

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 |
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| 651 | Tarantelle | Franklin H. Pritchard, Jr. |
| 8779 | Thor | A. R. Christensen |
| 11871 | Jabberwock | Henry W. Riviere |

The 1984 season started off wet and cold at Smith Mountain Lake. Activity was slow in starting and then waned as we went from wet and cold to the summer doldrums with hot temperatures and very little wind.

Our annual Invitational Regatta on Oct. 6 and 7 was not as well attended this year as in years past but Jim Richards from Richmond did a super job in his new boat. We expect to see him do well in the district next year.

If you are in the Smith Mountain Lake area, bring your boat and sail with us. We have racing almost every Sunday and the 1985 Invitational Regatta will be held on October 5 and 6, 1985. See you there?

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan

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

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 5254 | ..... | Larry Koster |
| 5885 | Red Baroness | Raymond Yerkie |
| 12341 | ..... | Robert E. Klimek |
| 12561 | ..... | Ron Wilson |
| 12888 | Dudley Dorite II | D. Dennis Dudley |
| 13254 | ..... | Michael J. Caterino |
| 13595 | Lady Jane | Robert E. Klimek |
| 13834 | Diligence | Robert Hill |

No report.

LAKE HARTWELL FLEET (391)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina

Fleet Secretary William Sloger

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|----------------|
| 13512 | Intruder | William Sloger |
| 13656 | ..... | Clayton Rumble |

No report.

MANITOWOC LIGHTNING FLEET (393)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 9823 | Hunky Dory | Robert A. Waid |
| 10632 | Orange Blossom | ..... |
| ..... | Special | Tom Bennin |
| 11172 | Ets II | Robert G. Grall |
| 12179 | Captain Crunch | David Wilhelm |
| 12380 | Flatus | Karl M. Miller |
| 13176 | Duck Tape | Ronald Schaper |
| ..... | ..... | Bill E. Williamson |

Taking to the cold waters of Lake Michigan the week following Memorial Day, Fleet 393, sponsored by the Manitowoc Yacht Club of Manitowoc,

Wisconsin, began its annual Lightning season. The weather along the shores of western Lake Michigan is never predictable, and this season was no different. Instead of the usual June fog-outs, we were forced to contend with the August ones. Light wind to no wind best describes many of the Series' nights, yet a total of 21 races were completed in this racing season.

This year's Maritime Bay Regatta featured 13 boats from surrounding Midwest locals; unfortunately, none of the home boats took any honors. Takig first place honors for the second straight year was Tryg Jacobson of Sheboygan. Second place went to Kevin Blair, Milwaukee, while Gene Matthews of Lake Geneva took third place honors. Though not in the winners' circle, the social atmosphere and race organization was at an all-time high the weekend of June 23-24, Maritime Bay Regatta dates.

October 13th was the special Sailor Awards Night held at the Manitowoc Yacht Club. Taking Fleet Championship was Ron Schaper and his crew of Dave Singer and Bob Krowiorz. Fleet Runner-up was Dave Wilhelm with Terry Kukral, Steve Singer and Chuck Hardy serving as crew. Individual series winners were: Tuesday Night Series — Karl Miller, first; Ron Schaper, second Dave Wilhelm, third. Thursday Night Series saw first place go to Ron Schaper, second to Dave Wilhelm and third to Karl Miller. The Labor Day Series was won by Ron Schaper.

With the official sailing season over, Lightning Fleet 393 now resorts to the "Remember when..." sailing.



"A regatta begins--"

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 |
| 10168 | Interlude | Jonathan I. Lange |
| 10284 | Saratoga Trunk | David D. Addison |
| 10370 | ..... | W. Craig Thayer |
| 10722 | ..... | Joseph Wishon |
| 10723 | The Patricia Ann | Frank Mills |
| 12336 | ..... | William Pleasants |
| 12520 | ..... | G. K. Limber |
| 12603 | Dad's Toy | Delbert E. Foster |
| 12704 | Special K | Gordon P. Kellogg |
| 13105 | Sneak-A-Tack | Lloyd Peterson |
| 13140 | ..... | Henry M. Booke |

No report.

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 |
|----------|----------------|------------------------|
| 13145 | ..... | Harold L. Hintz |
| 13403 | Sweet Caroline | Franklin E. Robson |
| ..... | ..... | William R. Sloger, Jr. |
| ..... | ..... | 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 | Peaches Goes | ..... |
| ..... | Bananas | George Glenn III |
| 13380 | Flower Child | John J. Parker |

No report.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)

Long Island District
Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton,
Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain H. Rogers Benjamin
Fleet Secretary Alexander D. Irving

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 7124 | Northwind | Sven Rydberg |
| 8718 | Black Marlin | Tom Connor |
| 10634 | Coco II | Alexander D. Irving |
| 10865 | Stinger | Raymond Rumph |
| 11071 | Windy | Hugh Halsey, II |
| 12123 | ..... | Lawrence Savetsky, M.D. |
| 12173 | Mega S | Erich & Gary Glanz |
| ..... | ..... | Tim Rumph |

No report.

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)

Texas District
Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain Don Johnson
Fleet Secretary Warren Lewis
Fleet Champion Paul Emens
Runner-Up Don Johnson

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-------------|----------------------|
| 10211 | Blue Angel | Sam Lett, Jr. |
| 10275 | Xanado | John Skiles |
| 10318 | Go For It | Ira Johnson |
| 10811 | ..... | John M. Martinez, II |
| 10937 | Honey B. | Sylvan Newman |
| 11046 | Androsdos | Vernon R. Goldberg |
| 11081 | ..... | Gil Mercier |
| 11138 | New Blue | John Schneider |
| 11311 | ..... | Stephen Craig |
| 11955 | ..... | Milo Johnson |
| 11956 | ..... | Gunnar Solheim |
| 12488 | Coron | Lawrence Stanton |
| 12500 | Blitz'n | Sidney Trest |
| 13200 | ..... | Steven W. Thomas |
| 13220 | Deep Boat | Paul D. Emens |
| 13311 | Pandora | Robert Thomas |
| 13329 | ..... | Warren Lewis |
| 13341 | ..... | Calvert Garrett |
| 13347 | ..... | Warren Delano Smith |
| 13537 | ..... | Stephen Craig |
| 13622 | Dark Horse | Glenn Darden |
| 13691 | ..... | Greg Hatfield |
| 13722 | ..... | Don R. Johnson |
| 13806 | Making Hay | George R. Hatfield |
| 13831 | Flash Dance | Richard Guinan |
| 13869 | ..... | Ken Huggins |

As usual, due to the long sailing season down here, we need to lead off with the final results of 1983. This is sometimes confusing, but at least it makes you pay attention.

When we closed out last year, we had five weeks to go with Emens in the lead and closely followed by three other boats. He closed out the season with a string of three firsts with a second and a third and so won the Fall Series. By wrapping that up he also sewed up the Fleet Championship. Runner up for the year was Don Johnson. As usual, it was a closely fought season with Emens, Johnson, Warren Lewis and Richard Guinan fighting it out all the way.

We also had our annual Thanksgiving "Turkey Day" regatta. Unfortunately, the weather stamped us flat! With guests Jay Lutz and Brad Currie in town, the winds went to 25 knots and then some, along with gray skies and cool temps. Seven boats ventured out, five started and three capsized within the first five minutes. John Skiles won by hanging on to the lead, raking his mast 'til it seemed to touch the deck and hiking. Jay Lutz was second and Brad Currie (having gotten himself right side up) was third. And that was it! We trust 1984 will be a bit more mellow.

Each year we award the "Masthead Award" for he who performed the most unusual act in the course of the season. 1983 year was fairly tame, being won (is that the right word?) for launching a trailer as opposed to a boat — something fairly novel in the course of everyday life. Name withheld to protect the guilty.

Also at the close of 1983 we awarded the following trophies: Fleet Champion Trophy for meritorious service went to Bruce Hanover, Outstanding Crew was Dottie Emens (who was always there, put up with the skippers guff and actually preferred blow-outs!); Greg Hatfield won the Junior Trophy for being a regular, and fast, competitor; Ken Huggins won the Sylvan Newman Trophy for doing the best at away regattas (fourth in the Blue Fleet, NA's and the Most Improved Trophy went to Vern Goldberg).

1984 has been a good year. We lost a couple of boats, Lance Drewes went off to Houston, and Paul Emens got promoted into weekends on duty. But everyone else went out and sailed up a storm. Steve Thomas joined the Fleet and promptly placed third in the RCYC Free-For-All Regatta. And Gil Mercier recently joined and immediately began placing in the top three. No lack of competition.

Our Spring Series was a repeat of 1983 — nice weekends alternated with blow-outs. Richard Guinan, Warren Lewis and Paul Emens swapped around the top spots until Richard nailed down first on the last weekend with a third and first. Emens was runner-up and Lewis third.



Fleet 435 Champion Paul Emens and Crew.

The Summer Series was almost the same. It was all Guinan and Lewis. Only once in the entire summer did either finish lower than third. This time it was Lewis nailing the series down with a matching set of firsts on the last weekend.

We also instituted a 'handicap' series to match the regular trophies. Based on a formula used by the J-boats it assigns everyone a handicap that is adjusted every five weeks. Sylvan Newman came out of the chocks fast and nailed down the Summer Series and, as this goes to print, is leading the Fall Series as well.

Let's also give credit to Ken Huggins for winning the Texas Districts, with Don Johnson taking the runner-up spot. Warren Lewis also qualified for the Blue Fleet in Seattle this year.

As this goes to print there are five weeks remaining in the Fall Series. As usual, everything is coming down to the wire and there is a three-way tangle for first. Richard Guinan has recently moved into first with a 2-2-1. That puts him one point ahead of Warren Lewis and George Hatfield. As for the Fleet Champ — it's either Lewis or Guinan. Stay tuned.

This year we got our picks finished early: Junior Trophy — Brian Lewis; Most Improved Skipper — Sylvan Newman; Sylvan Newman Trophy (best away performance) — Warren Lewis; Fleet Captain Trophy — Richard Guinan (because he is *always* available to bail one of us out when we need him) and Best Crew — Brad Johnson.

As for the Masthead Trophy...this year we had an embarrassment of riches. How about the man who left his son alongside the road on the way back from Memphis (answering the call of nature shall we say?) because it was thought he was still asleep in the van? Or the skipper who used water soluble caulk around his bailer? This same man ran out of gas on the way back from Memphis too — late, late at night. And dragged his forestay about four-hundred miles. They're greata, but the winner did about six boo-boos in one day. Dropped his crew overboard, hit the leeward mark, tried to fly his chute upwind, attempted to sink the pier with his trailer and ran his boat aground after disentangling the trailer from the pier. It wasn't a good day!!!! Again, names withheld to protect the guilty!

See you next year!

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 |
|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 12174 | Acey-Ducey | W. Howell Finn |
| 13179 | Illusion | Thomas A. Keebler |

No report.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

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

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 11412 | Somethin' Else | Wilburn Brewer |
| 12401 | Seetheufel III | Paul Rodesiler |
| 12705 | Windance | William George |
| 12709 | ..... | Frederick Gertz |
| 12712 | ..... | Bill Malin |
| ..... | ..... | Tom Waters |

No report.

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES (446)

Argentina District

Sailing on Waters of Rio De La Plata Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fleet Secretary Heraldo Tramaglia

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| 7768 | Flamingo II | Heraldo Tramaglia |
| 12747 | ..... | Mario Abinzano |

No report.

SAN PABLO FLEET (447)

Ecuador District

Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain Mauricio Martinez
Fleet Secretary Mauricio Martinez F.
Fleet Champion Mauricio Martinez
Runner-Up Jaime Martinez

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| 12221 | Impossible | Jose M. Perez |
| 12338 | Virginian | Jose M. Perez |
| 12566 | Alster | Dieter Dyck |
| 13443 | Naranja Mecanics | Rafael Leon Barba |
| 13444 | Pinta Brava | Mauricio Martinez |

No report.

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Giovanni Pellegrino
Fleet Secretary Vito Pernice
Fleet Champion Pasquale Vitaggio
Runner-Up Pietro Marino

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|---|
| 12087 | Milouin | Pietro Marino |
| 12537 | Luktor | Ranieri Gambina |
| 13035 | Scirocco | Antonio De Vita |
| 13065 | Sherazade | Gaspare Giacolone |
| 13266 | Wonderer | Francesco Riti |
| 13349 | Ho Heli | Tino Pernice |
| 13402 | Rainbow | Pietro Marino |
| 13414 | White Cloud | Roberto Crucitti |
| 13481 | Wanted III | Alessandro Attina |
| 13557 | Ausonia | Pietro Zerilli |
| 13706 | Lily Bay Tan | Sergio Messina (C.V. Marsala) & Pasquale Vitaggio |
| ..... | ..... | Gianno Pellegrino |

The last year was a good year for our fleet.

One of our members went to the European Championship and youth World Championship; which took place in the North Sea of Finland, and U.S.A.

Pasquale Vitaggio with Alessandro Messina and Antonio Nizza finished 4th in Finland, and with Sorrentino Messina placed fifth in the Youth Championship.

We had an unusually large number of regattas in Sicily this year with the Capo Boe' cup Massimo Attina "Trofhy", and the Sicily Calabro Championship. Also, five of our boats participated in our Class Championship which took place at Ravenna, Italy, with remarkable results.

2 — Mario Marino, Antonio Nizza, Giosel Cudia; 3 — Pasquale Vitaggio, Alessandro Messina, Franco Sorrentino; 4 — Atina, Attina, Alagna; 9) Pellegrino, D'Asta, Tranchida; 15) Zerilli, Zerilli, D'Ara.

We hope to be able to send two teams next year to the World Championship in the U.S.A.



Vitaggio, Nizza, Messina Y.

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

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| Fleet Captain | Larry Vautour |
| Fleet Secretary | Bob Foster |
| Fleet Champion | Michael Ladd |
| Runner-Up | Bob Foster |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 9980 | Countess II | Peter J. Leadley, M.D. |
| 10613 | Eidolon | Bob Foster |
| 11889 | The Express | Audrey & Paul Lones |
| 12194 | Phoebe | George Place & John C. Ireland |
| 13169 | Oody | Lawrence H. Vautour |
| 13246 | ..... | Michael Ladd |



All the crews at 1984 State of Maine Regatta.

Photo Courtesy of Dallas Folk

Fleet 450's season is over for 1984 with the Androscoggin Yacht Club anchorage being subjected to the wrath of snowmobiles making semi-permanent wakes across the ice and snow. It becomes difficult to remember the warm days of summer, when gazing across the cove at the sterile white of fresh snow being driven by force five winds. Where was that wind during those drifters? Of course there were those days when the northwesterly gave us white knuckles i.e. The Black Saturday of the State of Maine Regatta and Labor Day Weekend Club Regatta. Now if we could only divy up those winds over the entire season.

Ah, yes! Black Saturday! Thunder, rain and wind and cooking the steak under the club house. What a way to celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary! To see all the smoke you'd swear we were burning more than just the steak. It was a wonderful State of Maine Regatta with Dave White doing the honors as race committee chairman. Deep down I think Dave will always be a Lightning sailor even though he sails those other boats now. After the smoke had all cleared on Sunday Robert Shapiro and crew walked away with first place honors with Dick Hale taking second place and Bill 'Puka' Hole in third position.

The season progressed rapidly into August when the first ever Junior crew ventured away from Androscoggin. Nicki and Brooks Vautour commandeered Larry's boat and took it clear down into New Hampshire and sailed it around Massabesic in the District Junior Regatta. It was a learning experience for the girls and Larry; it's not easy sitting and watching four offspring do something that you think they should not. Better luck next year girls.

Labor Day Weekend wrapped up the season of racing with three races which could be compared to Murphy's Law i.e., if nothing can go wrong something will. First of all there was a breeze of around 25 knots which held for both races on Saturday. Let's see, Larry Vautour lost his main sheet block, Mike Ladd lost some battens, John Sexton broke a halyard, Tom Cook lost a crew member for a short time and broke a halyard and while yours truly was surging into the lead the rudder broke in two at the waterline. That is a helpless feeling. Sunday was a nice day where, with some mystical moves, yours truly took a first over some of the newer boats.

Even with all the hard fought battles of Labor Day Weekend, Mike Ladd took first place for the fleet. Little did Mike know when he purchased 'Puka' Hole's boat over the phone that 'Puka' and Mike's dad used to crew

together in Hawaii. Bob dropped into second place for a change and Larry and crew ended in third position.

The season ended with a sailout-cookout on Norris Island. What a pretty day!

A thought while passing. Those numbers in the yearbook with the ominous words "Lost Boat" after them seem so final that I have found two boats that could be active again, 5949 and 13288. Why don't we all try to get a boat back in our fleet. I must admit the converted lobster boat in Portland is beyond and will remain anonymous.

Best regards and may your spinnaker get fouled at least once.

Sweet Ol Bob

FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453)

Italian District

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy

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| Fleet Captain | Paolo Rosi |
| Fleet Secretary | Sergio Rustichelli |
| Fleet Champion | Sergio Rustichelli |
| Runner-Up | Franco DeRegis |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------------|---|
| 13062 | Windy 2 | Paolo Rosi |
| 13271 | King Furious III | Carlo Musso |
| 13455 | Wind III | Sauro Sarpocchi |
| 13462 | Areknames II | Fabio Nicchiarelli & Sergio Rustichelli |
| 13841 | Atom | Franco DeRegis |

For Fleet 453 the 1984 season has been very satisfactory; the first National Regatta of the Italian District took place on Trasimeno Lake in Passignano and it saw a numerous and qualified participation of crews of other fleets too. The regatta had three races, and in the final score two local crews have distinguished themselves: *Areknames II* with Sergio Rustichelli, Fabio Nicchiarelli, Paolo Barbacci and *Atom* with Franco DeRegis, Pablo Sabas Soldano, Francesco Rossi, respectively first and second.

The same two boats sailed very well also at the Italian Championship in Lido del Savio (RA). *Areknames II* won one of the six races and placed sixth over all, while *Atom* placed seventh and *Joe Condor* with Sauro Sarpocchi, Leo Vicarelli and Guido Armeni, finished 12th.

At the end of the season, a last National Regatta was held on Trasimeno Lake with *Dove Vai* (Galetti, Mazzola and Allegri) winning both races, *Areknames II* and *Atom* finished second and third.

The Fleet Championship was won by *Areknames II*, and second and third places went to *Atom* and *Joe Condor*, respectively.

Our fleet is looking forward to hosting the 1985 Italian Championships from May 27 through June 2 and all visitors are welcome.

KLAMATH LIGHTNING FLEET (455)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Klamath Lake at Klamath Falls, Oregon

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

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 3167 | Bay-Ley Afloat | Klamath Yacht Club |
| 11151 | Saxy | Kenneth White |
| 13029 | This Side Up | Bill Sisemore |
| 13106 | ..... | Dick Marlatt |

No report.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

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| Fleet Captain | Leo Korhonen |
| Fleet Secretary | Rainer Korhonen |
| Fleet Champion | Pentti Laitinen |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 9438 | Kulkuri | Kalevi & Petri Siiskonen |
| 10668 | | Tuomo Kauhanen |

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| 12258 | Marigold | Jussi Karkkainen |
| 12429 | Maruzella | Lauri Miettinen |
| 12434 | Sunday Sailor | Leo Manninen |
| 12750 | Obelix | Ilkka Saari |
| 12757 | Blue Lady | Pentti Laitinen |
| 12907 | Lizi | Leo Korhonen |
| 13098 | Vipunen | Lauri Hamalainen |
| 13413 | Amarillo | Pertti Pyy |
| 13436 | Pii | Tuomo Kauhanen |
| 13562 | ..... | Hannu Hanskala |
| ..... | ..... | Antero Punttila |

We started our sailing season in the very beginning of May, when there was a race called "On the Rocks" in Lake Tuusulanjarvi. It was again time, to adapt our winter meetings theory to use.

This year Finland District Championship was held in Vammala. Our fleet sent 5 boats to the regatta. Best of us was Jussi Karkkainen with crew Mikko Jaatinen and Kari Puupera and boat *Marigold*. They were third.

In the European Championship our fleet took part with five boats.

We arranged again Finland Districts Junior and Women's Championships in Lake Tuusulanjarvi. Jussi Karkkainen with crew won junior championship and Leena Meisalo with crew won the women's championship. Both winners are our fleet members. There were quite a few boats in the race, but all skippers and crews were sailing eagerly in the whimsical winds.

Our fleet took part also in some other races. Jussi Karkkainen with crew Mikko Jaatinen and Heikki Nurmi was ninth in the Junior World's.

So, it's time to start our winter meetings again while awaiting our next sailing season.

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.

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Florida District

Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida

Fleet Captain Bert Lacey
Fleet Secretary Fisk Hayden
Fleet Champion Fisk Hayden
Runner-Up Bert Lacey

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 7117 | Australia II | Robert E. Brown |
| 10035 | Flamin Mabel | Steve Hayden |
| 11205 | Wind Song III | A. J. Miller |
| 11379 | Shazam | Fisk Hayden |
| 12274 | Little Pooter | Mike Guardino |
| 12293 | Renaissance | Clifford Spohr |
| 13010 | Bananas | Bert Lacey |
| 13425 | White Lightning | Cecil Haas |
| 13621 | Sea-Saw | Dr. Tully Patrowicz |

It has been another busy year for Fleet 461. Our club again hosted our All-Class Washington Day Regatta with a total of 41 boats and also launched the first annual Lightning Invitational Regatta which attracted boats from our fleets in Biscayne Bay, North Palm and Ft. Myers. This regatta also serves as the second leg of the newly organized Florida Triple Crown.

This year we have added two new Lightnings; Gene Packett and Steve Hayden, bringing our fleet total to ten.

Fisk and Steve Hayden captured our District Championship at Coconut Grove and journeyed to Seattle for the North American Championship. Steve finished 4th in the Junior North Americans and Fisk qualified for the World Championship next July by virtue of a 15th over-all finish.

Everyone is invited to experience our year-around-sailing conditions on beautiful Lake Eustis here in Central Florida. Ya'All come!

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462)

Brazilian District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Michael Norris, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Pamela Cavazza
Fleet Champion Michael Norris
Runner-Up Per Olav Hornell

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6558 | GTX | Jens Ruschmann |
| 7495 | ZRBST | Peter Kevin Spink |
| 11693 | Easy Rider | Thomas Sumner |
| 11713 | Xamego | Nelson Schmitt |
| 12440 | Patua | Arthur Farias |
| 12513 | Abuelo | Per Olav Hornell |
| 12657 | Perereca | Fabrizio Cavazza |
| 12812 | Flash Rider | Michael Anthony Norris & Mario Buckup |

Fleet 462 has become increasingly active and competitive over the past two years. With four new boats, *Zrbst*, *Patua*, *Abuelo* and *Perereca*, we now have nine Lightnings which take part regularly in the many races on Lake Guarapiranga.

In February, disappointingly few Lightnings managed to make the Brazilian Nationals in Florianopolis, but four of our fleet members were there. Ex World Champion Mario Buckup came in first in *Flash Rider* with Michael Norris and Joaquim Fenneberg despite a crash at the start of the second race and an enormous hole in the hull which was temporarily patched up with no more than sticky tape. Per Olav Hornell with Ingrid Raedler and Ronaldo Gessy took 5th place in *Flyaway*. Both these boats were thus amongst the first six to qualify for the South American championship which took place at Lake Guarapiranga over the Easter weekend. Though the prevailing winds were light and inconsistent, Mario Buckup in *Flash Rider* was once again ahead of the fleet for most of the time and he easily won all the five races he participated in.

In June, Cristina Norris, sponsored by Sao Paulo Yacht Club, home of our fleet, organized the first all womens' championship in Brazil. Past womens' championships allowed for one male crew member per boat. Disregarding a good deal of masculine scepticism, 15 Lightnings participated and proved that Brazilian ladies really can sail. The champion was Pamela Cavazza in *Perereca* with Mary Jane Spink and Ingrid Raedler.

We are now busy preparing for the State championship in early November and competition will be strong with several new boats and new Lightning sailors on Lake Guarapiranga.

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 |

No report.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)

Italian District

Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Numana, Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia

Fleet Captain Lino Moroni
Fleet Secretary Renzo Bozzi
Fleet Champion Bruno Roccheggiani
Runner-Up Alberto Vivani

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|---|
| 9620 | ..... | Alberto & Laura Vivani |
| 13346 | Bibir | Bruno Roccheggiani, Renzo Bozzi, Alpino Moroni, & Robert Brugia |

This year our Conero fleet has been active among all classes of our District. The careful observance of the engagements, the presence of our fleet to every manifestation in the national calendar qualify us to the eyes of the other classes and even of the other fleets of the Italian district. There are only two active crews in our fleet, but we are crews really intentioned to excel in the classifications of every manifestation, even if this year it has been the most unfortunates and negatives for both. Finished the national and international manifestations at Procida and Ischia, both we have been



intentioned to do good results and to recover the results of those manifestations. But the modest athletic preparation of we all, and, above all, so many work problems and the professional engagements that had urged us have influenced us such in a strong way to do us to precepitate to bad positions at the national championship. Nevertheless we wait for the next beginning of agonistic activity to repropose us as dreadful antagonists for every other crew.

To all American friends that have run with us at Ischia last year, Bibir and Finalmente crews send a warm greeting. But a sporting hug they send to all those good crews that run on *Lightnings* and that we haven't had the pleasure to see here in Italy. We know that you would fervently wished to see our Country and I insure you that last year you have lost a unique opportunity. In fact during the World and European Championships the weather, the sea, the sun and the islands have been wonderful and charming, and was almost unjust to be seasoned antagonists. With sympathy, Renzo Bozzi.

FLOTTA DEL LARIO (467)

Italian District

Sailing at Gravedona on Lake of Como North Italy

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| Fleet Captain | Luigi Guicciardi |
| Fleet Secretary | Luca Grisotti |
| Fleet Champion | Luigi Pellegrini |
| Runner-Up | Luca Grisotti |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|
| 8619 | Cecilia | Carlo Lampugnani |
| 8702 | Lolita | Luigi Guicciardi |
| 9450 | Larus | Claudio Motti |
| 12904 | Moiana | Luca Grisotti |
| 13348 | Lady White Tina | Luigi Pellegrini |

Our Fleet is suffering from the same illness troubling the sailing sport in Italy and elsewhere. The boats and the sailors are growing old, the new boats (especially the American ones) became too expensive because of the dollar rising, and also with reference to making good use of our time. Young people usually prefer surfing or dancing or drinking or flirting or everything but sailing. It's very hard to recruit them also only as crew for one day. Why? Perhaps the sailing sport is a bit too stern in our country, and we should give them more opportunities for dancing, drinking and flirting and sailing at the same time. However, the best event of our season, De Marzi Trophy, hosted by Associazione Velica Alto Lario in Gravedona, is always a festal day. This year too, it made a hit, thank God and the Swiss District. The Regatta was attended by twelve contestants, perfect number, in two races, with wonderful weather and wind. Our Swiss friends won again the Trophy, with Wyler first, Schärer fifth and Schmid sixth. What a little difference from the Italian's scoring! But they deserve a particular applause — there were many more Swiss boats sailing this regatta than Italian ones. Between ourselves, Pellegrini (second) was the best again. No doubt that he's a man of worth as skipper, as well as seaman. We saw him finishing a handicap among the storm, only centerboard between big boats. Messina astonished us once again. Sailing an old wooden Lightning, he started always wonderfully, and finally took 4th place. We hope to see everybody, and more boats and sailors next September with plenty of sunshine.

VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Hefner at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Fleet Captain | Aimo Jokiniemi |
| Fleet Secretary | Pertti Jalonen |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|---------------|----------------|
| 12992 | Janita | Aimo Jokiniemi |
| 13560 | Uno | Harri Lindholm |
| 13760 | Sea Horse III | Pertti Jalonen |

At Valkeakoski we had a ranking championship from 9th June to 10th June. There were 14 Lightning boats from around Finland taking part in it. The wind varied from 0 to 18 m/s and it was very gusty. That's why we couldn't avoid to fall. The winner was Kari Maenpää with *Vahine II* from Helsinki. From the squadron 468 there were two boats taking part in that competition. *Janita* 12992 skippered by Aimo Jokiniemi and crewed by Tuula Jokiniemi. On the first day the other member of the crew was Terhi Jalonen and on the second day Hannele Tayranen. *Sea Horse III* skippered by Pertti Jalonen and crewed by Petri Valtonen and Mikko Hellman. *Sea Horse III* was 11th and *Janita* was 12th.

From 30th June to 1st July we had "the Mallasvesi days" and the winner of the Lightning class was *Sea Horse III* with Terhi Jalonen.

The Finnish Championship was at Vammala from 10th July to 14th July. The European Championship was in Finland at Pori from 15th-21st of July. *Janita* participated in both of these competitions. They finished 13th at the Finnish Championship and 26th at the European Championship. There was also *Uno* 13560 at Vammala skippered by Harri Lindholm and crewed by Jorma Lehtonen and Matti Aumo, and they finished 16th.

Janita had it's usual crew: Aimo Jokiniemi, Tuula Jokiniemi and Hannele Tayranen.

On 28th July the longest sailing competition in inland waters was sailed at Pajanne. *Sea Horse III* was 8th skippered by Pertti Jalonen and *Uno* was 9th skippered by Harri Lindholm.

At Tuusula on 5th of August, *Janita* competed in the women's class championships, and finished 3rd.

From 1st to 2nd September *Janita* took part in ranking championships at Lahti. *Janita* was 3rd. As the weather was rather cold and rainy, people were not very enthused about sailing. At our own sailing competitions we had part competitions and trip competitions.

Of major importance was the sailing around the Liessaari, by Pertti Jalonen in *Sea Horse III*.

JAMSA LIGHTNING FLEET (469)

Finland District Sailing at Pajanne

Fleet Captain Harri Ritala

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|------------------|
| 13559 | | Hannu Hurskainen |

No report.

FLOTTA DEL SAVIO (476)

Italian District Sailing on the Adriatic Sea at Ravenna, Italy

Fleet Captain Luciano Ronconi
Fleet Secretary Sergio Camporesi
Fleet Champion Gaetano Pellizzaro
Runner-Up Sergio Cecchieri

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9599 | ..... | Ricardo Cattabriga |
| 9941 | Marinella | Pellegrino Montanari |
| 9942 | ..... | Roberto Nicolini |
| 9943 | Ghibli | Carlo Alberto Paesani |
| 10170 | Margherita | Dino Guerra |
| 11992 | Samba | Stefano Gramellini |
| 12781 | ..... | Altiero Giamperetti |
| 13343 | Piallassa | Luciano Ronconi & Sergio Cecchieri |
| 13361 | Lili Marleen | Sergio Camporesi |
| 13401 | Tika | Gaetano Pellizzaro |
| 13558 | ..... | Massimo Gislon |

This year, the activities of our fleet were directed entirely toward the organization of the Italian Championship, 1984. Indeed, from the 20th to the 26th of August, the six heats for this championship were held at the Circolo Nautico del Savio in Lido di Classe (near Ravenna). Twenty-two crews representing the most active fleet in our district took part; five very able crews from Marsala, four equally able crews from the fleets of lakes Como and Garda, the Italian Navy crews, crews from Falconara, Trasimeno and others. The most significant change from the past was the presence of at least nine boats whose crews had an average age of a little over twenty. The Circolo Nautico del Savio made sure that everything was well organized and the six heats took place without a hitch, although each was marked by different wind and sea conditions; light wind, heavy wind, sun, rain. For the first time in the history of this championship, no two heats shared a winner: Race No. 1: first *Tempesta* (Messina, Pulizzi, Ansaldo); second *Lili Bai Tan* (Vitaggio); third *Atom* (De Regis). Race No. 2: first *Trepepe IP* (Tremante-Tremante Babbì); second, *Tempesta* (Messina); third, *Tika* (Pellizzaro). Race No. 3: first, *Lili Bai Tan* (Vitaggio Messina Sorrentino); second *White Cloud* (Marino); third *Wanted IP* (Attina). Race No. 4: first *Tika* (Pellizzaro Falcini Gappucci); second *White Cloud* (Marino); third *Tempesta* (Messina). Race No. 5: first *Areknames IP* (Rustichelli Niccoli Barb.); second, *Tempesta* (Messina); third *Wanted IP* (Attina). Race No. 6: first *Wind IP* (Pellegrino D'Asta Tran.); second, *White Cloud* (Marino); third *Trepepe IP* (Tremante).

Final: first 13374, Messina Pulizzi Ansaldo 19.7 pts.; second 13414, Marino Nizza Cudia 28.7 pts.; third, 13706 Vitaggio Messina Sorrentino 32.7 pts.; fourth 13481 Attina Attina Rallo 40.4 pts.; fifth, 13401 Pellizzaro Falcini Gappucci 43.7 pts.; sixth, 13462 Rustichelli Niccoli Barb. 45.7 pts.

The Italian Navy crew: Messina, Pulizzi, Ansaldo, proved to be the most consistent and took the title of Italian Champion 1984. Also very able were the Sicilian crews: Marino, Vitaggio and Attina. Our own fleet's crew, although disqualified in the last race, placed fifth, having won the fourth race when there was the most wind.

Another new development: several Lightning skippers, absent from regattas for some years, put their boats to sea again, and with much sporting spirit took part in the races in the knowledge that they had little chance of winning.

In conclusion we would like warmly to thank the Regatta Committee which was perfect in the exercise of its duties.

Thanks are also due to all the friends of the Club who gave assistance at sea.

At the meeting of the Italian District, which was held at the Bracciano's Fleet No. 479, it was decided that the "1985 Di Lorenzo Memorial Trophy" will be organized by our fleet at the Circolo Nautico del Savio-Lido di Classe from the 24 to the 25 August 1985.

So we said to our friends: Good Bye!



A light air start on the Adriatic Sea.

OLD PORT YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (477)

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

Fleet Captain Phillip Wagner
Fleet Secretary Louis J. Daniello

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 11085 | Hagar | Ken Watrous |
| 13748 | ..... | Ted Kapustka |
| 13781 | Turkey | John Swenson, M.D. |

No report.

CEDAR LIGHTING 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 | Lil' Witch | Richard Purdy |
| 8822 | Mysti Blue | Ralph C. Suhm, Jr. |
| 12606 | Gadget | Art Ries |
| 12779 | Viva | Robert Desfosses |
| 13822 | ..... | Steve Ewing |
| 13872 | Kate | John Foster |

The Cedar Fleet continued its active racing program in 1984 with its sailors participating in the Florida Triple Crown, Edison pageant of Light Regatta, Lightning Midwinters, and the Florida District Championships.

During the year we saw some of our skippers acquire or sell their boats. John Foster acquired a new Lightning and christened it after his first mate, or maybe she's the skipper! Anyway the name of the boat is *Kate*. Steve Ewing also did some boat trading. He finally parted with his beloved wooden Lightning *Windseeker*. We are waiting to welcome the new owner, Tom Hart, to our fleet.

John Foster, participating in the Florida Triple Crown, turned in consistent finishes at the Coconut Grove Annual Regatta, the Davis Island Thanksgiving Regatta, and a second place best effort at the Eustis Lightning Invitational Regatta to capture third place overall for the Triple Crown.

Steve Ewing returned from the Punta Gorda Sailing Clubs' Holiday Regatta with the first place trophy for the Portsmouth class again this year. Bob Desfosses also returned with a first place trophy, but it was for sailing a funny looking boat with two hulls and an equally funny name *liek Hobie*. Bob where was your Lightning?

The Edison pagant of Light Regatta saw seven Lightnings from all over Florida competing on the Caloosahatchie River (home of the Cedar fleet). In the face of tough competition from Fisk Hayden (1st) of Eustis and Fay Regan (2nd) of Miami, our own John Foster was only able to capture third place. The regatta, in addition to giving a fun time to all, also gave Steve Ewing and two Miami sailors an opportunity to test the self righting capabilities of their new boats.

Bob Desfosses and John Foster signed on with Herm Nickels to sail in the Masters Division at the Lightning Midwinters in St. Pete. Bob and John benefited greatly from the experience of sailing with the 1959 North American Champion. Of course, winning the first Masters trophy made the experience all the more enjoyable.

Cedar Fleet sent its top sailors to the Florida Districts at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in Miami. The weather-shortened event saw Steve Ewing and John Foster finish 9th and 10th respectively. Steve also had two other Cedar Fleet skippers as crew, Bob Desfosses and Tom Hart.

All in all it was a great year for our sailors with top honors going to John Foster who attended a total of 11 regattas throughout the state.

Note: If anyone sees our Fleet Captain, Ralph Suhm, tell him we miss him and would like to see him on the water in 1985.

FLOTTE DEL BRACCIANO (479)

Italian District

Sailing on Bracciano Lake at Rome, Italy

| | |
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| Fleet Captain | Romano Passeri |
| Fleet Secretary | Gianni Battisti |
| Fleet Champion | Gianni Battisti |
| Runner-Up | Stefano Fantozzi |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 12297 | | Gianni Battisti |

No report.

WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Kerr at Raleigh, North Carolina

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Fleet Captain | Michael Rees |
| Fleet Secretary | Grant Wolslagel |
| Fleet Champion | Rick Ferguson |
| Runner-Up | John Pelosi |

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 451 | Close Enough | John Pelosi |
| 8511 | Sorcerer | Jonathan H. Morgan |
| 10190 | Sunnyside | Kent R. Mullikin |
| 10354 | Blitzed | Audrey G. Blanchard, Jr. |
| 11204 | Steppin' Out | Bill Hopkins & John Pelosi |
| 11370 | Cloud Nine | Michael S. Rees |
| 11690 | Schmetterling | Tom K. Hudgens |
| 11738 | Tobasco | Billy Dixon |
| 12072 | #31 | Jaroslav F. Hulka |
| 12730 | ..... | Bob Lovelace |
| 13178 | Frog | James E. Nutt, M.D. |
| 13490 | ..... | Bill Batjer |
| 13709 | ..... | Robert Harper |
| 13738 | Plane Crazy | Rick Ferguson |

1984 was a vintage year for Fleet 481. We were blessed with good winds, continued growth in numbers and level of enthusiasm, improved competition, and lots of fond memories.

Fleet activity got underway in February with the boat show in one of Raleigh's shopping malls. Not only did this give our fleet good overall exposure and help us find prospective crew and boat owners, it enabled us to uncover a couple of Lightning owners that had moved to the area from other parts of the country.

In March, our own Mr. Capsize went down to Savannah and did his trick in the Skidaway River. He still doesn't understand what happened. Back in Raleigh, Hale Wolcott of Horizon/Curtis Sails stopped by on his way back from the Midwinters to eat barbecue and talk with us about crewing on a Lightning.

April began with the April Fool's Regatta, a 21-mile informal race down the Neuse River from New Bern to Oriental, NC. The weather was good with a strong following breeze that became a tight spinnaker reach after



Rick Ferguson leads Tom Allen, IV, in the Borderline.

rounding Wilkinson Point and led to a record time of 3:05 by Tom Hudgens, 12 seconds ahead of Rick Ferguson. Unfortunately, the water temperature was still on the chilly side as the Batjers discovered when they went over while jibing.

Later in April, Carolina Sailing Club racing began on Kerr Lake. Our fleet had 16 boats in the CSC this year, a significant increase from last year. Participation in the six race weekends was high, and competition was much tougher than in the past. Kent Mullikin won the spring series. Rick Ferguson won the summer series, John Pelosi won the fall series, and Rick Ferguson was the overall winner and 1984 Fleet Champion, with John Pelosi second.

In the past couple of years, our fleet has become a major force in the CSC and is contributing significantly to the club leadership. In 1984, Kent Mullikin was the club commodore, John Pelosi secretary/treasurer, and Michael Rees served on the board of directors.

The last weekend in April marked the beginning of the Southeastern District circuit regattas in Augusta. Our own Rick Ferguson, the district commodore for 1984, attended all eight of the regattas, instituted a district newsletter, and did a super job as commodore. Overall participation in the circuit by our fleet was high. Rick finished third overall in the district this year and Tom Hudgens was fourth.

After travelling around the district in May, it was back to Kerr Lake in June for the district championship regatta and the NC Governor's Cup Regatta. Our first experience in putting on a district championship created a bit of a challenge since we did not have a way to weigh boats. An old oak tree, a chain hoist, and a fearless, tree-climbing crew enabled us to overcome the obstacle, and the regatta was enjoyed by all. Tom Waters came out of retirement to win the regatta on his old boat which he chartered from Bob Lovelace. Tom Hudgens was the Lightning winner at the Governors Cup. Maybe someday soon our turnout at this regatta will be large enough that we can have a shot at the Cup itself.

July included some more district regattas and the Oriental Sailing Social, and August gave us a chance to catch our breath before going back on the circuit in September.

October was busy with the Indian Summer Regatta down at Lake Waccamaw—sailed in weather that lived up to the regatta's name perfectly—plus the Frigid Digit in Annapolis and our fourth annual Borderline Regatta. This year we instituted a Double Header trophy for the best combined score in the Frigid Digit and Borderline. Thirty-eight boats from nine states sailed in the Borderline in beautiful fall weather with light winds on Saturday and moderate winds Sunday. Bill Sloger took first place, Dick Hallagan was second and won the Double Header trophy. Rick Ferguson took two bullets in the Saturday races and finished well enough on Sunday to take an overall third—the first time a local sailor had won any silver at the Borderline.

Well, the sailing is over for the year, except for the occasional day this winter when the temperature sneaks up into the fifties or low sixties and entices a boat or two out onto one of the nearby lakes. In December, the

true mettle of Fleet 481 comes out at the annual Christmas party. Our fleet is fairly serious about its sailing, but when it comes to doing some eating and partying—just ask anyone who has been to the Borderline. This year we will award the two new trophies donated to the fleet by Rick Ferguson for the local boat doing best on the district circuit, and the boat participating in the most regattas without winning any other trophies.

As you can see, it's been a busy year and a fun year for Fleet 481. Now, we're all looking forward to 1985. Hope to see you on the race course.

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

Fleet Captain Warren Brown
Fleet Secretary Tom Cory
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 |
| 13422 | Seajammer | Warren Brown |

No report.

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

Fleet Captain Jim Finn
Fleet Secretary Arthur Tirrell
Fleet Champion Tom Doran
Runner-Up Joe McCloskey

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| 5954 | Echo Four | Ann L. Bender |
| 6860 | No Problem | Edward Taverni |
| 8672 | The Hooligan | Jim Hourigan |
| 9305 | ..... | Steven D. Rose |
| 9424 | ..... | Mark Osypiewski |
| 10118 | Griffin | Joseph J. McCloskey |
| 10378 | Gangster | Fran Watts |
| 11308 | ..... | Edward Taverni |
| 11728 | Striker | J. Thomas Doran |
| 12334 | ..... | Robert J. Finn |
| 12749 | ..... | Peter Ritchie |
| 13712 | Wave Rider | Arthur Tirrell |
| 13881 | Grastuil | James P. Finn |
| ..... | ..... | William C. Thieben |

Oswego fleet 485 may have one of the most recent charters in the class but we'll take a back seat to no one when it comes to activity and enthusiasm.

During 1984, no less a personage than the mayor of our city — the Honorable Wm. Cahill, donated a beautiful trophy to be awarded each spring to the winner of our kick-off event, the Memorial Weekend Series. 1983 champ Tom Doran took it home after the weather shortened the series to only two races.

In June we sponsored a Michelob Regatta to help promote one design interest. We drew 17 boats of all descriptions. Ed Taverni won the Lightning Division.

Many of the areas finest sailors came to Oswego for the first time ever in July as Fleet 485 hosted the CNY District Championship Regatta. Our careful planning paid off with a smooth, problem-free weekend. You would have thought we knew what we were doing! Problem is, what to do for an ecore in '85. Lots of credit due us goes to Tom Doran who put all the pieces together and did most of the worrying.

Four of our boats travelled to more than one regatta this summer. We had boats at the Long John, Newport, Cazenovia, Keuka, Henderson Harbor, Toronto and others.

In between home events and travelling, the fleet got in a 24 race summer series and a full 6 week fall series. Tom Doran repeated as fleet champ. Nobody here can beat him consistently yet but, "uneasy rests the head which bears the crown" to paraphrase the quote.

Joe McCloskey took runner-up spot on the last day by one point over Art Tirrell, gaining sweet revenge for last year's finish which also was decided on the last day.

During one windy race of our fall series, every boat but one capsized at

the jibe mark. We counted one round up/broach, two pre-jibe knockdowns and one death roll, plus 12 wet ones.

We've got our own woodie too! Woodworker Mike McCune started his West System 13946 this summer and has it near completion today. Mike can win in good fleets.

Ed Taverni bought a glass boat and will campaign in in '85. Newcomers Peter Ritchie and Tim Johnson both have obtained good boats and are planning to sail next season. Jim Finn had a good fall series and was a factor in many races this year. Bob Finn was just getting his boat set up when a back injury sidelined him. The *Kingfish* WILL be back in '85. If you are within our area, call us. We need you.



Start of third race, Muddy Rudder Regatta held at Valley Sailing Association. Photo by Bill Kesler

VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (486) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Alton Lake at Machens, Missouri

Fleet Captain Wayne Watson
Fleet Secretary Nancy Wilson
Fleet Champion Wayne Watson
Runner-Up Rick Conaway

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|---------------------|
| 609 | Sparrow | Leo Donovan |
| 8664 | Chaos | C. Graeme Wilson |
| 10828 | ..... | Robert W. Cella |
| 11598 | Witchcraft | Joseph Goltzman |
| 12033 | ..... | Francis C. Renschen |
| 12048 | She's A Lady | James Trull |
| 12891 | Summer Madness | Wayne Watson |
| 13088 | Barefoot | Richard Conaway |

Fleet 486 has come through another successful year. We began our year planning at our annual Christmas Hors D'oeuvre Party and continued the winter with monthly gatherings at members' homes. As a result, we have become a social group of friends as well as fleet members.

With the changing seasons came changing boat ownerships. We were sorry to lose Phil and Beverly Stephenson and Les Goodman and Jeanne Havrilla. However, their boats stayed with us. As they left, we gained two new owners of those Lightnings, and welcome the Cellas and Kesslers to our fleet. Also, we welcome as newcomers to our club and racing, the Cato Family. They have brought a new Lightning into the fleet. So our year has been one of happy beginnings among sad endings. As a fleet we handled various responsibilities for VSA, but we feel one of our major accomplishments has been another successful Muddy Rudder Regatta. Our second year went very well. We had, unfortunately, heavy rains, preventing one of the races, but we also had wonderful competitors, who stayed through the rain and finished the races on Sunday. We were very pleased to have Roger Grohne (13078) and Bob Ohlsen (10100) from Decatur, and August Paoli (11637), Stuart Bernstein (11218) and Scott Zerbán (13273) from Carlisle competing. We congratulate Stuart Bernstein for winning this year's regatta.

Another of our accomplishments of which we are very proud, is hosting the first Mississippi Valley Junior District races. These young sailors were fantastic. They competed on a highly skilled level, and we congratulate Rob Zerbán and crew for taking home the winning trophy.

We feel our year, our sailors, and our club have been successful. We are happy to have added new members, new boats, new enthusiasm, and new ideas. We have been, and are a very active club and fleet. We are a social, as well as competitive group. We have husbands and wives who race and compete, and some who serve as the backbones to special events. We would welcome any and all Lightning sailors to join us for a weekend of sailing, racing, or socializing. There is a beautiful view to the Bluffs on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. It is a lovely sight to view from water or shore. It makes for an incredible atmosphere for sailing. Come join us....

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 Abare
Runner-Up Joseph Re

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| 11077 | Thunder | Deb Jenkins |
| 11380 | Klassy | Richard Meads |
| 11469 | Rocket | Richard J. Abare |
| 11626 | Joker | Joseph Re |
| 12155 | Margies Idea | Donald E. Murphy |
| 13835 | ..... | Frederick N. Barker |

Some of the boats got more "road-time" than "water-time" this year. At least one, and sometimes two and three boats of our nine boat fleet attended the New England District Championship, the Wellfleet Regatta, and the Spofford Lakes end-of-the season Regatta.

The big news for Fleet 487 this year was the Great Harbor Race Lightning Regatta. June 30, and July 1 were the eventful days of the first ever Lightning Regatta in Provincetown Harbor. Boats representing each State in the District participated. After the parties and awards were completed, all participants cheered and applauded our first effort. To a man/woman all voiced a hope they might return next year.

Fleet size remains at nine boats, however this past year, and as we go into the new year, some of the older boats in the fleet are being seriously up-graded. The spirit of the fleet is high, and still climbing. The competition within the fleet becomes more keen each year. Once again the invitation is extended to one and all, everywhere. As you vacation on Cape Cod, bring your Lightning. Join us any Saturday or Sunday for the Club Races. For more information contact Fleet HQ at (617) 487-0050.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (488)

U.S. at Large District
Sailing in Colorado and Nebraska

Fleet Captain Bob Stoller
Fleet Secretary Ann Crammond
Fleet Champion Bob Stoller
Runner-Up Ann Crammond

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 4865 | Obsession | Bob Stoller |
| 5945 | ..... | Dean Lausten |
| 7860 | Dealah | Wilford J. McGinley |
| 9491 | Bentonite Blessing | George Kirsten |
| 9809 | ..... | Ann Crammond |
| 12344 | Light'n-Up | John T. Ferguson |
| 13021 | ..... | Steve Thomas |

1984 will not go down in history as a great sailing year for Lightning Fleet 488. Most of the regattas we attended were plagued by poor wind conditions. Large incredibly slow moving high pressure areas were interspersed with vicious thunderstorms and rapidly moving cold fronts. Bob Stoller repeated last year's performance as both Fleet Captain and Fleet Champion, winning every regatta that he entered. Runner-up was a close contest between Ann Crammond and John Ferguson (sailing a newly restored wooden boat aptly named *Mondo Bondo*). Ann was awarded the title when John failed to show up for the Frostbite Regatta at Cherry Creek Reservoir. The regatta was held during a snow storm and John made a feeble excuse about cold freezing water and no snow tires for his boat trailer.

Don't forget to bring your boat if you are coming to Colorado. You're welcome to join us sailing on our beautiful mountain lakes and reservoirs.

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 |
| 5764 | ..... | Liesel J. Geyer |
| 9555 | Time Out | Mark Lukow |
| 12288 | Arete | Bruce Freise |
| 13565 | Orient Express | James Romanshek |
| 13885 | ..... | Bill Lewis |

No report.

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 Charles Shoemaker
Runner-Up Robert Blalock

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| 3480 | ..... | Victor H. Lees |
| 4727 | SQ | Graham B. Gill |
| 5339 | Gerda | Ted Plutzer |
| 8663 | Chaos | Curt Gerhard |
| 8690 | Arete | Michael Keene |
| 9928 | Esprit | Charles Shoemaker |
| 13453 | ..... | Robert Blalock |

The 1984 season saw the addition of two new members to Fleet 491, as well as the cancellation of the first race day of the season due to heavy weather — what a way to start off! But, rising above this initial disappointment, we managed a total of 27 races on a schedule of 2 race days a month.

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon, we once again raced with the Nockamixon Sail Club, who gave us our own starts, and to whom we wish to express special thanks. We had a mixture of light air, heavy air, and wet days (especially for one of Bob's crew members who decided to go for an unscheduled swim!). Spinnaker runs were generally short due to cross lake breezes, but this just made the crews all the more adept at quick, snappy sets and take-downs, with Guy and George Christopher taking the coordination award! All in all, a good time was the name of the game for the Saturday races. Charlie Shoemaker captured the championship for the season, but Bob Blalock was never far behind him in the standings.

We look forward next year to the possibility of new members, joining the Nockamixon Sail Club and hosting a regatta. If you are in the area and would like to join us, drop Bob Blalock a line at 495 Brown's Drive, Easton, PA, 18042, and he will gladly send you a racing schedule.

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 | Rence | C. J. Dorschell |
| 7791 | Jolifou | James H. Langdon |
| 8388 | Yellow Submarine | Hugh J. Roper |
| 13603 | John's Fling | Hugh J. Roper |

No report.

BOW LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (493)
New England District
Sailing at Bow Lake, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain William Latham
 Fleet Co-Secretaries Ned & Jean Hinds
 Fleet Champion Ned Hinds
 Runners-Up Bruce & Wayne Donle

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|
| 6357 | Harrier | Edward E. Hinds |
| 8301 | Jessie S. | William C. Latham |
| 11440 | Ragtime | Edward E. Hinds, III |
| 11579 | ..... | John Thomson |
| 12877 | Double Trouble | Bruce Donle |
| 13556 | ..... | Richard Warner |

Fleet 493 received its charter from the International Class just this past spring — and the excitement hasn't worn off yet! The Bow Lake Lightning fleet has grown from one boat in 1979 to its present size of six — and with any luck at all, by this time next year, we may be close to doubling that number. We've got an epidemic of Lightning fever spreading like wildfire on the Lake, and you KNOW there's only ONE cure for that!

THE highlight of our season was our Second Annual Bow Lake Invitational Regatta (otherwise known as the "Massabesic Challenge", or even — simply — as the "Annual Grudge Match". By studying all three names, you'll get an inkling of what this event is all about.) This year, the Regatta drew 11 boats, six were from our unofficial "sister fleet" 273, of Lake Massabesic. The principal defender of Massabesic honor this year was George Deyette (who walked away from the Bow Lake fleet in '83, and off with first place hardware). We had three races, with light to fair breezes — and a hotly contested outcome. Ned Hinds managed to hang on to first place silver, but the rest of the final standings were all the property of Fleet 273 — a group of fine, competitive sailors — and very good friends of ours.

Our Tenth Annual Bow Lake Regatta saw five Lightnings sail as a class. A total of nine races were sailed over two weekends in primarily fair breezes. Ned Hinds with seven firsts, a second and a fourth, captured first place honors, and the Fleet Championship into the bargain. Runners-up were the Donle brothers, Bruce and Wayne.

Plans for next year are already in the works. We hope to expand the Invitational and add a second, Lightnings only, series in September. Also on the agenda: increasing the emphasis on bringing our Juniors along, with special racing series and a formal youth program. (You've got to be looking for your future!)

The members of Fleet 493 would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to our friends from Massabesic, whose friendship and support we've valued so much: Darth Vader, The Kid, Wild George, Mr. Bits, The Mann and the 600 Lb. Canary.

Have a GREAT Winter — we'll see you all next year!

QUARTER BARREL LIGHTNING FLEET (494)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan

Fleet Captain Ted Kroll
 Fleet Secretary Frank Weber
 Fleet Champion Ted Kroll
 Runner-Up Dan Briellaier

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 7370 | | Ted Kroll |
| 7375 | | Frank E. Weber |
| 10206 | | Dan Briellaier |
| 12038 | Blazer | Ted Kroll |
| 12241 | | William V. Nordberg |

The fleet was formed in early 1984 by four of the skippers who sail their Lightnings at Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, a public facility of the Country Park System. Here we have plenty of dry sail storage, three hoists, and immediate access to Milwaukee's harbor and Lake Michigan. Fleet members participated in nearly all regattas held by fleets in the district including the Districts in Racine. Fleet competition was waged on the Sailing Center courses; these are set regularly during the season on Friday evening and Sunday morning by the Race Committee. Fleet goals for 1985 are increased membership and improved racing skills. We aim to host a Quarter Barrel Lightning Regatta one day and return the hospitality offered by fleets of the Midwest District.

PIONEER VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (495)
New England District
Sailing on the Connecticut River

Fleet Secretary Robert B. Hager

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|------------|-----------------|
| 4607 | Nina Lee | Rudy Szady |
| 7875 | Shady Lady | Robert B. Hager |
| 10240 | Y Knot | Jack Perlow |

No report.

SWIFT CREEK FLEET (496)
Dixie District
Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir in Chesterfield County

Fleet Secretary Jim Richards

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 11020 | ..... | Westbrook, Inc. |
| 12773 | ..... | Worth Lutz & John Riordan III |
| 13766 | III Snickers | Jim Richards |
| 13804 | ..... | Ken R. Hopson |

No report.

CLUB REGATAS UNION (497)
Peru District
Sailing at LaPunta, Callao, Peru

Fleet Secretary Carlos Navarro, M.D.

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 11611 | T.N.T. | Carlos Navarro, Jr.-Mulanovich |
| 13114 | Polorita | Carlos Navarro-Gaspardo |
| 13367 | Camotito | Augusto Navarro-Mulanovich |
| 13471 | Curumbo | Emilio Levaggi-Tocci |

No report.

SELKIRK LIGHTNING FLEET (498)
Central New York District
Sailing on Lake Ontario at Pulaski, New York

Fleet Captain Peg Hodge
 Fleet Secretary Emil Weisenburger

| Boat No. | Name | Skipper |
|----------|-----------|------------------------------|
| 4905 | ..... | Dykes Riggs & Louis Petrocci |
| 6602 | Frontenac | Peg Hodge |
| 6926 | ..... | Herb Clark |
| 7961 | Cirrus | Emil Weisenburger |
| 11355 | ..... | Joe Cumiskey |

Sailing on the beautiful, sparkling waters of eastern Lake Ontario, we are looking forward to our first successful season as a newly formed Lightning Fleet. Our fleet, although very young, maintains the motto, "No puff, too tough!" This motto was put to the test late in the season by both crew and craft. The fleet is now replacing a few of the older wooden sticks with new aluminum ones, some by choice and some by necessity.

The Selkirk Lightning Fleet began as a mixed fleet sailing under Portsmouth Handicapping. Interest grew in developing a Lightning Fleet upon the purchase of Lightning 7961. Throughout the summer of 1984, boat 7961 consistently proved the integrity of the class.

As the summer progressed we witnessed the purchase of boats 6926 and 4905. We then had the boats necessary to form a fleet and travel to other areas to compete in international class racing. Near the end of the season, the fleet expanded with the purchase of boats 6602 and 11355.

We are excited about our fleet to date and the prospect for additional boats by spring. We would like to extend an invitation to all fellow Lightning sailors to come sail with us.