

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Acuelo Lake	490	Harbor Island Y.C.	262	Palmetto	440
Algarrobo	318	Harveys Lake	350	Parthenon	286
Androscroggin	450	Hawaii	143	Paupack	16
Annisquam	151	Helsinki	166	Pioneer Valley	495
Atwood Lake	212	Henderson Harbor	225	Piraeus	286
Awosting Yacht Sq.	95	Hewlett Bay	58	Pontiac Y.C.	54
Barnegat Light Y.C.	335	Higgins Lake	110	Port Oswego	485
Bay Head Y.C.	3	High Tor	41	Provincetown Yacht Club	487
Biscayne Bay	226	Hoover Y.C.	353	Pymatuning Y.C.	36
Black Rock Y.C.	17	Indian Lake	23	Quarter Barrel	494
Bomoseen Y.C.	227	Indianapolis S.C.	270	Racine Yacht Club	489
Bow Lake	493	Ithaca	484	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	70
Bracciano	479	Jamsa	469	Rehoboth	325
Brant Beach	173	Jayhawk	60	Riverton Y.C.	228
Brockport	267	Jyvaskylan	328	Rocky Mountain	488
Bronte Harbour	492	Kemi	310	Royal Hamilton Y.C.	118
Buckeye Lake	43	Keuka Lake	252	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	215
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Kotka	298	Rush Creek	435
Carlyle Sailing Association	266	Lake Champlain	301	Saginaw Bay	216
Catawba	365	Lake Davenport	167	Saint Mary's	400
Cedar	478	Lake Delta Y.C.	4	Salinas Y.C.	405
Cedar Point	126	Lake Fenton Y.C.	53	San Francisco Bay	372
Centerboard Y.C.	14	Lake Geneva S.C.	345	Santa Monica Bay	102
Chautauqua Lake	19	Lake Hartwell	391	Sao Paulo	147
Chautauqua	198	Lake Lanier	348	Sassafras River	314
Chelsea Y.C.	39	Lake Mohawk Y.C.	25	Savannah	127
Chequesset	280	Lake Washington	132	Selkirk	498
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	5	Lansing S.C.	387	Sempachersee	150
Chinook	229	Lavallette Y.C.	104	Severn River	329
Clarks Hill	257	Leatherlips Y.C.	27	Sheboygan	187
Club Nautico Del Muna	73	Lega Navale Anzio	312	Silver Lake Y.C.	47
Club Regattas Union	497	Leland Y.C.	184	Skaneateles C.C.	1
Columbia	283	Madison Beach	129	Smith Mt. Lake	377
Conesus Lake	140	Manitowoc	393	Sooner	343
Conneaut Lake	180	Mansfield	150	Southampton Y.C.	431
Cowan Lake	303	Marblehead	189	South Skaneateles Lightning Assoc.	439
Crescent Sail Y.C.	51	Marsala	449	Spofford Lake	145
Cuba Lake	115	Marivela	235	Squam Lake	332
Dallas Corinthian	35	Massabesic Y.C.	273	Surf City	196
Devil's Lake	31	Memphis	274	Susquehanna	253
Douglas Lake	374	Merrimac River	121	Swift Creek	496
Flotilha de Lightning de Florianopolis ..	162	Metedeconk River	34	Tawas Bay	152
Flotta del Conero	466	Milwaukee	69	Temple Reef S.C.	279
Flotta del Lario	467	Mission Bay	194	Tohickon Creek	491
Flotta del Savio	476	New Orleans	209	Toronto Bay	146
Flotte del Garda	249	Newport Y.C.	77	Trasimeno	453
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	169	Niagara S.C.	59	Triad	415
Flotte Murtensee	358	Niantic Bay	85	Turkeyfoot Lake	33
Galway Lake	338	North East River	192	Tuusulanjaryi	456
Grand Traverse Y.C.	326	North Florida	461	Valkeakoski	468
Great Sodus Bay	108	North Shrewsbury	11	Valley	486
Great South Bay	178	Nyack	75	Vancouver	90
Greater Charleston	429	Ocean City Y.C.	430	Waccamaw	463
Green Bay	112	Old Port Yacht Club	477	Wake	481
Greifensee	309	Okanogan	368	Washington, D.C.	50
Guanabara	401	Olivos	206	Wawasee Y.C.	154
Guarapiranga Lake	462	Oulu	307	Willow Bank Y.C.	164
Guayaquil Y.C.	272			Zurichsee	219
Gull Lake	137				

Lightning Fleets

ROSTERS AND REPORTS

SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB (1)

Central New York District
Sailing on Skaneateles Lake, Syracuse, NY

Fleet Secretary John A. Barnes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11154	Blitzen II	Frank J. Haas
12031	.....	Anne Roth Hueber
12690	.....	Gary Kuhns
13330	.....	John A. Barnes

No Report.

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB (4)

Central New York District
Sailing on Lake Delta, Rome, New York

Fleet Captain Robert Carrier
Fleet Secretary John J. Hayes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8917	.....	Arthur Peel
10725	Sno-Bird	Robert M. Carrier
11624	.....	Edward Vaughn
13143	Run Away	John Kahler, Jr.
.....	.....	John Martin, Jr.

No report.

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10	Tar Pot	Sandra James Raymond
11569	.....	Bay Head Yacht Club
12210	Ensayo	James Simpson
13333	Silvia	Robert B. O'Brien, III
14008	Vagabond	Robert R. Adams

No Report.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain Bruce Thompson
Fleet Secretary Geary Gaspord
Fleet Champion Mike Huffman
Runner-Up John Walter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2897	Phoenix	Peter E. Philips
8992	Santorini	Richard Mandeberg
9591	Scram	J. Thomas Blount
10250	Z-Boat	Bill Zamzow
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessey
10930	Whammer Jammer	Michael L. Huffman, Jody Swanson, & Rick Hayden
11446	Frolic	Richard Hinze
11507	Cool Runnings	John Walter
11703	Dandelion	Geary Gaspord
12025	Charlie Brown	Ronald Blair
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12395	Mjollnir	Bruce Thompson
12396	Smooth	Patrick Considine
13426	Feelin' Orange	Stephen P. Brugge
13479	TNT	Tom Tambling
13729	Razorback	W. R. Wynn
13787	Fusion	Bob Smither
13976	.....	Patrick Considine
13990	.....	Mike Huffman



Pat Considine about to 'cover'.

Well, it has been a quiet season in Lake Michigan. Not quite, because we started our season with hope, aspiration and a few new members. Jim Reiman, Peter Phillips and Richard Mandeberg have joined the Lightning fleet this year and we all welcome them.

Fleet five proved to add some serious competition to the Midwest and National scene. Not only did Mike Huffman and Pat Considine compete in the National's "Blue Fleet", they also finished second and third in the Midwest Districts. They have two of the most familiar transoms in our fleet and we appreciate their hard work and talent. Also, in the "hard work" department, a special thanks goes out to "Illinois Jones" John Walter as Commodore of the Midwest District.

Our season began with the Fleet Championship Series and was highlighted by the Summer and Corinthian Series. The ten race Fleet Series went down to the wire with John Walter leading into the last race, but a one point lead was not enough to hold off Mike Huffman who was tied for second with Tom Hennessey. Mike won with John in second and "Wind On" Tom in third. Richard Hinze took the Summer Series with a second and third by Bill Wynn and Bruce Thompson. Bill's persistence won him the Corinthian Series with a second and third by Tom Hennessey and Dennis Burke.

Speaking of third places, Dennis and Joan just added a new agile lightweight crew to their boat, namely, Jessica. Congratulations!

The season was capped off very nicely with our Red Flannels Regatta. It was a great weekend (for ducks) with high winds from the northeast and large waves but we all used our heavy air techniques and did our best to compete against the stiff competition. Pat Considine won it with Dave Nickels, Rick Larson, Bruce Goldsmith and Mike Huffman placing. The regatta was great fun and as understated by Dave Nickels, "It was so much fun, I think I'll come back next year". It is good advice to all and thank you to Dave and all the fine folks that came. One last thanks goes to the crewmembers that made it all possible and kept their cool under fire.

Well that's the news from Lake Michigan Fleet Five where "the women are strong, men are good looking, and the kids are above average" Lightning sailors.

NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET (11) Metropolitan District

Fleet Captain Mary Huntsman
Fleet Secretary Jon Schwartz
Fleet Champion Men at Work
Runner-Up Sea Gulls

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13675	blipped out	Jon Schwartz
13782	Men at Work	Jack Huntsman
13792	Wasp	Sandy Huntsman
Life Member		Arnold Schwartz

The New Jersey State Championships (Fall Has Fell) was won by co-skippers Jack Huntsman and Jon Schwartz in *Men at Work* — Henry O'Hern was the crew and was seen preparing the boat between races. Thanx.

The party was held at the HYC, a great success which ended with Kahlua and trophies. Jack E. won the party, followed by a cast of thousands. Thank you to Jane, AdaMae, Holly, Karin, Liz, Patti, Les, and Dave.

The Social Members of Fleet 11 are very social indeed. Bobby was born in April (Karin and Bob Ruffus) Johnny was born in October. (Jack and Pam). Jon and Holly are to be married in June, Henry and Liz in January. If you plan to join our fleet, be prepared.

We will have hosted the Bi-District Seminar in January, skied with crews in Vermont, and be ready when the spring comes to sail, race and party in style.

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

Fleet Captain Edwin C. Roseberry, Jr.
Fleet Treasurer Thomas G. Allen IV
Fleet Secretary Jill Swanson
Fleet Champion Ed Roseberry, Jr.
Runner-Up Matt Bryant, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345		John Swanson
10006	Dirty Duck	William R. Potter
10356	Spirit	David Fretz
10565		Mark Bryant
10702		Robert G. Sampata, Jr.
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
10930		Jody Swanson, Rick Hayden & Mike Huffman
11000	Thermis XI	Karl Smither & Robert Dobmeier, Jr.
11117	Electric Dreams	Paul Niederlander
11126	Air Bear	David C. Duchscherer
11814	Innisfree	Larry Sr., Larry Jr. & Keith & Susan MacDonald
12445	Restless Again	Ron Allan Hughes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12770	Sea-O	C. O. Jones, Jr.
12802	West Wind III	Thomas M. Ward
13050	Shibum I	Doug Heussler
13265	Yellow Submarine	Joseph B. Folds III
13366	Firecracker	John & Jody Swanson
13510		Thomas G. Allen, Anne Allen, Tom Allen, Jr.
13750		Mark Bryant
13811		Thomas G. Allen
13911		Thomas G. Allen
13939		Jim Allen
13945		Ed Roseberry
14001		John W. & Jody Swanson
14011		Thomas G. Allen
14042		Larry MacDonald, Jr.

The Lightning fleet had an exciting racing season with good participation in most races, opening with the Eby Series in mid-May. This was a special summer since the BCC hosted both the Canadian Open Championship and the Lake Erie District Championship Regattas. Two experienced skippers rejoined our ranks; Rick Hayden and Matt Bryant, Jr. as well as a new member, Robert Spampata.

Our Junior sailors also showed keen interest in the Lightning. Tom Allen, Jr., the Junior Racing Program Instructor, rounded up eight Lightnings for our Juniors to use in the Lightning Junior Districts. Dave Starck, with crew Mike McGarry and Paul Donovan was first; Jim Allen, with crew Eric Duchscherer and Christy Wardwell was second; and Ned Roseberry, with crew Scott Kinerk and Matt Sanders was third.

We are especially proud of our Juniors who went on to capture the top three places at the Junior Lightning North American Championships at Tawas Bay, Michigan. John Swanson is the 1985 Champion, with crew Joe Donovan and Scott Kinerk. David Starck, with crew Mike McGarry and Paul Donovan was runner-up, and Jim Allen was third, with crew Eric Duchscherer and Mark Richard.

Fleet 12 still has a group of the best sailors in the world. Five of our skippers represented the BCC at the Lightning World Championships in June at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, finishing as follows: Mark Bryant (7th); Larry MacDonald, Jr. (10th); Tom Allen (13th); Tom Allen, Jr. (21st), and Jody Swanson (27th). These sailors also represented us at the North American Championships, all placing well in the Championship Blue Fleet. David Fretz finished fifth in the President's Cup.

Jody Swanson, our reigning Junior World Champion, added another championship to her laurels in July; the Lightning District Championship. She is the first woman to capture this title. We are all very proud of Jody's accomplishments.

Congratulations also to Larry MacDonald, Jr. for winning the Southern Circuit Championship, and his crew, Rick Hayden and Mike Montani.

There were many fleet races held in beautiful Abino Bay with the Tom Fallon Lightning Club Championship won by Ed Roseberry, Jr., followed by Matt Bryant, Jr. and Tom Allen, Jr. Tom Allen, Jr. captured the Eby and Hussey Series. Ned Roseberry won the Maccubbin and Meyers Memorial Series and Curt Montgomery captured the Fleet 12 Series.

The Junior and Senior Lightning sailors are looking forward to a high level of activity next season. We will have more Fleet 12 parties as well as some special low key fun racing events.

For those of you interested in a new boat, please note the versatility of the Lightning. It can be day sailed or raced by mom and dad and double up as a great training yacht for the teenagers in the family.

We thank David Fretz for his fine leadership as Fleet 12 Captain in 1983 and 1984, and Ron Hughes as Secretary/Treasurer.

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

Fleet Secretary George Huettl

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

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

Fleet Captain Heinz Kornmann
Fleet Secretary Joe Feyder
Fleet Champion Mark Schneider
Runner-Up Franz Schneider

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5250	Jetske	Eric Holdtgreffe
8379	Ta'Aroa	Franz Schneider
10115	Gail Winds	Gail Chestnut
10215	The Shadow	Joe Feyder
10301	Mimsy II	Joe Mark
11907	Mach I	George Madel
12140	Daisy	Mark Schneider
12167	Aeolus	Robert M. Baron
13520	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
13638	Windy	Karl H. Kornmann

In Finland there's a fleet champion called Aulis Naykki; in Ecuador, Miguel Plaza Merino; in Switzerland, H. Kaspar Tscudi; in Italy, Pasquale Vittaggio — In Fleet 16 we have our Mark Schneider!

Mark not only won first honors for 1985 but he traveled around the Metropolitan Circuit, getting a third in the Met Districts. Including participation in national regattas, Mark Schneider has been a worthy representative of our fleet.

Mark learned it all from his father, Franz Schneider, who is our runner-up. Third place for the season went to our Fleet Captain, Heinz Kornmann; fourth place to our musical virtuoso, Stan Moldawsky; and fifth place to the bard, Joe Mark.

As for our three series of races, they were divided up father and son, with Mark winning two of the three series.

The Old Salts' Regatta was taken by John Galandak. The Crew Regatta was won by Sheila Schneider (It's all in the family). Our Fall Regatta was captured by Bob Graham of Lake Mohawk, Djoerd Hoekstra of Riverton, second, Mark Schneider third, Franz Schneider 4th, Heinz Kornmann fifth. The last three named are all from Lake Wallenpaupack.

For 1986 Joe Feyder was elected Fleet Captain and Mark Schneider, Secretary.

All in all 1985 wasn't the best sailing season. July was pretty good, but August was terrible — no wind. More than once the fleet ate their lunches at noon without ever taking off. George Madel suggested we rename the fleet — The Picnic Lunch Club. But our Fall Regatta was a peach — one of those rare great sailing days that everyone enjoys win or lose — and helped make up for the August doldrums.

We are introducing a new regatta next spring, The Cold Duck Classic! on May 24th, in addition to our Fall Regatta on September 13th.

Fleet 16 signs off with the eternal cry of the racing sailor:
"WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!"



The Regatta Fleet gets off to a good start on Lake Wallenpaupack.

BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB (17)
Connecticut/Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Kenneth N. Anderson
Fleet Secretary Joanne D. Locke
Fleet Champion Vaughan Lee
Runner-Up Ralph B. Sperry

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9122	Thor II	K. M. Anderson
11674	Sail On	Vaughan Lee
11874	Fiddler's Green	James Nelson
12739	Arago	Ralph Sperry
13669	Regatta Blue	Joanne Locke

The summer of '85 was filled with bright sunshine and variable winds. Fleet 17 found renewed interest in the greatest boat around...the Lightning! The first half was won by Peter Ford and his crew, Amanda Ford and Ken Anderson. Second place went to Vaughan Lee with Vera Lee and Bob Gould as crew, Ralph Sperry, who was able to enlist the first wave of renewed interest, took third place.

The second half was won by Joanne Locke with Jeff Rawson at the helm and Brent Donahue as the other crew. Vaughan Lee took second and Jim Nelson took third.

The fleet had many exciting races with boats changing positions and many a close finish. Our Fleet Champion for '85 was Vaughan Lee and the runner-up was Ralph Sperry. Black Rock Club honored our Jim Nelson for his sportsmanship and enthusiasm for racing. We were very proud of Jim.

Fleet 17 looks forward to new faces in '86 and hopes that the new interest from many of the club members in Lightning racing continues. Happy Sailing to all ILCA members!

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain Paul H. Andrews
Fleet Secretary J. J. McDonnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9332	Blue Mac's	J. J. McDonnell

Jim Neville of Chautauqua Y.C. won the 21st Annual Cornball Regatta by consistently placing second in all four races. This marked the fourth time that Jim has captured the Cornball trophy. Todd Jones and Bill Neal from Silver Lake Y.C., took second and third places respectively.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)
Ohio District
Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain Bill Bassitt
Fleet Secretary Dick Collier
Fleet Champion John Timmermeister

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7424	Captain America	James R. Goslee, III
11138	Cock Pit	Jay & Helen Limbaugh
11319	Silver	Dr. Jon Rockhold
12287	Jean	Ted Siferd
12412	Windy Hill	Frank Hill
12551	Wind Thief	Robert Clover
12960	St. Elmo's Fire	Susan G. Ewing & Peter Hagar
13189	Finally Blue	Dick Collier
13741	.....	John Timmermeister
Life Member	.....	Alex Kaye

No Report.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25) Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Perry Anderson
Fleet Secretary Margaret Anderson
Fleet Champion Bob Graham
Runner-Up Tom Bierman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9984	Cumulo Nimbus	Robert Watters
11448	Tomato Sloop	Lawrence W. Kenny
12975	Sea Ya	Wayne B. Catoe
13211	Windfall	Richard Miner
13373	The Great Escape	David MacDonald
13381	Great Expectations	Perry Anderson
13740	.....	Bob Graham
13820	.....	T. R. Bierman

The winds on Lake Mohawk in the Summer of '85 were the worst in years. They are always bad — up and down — coming from more than one direction at the same time — nothing here — something there, etc. Lake Mohawk is tough to sail on no matter what since it is nestled in a valley with high hills all around, but this year it didn't matter, there wasn't much wind AT ALL. Out of 46 races scheduled on Sundays from the 5th of May til the 20th of October we only sailed 24.

The Spring Series started out best with fairly good winds coming from the only favored direction — we sailed 8 of the 14 races scheduled. Bob Graham finished first, Tom Bierman second, and Dave MacDonald, third.

Rich Miner, wife Gail, with various crews, took part in a three regatta series on the Hudson River in the early spring. They once again walked away with first place for the Mid-Hudson Circuit.

In our Summer Series only six races were sailed out of 16. Graham was once again the winner with Dave MacDonald second, and Rich Miner, third.

Our Fall Series ended with having sailed 8 of 16 races. Participation by fleet members was at an all time low ebb. Hopefully, it was the lack of good sailing weather. Dave MacDonald came in first, with Tom Bierman a close second, and Perry Anderson, third.

Dave should certainly get our "most improved" award as he was consistent all season with excellent boat speed and smart sailing (he learned to cover). Larry Kenny also sailed consistently better and was improving all season. Graham, Miner and Kenny traveled to the Whiskerpole Regatta at Greenwood Lake the weekend after Labor Day. Only one race was sailed because of the lack of wind — but Bob and Rich were the winners with first and second. The following weekend Bob, Rich, and Tom Bierman participated in Lake Wallenpaupack's Invitational Regatta and sailed in the best winds of the summer. Bob won again with a consistent 1, 2, 2. Tom and crew went swimming, Rich?

All in all, we're looking for better winds and more participation from members of Fleet 25 in 1986.

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

Fleet Captain Bertie Gerling
Fleet Secretary Joe Hetzel
Fleet Champion Carl Clipp
Runner-Up Tom Varley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9158	My Time	Joseph A. Hetzel
11332	Miss Judy	Warren Baltimore
11499	.....	Bucky Powless
11982	Gone with the Wind	George Hodge
12388	The Molly B	Thomas R. Kennedy
12541	.....	Richard P. Brown
12797	Ketch-Up	Sam Fairchild
12895	Thumper	Paul Howald
12896	.....	Carl Clipp
13979	Afterburner	Thomas H. Varley, Jr.

Fleet 27 started off the season, as last year, with a district seminar held in conjunction with the Interlake Sailing Class Association. Thanks to the help of George and Matt Fisher, many secondary instructors (and a super chicken dinner courtesy of Tom and Kay Varley!), it was a successful seminar for the second year in a row.

Tom Varley is a familiar name in this year's report — Tom won the Windshift Regatta, Atwood Lake, B Fleet in the Ohio District Championship, and the overall Ohio Governor's Cup Series. Congratulations to Tom, Kaye, and Kurt for another fantastic year!

Fleet 27 also hosted the Windshift Regatta, in conjunction with the Comet fleet. As last year, we found that increasing the participants by including another class made the regatta more fun for everyone, and both home fleet members and visitors seemed to like the idea! Now all we need to do is work on our shifty winds...!

As the peak of our season, our fleet hosted (together with Cowan Lake Fleet 303) the Ohio District Championships at Vermillion Boat Club on Lake Erie. Because neither Leatherlips nor Cowan really have the sailing area to host the Districts, we took it up to Lake Erie, and hosted it as a "thank-you" to all the other fleets in our District that shoulder the burden year after year. Thanks to help from all our fleet members, the entire Cowan Lake Fleet (especially Mary Rider!) and wonderful assistance from the Vermillion people, the Districts were a great success. Special thanks must be given to the entire Poweless family who made up 99% of the Race Committee — without their flawless work the Districts wouldn't have been possible. And congratulations to Bertie Gerling, who won the District Sportsmanship Award.

Although we are a small fleet, we managed to put on three major events this season. And what made that possible is the incredible willingness of our fleet members to share in all the work. Rarely if every does this kind of selfless participation occur, and we are very lucky indeed!

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

Fleet Captain Jeff Clemes
Fleet Secretary Jack Tibbs
Fleet Champion Merrill Bales
Runner-Up Jim Sayre

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8381	The Blue Boat	Steven Benz
8642	.....	Jeffrey W. Clemes
9650	Red Carpet	Phillip J. Reynolds
10165	.....	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
10803	Jeritol Jet	Elizabeth Tibbs
11449	.....	George Sipel, Jr.
11951	Goebli	Peter Paullin
12051	.....	David Laidlaw
12345	.....	Jack Tibbs
12413	.....	Hal Hackett
12755	Windjamit	Dave Gardiner
12777	.....	Dan R. Bruggeman
12939	Good Fortune	Richard Elwell
13270	Winsome	John W. Henson
13310	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
13412	.....	Parker C. Freeman
13767	.....	Doug Kapnick
13891	Sorry Charlie	Charles Smith, M.D.
13959	.....	James D. Sayre
14018	.....	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
14022	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal
Life Member	.....	Barnie Crittenden
.....	.....	Walt Swindeman

The season starts early at Devils Lake and the first event is the Winter Party, held at the Bales. Sixty skippers, crew, new members and friends gathered to eat, drink, and remember the past Summer and to get enthused for the coming year.

Several new boats and five new members added up to hot competition on the race course. Chris Tibbs and Lynn Elwell did another super job on the race committee and some days they had their work cut out for them trying

to find the wind.

Bruce Goldsmith, with crew of Sherry Goldsmith and Van Ooyen won the District Championship and George Sipel, Jr. with crew of Greg Walz and Dan Norton won the Junior Districts for the fourth consecutive year.

Beth Tibbs with the help of Dan Norton instructed the junior sailors in the basics of sailing and racing. T. K. Hephner won the George Sipel award, which is voted on by all the junior sailors. They had a large group of very young sailors which will help the fleet in years ahead.

Merrill Bales had his work cut out for him this year as Jim Sayre, in his new boat, lead the pack up until the final two weeks when Merrill was able to pull out the championship for the 7th consecutive year.

Sayre along with being runner-up, also won Stay-at-Home and Most-Improved skipper. Other winners were: Memorial Day and 4th of July, Hank Hodgson; Nite Race, Jim Fernamburg; Board of Governors, Russ Richart; Sportsmanship and Novice award, Jeff Clemes; Best crew, Mark Richart.

In a sail off with George Sipel, Jr. in Sunfish and Lightnings, Dan Norton captured the Steve Wynn Junior Sailing Award.

The season ended with 33 Lightnings on the starting line for the 42nd Annual Regatta.

Light air for the races added to the excitement of racing as the wind kept everyone on their toes trying to find the wind and when it was over the top 10 finishers were: Jim Dressel, Colon Park, J. R. Holman, David Nickels, Bob Mathers, Hank Hodgson, Bruce Goldsmith, Mike Huffman, Merrill Bales, and Mike Dow.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

Ohio District

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain Clem Shriver
Fleet Secretary Charles Suter
Fleet Champion Clem Shriver
Runner-Up John Mesereau

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10425	.....	Charles Suter
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	Mouse I	John Mesereau

No report.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

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

Fleet Captain Richard D. Thomas
Fleet Secretary James G. Carson
Fleet Champion Keith Taboada
Runner-Up Dave Ruiter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9852	.....	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10766	.....	Janet Hamm Cummons
10816	Corky	William J. Hespe
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas
11739	.....	Jody & Jay Lutz
11972	Screamin Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
11984	.....	William Newman
12405	.....	Alan E. Ruiter
13084	.....	Paul Gelenitis
13359	Perfection	David K. Holland
13703	Miss Piggy	David S. Ruiter
13710	Fuzzy Blues	James G. Carson
13800	Yankee Girl	Mark Forhez

13821	.....	Keith Taboada
14014	Typhoon	Djoerd Hoekstra
14029	.....	Leonard Dooren
.....	.....	John L. Hansen
.....	.....	Werner Schon

Lightning sailing, New Jersey style, is always at its best at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club. 1985 was a fine year, with significant accomplishments, competition and a lot of fun along the way.

The Lightning Worlds came to Little Egg Harbor in mid-June, which is a few miles south from the Metedeconk. A Metedeconk flavor penetrated the championships as Betsy Gelenitis cajoled, pushed and helped Bill Shore become World Champion. Defending champ Jay Lutz, a native of our lovely river, took third, after not being in a Lightning for awhile — all in all, a fine performance. Jim Carson also participated.

Metedeconk hosted the Central Atlantic Districts on Barnegat Bay and will always be remembered for the only double triangle olympic course in sailing history. After winning the first race, Jody Lutz led the fleet into a state of confusion in the second race. In the lead, he proceeded to the leeward mark after the first triangle; half the fleet followed, half didn't, half were wishy-washy and changed their minds, jibing back and forth. It put a damper on the championship, but excellent sailing ensued. Jack Elfman was declared champion followed by Dave Coward, Alan Ruiter, Mark Forhez.

Real great river sailing this year, with fleets up in number. Mark Forhez won the Spring Series, Keith Taboada the Summer Championship and Dave Ruiter edging out Paul and Betsy Gelenitis in the Fall. Alan Ruiter made his return to our fleet and won the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Championships.

Jody Lutz made his stamp on the Lightning national horizon by sailing an excellent series to place third in the North American Championships held in Tawas Bay, Michigan. Jim Carson continued a fine sailing career as he qualified for the blue fleet for the umpteenth time. Mark Forhez also made the trip, finishing in the President's Cup.

'85 was great. Stop by and help us enjoy more in '86.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET CLUB (35)

Texas District

Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain John Wascom IV
Fleet Secretary Ardis Good
Fleet Champion Ralph Bilnoski
Runner-Up Ignatius Urbanek

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3519	.....	Willis McQueen
6116	Boom-Boom	Gay Griffith Means
9281	White Lightnin	A. A. (Ted) Treadway
10069	Suanji II	James B. Shirreff
10264	Thor II	Linc Eldredge
10959	Hard Tack	John B. Waskom, III, John B. Waskom IV
10987	Blasto	Robert S. Munford
11118	Road Runner	Ralph Bilnoski
11817	.....	Joel Good
13100	Dream Queen II	Willis McQueen
13248	.....	Rodney L. Wallace
13644	.....	Ignatius Urbanek

Fleet 35 enjoyed another successful year with continuation of our split season — a Summer Championship Series and a Fall Series. Despite an extended bout of spring rains, our Summer Championship Series got into high gear by the end of May with a high level of participation. Rodney Wallace and new fleet member Ignatius Urbanek provided a serious challenge to perennial Fleet Champion Ralph Bilnoski who once again prevailed to retain his Fleet Championship. Spurred by close competition during this summer shootout, we anticipate an interesting Fall Series with increased participation and improved sailing by all.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)
Ohio District
Based on Pymatuning Lake
Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Rob Ruhlman
 Fleet Secretary Marilyn Maras
 Fleet Champion Dave Lewis
 Runner-Up Rob Ruhlman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6133	Caledonia	Ed & G. Scotland Werley
7126	Fool's Paradise	Edward E. & John H. Werley
8635	Big Bird	W. Terry Patrick
9080	Holz Blitz	George Cummings
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	Edward E. Werley
10024	Desert Skies	Rob Ruhlman
10163	Witch Wa thego	Homer Benson
10273	Old Yeller	Don Courtsal
10525	Blue Streak	Dr. Phil Wedemeyer
10527	Changes In Attitudes	Victor Maras
11240	.....	Gordon R. Miller
11278	LaBiche III	Lud Lekson
11651	High Voltage I	Jerry King
11661	.....	John & Peter Swartz
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe
12271	Ol' Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12438	Helter Skelter	Kevin G. Hughes
12587	Tiger	John & Peter Swartz
12593	.....	Richard F. Hall, Jr.
12848	Blitzen	Alan Donley
12916	Most Pizzaz	Herbert Jestel
12972	Enticer	Francis Thompson
12973	Tai Kun	Tom Sankey
13181	Grayling	John Glasson
13255	Gone with the Wind	Dr. James Martuccio
13318	Class Action	Dave Lewis, Jr.
13608	Spice	Matt Frymier
13701	Peach Fuzz	Dave Kuntz
13899	Mental Pause	Dr. John Borland
Life Member	.....	Jon Ruhlman
.....	.....	Randy Ruhlman
.....	.....	Curt Maltbie

The Spring Classic '85, first regatta of the Ohio Governor's Cup Series, was held May 18-19. Pymatuning welcomed Ohio's Matt Fisher, who placed first, and Dick Hallagan, Newport Yacht Club, New York, gave the fleet good competition by placing second.

The '85 racing season, re-rigged with a new scoring system, breezed in with the Spring Series won by John Swartz, Jack Borland captured second, and Dave Lewis finished third. The Saturday Series — conveniently sailed on Saturdays — found the first place trophy going through withdrawal from shooting the corners), third to Herb Jestel (who got extra practice this year by maintaining a Lightning at Atwood Yacht Club). The Sunday Series' results found Dave Lewis in the number one spot, followed by John Werley and Dave Werley.

Somewhere in the middle of the season, after many firsts, Dave Lewis sold his *Blue Fox* and bought Lightning 13318. Dave must have known that the air was going to lighten up. It was a gutsy move that paid off.

The Stay-at-Home Series found Frank Thompson back in a Lightning and winning first place. Tim Borland, in Dave Lewis' streaking Lightning, finished second. While this series was being raced, Rob Ruhlman, Pete Swartz, and Jack Borland trailed their boats to Tawas Bay for the North Americans.

The Independence Day Regatta was proudly won by our own Rob Ruhlman who got to keep the Watson-Krutch Trophy one more year.

As the leaves from the trees started to fall and the lake level started to go down, a final tally was taken to determine the Fleet 36 Championship. Dave Lewis' constant good racing gave him the first place trophy. Rob Ruhlman scrambled to second, Jack Borland patiently captured third, John Swartz finished fourth, and Herb Jestel wrapped up fifth.

The '85 season found Fleet 36 plagued by skippers who were under the weather. We're pleased to announce that by haul-out time in the fall, all were back at the helm of a Lightning.

The annual fleet meeting and trophy awards was a delightful brunch

served on the shores of Lake Erie at the home of Rob and Abby Ruhlman, a great finish for '85 and an exciting beginning for '86.

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)
Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain Michael Pike
 Fleet Secretary Dave Petelinz
 Fleet Champion Michael Pike
 Runner-Up Frank Newman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8783	Fox's Reward	Frank Newman
10085	The Vinny	Dr. J. C. Cavagnol
10796	Irish Mist	Michael B. Pike
11431	New Wave	Dave Petelinz
11578	.....	Ed Garber
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York
12912	.....	Bill Muth

Fleet 39 had a very active 1985 season, successfully completing four separate series, as well as hosting the Metropolitan District Championships and the annual Chelsea Open Regatta. Frank Newman and Michael Pike traveled extensively, representing the Chelsea Fleet at all the district clubs. We welcome Gil Curl to our fleet to continue our growth from the previous two years.

The District Championships drew 15 boats from most of the member fleets. We were able to complete four races during the two day regatta which was interrupted only by a typical Chelsea party on Saturday night. Jon Schwartz of Monmoth Boat Club took top honors, followed by Sandy Huntsman, also of Monmoth, Mark Schneider of Lake Wallenpaupack, and Bob Sengstacken of Greenwood Lake.

July brought the Chelsea Open Regatta, third and final leg of the Mid Hudson Circuit. We managed to get off two races with Rich Miner of Lake Mohawk finishing first followed by Michael Pike and Bill Muth, both of Chelsea.



Fleet 39, Winning Team.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41) **Metropolitan District** **Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.**

Fleet Captain Paul Krick
 Fleet Secretary Sandy Yagyu

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10412	Fritz	Fritz H. Gaensslen
10784	"Heads Up"	Eric Schreck
11227	Heuristic	Paul J. Krick
13044	E'Clat	Nick Mazzeo
.....	Mark Lewis
.....	Chuck R. Tripp

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BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43) **Ohio District** **Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio**

Fleet Captain Jim Dressel
 Fleet Secretary Terry Ottenweller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10638	The Black Flash	Mike Hein II
10860	Still Crazy After	.....
.....	All These Years	George & Greg Fisher
10956	Schuss	George & Matt Fisher
11502	Shazam	Dan Dressel
12265	.....	Willie Petersilge
13240	Hoot & Holler	Terry Ottenweller
13250	Laugh-A-Minute	Dr. Karl & Bill Kumler
14045	.....	Matt Fisher
.....	.....	Jim Dressel

The 1985 sailing season on Buckeye Lake saw excellent weather conditions in June with the usual lack of wind in July and August. The fleet sailed a Memorial Day and Fourth of July series, as well as a Spring, Summer, and Fall Series. No one skipper dominated the racing which made for very interesting results.

Fleet 43 qualified four skippers for the World Championship Regatta held at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in New Jersey. Matt Fisher finished fourth over-all with Jim Dressel 13th and Dan Dressel 22nd. George Fisher had to leave before the start of the regatta and did not participate.

The Ohio Districts were held on Lake Erie at Vermillion with Buckeye Lake Skippers capturing the first five places. Matt Fisher won, Jim Dressel was second with Will Petersilge third, Dan Dressel, fourth and George Fisher, fifth. Bill Kumler won the trophy for the best finish for the first time skipper sailing in the Ohio Districts.

No Fleet 43 skipper sailed the North American Championship at Tawas, Michigan.

Jim Dressel traveled to Devil's Lake in September and finished first. George Fisher won the Interlake National's and went on to finish fifth in the Champion of Champions regatta in North Carolina late in October.

In October, Buckeye Lake hosted the annual Snowball Regatta with Greg Fisher, sailing Matt's Lightning, winning by a large margin.

The year 1985 also saw the loss of two Lightning skippers, Marty Headlee moving to Atlanta, Georgia and Ed Ballenger relocating to Ft. Myers, Florida. Good luck guys with your new business ventures!

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

Fleet Captain Peter S. Humphrey
 Fleet Secretary Ann Humphrey
 Fleet Champion Peter G. Humphrey
 Runner-Up Mark Grinder

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
755	Whoops	W. Dana Jones
6983	Sea Adler	Bill Neal
7398	.....	John Hackemer
7535	Chase	David F. Nasca

7949	Reylog Flyer	C. Scott DeGolyer
9119	Surf Naked	Peter G. Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster III	Michael T. Humphrey
9739	Hustler	Mark Grinder
9845	Hotel California	Peter K. Bone
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss
12984	CKG III	Carl Lyons
13948	.....	Mark Dadd
13972	Desperado	W. Todd Jones

The 1985 sailing season got off to a slow start with a number of boats traveling during the early schedule and others not quite ready for the start of the season. By mid-season however, the usual competitive sailing returned, and the year ended on a very strong note with our Harvest Regatta drawing the largest turnout in our district. The end of the season also saw the beginning of our long-awaited waterfront rejuvenation, and the members demonstrated great resolve with an impressive group effort. Our awards dinner was held in November with this year's sailing results as follows:

The Tune-up Race in May was re-scheduled to July. Peter S. Humphrey won the re-scheduled race, taking home the Bucket Trophy. Memorial Day weekend saw Todd Jones win the VanArsdale Memorial Trophy with three firsts, followed by Peter G. Humphrey second, and Bill Neal third. The Bill Humphrey Memorial sailed over two weekends in June was won by Mark Grinder with Peter G. Humphrey second, and Peter S. Humphrey third. Todd Jones won the Fourth of July Series to take home the Neal Memorial Trophy, with Mark Dadd a close second, and Peter G. Humphrey third.

We were fortunate to get eight club championship races in over the course of the summer. Peter G. Humphrey won convincingly with a total of only eight points after two throwouts. Mark Grinder was runner-up. The Stay at Home Series, scheduled opposite away regattas, was won by Mark Grinder followed by Bill Neal. The Benedict Memorial Trophy sailed over Labor Day weekend was won by Todd Jones in a very competitive series. Peter G. Humphrey was second, and Bill Neal third.

Wm. "Doc" Humphrey proved he still has the "touch" winning the Old Salts. Jay Hackemer showed great improvement winning the Most Improved Skipper Trophy. Jeff Martin won the Jacob Hafstead Trophy as the most valuable crew (sailing for Mark Dadd). Todd Jones won the Mid Neal Brown Trophy for best away performance with second place finishes at the Cornball and NFIR. Todd also had very competitive showings at the LED and Canadian Open.

Our annual Harvest Regatta proved to be a highlight of the season with forty-one boats participating. Many thanks to all our friends who came and helped make it such a great event (PARTY!). Congratulations to Regatta Chairman Peter S. Humphrey for an excellent job. Dick Hallagan was the winner, followed by Mark Sertl second, and Larry MacDonald third. Peter G. Humphrey won the Charles VanArsdale Jr. Memorial Trophy for best SLYC finish.

Special thanks to our Race Committee consisting of Doc Humphrey, Fred Schade, and Platt Fowlston who did an excellent job throughout the year.

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

Fleet Captain Joe Warren
 Fleet Secretary Lisa Foulke
 Fleet Champion Reed Barrett
 Runner-Up John Ogle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3145	.....	Harris J. Hulbert
6015	.....	E. Jeffrey Stann
7294	Windhawk	Timothy W. Rinaman
8697	Stormy Petrel	Alva B. Davis, Jr.
9007	Hon 2	William Fletcher
9383	.....	Joseph Warren
9406	Wildfire	Gary R. Rhinesmith
9685	.....	Frank Gentile
10042	.....	F. C. Dugan III
10745	Breezy II	Harris J. Hulbert
10800	White Foot	David W. Hunt
10814	Fast 'n Loose	Dieter Grotheer

10817	Big Green	James H. Dillard
10829	Error Squared	Jim Capron
11405	Flambuoyant	Joseph P. Warren
11908	Envy	Eric Swanson
12081	Hasta Luego	Ted Hunting & Philip Grotheer
12126	Grin' N	Reed Barrett
12365	The Organ Grinder	John Ogle
13897	No Excuse	James H. Dillard
14005	Summer Madness	Wayne M. Watson
14034	.....	Frank Gentile

1985 was another great year for Fleet 50. The regatta season opened April 26th with the inauguration of Fleet 50's Ludwig-Potomac Cup. The regatta site for this event is the Leesylvania State Park located on the Potomac River between Washington, D.C. and Quantico. The results confirmed that, at least sometimes, "Father Knows Best" as Dieter Grotheer beat out his son Phillip for the gold. The Potomac Cup will be an annual event so we hope to see you next spring! The next Fleet 50 event was the Lightning/Thistle Challenge which the Lightnings won handily, taking the top three places. Frank Gallagher took top honors edging out Lisa Foulke with her all female crew. Third place went to Jim Dillard. The last regatta on the river was the President's Cup on September 14th. Frank Gallagher (a.k.a. Captain Mean) in a borrowed boat again walked away with first place followed by Reed Barrett in second and Frank Gentile in third.

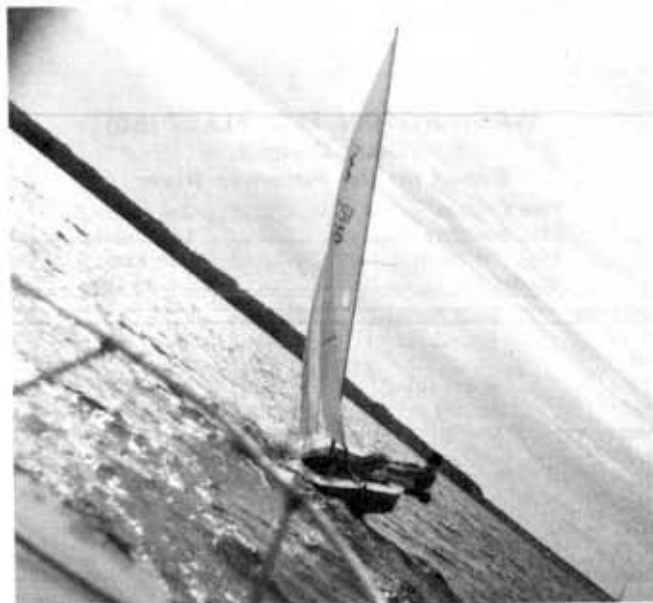
The series sailing produced a slightly different set of winners. The Spring Series winners were Jim Dillard in first, Reed Barrett in second, and John Ogle in third. John Ogle picked up momentum throughout the year to win the Fall Series. Second place went to newcomer Eric Swanson with third going to Frank Gentile in his new wave "Miami Vice" Nickels.

The overall Fleet Championship went to a sailor who has improved over the last few years, spending more and more time in the winners circle — Reed Barrett. John Ogle who also won points by doing consistently well was close in second with Frank Gentile taking third.

Fleet growth was steady this year with the addition of Wayne Watson (a transfer from St. Louis's Fleet 486), Eric Swanson (second, Fall Series), John Butler, Jeff Stann, Dave Strang, and Mike Pallacco. The competitiveness on the river is also growing as evidenced by two brand new boats in the fleet and several "upgrades."

Fleet 50 was also well represented in area regattas. One standout was Philip Grotheer who placed in just about every major regatta including fifth at the Districts, third at the Borderline, and second at the Spring SSA regatta just to name a few. Also, the Fleet 50 women's team of Lisa Foulke, Christy Dillard, and Marianne Gallagher took first place at the District Women's Championship. And then there is the amazing Frank Gallagher, who always places in whatever boat he can beg, borrow, or steal.

Rumor has it that several more competitive boat owners are on their way to Fleet 50's roster in 1986 so it looks like good things are going to get even better!



John Ogle Sailing on the "Peaceful" Potomac.



Windward Mark action at the 1985 Michigan Districts.

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

Fleet Captain	.....	Joe Gulawsky
Fleet Secretary	.....	Gary Barker
Fleet Champion	.....	Tom Vickers
Runner-Up	.....	Mike Williams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5518	.....	Joseph Gulawsky
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
11742	Moonshine	Alex Suczek
12890	.....	Gary Barker
13110	.....	Joseph Gulawsky
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Dick Drew
13298	Captain Crunch	Mike Williams
13485	Close To The Edge	Arlyn W. Kinkel
13488	Tall Cotton	Ron Summers
14037	Warlock	Paul Andrepont II
14038	Rage	Tom Vickers

Fleet 51 had an active racing season of 32 Sunday races and 11 Wednesday races this year and also had the pleasure of hosting the Michigan Districts in preparation for the North Americans in Tawas. See *Lightning Flashes* vol. 44 no. 8 for info on our Districts (well written too).

Wednesday series found Vickers first, which shows that you can buy your way to a trophy, Williams second, and the Drews right behind. Sunday A found Schulte finally listening to the girls and winning (he was overheard saying "yaa just sail it like a big boat!"). Williams, Dave and Betty next, showing that taste in sunglasses is a matter of opinion, with the Dutchman Boys ceasing their soil boring tests in the bottom long enough to cinch third place. Sunday B was dominated by Vickers, amazing for a guy who ends up by accident at a deli in Toronto trying to find Buffalo, N.Y.! The attendance champions, the Konons were second. Overall standings were Vickers, Williams and Konon.

Two of the fleet qualified and attended the North Americans with past Fleet Champion Kinkel placing fourth in the Governor's Cup and Vickers 16th in the President's Cup. Sadly we understand that Arlyn is hanging up the hiking straps next year. We will miss him and the ever smiling Lilo.

We welcome to the fleet three new members: the Barkers with their incredible enthusiasm, Craig and Bob the spar specialists, and Andrepont the rigging expert. We would also like to put out an A.P.B. on Rempter, Miller, and Hughes, come home, all is forgiven!

Also, for the last time Joe, we are not going to print the race instructions in Ukrainian!

The social highlight of the year was once again the fall lobster and clam roast with head chef Dick Drew being the demise of 140 of the poor critters. If the affair gains any more popularity we will have to have Summers head up parking with his flags and line paint. The winter trophy party with our friends, the Snipe Fleet was a great success also.

Just think how good this article would have been if Alex had written it — maybe next year?

Anybody want to go in halves on an ice boat??

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

Fleet Captain William Seaman
Fleet Secretary Carl Pohly
Fleet Champion Dave Nickels
Runner-Up George Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11236	.....	Walt Plamondon
11546	.....	Patric Parker
12191	.....	John Kerr
12763	In-Between	Al Bauer
13631	Mast Transit	Morris Gushen
13751	.....	Herman O. Nickels, Jr.
13905	Syzygy	Paul Militzer
13931	Go Tapaigh	Paul Cavanaugh
13958	.....	Walter Plamondon, Jr.
13983	.....	David Nickels
14020	.....	William H. Seaman
14024	.....	David A. Furey
14041	.....	Alfred Bauer
14061	.....	George Nickels
.....	.....	Brian Nickels

1985 was another typical year of competition for Fleet 53 with the Nickels family (Herman, David & George) fighting it out for the championship and the rest of the fleet getting their kicks from winning an occasional race. George led our Sunday Series most of the season but David edged him out for the championship in the final weekend of sailing. David led all the way in the Wednesday Series. Bill Seaman, our Fleet Captain, finished this year as most improved sailor for the second straight year and it was no contest.

The fleet once again hosted the Michigan District Team Championships. The weekend provided wild winds and plenty of competition. A Fenton team of Herman, George, David Nickels, & Paul Militzer won the championship.

With Tawas Bay Yacht Club hosting the North Americans, fleet members were actively involved in both preparation and participation. Herman Nickels gave more evidence that he will go on forever by finishing second in the Seniors.



Pontiac Yacht Club Fleet 54 was proud to receive the Steketee trophy (pictured above) for the greatest increase in Fleet membership in 1985.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)
Michigan District

Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain Phyllis Callahan
Fleet Secretary Dave Marriott
Fleet Champion C. L. Holman, III
Runner-Up Rick Frank

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
4595	.....	Archie (Bud) Patton
5667	"Trieste"	Keith Reed
7222	Elysium	Paul Boozman
7305	.....	Joseph M. Szydlowski
7959	Flip	F. Leslie Huntwork
8330	Hot Canary	Buzz Brown
9393	.....	Joel D. Humphrey, M.D.
10874	.....	Stephen R. Braski
10902	.....	Don Watson
11065	.....	Eugene Bego
11452	.....	Robert J. Miller
11520	Digit I	Dave Scott
11531	Fast Eddy	Richrd T. Eddy
11743	.....	Jim & Gary Owens
11844	.....	Ron Newman
12330	.....	Randy Travis
12354	.....	William C. Roualet, Jr.
12404	Yarely	Nahum Medalia
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G. Palmer
12756	Luffer	Melvin G. Bleitz
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12928	Limelighter	Fred Paski
12933	Spirit of '76	Ed Woods
12938	Outrageous	Robert Vitullo
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13155	Beer Hunter	Wallace Smith
13173	Whitewave	A. Rick Frank
13275	.....	Robert G. Fidler
13278	Seagull	Richard F. Beaudien
13280	.....	Joseph M. Szydlowski
13281	Coast Guard I	Alan R. Pfaff, Jr.
13283	.....	Richard Adamson
13378	.....	Norman R. Earles
13391	.....	John Greenstreet
13451	.....	Robert Maxwell
13468	Anargyros	Dr. O. L. Smith
13580	Splurge	Bruce J. Finsilver
13606	BJ's	Bruce Henderson
13717	Bunz-Out	Edward Dziuba
13730	Evergreen	Salo Korn
13789	Excelsior	James R. Bowers
13791	.....	Michael McGlinch
13808	.....	Jim McCey, DDS
13819	Aperitif	Les Kastura
13826	White Wave	A. Rick Frank
13836	Windspell	Volkmr Neudoerffer
13837	.....	Don Rau & Eric Samuelson
13855	Double Nickel	Louie Nickels
13909	.....	James C. Andrews
13910	Evergreen	Robert H. Mathers
13937	.....	Dennis McCarthy
13985	Cher Chez laFemme	Bonnie Nickels
13995	.....	J. F. Ensroth, M.D.
13998	.....	Clarence Holman, III
14006	.....	David Marriott
14025	.....	Lauren L. Bowler
14031	.....	Robert Shaw
14049	.....	Robert G. Fidler
.....	.....	Robert Knop
.....	.....	Dan Wolf

This was a great year for the Michigan District. With the nationals being held in Tawas, the Pontiac sailors were anxious to get started in the spring. Many of the sailors and their families went up to help for a day or two at the North Americans.

Pontiac had as many as twenty six boats out to race in the Summer

Wednesday Series. There was a lot of good racing and the winner of the series was Wally Smith. He also went on to win the Die-hard Series. Winners of other series were: Don Rau, Bug Out Regatta; Louie Nickels, Spring Sunday; Don Rau / Eric Samuelson, Spring Wednesday; Dave Marriott, Summer Sunday & Match Racing; Volkmar Neudoerffer, Snowball Series; Clarence Holman III, Club Championship; Craig Marriott, Commodore's Challenge (crew skippers boat); Bob Fidler, Most Improved Over-all.

We would also like to mention a few members of Pontiac for their outstanding performances during the season. Clarence Holman III raced in the Worlds held in New Jersey. Bonnie Nickels finished second in the Womens North Americans. Dave Marriott qualified for the championship flight in the North Americans. Esther Callahan handled all the catering. Clarence Holman III donated his big boat and lots of time for the planning of the Nationals.

Pontiac hosted the Junior Districts this year and a good time was had by all the kids and adults. We also have a junior sailing program that has a lot of interested young sailors in it. Competition will sure be stronger and better at Pontiac Yacht Club next year.

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

Fleet Captain Thomas Hering
Fleet Secretary Edward J. Crawford
Fleet Champion Henry Dailedouze
Runner-Up Thomas Hering

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2671	Cherub	Edward Reckdenwald
7232	.....	Gary Sliva
10315	Chinese Fire Drill	George Cerny
10392	Arcturus	Richard Braverman
10892	Bald Eagle	Henry Dailedouze
11143	Castlefinn	Edward J. Crawford
12008	Blitzkrieg	Donald Donohue
12068	Whistler	Arthur R. Mottola
12613	.....	Father John Tunny
13829	Paranon III	Peter T. Neyland II
13874	.....	Thomas Hering
13894	Bald Eagle	Henry Dailedouze

The 1985 sailing season for Fleet 58 in Hewlett Bay was again moderately successful showing steady growth within the fleet. We now boast of an 11 active boat fleet.

The season kicked off with the annual HPYC Invitational Lightning Regatta, which in 1985 showed a dramatic increase of 12 boats over the previous year. The popularity and reputation among Northeastern sailors for this early season tune-up regatta has grown to such a level, that we are now hearing of promises for next year from Lightnings as far away as Hampton Bays and Lake Bomoseen, Vermont. Even though the tricky channel sailing slightly favors the locals, everyone now knows they are at least guaranteed good food, cold beer and a competitive, yet friendly racing atmosphere. This year the regatta was won by local favorite Tommy Hering (who now holds the record for consecutive victories of this regatta), followed very closely by Alan Pearlman representing the visiting Narragansett fleet.

After the Invitational we were off and running into the summer series. Although we were not able to tally up as many races as originally scheduled, it was still a fun season with familiar results. Bud Dailedouze (who is a sure bet to make the Lightning Hall of Fame) came out of Lightning retirement two years ago only to win the fleet championship for the second year in a row. His veteran crew of wife, Dot, and long-time friend, Jim Brown, helped him sustain his reputation of being an opportunistic racer who is always a threat to win.

Runner-up to Bud was Tommy Hering, who also took consolation by winning the Governors' Cup at the 1985 North Americans. He and crew, Mike Donohue (also of Fleet 58) took great pleasure in bringing back to Long Island a trophy from the N.A.'s for the first time in over 20 years.

This year the balance of the fleet also showed strong signs of improvement and enthusiasm. The Donohue crew, Crafty Crawford, Never Say Never Neiland, and Richard the Brave all had their days of glory (or near glory), and proved that any one of them at any given time could win any

given race on any given day. Young (sometimes reckless) Ed Reckenwald even sipped from the victory cup in one of his first series races as skipper, and Gary Sliva made large gains this year in finding a faster formula for an old woody.

All in all it was another fun season with everyone expected back next year to do it again.

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

Fleet Captain Cal Schmiede
Fleet Secretary Bob Starck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John, Jill & John Swanson
10788	.....	James Dulski
10917	.....	Alan Voos
11788	Vampira II	Judy Walker
11884	.....	Kathy Taylor
13366	Firecracker	John Swanson
13605	Splash Gordon	Gordon Compson
13944	.....	Calvin H. Schmiede
.....	.....	Robert Starck

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain William R. Pooler
Fleet Secretary Norman Toussaint
Fleet Champion Ralph Persson
Runner-Up Fritz Toussaint

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7461	Cornflower	Ralph Persson
8761	A Proper Boat	Robert R. Pooler
10682	Woodstock	Arthur D. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11048	Jayhawker	Robert A. Exon
11135	Aquarius	Nicholas Reilly
12508	Streaker	Bill Merillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint
13016	Mean Machine	Harold "Bud" & Stephen Hunt
13898	.....	Robert French

The 1985 season was a good one for the Jayhawk Fleet. Competition in the Sunday Series was close, with the final standings not decided until the last few races of the season. There was plenty of good racing this year, even in August, which in the past has typically been a month of drifters.

The Jayhawk Fleet hosted the Central States District Championships in June. The first three races of the regatta were sailed in high winds, which led some of the skippers to persuade their crews between races that the chutes really would stay in the boat this time. The fourth race was abandoned because of lack of wind after the blowout on the first day. There was a three-way tie for first place after all of the races were sailed, with top honors going to Rob Exon because of his first and second place finishes in the heavy air races.

Veteran skipper Ralph Persson and crew Art and Pam Jones put together a consistent season to finish ahead of another veteran of the lake, Fritz Toussaint. Fritz's daughter Andrea and friend Matt Magnor crewed their first full season together this year, and are expecting to be much better next year. Ralph is planning to retire to the Florida coast this winter, and this championship is a fitting end to many years of fine sailing at Lake Shawnee. His skill and sportsmanship will be missed by the rest of us.

The Jayhawk Fleet is looking forward to another solid season in 1986. Bob French, this year's third place finisher with a brand new boat, is in a good position for taking higher honors next year. Several new Lightning owners were welcomed to the lake at the end of the season. There will be plenty of armchair sailing this winter as the old hands and the new sailors get their tactics and boats in shape for the spring thaw.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (69)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Randall Crocker
Fleet Secretary	Kevin J. Blair
Fleet Champion	Kevin J. Blair
Runner-Up	Dean Cady

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
11442	Rampage	Dean S. Cady
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
12342	Bluette	Allen N. Rieselbach
12650	Black Magic	Don Gallo
13026	Roe Boat	Byron K. Roe
13225	Goose	Walter F. Neumann
13259	Fountainhead	Mark Johnson
13695	Whimsy	Robert C. Mahnke
13727	Shadow	Walter C. Nickerson
13794	Bluette II	Allen Rieselbach
13877	Shenanigans	Kevin J. Blair
13935	White Heat	Randall D. Crocker

During the 1985 racing season we experienced excellent weather and racing. Our fleet actively participated in not only the local weekly club racing, but also the Midwest District Regatta Circuit.

The first regatta of the season was the Marine Handicap Regatta. There was a strong southwesterly wind with relatively flat seas. We were very pleased to have Jody Lutz from the Metedeconk River Fleet at Ocean County, N.J. participate in this regatta. Kevin Blair finished first with Jody Lutz right behind in second and Robert Mahnke in third.

The next regatta was the Little Mac. The race was a long 6.5 mile broad reach for the first leg, and a 6.5 mile beat to the finish. The conditions were 15-18 knots of air out of the northeast, which really gets Lake Michigan rolling. Dean Cady won the race after a controversial finish. John Esser finished second and Kevin Blair was third.

The 40th annual P & T Regatta was held on July 6-7. We had 22 boats from throughout the Midwest District, as well as Matt and Lal Burrige from Carlyle Sailing Association in the Mississippi Valley District. We raced five races in probably the finest sailing of the season. Matt Burrige won the regatta with the finishes of 1-6-1-1-1. Matt dominated the regatta in all types of conditions. Second place went to Ric Larson, third to Matt's father Lal Burrige, fourth to Kevin Blair, and fifth to Gene Matthews.

The Commodore's Regatta was sailed in late August. Dean Cady sailed outstanding to take first, Byron Roe second and Randall Crocker third.

The Labor Day Regatta was sailed in light air with very lumpy seas. There was a battle right down to the last race. Kevin Blair pulled it out in the end for first, Karen Cady second, and Byron Roe third.

The Wednesday Evening Series Championship went to Kevin Blair. Walter Nickerson finished second and Karen Cady finished third.

The Season Championship also went to Kevin Blair. Dean Cady was right behind for second, and Byron Roe finished third.

RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURY (70)

Metropolitan District

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

Fleet Captain	Jack Huntsman
Fleet Secretary	Patrick F. Corr
Fleet Champion	Pat Corr, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6735	Mischief	Richard Beck
9217	Chandu	Paul Forsman
9407	Repechage	Arthur S. Hunnewell
9932	No Problem	David Pezzutti
10249	Red Baron	Warren Kaiser
10371	Celeste	Arky Bianco
10538	.....	Denis Farley

10626	Seaweed	William V. Kolshorn, Jr.
11327	Footloose	Eric Olving
11740	River Blues	Walt & Larry Colantuono
11958	.....	John Brewster
12133	Kennebec II	Nick Smith
12499	Frigid Bitch	Bob Hutchinson
12714	Adios	Ralph F. Wilson
13104	Unicorn	Ted Kummer
13139	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin & Pat Corr
13459	.....	Louis Zinterhofer, M.D.
13675	.....	Jon Schwartz
13782	Men At Work	John C. Huntsman
13792	Wasp	Paul Huntsman, Jr.
13873	Freebooter	Rob Held
Life Member .....	.....	Arnold Schwartz

The season started with a joint MET/ CAD District meeting in January at Metedeconk at which Betsy Gelenitis gave a talk on ten things not to do wrong during a race. This was followed in February by a fleet meeting at Rob and Jeanie Held's to plan the Long John. A storm kept this meeting small, but we had fifty boats attend the Long John. With the wind gods being nice, added to all those boats, followed by another of those fabulous parties at Mary's mansion, it was the best Long John in recent memory. Dick Hallagan repeated as winner, Jack Huntsman was victimized by a failure to go to church and ended up second, while the boys from Canada led by Larry MacDonald, finished third.

After this came the rest of the Spring Series. This year Jack Huntsman took home the winner's trophy, finally beating his father who had won three of the last five years. Awards were given out following steaks and drinks at the HYC. Thanks again Mary and Sandy.

Now for the saga of those fearless fleet members who travel the countryside in search of another place to race and make new friends and see old buddies again.

At the Vermont Invitational, sailed at Mallots Bay, Lake Champlain, Sandy with faithful crew Tony and Larry were fifth, while down at Rehoboth, on the Delaware Bay, Rob with crew Kevin and Jeanie along with Jon Schwartz whose crew was Will Jeffers and an unknown off the beach were one and two respectively. Jon and Jack also made the trek to Little Egg for the Worlds, did not do too well, but said the parties were great. At the districts sailed at Chelsea on the Hudson N.Y., Jon with help from Will and another unknown won. Sandy, Tony and Larry were second. Tony, Larry



John Schwartz, member of Fleet 70 and Metropolitan District Champ.

and Matt Smith made the trip to Tawas Bay, Michigan for the Jr's, doing well enough to qualify for the Seniors and make it into the blue fleet. Meanwhile back at the home port Sandy and crew took the Memorial Day Series, Arnold Schwartz with wife Ethel making a surprise showing as crew, won Fourth of July, with Jack getting the gun in the Labor Day racing. The last away event was the Manahawkin Bay Cup sailed at Surf City, on Barnegat Bay, at which Sandy with Matt and Larry were fourth. Jon also went to this regatta, still only bringing one crew and ending up fifth. Fall has Fell is the final home regatta which this year was also the N.J. States, drawing 22 boats for a beautiful day of sailing which ended with another HYC party, this time with the Kahlua Girls providing the best coffee ever and Jack adding another first to his collection.

On the shore side doings of the fleet, Jack and Pam started their own home-grown crew pool with the arrival of Jack Jr., making Sandy and Mary grandparents again. Henry got engaged to Liz, with the wedding planned for January so as not to interfere with the sailing season. Kevin at press time is further than ever from the wedding bells, and Patrick did finally get engaged to his Mary, who is not the Mary mentioned so many times before. These happenings leave last year's writer one for three plus a total miss on Henry. He would do well to consult with his wife, who took all the blame last year anyway, before going so far out the yardarm on a whim again.

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73) Colombia District Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogata, Colombia

Fleet Captain Fernando De La Concha
Fleet Secretary Philippe Jacob

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7293	Xue	Ary Fernandez C.
11677	Gitana	Felipe Andrade
12510	Chan Chan	Hernando Higuera P.
13432	.....	Fernando De La Concha
13446	Sunshine	Philippe Jacob
13461	Candelaria	Vincente Hernandez R. & Fernando De La Concha
13607	Gin & Tonic	Garry Jackson

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain William Cook
Fleet Secretary Kathryn Dalmas
Fleet Champion Alfred Klingler
Runner-Up Paul Connell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3322	Norvind	Mons Grinager
7545	.....	David Lazarus
7616	Festival of Fools	Rod Johnson
8023	Screech	William G. Cook
8182	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
8885	.....	George Conk
9100	Madam Blue	Thomas De Stasio
9369	Class Act	Paul Connell
9382	Seababe	Kathryn Dalmas
9971	Ali-Oop II	Allan & Marc Began
10030	Charade	Geoffrey Parker
10207	Gopher Broker	Daniel J. Kapica
10220	.....	Neil F. Schreffler
10620	.....	Adam Brown
10769	Different Drummer	Walter & Jeanne Stepien
10907	Squeeze Two	Stephanie Mayo
11076	Smart Set	Terence E. Gibbs
11190	.....	Jeffrey Burtch
11771	.....	Irwin & Jed A. Kwartler

12337	Elusive	Alfred K. Klingler
12386	Transfusion	Richard Weitzman
12642	.....	Michael Seife
13625	Patience	Howard B. Rinehart
13832	Avanti	William G. Cook
13876	Trillium	Thomas J. Johannsen
.....	.....	William Day

This year we had 35 scheduled races in our three season series. We combine the results of all three, to proclaim the Fleet Champion. It wasn't hard; Al Klingler cleaned up by coming in first; spring, summer and fall. Paul Connell was second and Howie Rinehart third. Good sailing guys!

Nyack was joined by some new Lightnings this year — welcome to the fleet! New members Kathy Dalmas and Annette Aronson impressed everyone by capsizing on their first sail of the season, (and at Nyack) but went on to have a good season of racing. Just wait 'til next year. Annette holds the record for lost or destroyed spinnaker poles. Congratulations to Mons Grinager, former Fleet Captain. Mons was unanimously elected to life membership at Nyack.

Once again our annual Magnus Pederson Regatta had good wind. In fact, some might say — too much of a good thing. Paul Gelenitis came up from Metedeconk to take home first, and Gary Hurban called the sailmakers for a new chute after his shredded spectacularly.

In July we had our second annual Lightning-Thistle Challenge. Tom Johannsen showed the Thistles how to move in no air and took home the first place beer pitcher. The rest of us kept the Thistles distracted by throwing water balloons to keep cool.

In October, Nyack hosted the Metropolitan Last Blast Regatta. Seventeen boats were at the starting line in a lively SW 15-18. Then that big dark green cloud came screaming through. When the thunder and lightning cleared everyone had survived, even the Lightning that was abandoned in preference for the committee boat. After lunch, we went out for the second race. Then, somewhere in the second leg the wind vanished, and it was hard to even keep the boat pointed in the right direction. Luckily it filled in again in time to take us to the finish, and give us a good third race.

Afterwards we had the best party! There were trophies for everyone, including the "Escargot" award for Rod Johnson and the "Batting 500-out of 1000" for Al Klingler. (Rod surprised everyone this year by getting his boat in the water in July.) First prize went back to Greenwood Lake with Andrea Sengstacken. Take that you guys! Second went to Mike Pike of Chelsea, and our own Hurban team took third.

Nyack sailors Paul Connell, Bill Cook, Kathy Dalmas, Elissa Hall, and Gary Hurban all traveled to various regattas this season, including the Long John at Red Bank, the Districts, Cedar Point, the Worlds, Greenwood Lake, the Atlantic Coast's, and the Jersey State Championship. (Next time try to miss the marks Bill.) Paul and Elissa even jumped on a big boat for the Governor's Cup in NY Harbor.

For the last race of the year, we all dressed up and were rewarded by a gorgeous, sunny, warm, AND windy day. Everyone had some great rides on the waves, and Cook went for the Siamese Turtle Award. Then we had a party and watched the Halloween full moon rise over the river. See you in '86.



Fleet 75 members "Dress to Impress" for their Halloween season finale.



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"Celebration of Spring" fifth race off Stony Point.

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