fleet members, Wayne Catoe and Tom Wilson moved and dropped out of the fleet. An associate membership class for the fleet was created for non-owners and five associate members joined. The fleet feels this is a good potential source of new owners as well as crews.

Social activities for the year included an oyster roast, a steak cookout, a party for the Catoes and a joint party with the Thistle Fleet.

The fleet looks forward to 1984 and wishes all Lightning sailors good sailing.



*Messina, Vitaggio, Nizza — Ischia — Worlds '83*

### **MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)** **Italian District**

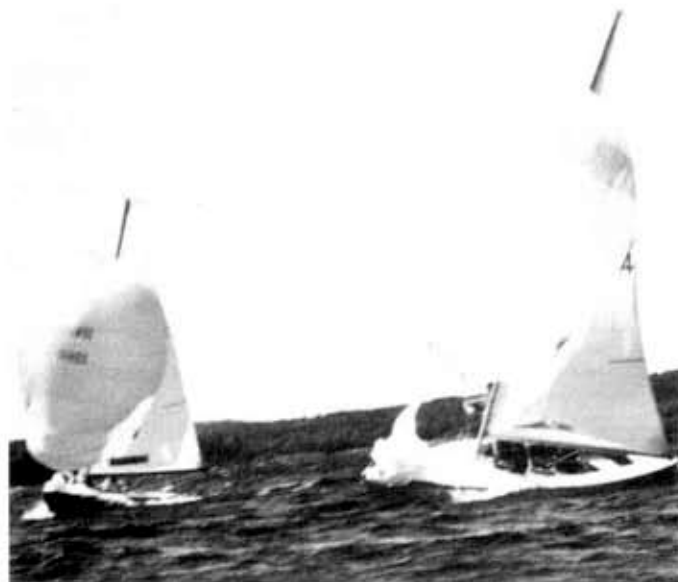
Fleet Captain ..... Gianni Pellegrino  
Fleet Secretary ..... Tino Pernice  
Fleet Champion ..... Roberto Crucitti  
Runner-Up ..... Angelo Perilli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13035	Scirocco	Tino Pernice
13065	Sherazade	Gaspare Giacalone
13402	Rainbow	Pietro Marino
13414	White Cloud	Roberto Crucitti
13455	Wind III	Gianni Pellegrino
13481	Wanted III	Alessandro Attina
13557	Ausonia	Angelo Zerilli
13706	Lily Bay Tan	Sergio Messina (C.V. Marsala)

This has been a very busy and heavy year for our fleet, since it has been involved in many important Championships starting from our local "Campionato Siculo Calabro" and reaching the top during the month of July when six boats belonging to our fleet took part in the Italian, European and World Championship in Procida and Ischia. It would be too long and uneasy to deal with all the social regattas that we have had in our club: in a word we may say that we have increased our fleet and the lightning followers.

As concerns the big events we may say with great pleasure that the young crew Messina-Vitaggio-Nizza won the Italian Championship, while they were third in the European and second in the WORLDS. Only Jay Lutz could stop them, but they went all the way to the goal!!! The regatta season is not over, in fact we are going to organize the "7th Winter European Championship" which will take place at the end of this year.

Swiss, Finn and Greek People are coming here to enjoy our marvelous sea and our warm sun.



Everything is under control...well, almost.

Photo Credit: Dallas Folk

### ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450) New England District Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

Fleet Captain ..... Larry Vautour  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bob Foster  
Fleet Champion ..... Bob Foster  
Runner-Up ..... Larry Vautour

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9980	Countess II	Peter J. Leadley, M.D.
10613	Eidolon	Bob Foster
10830	White Lightning	Charles M. Jackson
12194	Phoebe	George Place
12564	Engin-Won	Lawrence H. Vautour
.....	.....	Jim Bouford

I am sure two 12 meter yachts driving for the starting line can be exciting, but I'll take the thrill of our fleet of Lightnings on Sundays getting ready for the starting signal. The friendship between boats ("Hey John, you got a line over,"); the sharp alert crews tending to the boat ("Gramps, did you bring the drinks?"; the captains knowledge of the course (which way are we rounding the marks?); Then the gun! ... "Lookout!" ... "Starboard!" ... "Do you see George?" ... "Watch out for Doe!" ... "Pull it in!" ... "Let it out ... Let it out!" ... "Who's that?" ... "He didn't make the start did he?" ... "Dunno" ... "Let's go." ... "Does he need help?" ... "No, the crash boat is there!" ... "Did you see that?" ... "Over they went." ... "Too bad, that's a first."

The race is underway with the crew shifting, putting, releasing, cleating, dropping, raising, docking, stowing, leaning, urging with words and actions to gain the upper hand. Nineteen feet as dainty as a new born or a barrel of wildcats to tame in a 30 knot sudden squall, a Lightning can be your 12 meter to excitement.

Fleet 450 enjoyed another wonderful season with eleven races and the three race series hosting The State of Maine Regatta. The State of Maine Regatta was a real thrill on Saturday, July 9th as northwest winds hummed at 20-25 knots. Yours truly and crew took over Saturday night abolutions 30 yards from the finish line of the second race. Note: Lightnings can be capsized to windward. Don't ask me how.

Following the races everyone had a wonderful steak dinner capped off with Priscilla's strawberries and ice cream. Mike Ladel got the clubhouse jumping with song and guitar to settle the meal. Mike Adams and George Deyette from Massabesic joined in with sax and guitar for everyone's pleasure.

The skippers and crews manned their boats again on Sunday confident that they had a plan to do in Richard Hale. But to no avail. The *Androscoggin Torpedo* sizzled and Captain Hale was triumphant again with Russ Cavanaugh holding onto second place. Please make a note on your 1984 calendar that Fleet 450 will be the host of the State of Maine Regatta, July 7-8. We are going to reserve a piece of the rock for Hale.

Going into the Labor Day weekend Club Regatta Larry Vautour and his *Engine Won* were one point behind Eidolon for the season. Eidolon with a tremendous three race sweep settled the score for keeps and took seasons honors with Larry in second place and Doc Leadley taking third.

More good news as Fleet 450 grows with Tom Cooks acquisition of 12599 and Mike Ladds purchased of 13246. This will mean eight active boats and a few woodies lurking in the shadows. Tom and Mike are good sailors, the competition should be intense in '84.

The snow is blowing across the cove, the moorings forming bumps in the ice as they wait for their ships to return for the season and another get together of friends for Lightning excitement on Androscoggin. Hope you can join us.

### KLAMATH LIGHTNING FLEET (455) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Klamath Lake at Klamath Falls, Oregon

Fleet Captain ..... Bill Sisemore  
Fleet Secretary ..... Virginia White  
Fleet Champion ..... Bill Sisemore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11151	Saxy	Kenneth White
11297	Minimum Bid	William M. Ganong
13029	This Side Up	Bill Sisemore

Our fleet has been suffering for the growing pains of some of our members getting "lazy" and moving into retirement of larger boats. Bill Ganong made that move but fortunately sold his boat to Bob Glassley who has been crewing on Lisa Mulvey's (Dick Marlett's daughter) boat. We look forward to seeing Bob on the starting line this next year.

The remainder of the fleet did not do much traveling this year. Ken White was as usual, leading the fleet on the weekly races until he tried to do some domestic chores at home. He fell off the ladder and broke his leg. With Ken's leg in a cast from hip to foot, Bill Sisemore was able to slip in and take the Fleet Championship. Sisemore may not be as fast as the others, but if you show up every week sometimes good things happen. There is still some questions about what Sisemore did to White's ladder.

We will be hosting the Pacific Coast Championships this next summer. We have not set a date yet, but hope to schedule it sometime near the North Americans so we can attract a few of the boats from throughout the country on their way to the North Americans for a bit of practice. Watch the *Flashes* for the date. We hope to see many of you.

### TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456) Finland District Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain ..... Kalevi Siiskonen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Petri Siiskonen  
Fleet Champion ..... Hartti Nisonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9438	Kulkuri	Kalevi Siiskonen
12258	Marigold	Jorma & Jussi Karkkainen
12429	.....	Antero Punttila
12434	Sunday Sailor	Leo Manninen
12750	Obelix	Ilkka Saari
12757	Blue Lady	Pentti Laitinen
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
13561	.....	Hartti Nisonen
13562	.....	Hannu Hanskala

Participation in the Lightnings was not quite as active as we would have liked this year, but we did enjoy good sailing.

The Women and Junior Championships were sailed at Lake Tuusulanjarvi on August 8. Leena Meisalo won the Women's title with her crew of Leena and Sirkka-Liisa Laitinen. The Juniors was taken by Kimmo Aromaa, and his crew of Juha and Heikki Nurmi.

The Finland Districts were held on Lake Lohja on June 15-19. Five crews from our fleet participated in this event, and Leo Korhonen and crew of Rainer Korhonen and K. Kuosa placed 15th out of 28 boats. The winds were mostly light, except for a thunderstorm that created some action in one of the races.

As this is being written, our sailors are packing away their boats and awaiting an eventful season next year.

**UNION LAKE YACHT CLUB****LIGHTNING FLEET (458)****Michigan District****Sailing on Union Lake at Union Lake, Michigan**

Fleet Secretary ..... Dale Mahrle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11216	.....	Dale Mahrle

No Report

**WATEREE LIGHTNING FLEET (459)****Southeastern District****Sailing on Wateree Lake at Camden, South Carolina**

Fleet Captain	.....	Robert A. Rowan
Fleet Secretary	.....	Nancy Cheek
Fleet Champion	.....	Sam Cheek
Runner-Up	.....	Bill Canniff

No Report

**NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)****Florida District****Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida**

Fleet Captain	.....	Bob Brown
Fleet Secretary	.....	Al Miller
Fleet Champion	.....	Fisk Hayden
Runner-Up	.....	Bert Lacy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1843	.....	Bill Clemens
7117	The Wrobs	Robert E. Brown
8241	.....	William J. Mills, Jr.
11205	Wind Song III	A. J. Miller
11379	Shazam II	Fisk & Steve Hayden
12274	Little Pooter	Mike Guardino
12293	Renaissance	Clifford Spohr
13010	Bananas	Bert Lacy
13425	White Lightning	Cecil Haas
13621	Sea-Saw	Dr. Tully Patrowicz

Fleet 461 is fortunate to have "year-around" sailing weather, conducive to boosting Lightning activity. Two of Fleet 461's most active members have aided in bringing recognition to the Lightning Class in 1983. Fisk and Steve Hayden represented Fleet 461 at the North American Championships in Dallas, Texas during August. Steve, crewing for Pete Hallagan of the Central New York District, won the Junior North Americans in *Shazam*.

Steve later crewed for Fisk in the Championship Fleet for the North Americans.

Our congratulations to Fay Regan and Stu Anderson of the Cocanut Grove Fleet for winning the North American Women's and Old Salt's Championships!

**LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)****Southeastern District****Sailing at Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina**

Fleet Captain	.....	Robert G. Ames
Fleet Secretary	.....	Vivian Hollinshed
Fleet Champion	.....	Robert G. Ames

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11898	Whiskers	Vivian E. Hollinshed
13598	Bubbles	Robert G. Ames

Fleet 463 remains small — only three boats — but active. Except for a tragic accident at our Lightning Regatta, we've had a good year. We sail every fourth weekend in club competition and trade positions regularly which keeps interest up. Our regatta held as usual on the first weekend after Labor Day was well attended — thirteen boats — and had great weather and winds. But after helping Leny Krawcheck win first place in each of the three Saturday races, crewman Stewart Walker, Jr. was killed when the mast he and Leny were taking down touched the power line. Immediate help was on hand from Dr. Ned Nutt, a cardiologist from Raleigh, and Fred Dorr, who has CPR training and experience, but the shock had been too

great. Sunday's race was canceled, and Bob Dawson, club chaplain, conducted a brief memorial service. The lines at fault, long a point of contention between Carolina Power and Waccamaw Sailing Club, have since been buried. We'll never forget but must go on. Hopefully nothing that awful will ever happen again at our club or on our beautiful lake. Trophies were awarded, first to Krawcheck, second to Bill Sloger, third to Tom Walters and fourth to Will Sloger.

Five Lightnings made a class for WSC's big Indian Summer Regatta held every year on the second weekend in October. This year we had a perfect sailing weekend, and with fifty-seven one design boats registered, there was lots of fun. Rick Ferguson and Craig Thayer, both of Raleigh, won first and second respectively.

In '84 we'd like a couple more boats in our fleet, and we'd like to travel more — whether we get either, or not, we'll sail every fourth weekend in April to September, and we'll have the Lightning Regatta first weekend after Labor Day and the Indian Summer Regatta the second weekend in October. Y'all come.

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8619	Cecilia	Carlo Lampugnani
8702	Lolita	Luigi Guicciardi
9450	Larus	Claudio Motti
12059	Areknames	Piero Stampa
12904	Moiana	Luca Grisotti
13348	Lady White Tuna	Luigi Pellegini

The 1983 sailing season wasn't very eventful with reference to results, maybe because of unavoidable changes of crew. Some rather old fellows had pensioned off and some young people took their places. Between the crowd the best were the girls and above all Margherita Canepa. Thus the most interesting happening of our season was, in our opinion, the Elena Cup for ladies. Unluckily Margherita was somewhere else that day, and won in her stead Cristina Motti, the Fleet Champion's wife. Dania was second, Camilla third, and Isabella fourth. They're all very young, eighteen, thirteen and fifteen! In September 18 boats sailed for the De Marzi Trophy, yearly and traditional Italo-Swiss meeting. We are glad to notice that the presence of the next-door neighbors, our Swiss friends, are more and more trained up. On the contrary the Italian skippers, engaged this year in most important events, as World and European Championships were sailed in Italy, were by that time absent-minded and tired, included Messina, the new star of the Lightning set, and expected Pellegrini always a fierce fighter. Unhappily the regatta was sailed in wonderful sunshine but many unexpected wind failures. The Swiss District won the Trophy with Wyler first, Schar third and Beyer fourth. Pellegrini was second (Fleet 467!) and Tremante fifth. Let's hope for better times!

**VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)****Finland District****Sailing on Lakes Mallasvesi and Vanajavesi, Valkeakoski, Finland**

Fleet Captain	.....	Aimo Jokiniemi
Fleet Secretary	.....	Pertti Jalonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12482	Immu	Ismo Kuusisto
12992	Janita	Aimo Jokiniemi
13760	Sea Horse III	Pertti Jalonen

In 1983 boats of our fleet took part in many competitions outside our own country. The Finnish Championship was sailed in Lohja June 15-18. *Janita*, skippered by Aimo Jokiniemi and crewed by Tuula Jokiniemi and Hannele Tayanen participated in the Finnish Championship and were 20th. Besides this, *Janita*, took part in Ranking Competitions which were sailed in Keuruu, Jyväskylä and Lake Tuusula.





Janita (12992) and Sea Horse III (13760) on Lake Mallasveki.

*Iku*, skippered by Ismo Kuusisto and crewed by Anssi Tuomi and Olli Tirri, took part in Keitele Regatta, where they placed eighth.

In Pajanne sailing competition, which is the longest sailing competition on inland waters, 120 km (75 miles), *Janita* and *Sea Horse III* took part. Skippered by Pertti Jalonen and crewed by Pekka and Petri Valtanen, *Janita* took third place in the Lightning class.

On August 7, there was the Women's Class Championships on Lake Tuusula. It was probably the first one in Europe. *Janita*, skippered by Tuula Jokiniemi and crewed by Hannele Tayranen and Terhi Jalonen was third.

Our competition at Valkeakoski was sailed in several parts. The major occurrence was the "Mallasvesi Days", and the winner was Pertti Jalonen with *Sea Horse III*. Our fleet's boats took part in the boat exhibition and, besides this, there were different educational occasions throughout the summer.

## OLD PORT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (477)

Florida District  
Sailing at Palm Beach,  
North Palm Beach, Florida

Fleet Captain ..... Phillip Wagner  
Fleet Secretary ..... William Silberberg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11085	Hagar	Ken Watrous
13709	Gobble Gobble	Jim Theriault
13748	.....	Ted Kapustka
13781	Turkey	John Swenson, M.D.
.....	.....	John Blash & John Hoy
No Report		

## CEDAR LIGHTNING FLEET (478)

Florida District  
Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River  
Fort Myers, Florida

Fleet Captain ..... Ralph Suhm  
Fleet Secretary ..... Steve Ewing

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2896	Lif Witch	Richard Purdy
7010	Wind Seeker	Steve Ewing
8822	Mysti Blue	Ralph C. Suhm, Jr.

11171	Brilliant Flashes	John Foster
12606	Gadget	Art Ries
12779	Viva	Robert Desfosses
13822	.....	Steve Ewing

1983 was a year of renewed activity for Fleet 478. Our year began with a trip to Punta Gorda for the annual Holiday Regatta. Steve Ewing, with Bob Desfosses and Walt Smith as crew, took 1st place in the Portsmouth Class A division.

The annual Edison Pageant of Light Regatta, hosted by the Ft. Myers Sailing Club (home base for the Cedar fleet), saw five Lightnings turn out for two days of racing on the beautiful Caloosahatchee River. John Foster came all the way from Sarasota to sweep the field with five aces. Ralph Suhm was second, and Bob Desfosses, third.

A trip to the Mid-Winter activities in St. Pete saw Steve Ewing returning with a brand new boat recently tuned by Bruce Goldsmith. With the new boat in tow, Steve, Bob Desfosses and Ray Howe journeyed to Miami for the Sunburn Regatta. Sailing conservatively in heavy air on a rough Biscayne Bay, the trio was buried in the middle of the fleet. They vowed to return again next year, however, if only for good time.

We finished out the season with Ralph Suhm and Steve Ewing taking their boats to Sarasota for the Labor Day Regatta, where Ralph took a hotly contested second place from John Foster.

This year we added John Foster to our membership. John actively sails his well maintained Lightning throughout Florida and we are pleased to have him join us. "Welcome aboard, John."



Fleet Captain John Pelosi (R) and new member Billy Dixon (L) show their transoms to a few of the 32 boats at the BORDERLINE REGATTA on Kerr Lake, NC. Don't miss it!

Photo by John Staley

## WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481)

Southeastern District  
Sailing on Lake Kerr at  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain ..... John Pelosi  
Fleet Secretary ..... George Wood  
Fleet Champion ..... Kent Mulliken  
Runner-Up ..... John Pelosi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
451	Close Enough	John Pelosi
8511	Sorcerer	Jonathan H. Morgan
10190	Sunnyside	Kent R. Mulliken
10354	Salient	George H. Wood
11204	.....	Bill Hopkins & John Pelosi
11370	Cloud Nine	Michael S. Rees
11690	Schmetterling	Tom K. Hudgens
12072	#31	Jaroslav F. Hulka
12139	Winsome	David O. Danielson
13178	Frog	James E. Nutt, MD
13738	Plane Crazy	Rick Ferguson

Fleet 481 welcomed its fourth season with more members, better competition and an updated constitution which will provide guidance as more friends discover the joy of Lightning sailing on Kerr Lake. One possible reason for our continued growth is the fleet's involvement in the Carolina Sailing Club Boat Show held in February at one of Raleigh's shopping malls. This show allowed us to inform the public of an active fleet and primed us for the upcoming season.

In March, Jay Lutz, Lightning North American Champion, provided our Fleet and neighboring Triad Fleet 415 with an informative evening on how to rig a Lightning to optimize its performance. Judging from the competition, this advice was heeded by many members.

Some members found time to compete in Southeastern District regattas. Most notably was Rick Ferguson, who captured sixth place. In our own series with the Carolina Sailing Club, new fleet member Kent Mulliken finished first for the season with John Pelosi a close second. Excitement in the last race of the series, included the three top boats of the season overlapped at the finish line.

Our Fleet sponsored the third annual Borderline Lightning Regatta which attracted 32 boats! Moderate winds of 15-20 knots and unseasonably cold weather accounted for some hot competition. Dick Hallagan, who read about the Borderline in the December issue of *Flashes*, decided to "come down and see what it was all about." Indeed he did, capturing first place with three points. Lenny Krawcheck finished second and third place went to Jim Carson. Phillip Grotheere and Steve Bachman finished fourth and fifth respectively. This event has been attracting more Lightnings each year and we look forward to you being there next year.

Fleet 481's increasing membership and the continued success of The Borderline Regatta means that Lightning racing is thriving on Kerr Lake. We anticipate a smashing fifth season.

### ITHACA LIGHTNING FLEET (484) Central New York District Sailing on Cayuga Lake at Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain .....	Warren Brown
Fleet Secretary .....	Jesse W. Miller
Fleet Champion .....	Larry Ames
Runner-Up .....	Jesse W. Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2784	Wild Goose	E. Joseph Farrell
10113	Whisper	Jesse W. Miller
13351	Zing	Larry J. Ames
13422	Seajammer	Warren Brown

The season started in April with last year's Fleet Champion, Larry Ames, announcing that he had traded boats. His new boat *Zing* was orange with an audacious purple bottom. First mate Inger Ames soon sported a bikini to match.

Our racing this year consisted of two home and home race weekends with the Keuka Yacht Club. We greatly enjoyed these and look forward to a repeat next year.

The home and home exchange and the four regattas that several of us attended was the total of our racing this year. Our major goal next year will be to find more competitive boats and sailors.

### PORT OSWEGO FLEET (485) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Oswego, New York

Fleet Captain .....	Joe McCloskey
Fleet Secretary .....	Edward Taverni
Fleet Champion .....	Tom Doran
Runner-Up .....	Art Tirrell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
176	White Face	Robert J. Finn
5954	Echo Four	Ann L. Bender
6600	Fannie D.	C. Franklin Owens
6860	No Problem	Edward Taverni
8672	The Hooligan	Jim Hourigan
10118	Griffin	Joseph J. McCloskey
10378	Kingfish	Fran Watts
11308	.....	William C. Thieben
11728	Striker	J. Thomas Doran

13338	Marie C.	James P. Finn
13712	Fusion	Arthur Tirrell
13881	.....	James P. Finn

Our fleet is growing fast!

After racing three boats regularly in 1982, the active fleet doubled this season to six boats. The prospects for '84 look great with two new boats already acquired and three wood boat owners actively looking for new boats. None of these five skippers raced with us in '83. Our fleet could very easily double again before the '84 season begins.

The level of competition also took a sharp upward turn with Lightning newcomer Tom Doran (Thistles) winning the first ten races of the Wm. Gardner Memorial Cup series, clinching our fleets highest honor before the series was 60% completed.

As the season progressed and it became evident that Tom's experience and skill levels were superior, he graciously contributed his knowledge to anyone who asked. One good example of the value of these sessions is racing novice Art Tirrell, who could often be seen listening as Tom explained a fine point after a day's racing. Late in the season Art put the tips together, winning three of the last four Cup races and causing Doran to jokingly threaten to cut off the supply of information.

Last years champ, Fleet Captain Joe McCloskey, slipped to third place this season after running into crew troubles and a case of tired sails. At years end both problems appear to have been successfully dealt with and Joe ended the season on a lift.

Fran "Kingfish" Watts and Jim Hourigan, both newcomers to sailing, made substantial progress during the summer with Watts winning a race and Hourigan being voted "Most Improved" sailor.

Fleet co-founder Jim Finn did a great job as Race Committee chairman considering that there was no organization in place at the start of the year. Jim had manned Committee boats each week, chase boats available most weeks and a contingency plan in place for everything that went wrong. Jim's boat was fast with his new sails, but a mid-season crew change hurt boathandling and he finished below his previous position in the fleet.

Fleet publicist Bob Finn, between boats, still contributed a great deal to the fleet by getting us terrific coverage in the area sports pages. Hardly a week went by without a good write-up, pictures, and yards of great publicity. Bob also video taped racing on occasion to the great enjoyment of all, helped out on the committee boat and acted as a spot crew.

Another wood boat owner, Ed Taverni, was first mate aboard Tom Doran's boat this summer. We're counting on Ed to be there in '84 with his own "hot" boat and all of Tom's secrets.

Five of our boats traveled to Henderson YC for the second Oswego Invitational. This year we turned the tables with Doran winning the regatta and Tirrell placing sixth. The following week, HYC sent two boats to test our waters. Since these were our "first ever" visitors, we wanted good sailing. Ontario obliged us by delivering beautiful 4 to 6 foot rollers and 20 knot winds. Although one Henderson boat did not start the second race, a great time was had by all. Our champ Doran virtually disappeared over the horizon in his favorite conditions. We hope to deliver the same wonderful sailing for every visitor in the future!

The fleet also sponsored a race clinic with Dick Hallagan from Newport YC supplying the expertise and an "Old Salts" Regatta for our own non-racing YC members. Both events went off in very stiff breezes and were great fun. Needless to say, we studied Hallagan's every motion as he helmed one boat after another. Thank's Dick.

Books about sail racing have disappeared from the Oswego City Library shelves, apparently permanently in the case of the more recent ones! Books and articles by Walker, Turner, Crane, Allen and others are at a premium. Does this sound familiar to anyone?

### VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (486) Mississippi District Sailing on Alton Lake at St. Charles, Missouri

Fleet Captain .....	Fran Renschen
Fleet Secretary .....	Nancy Wilson
Fleet Champion .....	Ralph Coffee
Runner-Up .....	Wayne Watson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
609	Sparrow	Leo Donovan
8664	Chaos	C. Graeme Wilson
11184	Lorac	John Lark
11598	Witchcraft	Joseph Goltzman

12033	.....	Francis C. Renschen
12048	She's A Lady	James Trull
12891	Summer Madness	Wayne Watson
13088	Barefoot	Richard Conaway
13596	Oscar's Boy	Philip W. Stephenson

We do not have our 1983 fleet results as we sail until Nov. 13. However, last year our Fleet Champion was Ralph Coffee. Second place was won by Wayne Watson and Graeme Wilson was third.

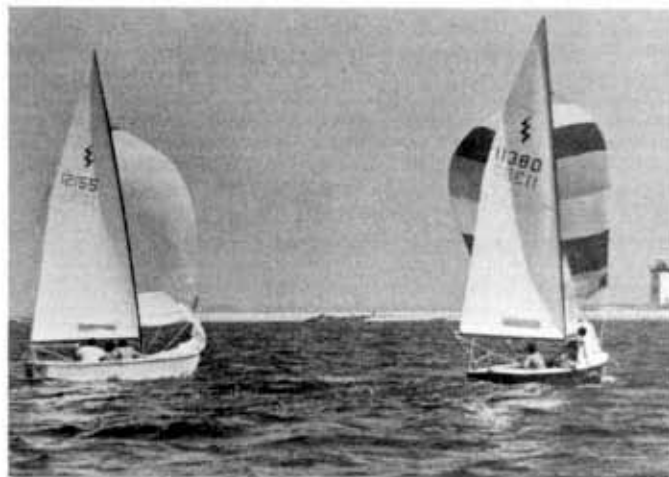
This year has been a very busy, exciting one for Fleet 486. I think we are most proud of ourselves for our concentrated effort on District participation. We began our summer with a trip to Lake Arkabutla at Hernando for the District races. 4 boats (skippers Renschen, Wilson, Watson, and Conaway) made the trip along with the other fleet members as crew. (Trull, Donovan, Stephenson). We had a wonderful time and what a great way to start off our season.

We also had travelers to the Impromptu Regatta and the Whale-of-a-Sail, both held at Carlisle Lake. With three out of town trips we felt we had accomplished a lot in participation as each trip included different boats.

This year also marked a special step in our growth as a fleet. We took on various Valley Sailing Association responsibilities, such as organizing the River Bluff Regatta and the Wursthfest, both of which were big successes. We are proud to have organized and hosted our First Annual Muddy Rudder Regatta, Oct. 8-9. This endeavour came as a result of the suggestion of Wayne Watson that we strive to do something "extra" this year. And as the Comet Fleet agreed to help run the races for us, thus resulted the Muddy Rudder. We had visiting boats from Memphis and Carlisle and great representation from our own fleet. It turned out to be a great experience for us all and Matt Burrige took home the winning trophy.

1983 began with a fleet of 13 boats and a group of new officers struggling to become a truly organized and active group. We met in individual fleet members homes prior to the opening of V.S.A. in order to have our season well planned. As a result, we can thank Fleet Captain Fran Renschen and his wife Clara, for offering us great leadership. By the way, Clara won the Womens Regatta this year. With such working together of fleet members, we have become a strong group. We have eight of our fleet members who hold board seats with V.S.A. which keeps us very much a part of things.

This year has been a step in the right direction for us. We are ready for all kinds of competition. We invite any who wish to join us for the thrill of racing, the enjoyment of socializing, and the excitement of sailing in Mississippi.



*Sailing off of beautiful Cape Cod.*

**PROVINCETOWN Y.C./WEST END R.C.  
LIGHTNING FLEET 487  
New England District  
Sailing on Provincetown Harbor at  
Provincetown, Massachusetts**

Fleet Captain	.....	Richard Meads
Fleet Secretary	.....	Ted Barker
Fleet Champion	.....	Richard Meads
Runner-Up	.....	Richard Abare

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10389	Metaxa	Stuart Furman
11077	.....	Ted Barker
11380	Klassy	Richard Meads
11626	Joker	Joseph Re

At the tip of Cape Cod it has been another year of growth and continued enthusiasm for our fleet. It has also been a year of travel for members of the fleet. For the first time in recent memory, members of Fleet 487 took to the road. In August, four of our boats traveled the short distance to Wellfleet for the Annual Regatta. We liked the exposure to larger numbers of boats so much we stayed an extra week and sailed with the Wellfleet group in their regular Saturday, and Sunday Races. Having been soundly bitten by the "road-bug" two of our boats traveled the distance to New Hampshire to attend the annual End-of-the-Season Regatta, at Spofford Lake, the last weekend in September.

Another of the highlights of our sailing season was a visit from our "Top National Lightning Sailor-Neighbor," Stu Nickerson. Fresh from his 10th Place finish in the North Americans, in Dallas, Stu presented a lively, a well attended seminar. After showing those in attendance, pointers on rigging, sail trim, and talking tactics, Stu proceeded to show us all first-hand how it's done, by taking three first place finishes in the afternoon races.

Looking to 1984 we can already count on an increase in the fleet size. Two new boats have already been purchased and a third is being rehabilitated. Should all boats be ready, and on-the-line each weekend, Fleet 487 will be nine boats strong. That's up from three active boats just three years ago.

Our visit to Wellfleet, our neighboring Lightning Fleet, at the Chequesset Y.C., was so successful plans are underway for both fleets to exchange visits during the 1984 season.

Fleet 487 races every Saturday and sometimes Sunday during June, July, August, and September. We boast of our beautiful harbor and would invite everyone to come to Cape Cod and join in our spirited sailing. Contact Fleet Secretary Ted Barker, (617) 487-0050.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (488)  
U.S. at Large District  
Sailing in Colorado and Nebraska**

Fleet Captain	.....	Bob Stroller
Fleet Secretary	.....	Dean Lausten
Fleet Champion	.....	Bob Stroller
Runner-Up	.....	Ann Crammond & Larry Arbuthnot





Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4865	Obsession	Bob Stoller
5945	.....	Dean Lausten
7860	.....	Wilford J. McGinley
8938	.....	Ren F. Read
12344	Light'n-Up	John T. Ferguson & John F. Davis
13021	.....	Steve Thomas

Sailing on Boyd Lake, Carter Lake, Dillon Lake, and Cherry Creek Reservoirs, Colorado and Lake McConaughy, Nebraska.

Lightning sailing is alive and well in Colorado. Fleet 488 campaigned on Rocky Mountain lakes, reservoirs in the foothills, and the "big puddle" of Lake McConaughy in Nebraska.

Our fleet captain Bob Stoller was also Fleet Champion. Ever dedicated to "getting out the racing fleet," Bob drove Dwight Cocovinis and John Ferguson's broken rudder to his house in the middle of a regatta weekend. He returned it, repaired, in time for the races the next morning.

Dean Lausten took home the "Hang in there award" at the Cherry Creek Frostbite Regatta, and what's more did it with good humor.

Don't forget to bring your Lightning if you are planning a vacation in or relocating to the Rockies. Some of the country's most picturesque yet challenging sailing awaits you here. Races are won and lost on one's ability to maintain boat speed in constantly shifting wind patterns. Lightning Fleet 488 invites you to sail with us on the many mountain reservoirs and lakes. Maybe on your way to the North Americans in Seattle? Please call us if you are passing through!

### **RACINE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (489)** Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Racine, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain ..... Jim Romanshek  
Fleet Secretary ..... Bill Lewis  
Fleet Champion ..... Jim Romanshek

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13	The Shadow Jr.	Bill Lewis
9555	Time Out	Mark Lukow
12288	Arete	Bruce Freise
13565	Orient Express	James Romanshek

Fleet 489 has two racing series at the Racine Yacht Club. One consists of a 14 race Wednesday night series, and the other an offshore weekend series with 17 course races. This year Jim Romanshek sailed away with both honors followed by Bruce Freise in second place.

As a new fleet in the Midwest district, we sponsored our first annual regatta. This regatta was held Aug. 13-14, in conjunction with Racine Yacht Club's 67th annual regatta. Sailing on a separate course, 13 boats encountered southerly winds 12 to 18 both days. Mike Huffman, just returning from the Worlds, was first, with Gene Mathews, second; Ron Blair, third; Pat Considine, fourth; and Dick Hinze, fifth.

Our fleet is small but growing. We have added Mark Lukow to our roster and have two others actively looking.

We will sponsor the '84 Midwest Districts in June and again will host a regatta in mid August.

Watch Fleet 489 grow in size and in activity with the ILCA in the future.

### **TOHICKON CREEK LIGHTNING FLEET (491)** Central Atlantic District Sailing on Lake Nockamixon at Quakertown, Pa.

Fleet Captain ..... Charles Shoemaker  
Fleet Secretary ..... Robert Blalock

Fleet Champion ..... Hans Malz  
Runner-Up ..... Charles Shoemaker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5339	Gerda	Ted Plutzer
5380	Caveat Emptor	Richard Hartman
9928	Esprit	Charles Shoemaker
13453	.....	Robert Blalock

1983 witnessed our first racing schedule and it was a dandy! This being our first year, we elected to race with our own starts, with the Lake Nockamixon Sail Club. Two race days a month totaled 30 individual races for the season. We all ended up chasing Hans Malz around the course, but it's great to have an excellent sailor out front — when you slip by at the finish line or pick up a lift just at the right moment, it makes the victory all the sweeter. Needless to say, at season's end, we tallied the score and Hans was our champion, with Charlie Shoemaker, our fleet captain, in second place — a distant second!

Lake Nockamixon is a beautiful man-made, state owned lake, second largest in Pennsylvania and located just five miles east of Quakertown in the rolling foothills of southeastern Pennsylvania. Although the lake is about seven miles long, the racing area is concentrated between the 584-slip marina, the boat rental center and the old church high on the eastern shore. Winds are generally out of the northwest, which means a cross lake breeze and short spinnaker runs. This year, however, the winds were strong (gusting to 30 mph) and from the southeast during many of our summer races. It certainly was strange sailing in heavy air with a temperature of 90 degrees and rising. Hans' lovely wife, Chris, has done a superb job as our first secretary/treasurer (we finished in the black) and we will miss her, Hans too, when they move to Vermont this winter. A special note of appreciation to our crew members: Guy and George Christopher, Larry Farmer, Vince Fugazzotto, Matthew J. and Victor A. Lees, and Missy Monteith. May they all be future Lightning skippers.

Next year looks great with three new members lined up. With Hans leaving, the championship will be up for grabs. We also intend to continue our monthly evening self-start races during the summer months. If you are in the area and would like to join us, drop our new secretary, Robert Blalock, a line at 495 Browns Drive, Easton, PA 18042 and he will send you our schedule just as soon as it's off the press.

### **BRONTE HARBOR LIGHTNING FLEET (492)** Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Ontario between Burlington & Oakville

Fleet Captain ..... Hugh Roper  
Fleet Secretary ..... Anita Dorschell  
Fleet Champion ..... Hugh Roper  
Runner-Up ..... Daryl Purdie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4216	Renee	C. J. Dorschell
7791	Jolifou	James H. Langdon
8388	Yellow Submarine	Hugh J. Roper
13516	Phaeton	Daryl Purdie
13603	John's Fling	Hugh J. Roper

Our fleet sails on Lake Ontario halfway between Toronto and Hamilton, Bronte was a little fishing village and is now part of the town of Oakville.

Our members manned the Lightning display at the Toronto Boat Show in January as well as at local malls promoting our club sailing classes. Three of our members assisted at the week-long Sailing School for the Blind.

In June we hosted the Bronte Harbour Invitational won by Dave Sprague, first; Susan MacDonald, second and Bill Hunter, third.