



Aerial view of Newport Yacht Club.

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NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain Doug Fien
Fleet Secretary James C. Gocker
Fleet Champion George Sereno
Runner-Up Stephen Sals

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
868	Jo-Bo II	Matt Harris
6710	.....	Glenn F. Himmelsbach
10096	Sparkle	Allen Hamilton
10410	Spindrift	Wilmer Wright
10487	.....	Robert A. Blakley
11010	.....	Norman B. Thayer
11050	Quest	Ernest J. Hamilton
11051	Snookums	Larry Stephens
11074	Kopykat	Howard Stickney
11537	.....	Peter & Dick Hallagan
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12220	Sunny Side Up	Leland Atkinson, III
12240	.....	David W. Jungjohann
12355	Shadow	Dick Hallagan
12764	Light Brigade	Gene Faust
13081	Irish VI	Dr. Jacob Schaechter
13082	Anemone	Matt Harris
13083	Sea Fever	Barbara B. Platt
13192	Slicker	R. Neal Smith
13287	Tamar	Dr. Jacob Schaechter
13313	Reunion	Stephen C. Sals
13363	Pure Luck	Wayne Menz
13469	Whitecap	Dr. Robert Jamison
13514	Just Jazz	Douglas D. Fien
13660	Luv	Bill & William M. Golden, III
13679	Blue Jacket X	John McIntosh
13697	Honky	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
13714	.....	Mark Sertl
13742	Kavale	Laurin Williams
13853	Spar Trek	George Sereno
13913	.....	James C. Gocker
13971	.....	Mark Sertl

Newport Yacht Club welcomed some seasoned sailors in Matt Harris, Dave Jungjohann, and John Gummoe to Lightning racing, but 1985 was a year for the veterans to show their stuff. Sailors like Bill Wright, Dr. John McIntosh, Alan Hamilton, and Ernest Brown put in consistently cunning performances week in and week out.

The Spring Series began on May 5th and was marked by regular Sunday rains. George Sereno wasn't bothered by the wet weather. He was out "discovering brave new world" on *Spar Trek* every Sunday with his wife Donna and Laser ace Dick Vickers. They sailed to a Series victory with another old master, Dick Doherty taking second.

As tradition would have it the first weekend of June was reserved for the Newport Invitational Regatta. The gusting and shifty winds tipped over 5

of the 35 starters on the first leeward leg of the first race. More would follow suit as the weekend progressed. At the awards presentation Regatta, Champ Kirk Reynolds noted that racing on the bay was challenging and exciting. He and other visitors expressed desires to try it again next year and we hope to see them all back in '86.

Things warmed up for the Summer Series. The thermals started blowing in from Lake Ontario, but the lake breeze couldn't cool down George Sereno while he sailed to a second straight series win with Steve Sals close behind in second.

A couple youngsters did manage to get into the act when Jane Faust won the Burns Hanna Handicap Series and the young protege Jim Doherty did a fine job by taking top honors in the Fall Series. John McIntosh took second.

Looking ahead to 1986 should be exciting. For the first time Newport Yacht Club will have the option of sailing on the open waters of the Great Lakes. Maybe we'll all take a cruise to Oswego!

One last note. If any of you out there on the regatta circuit see Mark Sertl or Jim Gocker could you remind them that races start every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. up here in Rochester.

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Franz Edson
Fleet Secretary Lori Davis
Fleet Champion John Oldham
Runner-Up Nelson Hoffman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
168	Tanqueray	Cindy Lee
3323	Shannon	Daniel G. O'Connor
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
7634	.....	William Sebestyen
10212	Second Effort	Cindy Lee & Jim Gannon
10440	.....	Robert Vannini
10801	Woody	David M. & Sandy Peterson
11100	.....	Charles Zarembo
11487	High Voltage	Clifford J. Ashton
11688	Bad Boy	Franz R. Edson
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	.....	William Sebestyen
12185	Largo Too	Bryce E. Tate
12621	Vanguard	Christopher J. Vann
12786	Bodacious	Gary Davis
13456	Indolent	F. William Veit
13540	.....	Thomas V. Moriarty II
13636	Puff-Puff-Puff	Nelson Hoffman
13681	Ride The Bull	John Jr. & John W. III Oldham
13940	Second Wind	David Dickerson
14021	.....	Bill Shore
14032	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14036	.....	Anthony J. DiLorenzo III
.....	.....	Barry Plum

Niantic Bay sailors enjoyed another very active season in 1985, participating in national and international competition as well as numerous regional regattas.

Once again, Both Don Barrett and John Oldham travelled to the North Americans and qualified for the blue fleet. Don also made the trip to Little Egg Harbor in June for the World's.

Niantic Bay Yacht Club was also well represented at the Newport Regatta in June, the CT/Rhode Island Districts at Madison Beach Club, and a couple of boats made the trip to New Hampshire to test their light air, lake sailing, and cocktail partying skills at Spofford's fall regatta.

Back on the bay, John Oldham, with crew George Manthous and Scott Shea, captured the Fleet 85 Championship, edging out last year's Fleet Champ, Nelson Hoffman, with Franz Edson finishing a close third. The Memorial Day Series was won by Tom Moriarty, with John Oldham taking second place, and Gary Davis finishing third. Don Barrett continued his Holiday Series' domination by winning both the Fourth of July and Labor Day events. John Oldham and Tom Moriarty finished second and third, respectively, on the Fourth of July, and Gary Davis and Chris

Vann took second and third in the Labor Day Series.

NBYC was the site in 1985 for the Atlantic Coast Championships. Top-notch competition was on hand with 32 boats, coming from as far away as Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, New Jersey and North Carolina. Don Barrett emerged victorious after three races sailed in moderate conditions under beautiful sunny skies. Joe Friebele from Annapolis took second place honors, Ched Proctor from Cedar Point finished third, followed by Franz Edson from Niantic in fourth.

And finally, in our last major event of the season, Fleet 85 was once again the proud host of the CT Governor's Cup in September. This has become one of the most well-attended, fun regattas on the east coast schedule, and this year was no exception. The competition was great, we had some excellent racing conditions, and all enjoyed Niantic Bay's renowned cocktail party and outstanding steak dinner. Dave Peterson, having to work for a living on Saturday's, brought in a "ringer" in the form of Neil Hayes from the Housatonic Boat Club to take the helm in *Woody* for the weekend. Neil proceeded to sail to two bullets on Saturday and a second place on Sunday to win the three race series. Second place went to former Class President, Djoerd Hoekstra (who led a very aggressive contingent from Riverton, New Jersey), and Phil Lotz, winner of this event for the past two years, finished third. If you've never been to our Governor's Cup, talk to someone who has, and we think they'll convince you not to miss it next year.

Kudos to our excellent and very professional Race Committee of Pete Hartwell, R.C. Chairman; Karen Ricciardi, and Joe Zaremba for their dedication every weekend. It was an extremely busy season for our yacht club, with other national and regional events taking place, and this team was on the starting line every time. Thanks a million, and we hope to see you all on the race course next year!



Fleet 85 champ, John Oldham, #13681, and crew showing "fine form" on the race course.

VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on English Bay, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Fleet Captain Peter Idema

Fleet Champion Matthew Henley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5567	Balrog	Brian Swaile
7606	Panique	Dr. Clifford Harris
11645	Stormy Weather	Matthew Henley
12878	Waibalong	Cornelis G. Zandbergen
13289	Liisa	Dick Pearce
13680	Slip Sliding Away	Peter A. Idema

Fleet 90 sails on English Bay out of Kitsilano Yacht Club. We held our usual Circuit Regatta in July. Come sail with us next year if you're coming to the World's Fair, Expo '86.

Our regatta will be in the middle of July — check schedule for details.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Greenwood Lake at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Bob Sengstacken

Fleet Secretary Steven De Brock

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
.....	Murphy's Law	Daniel J. Murphy
.....	Family Tradition	Dave Wiley
10048	Eight Ball	Nicholas Santoro
10218	.....	Ron Wulff
10735	.....	Louis Van Hoff
11983	.....	Jim Cosmas
12013	.....	Mark J. Rotsky
12045	No Turkeys	Royal Sengstacken
.....	.....	Walter M. Johnson

No Report.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District

Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain Mike Boswell

Fleet Secretary Ron Bisset

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11373	Maximum	Mike Boswell
11568	Blue Wooz	Emily & Quintin Foster, Jr.
12815	Lotsa Work	Ralph Stober
13186	Paddlin Madelyn III	Wendell Harter
13191	Sea Fever	Mike Boswell

No Report.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing at Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Chris Larsen

Fleet Secretary Bill Dacosta

Fleet Champion Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia

Runner-Up Chris Larsen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9250	Puck	Dr. Don Cooper
9539	Sundance	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
11119	.....	Michael Farren, J.S.C.
12350	Elan	Bob Hoffman
12957	Elusive	Bill Dacosta
13053	.....	Chris Larsen

As previously reported, Fleet 104 picked up two new skippers and two boats, raising our total to five for the 1985 season. Our racing attendance was 100% throughout the summer, and the weather for the most part favored the Lightning sailors. As usual, gusty winds, common to Barnegat Bay sailing caused many spinnaker problems, but our only casualty was a capsized by Don Cooper, which entitled him to win the "bottoms up" trophy. He can now inscribe his name under a list of top notchers from the past who had the dubious honor of winning the trophy.

Jim Fertakos, our Vice Commodore, and the race committee, gave us some fine courses and our thanks must go to that fine group. All of the weeds that had been growing from the bottom up last year that made sailing quite a problem were gone this season and it was strangely pleasant to be sailing in clear waters.

Our fleet adopted the motto "Think Lightning" and to back it up, each skipper took a turn as a cruise boat each Sunday morning to take interested persons for a sail to watch the morning races at the club. A tremendous amount of interest was shown by many of the club members who had never set foot in a Lightning, and by answering questions and even giving them some time at the tiller, we have a number of prospects for 1986. As a matter

of fact, we have already picked up one boat, skippered by a new member for the fall series.

Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, his wife Joanne and brother Gene walked away with the series. Chris Larsen, Bobby Schrier and husband George took second, and Walter Krueger, Bill Dacosta and Joan Young wound up in third place. Bob Hoffman and sons, Skip, Larry, and Tom; and Don Cooper, Jack Nile, and David Cooper brought up the rear. All races were very competitive and most were decided on the last leg and could have gone one way or the other. We started a six week fall series on Sept. 16th, had our annual picnic on the 22nd, and at this writing are thoroughly enjoying the fall sailing for we don't have to be dodging power boats, water skiers, and the like.



Lavallette Yacht Club — One of the starts in 1985 on Barnegat Bay — Calm water on this occasion.

GREAT SODUS BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (108)

Central New York District

Sailing on Sodus Bay, Sodus Point, NY

Fleet Secretary Jed Dodge

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11134	Jed Dodge
No Report.		

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain & Secretary John Dent
Fleet Champion Fred Krauss
Runner-Up John Dent

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	.....	Scott Carman & Steven Randall
2944	.....	Leon Terrian, Jr.
8285	.....	R. Gary Stauffer
12104	.....	Stan Dent
12784	Pacemaker	John N. Dent
13334	La Marguerita	Rick Blamer
13493	Serendipity	Mike Dow
13999	.....	Scott Carman & Steven Randall
14009	.....	Mike Dow
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold

The season got off to a fine start at the Higgins Lake Boat Club with our annual Firecracker Regatta. This local didn't seem to mind as he took first place. John Dent was second and Stan Dent finished in third place. Following the regatta we dried out as the weather lifted a bit. That evening a potluck dinner and impressive fireworks display completed our 4th of July celebration.

Three of our boats traveled to Traverse City for their invitational regatta. Ric Blamer, Stan Dent and Mike Dow and their crews all enjoyed the

competition and festivities. Unfortunately two of those boats found it impossible to stay out of each other's way.

The Higgins Lake Boat Club Invitational Regatta took place on the following weekend. Once again Colin Park took home first place honors. Hank Hodgson followed in second, Gary Demarest third, and our own Mike Dow took fourth place with Tom Vickers in fifth.

On Labor Day weekend our season concluded with the Annual Property Owners' Regatta. The Lightning Championship as well as the Alex Carlin trophy for overall, handicapped finish went to Stan Dent. John Dent followed in second place and Fred Krauss finished third.

That evening at our Annual Banquet various awards were presented. The Season Series was won by Fred Krauss. John Dent was second and Ric Blamer finished in third place. Ric also received the distinguished "bad luck" award for a series of events which transpired on our way to the North Americans to watch Mike Dow, our only qualifier in that event.

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Dave Roznowski
Fleet Secretary William T. Gallagher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5952	Tempest	William T. Gallagher
6440	.....	J. Edward Kelso
8634	Blood, Sweat, and Tears	Ellen Blakeley
9309	Old Hickory	David Whitton
9634	Puzzle	James L. Hopkins
10459	Snafu	John Evans
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
10799	Ragtime	James Gagnon, Jr.
10969	Bullet	James Knorr
11547	Peter Pan	Eugene Goffard
11931	Hearty	Gordon Valentine
11953	.....	Mari C. Martin
12496	Loop Hole	William B. Kulcoski
13111	Blue Chip	William M. Sims
13376	Deja Vu	Jim Robinson
13486	.....	Steve Somerville
13487	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler
13568	Pipe Dream	Bill Dean
13571	.....	Mari C. Martin
13725	Head Hunter	Brian Phelan
13817	.....	David M. Roznowski
13818	Hayseed II	William E. Hayes

No Report.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain Ward Wilday
Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane
Fleet Champion Ward Wilday
Runner-Up Bob Buckley/Mike Lamb

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7828	.....	John Godfrey, M.D.
10730	Austerity	Michael Kane
11175	Wildfire	Bill McIntyre
12881	.....	Ward & Skip Wilday
13890	.....	Robert & Grey Buckley

What a dismal year! Due to an abnormally dry spring, our lake resembled a frog pond. It never did fill up all year. Therefore, many of our sailors traveled to area lakes to sail. We were not able to hold our regatta but are looking forward to hosting it next summer. We will all be doing rain dances in the spring!

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

Fleet Secretary Larry MacDonald, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11289	Blue Max	Trevor Born
11814	.....	Susan & Larry MacDonald, Sr.
13609	Fog	Bill Hunter
13671	.....	Susan & Larry MacDonald, Sr.

No Report.

MERRIMAC RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (121)
New England District
Sailing at the American Yacht Club
Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Russell Crawford
Fleet Secretary & Treasurer Elizabeth & Tom Petty

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10234	Fever	Charles C. Sweet
10479	Phoenix	Russ Crawford
10804	Flip Top	Joe Peterson
10857	KaBoom	Alfred J. Martin
12187	Hearbreaker	Elizabeth Petty
13517	Swan	Winthrop J. Snow, Jr.
13642	Eclipse III	Chip Wyser
.....	.....	Ken Read

The Merrimac Lightning Fleet is alive and well in Newburyport, Mass. A new hoist, picnic area, and infant playground grace the parking lot, and more importantly, three new skippers joined the fleet and competition is tight and terrific.

Our season started under stiff breezes on Memorial Day Weekend with the Pendill Regatta; Chip Wyser, the undisputed winner. It ended with the Fram/Lavendar team winning the club championship...again! The season was highlighted by a Centennial 4th of July Race and an AYC hosted Regatta, not to mention barbeques and beer in the parking lot after races.

Our spring and summer series provided ample opportunity for exciting and competitive racing — most often the first and second winners distanced each other by two or three seconds! Al Martin, Chip Wyser, and Wyn Snow took home a good share of the summer's trophies. Congratulations to all skippers, crew and Race Committee for a successful 1985 season!



Fleet 121 relaxing at the clubhouse before the races.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)
Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Philip Lotz
Fleet Secretary Dorothy Gough
Fleet Champion Philip Lotz
Runner-Up Edson White

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9526	Moon Dance	Dorothy Gough
10119	Loki	Kjell A. Heitmann
10690	Detuned	John Cuccio
11082	TNT	C. Dayton & H. Dayton Titworth
11220	.....	Dan Cardozo, Jr.
11381	.....	Richard Price III
11510	Tackyon	Robert J. Schoelkopf
11576	Intricity	John Richardson, Jr.
11657	Challenge	John Dymant
12119	.....	John Magenheimer
12367	Amok	Richard Thackaberry, DVM
12852	Silver	Steven Kumpan
12876	Cambol	Willoughby F. Chesley, Jr.
13056	Squeeze Me	A. K. Rodgers Ratcliffe
13206	Gotto Go	Rolf Druskat
13249	White Lightning	Tim Seamans
13494	Aalen	Gottfried Perbix
13613	Rangy Lil	Tom Ingram
13652	Entropy	Edson White
13708	Zap II	Tim Naeser
13779	Scummer	James Nolan
13871	G.T.O.	Gianni Cuccio
13927	.....	Philip Lotz
13949	Voidoid II	Stuart Browning
13968	.....	Ched Proctor
13987	.....	Robert G. Neuhert
14030	.....	Richard Thackaberry, DVM
14052	Ciao	Nina Cuccio

Fleet 126 had a very good year of participation in both its own fleet sailing as well as national and international events. To begin with, Ched Proctor and Phil Lotz sailed in the Southern Circuit. Ched won the Midwinter Championship in St. Petersburg and was second overall in the Southern Circuit.

Phil Lotz also sailed in the Worlds and finished 12th overall. Cedar Point sent three crews to the Nationals in Tawas. They were Tom Ingram, Phil Lotz and Ched Proctor. Ched and Phil finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Regionally, Cedar Point hosted two successful regattas and sent 10 boats to both the Atlantic Coast Championship held in Niantic, Ct., and the District Championship held in Madison, Ct., where Ched Proctor came in second, Tom Ingram fourth, Phil Lotz sixth, Randy Browning seventh, Edson White ninth, and Jay Richardson 12th. Ched Proctor was third and Phil Lotz placed sixth in the Atlantic Coast Championship.

The first regatta of the year was the Early Bird Regatta held in May and hosted by the Cedar Point Yacht Club. Thirty boats turned out but so did a strong Northerly that blew 35 for two days keeping everyone off the cold water. Even without races, the dinner and party were great, thanks to Jay Richardson. The second regatta run by Cedar Point was the Fall Classic. Held in September, the regatta was attended by 27 boats of which Stu Neff was first, Phil Lotz second, and Ched Proctor third. Although the racing was fun, the dinner and dance (especially the dancing) was by far the best we've seen around Cedar Point in some time. Special thanks to Tom Ingram for throwing a great regatta and party.

Locally, the fleet averaged fifteen boats on the weekend starting line, with 10 qualifying for the overall year trophy. During the year we also had the traditional holiday regattas. The Vice Commodore's Cup Series, held Memorial Day weekend, was won by Phil Lotz, with Tom Ingram second, and Randy Browning third. In the Fourth of July Commodore's Cup Series Phil Lotz came in first, with Tom Ingram and Edson White second and third respectively. The Rear Commodore's Cup Series, held Labor Day weekend, was won by Phil Lotz; Edson White was second and Gianni Cuccio third. The Season Series overall results were Phil Lotz as Fleet Champion, Edson White, Runner-Up, Tom Ingram third, and Jay

Richardson, fourth.

The Fleet expresses its appreciation to our new Fleet Captain, Phil Lotz, for organizing a successful season of activities and seminars, to John Dymont, Treasurer, and Dottie Gough, Secretary. Special thanks also to R. C. Chairman, Ted Fontelieu, (a Thistler).

We look forward to a very strong 1986. So far there will be six new members. Hope to see everyone at the Early Bird next May.

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127) Southeastern District Sailing on Wilmington River at Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Secretary Sydney Oetgen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11336	James L. Daniell
12828	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
Life Member	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	J. Wallace Aggett

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain J. Michael Sulzbach
Fleet Secretary J. Michael Sulzbach
Fleet Champion Richard D. Grant
Runner-Up Jim Johnstone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1113	C.O.D.	Tom Davidson
11207	Early Times	James R. Deephouse
11773	Frantse II	Jay W. Jackson
11933	Rosie	J. Michael Sulzbach
12277	Debtor-in-Possession	Richard J. Grant
13230	.....	W. Harmon Leete

Winning the Madison Beach Club Fleet Championship is no small feat, entailing one to three races every Saturday from the end of June through the beginning of September. It was with great pleasure for all that Dick Grant and his able crew of Bill Gleason and Abigail Abbott returned from a couple of years of more leisurely sailing to lock up the Fleet Championship by midseason. The real competition was for second place with Jim Johnstone and Michael Sulzbach dicing it out through the end of the season. It is also a pleasure to have Jim Johnstone, of the famous sailing Johnstone family, as an active member of the fleet thanks to Jim Deephouse's graciously having moved forward in his boat, relinquishing the helm to Jimmy.

This fleet is growing stronger and healthier every year although our performance at the Districts (which we hosted) was not sterling, we expect to improve things next year.

LAKE WASHINGTON LIGHTNING FLEET (132) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Shilshole Bay at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain Art Green
Fleet Secretary David Hammer
Fleet Champion Bruce Deitz
Runner-Up Ken Dunkelberg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4650	Francoise	Kerby Heminger
8578	.....	Simon Josowitz
9024	Good Old	Bob Schnelle & Pam Hsu
10256	.....	Dr. George F. Naden
10384	Dandelion Break	Philip Wong
10699	What Not	David Hammer
11031	Aha	Arthur Green

11636	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Alan Hunt
11873	Caliente	Bill Taylor
13242	Over Easy	Eric Lindahl
13704	Wheaties	Kenneth Dunkelberg
13707	Spirit	Bruce Deitz
13857	Finesse	Martin Mulhern
14040	.....	Bruce Deitz

As in all vibrant Lightning fleets, 1985 was filled with enthusiastic racing.

The most unforgettable event occurred early in the season during a weekly evening race. As the Lightning fleet approached the line, the wind velocity turned from moderate to 55 knots in a matter of seconds. As other one design fleets were blown onto the beach, the Lightnings were scattered across the Sound.

Eric Lindahl, after tearing his mainsail, pulled his newly-made rags down and sailed 20 miles with bare poles. Bruce Deitz was blown across the Sound, where he overturned and broke his centerboard retaining cleat. Turtled, Bruce and crew sat on the hull, pondering, as dusk fell, when and if they would be rescued. Fortunately, a passing tug stopped them and pulled them off, but Bruce's boat was lost.

Phil Wong dumped, righted, dumped, righted, dumped, righted and was finally towed in. Alan Hunt was the only Lightning sailor to sail his boat back to the Shilshole dock, approximately an hour and a half after the wind "filled in."

Perhaps the overall highlight has to be the achievement of Ken Dunkelberg on the race course. Ken won Fleet 132's Most Improved Skipper award in 1984 by sailing all year without colliding with someone; a personal first. This year Ken and his eversteady crew John Lowendorf developed superior boatspeed which enabled them to win circuit regattas at Kitsilano and Maple Bay, and a second at Vancouver Lake, which brought the Northwest Circuit Trophy to Seattle this year.

Another newly emerged force this year was Marty Mulhern, as he pressed in with the fastest to place third in the District Championship. Unfortunately, Marty is leaving Seattle to assume command of a NOAA ship based in Norfolk, Va. We will miss him.

Marty and Ken, with the established speedsters Bruce Deitz, Alan Hunt, and Eric Lindahl ended many weekly races in bow to bow dogfights. Occasionally jumping into these photo finishes were Phil Wong in *Dandelion Break*, the partnership of Pam Hsu and Bob Schnelle, with Pam doing most of the driving in *Good Old*, and Art Green with crew 'Trusty Jack' Kelle in *Aha*. Longtime Lightning sailors Greg and Cheryl Zettler are still maintaining to be retired, while Dave Hammer is threatening to sail full time next year and beat us all.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137) Michigan District Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain Art Riley
Fleet Secretary David Watt
Fleet Champion Tick Ticknor
Runner-Up Tim Vander Meulen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6228	Sundance	James E. Spurr
10850	.....	Gary Fergemann
11811	Double D	Jakob Vos
12958	.....	Bill Patten
13279	Cyxobeu	Tim Vander Meulen
13449	.....	Carter Brooks
13617	Escape	W. S. (Bill) Ticknor, Sr.
13640	.....	David Decker
13686	Fiddler's Three	Arthur Riley
13713	.....	Carl Engels
13719	Black Lightning	R. Bruce Kramer
13731	Snicklefritz	Fred Harrison
13815	Fair Warning	W. S. (Tick) Ticknor, Jr.
13839	.....	William F. Weston
13846	Yaburn	Mike Rathbun
13879	Blue Chip III	Dan Chappell
13901	Kazoom	Dave Hatfield
13991	Simpatico	David H. Watt
.....	.....	Jack Engels

1985 saw some changes for Fleet 137. We have a new Fleet Champion, Tick Ticknor, who sometimes ran away from the fleet, but generally engaged in some close contests, beating his father now and again. The second place winner was Tim Vander Meulen followed by Carl Engels, Bill Ticknor, and Daniel C. Chappell, in third, fourth and fifth positions respectively. Dave Decker, last year's most improved skipper, had an even better season this year and was often first at the weather mark. He finished sixth overall. This year's most improved trophy went to David Watt who sailed a beautiful new grey boat and was always "looking good".

In late August, Janet and Arthur Riley hosted the Sail-To-Breakfast at their land-locked home in suburbia. The invitation said "rain or shine", and the hosts were beginning to regret their hospitality until the rain clouds parted and a great turnout of hungry, friendly competitors showed up for what is about the twentieth straight Sail-To-Breakfast that has not been rained out.

We did not host a June invitational this year, but had a pretty good turnout for an in-club weekend regatta. September was another story. We had a fair turnout (20 boats) but moderate winds with big puffs on Saturday. Only one boat flipped and, in general, the wind made for good racing with bursts of hard work. Sunday brought stronger winds and bigger puffs. The races were fast, well-sailed, and the mark roundings were never lonely. At one downwind mark, Bill Weston saw a nice little inside hole and passed seven boats in as many seconds. The fifth race started before noon and the last boat crossed the finish line at about one p.m. The first tier had their share of photo finishes, but there were many exciting, closely-contested finishes even among the cheap seats. Winners of this highly competitive regatta were: Colin Park followed by Gary Demarest, Dave Hatfield, David Nichols, and J. Vandelson. "It doesn't get much better".

We are looking forward to another active year in 1986 with even greater participation in both races and regattas.



Downwind action at Fleet 137.

CONESUS LAKE (140) Central New York District Sailing on Conesus Lake, Rochester, N.Y.

Fleet Secretary Fred J. Pearce

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13824	Hallelujah	Frederick J. Pearce
13925	.....	Thomas J. Brindisi

No Report.

HAWAII FLEET (143) Hawaii District Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Fleet Secretary Frances Vaughn

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11084	Horizon	Frances C. Vaughn
11786	.....	Bobby Edmondson
11798	Sock It To Um	Michael A. Meierdiecks
Life Member	.....	Richard W. Holmes

No Report.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145) New England District Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain	.....	Fred Turner
Fleet Secretary	.....	Patrick MacQueen
Fleet Champion	.....	Fred Hamblet
Runner-Up	.....	Alex Gemmell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7671	Meerschbaum	Philip G. Coburn
9715	Lady Cathrune	Roger Wilken
10093	Namy	H. Fletcher Willey
11210	Smurfing Along	Frederick Turner, Jr.
11323	Escape	Patrick MacQueen
11346	Gail	Fred H. Hamblet
12362	Three Cheers	David H. Fitch
12370	The Tool	Alexander Gemmell
12821	Remedy	David L. Knight
13888	Psych	Robert L. & Leonard Pratt
.....	.....	Robert Pinard

Fred Hamblet roared in this year with straight bullets to reclaim the Fleet Championship while Alex Gemmell and family edged out Dave Fitch and family for the runner-up spot. It was an exciting series in spite of "Fast Fred's" dominance.

Spofford sorely missed Dave and Muriel Pinard this summer. The Pinard's, who have taken off to Maine, contributed much to Fleet 145 and the Lightning Class. At the same time, we were happy to welcome Phil Alther and his children Shannon and Gretchen to the fleet in #8480. Phil got his feet wet this year and will be "gunning" next year.

In addition to getting themselves into the hardware in the Spofford fleet series, the Gemmell family was well represented in New England district regattas. They traveled to the Districts at Marblehead, Androskoggin, Massabesic, and Newburyport. Pat MacQueen and family travelled to Androskoggin, Wellfleet and Cedar Point. Fred Turner, less his kids who seem to have all grown up, spent the most weekends at Spofford and was actually looking for crew. His wife Carol came to the rescue a few times. Dave and Dottie Fitch, who have traditionally hit the regatta circuit hard, this year took it easy at Spofford, but helped the fleet racing greatly.

Len Pratt graciously assisted Spofford sailors this summer and sailed his boat with the Gemmells as crew, at Massabesic.

Spofford hosted its 24th regatta on the 21st & 22nd of September. Thirty-two boats attended and enjoyed good Saturday weather and a light Sunday. Dick Hallagan, who has dominated this regatta for the past several years, dominated again to walk away with it. Stu Anderson took second. This tremendous regatta is always the highlight of our season. It has become the end of season gathering of Lightning friends all across New England. We look forward to hosting you next year.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146) Lake Erie District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain	.....	John Gorrie
Fleet Secretary	.....	Irene Elliott

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8152	Mimi	Elliott M. Wilson
9543	Adgo	Tim Willings
11174	Janitor	David & D. Stewart Sprague & Janice Graham-Foscarini
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11331	Cul De Sac	John D. Gorrie
11631	.....	Brian L. Curtner
12246	.....	Camilla Willings
13048	Bluenose IV	Norman F. Clegg
13260	Fire Fly	Harvey P. Harman
13519	Boomstick	Frank Parker
13659	.....	Dave & Stewart Sprague
Life Member	.....	J.R.G. Bleasley

No Report.

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)**Brazil District****Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at Sao Paulo, Brazil**

Fleet Captain	Peter Zacher
Fleet Secretary	Peter Zacher
Fleet Champion	Claudio Biekarek
Runner-Up	Mario Buckup

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8495	Hummel IV	Alberto Torres
11041	Flamingo III	Antonio Francisco Villanueva
12360	Brisa I	Luiz Planas Carbo
12414	Meia Noite IV	Ricardo Del Bianco
12489	Phreskura	Claudio Biekarek
12524	Foxfire	Karin Thielemann
13008	Viking III	Bruno Reinardo Sickinger
13405	Waikiki	Henricus J. Bocage

Our Brazilian Championship was won by Claudio Biekarek and crew Gunnar Ficker and Ralph Berger. They were run in the Bay of Geranabara in Rio de Janeiro.

Mario Buckup was second in the World Championship. Congratulations to Mario and crew from our Fleet.

Next year the Brazilian Championship will be hosted by Fleet 147 and Fleet 462 at the Yacht Club Santo Amaro. The dates are March 26-30 and will be organized by District Commodore Jens Ruschmann, Peter Zacher, and Michael Norris.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)**Ohio District****Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio**

Fleet Captain	Burton L. Preston
Fleet Secretary	William W. Woodrow
Fleet Champion	Burton L. Preston
Runner-Up	Bernard L. Dillon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
9581	Wiki-Wiki	William W. Woodrow
10047	Merrimax II	Donald C. Walter
10272	.....	Burton L. Preston
10311	Lucky Lynn	John J. Gildee
11681	Lady	Charles H. Huston
12085	Bambino II	Robert A. Bonham
12346	.....	John S. Simpson
12567	Wind Sprite	Thomas J. McDermott

Burt Preston continued his dominance of Fleet 150 in 1985 by winning our Principal Series with firsts in every race he sailed. Preston also won our Memorial Day Weekend Series Trophy, The Founders Trophy, the 4th of July Series Trophy, and he topped off the season by winning the overall Mansfield Sailing Club Championship for the 13th consecutive year!

There were other sailors participating in our activities and they include Bernie Dillon, who finished second in our Principal Series, and who won our Fall Series Trophy. Ed Brennan, sailing a new Lightning this year, but having crew problems, won our Sunday AM Series and finished second in the Wednesday PM Series. Don Walter, who served as Commodore of the Mansfield Sailing Club for 1985, finished third in the Principal Series, second in the Sunday AM Series, and Don won the Wednesday PM Series and the Labor Day Series Trophies. Don also had the distinction of sailing the most races in the Lightning Fleet in 1985.

Fleet 150 suffered somewhat this year from the lack of participation on the part of some members due to circumstances like summer school, surgery, etc., but we believe that 1986 will see our Fleet back to full strength.

The weather was good this year in Ohio. In fact the winds were so good that there were a couple of surprise capsize early in the season.

Thomas J. McDermott, veteran Lightning skipper, former I.L.C.A. Officer, and author of books on sailing, racing & tactics was presented a plaque for his devoted service to the Mansfield Sailing Club and for his many contributions to the sport of sailing at our annual awards banquet. Tom McDermott has retired from active sailing, but his mark upon our Fleet will long endure.

We look forward to 1986 and invite all Lightning sailors to visit us in beautiful North Central Ohio.

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB (151)**New England District****Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Massachusetts**

Fleet Captain	Georges Peter, M.D.
Fleet Secretary	Carolyn Peter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13886	Mouelte	Dr. Georges Peter

Next year Fleet 151, after a 20 year hiatus, will host the New England Districts, and hopefully begin its comeback as an active, competitive fleet. In the meanwhile, at least 100% of its members attended the Worlds, North Americans, and the ILCA Annual Meeting. Lightnings, loyalty and love of the Class — the three L's — persist!

TAWAS BAY YACHT CLUB (152)**Michigan District****Sailing on Tawas Bay, East Tawas, Michigan**

Fleet Secretary	Charles A. Pinkerton, III
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4971	Spider	Paul Beyer, III
11588	Charles A. Pinkerton, III
13963	Fernando Leon
13969	Peter Barbier
Life Member	Charles H. Schreck

No Report.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)**Indiana District****Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana**

Fleet Captain	Frank Yaggi
Fleet Secretary	Pamela Westfall
Fleet Champion	Doug Schmahl
Runner-Up	Keith Swihart

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5259	.....	Douglas F. Willis
9954	Big Red	Frank Yaggi
10134	Popper	Stephen C. Miller
12001	Second Effort	Chris Nixon
12276	Yellow Bellied Sapsucker	Ray Gans
12392	.....	Harry J. Finch
12408	.....	Alan Fox
12521	Sting	N. Richard Boerger
12586	.....	Gordon Medlock
13001	Why Us	John Nixon
13131	Terra Fina	Jack Gibson
13721	.....	George Buckingham
13851	Swi's Guy III	Keith Swihart
13860	One Last Gasp	John R. Nixon
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas Schmahl
13975	.....	Alan Fox

It's a Schmahl world after all. A play on words to a familiar song, but young Carrie Schmahl was correct when she gave a wonderful rendition of the song at the annual awards banquet. The Schmahl family, Doug, Judy, Jeff, Steve, Julia, David and Carrie won it all. With either Doug or Jeff at the helm, the entire family won every season trophy there was. The Memorial Day Series, the Fourth-of-July Series, the Labor Day Series, the Season Championship, and the prestigious Cynthia Cup trophies now reside at the Schmahl residence. Well done and congratulations!

Second place for the season was taken by Commodore Keith Swihart, with the Buckinghams finishing third and Allen Fox taking fourth place. Steve Anderson took the Commodore's Cup with some good early spring and summer sailing.

The Hoosier Regatta saw 22 boats start with Colin Park taking first and Bruce Goldsmith second. The Hoosier is part of the Michigan/Indiana/Ohio Fall Circuit and offers some of the finest racing Lightning sailors will find. The big event for the club this year was the 50th Anniversary of our

yacht club. We celebrated by having a party on the Fourth-of-July weekend. We invited back past members of the club and were pleased that a number of old friends and racing companions came back for the event. The party started with a 50th Anniversary Race, won by Keith Swihart. Then we had a social hour a good part of the afternoon, with dinner, awards ceremony, presentation of the Yacht Club History, and dancing until the early morning hours to a rock band beneath a large tent. Barb Penn, representing her father Paul Hess, gave to each member a book Paul has written entitled, "Early Wawasee Yacht Club History — The Formative Years" by Paul E. Hess. This book was definitely the highlight of the evening. This was a great occasion. We saw Paul Penn crew with his son, Richard, and Richard's wife, Barb, for the 50th Anniversary Race. They didn't win but they gave a good accounting of themselves. Paul is over 80 years old and runs the committee boat for us faithfully every Sunday. Thanks, Paul, for all of your hard work.

Last and certainly least, a thank you to John Nixon who computerized our racing scoring system. Not only do you get your score but he gives new meaning to the phrase, "adding insult to injury".



Fleet 164 Champ Dick "Capt. Nemo" Tuttle demonstrates his finesse at the helm to daughter Leslie, and David Grogono.

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164) Central New York District

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain Donald Barter
Fleet Secretary Dr. Jeffrey Bassin
Fleet Champion Dick Tuttle
Runner-Up Jim Hole

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7168	.....	Lloyd C. Wetherbee
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
10171	Cowpens	Thomas Kozlowski, M.D.
10679	.....	Richard P. & Pamela L. Tuttle
11307	Special "K"	Ron Kokot
11650	Ready Too	Pamela L. Tuttle
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey Bassin, M.D.
12004	Blue Chips II	Donald B. Barter
12792	Molly Brown IV	Don Stehle
12800	Lucy B.	John B. Redmond, Jr.
12929	Wild Fire	Jim Hole
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13369	Bull Ship III	David K. Bull
13755	.....	J. M. Sills
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Tadd Helmer
.....	.....	David Grogono

Our 1985 season began with great promise, a commitment by many skippers to participate in the summer racing series. Our fleet welcomed three new boats; the Amo's, the Redmond's, and the Sills. Tune-up races took place Memorial weekend, and everyone was ready. June brought the rain and cold weather.

Although boats were scarce, our fleet efforts intensified towards our regatta weekend, the June 29th Cazenovia Invitational, the first leg of the Central New York Triple Crown. We registered 22 boats, and enjoyed two days of excellent competition. Dick Hallagan finished first in the series, and our own David Grogono won the Commodore's trophy, the boat finishing first after the first day of racing.

July's weather showed much more promise. The competition was close. Dick Tuttle and Jim Hole were fighting for first, Bull, Barter, Burrell, and Bassin were close behind. Dick and Janet Sinn were breaking in new crew, sons Chip and Chad. John Sills was getting his feet wet in the fleet racing program as well. Pam and Leslie Tuttle spent many of the summer weekends at regattas. At the North Americans as crew, Leslie finished fifth, and Pam in the first place boat. At the Districts, at Henderson Harbour, our fleet shined. Dave Grogono finished third, and Dick Tuttle finished fourth.

Labor Day weekend was approaching. Jim Hole vacationed on the Cape, and Dick Tuttle took first. Don Barter with wife Janet and Alister Thomson were coming on strong. Jeff Bassin had wrapped up the Tuttle Memorial Trophy, a mini series for boats on regatta weekends. The weekend free-for-all races were both won by Lightnings. Leslie won Sunday's race; Dick took Monday's race. As we look back, it was an exciting season. As we packed boats away for the Central New York winter two prospective Lightning skippers appeared. Our fall meeting will be hosted by Linda and Jim Hole, and we are looking forward to some exciting racing next season.

HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166) Finland District Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain Kari Maenpaa
Fleet Secretary Noora Maenpaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7183	.....	Heimo Apilo
9164	.....	K. J. Koski
11544	Kesaheila	Raimo Aromaa
12805	.....	Liisa Holm
12914	Vahine II	Unto & Kari Maenpaa
13130	Masi III	Terho Aromaa
13435	.....	Pekka Sayra & Seppo Myllyla
13439	.....	Erkki Hakkinen
13561	.....	Hartti Nisonen
13563	.....	Heimo Apilo
13762	.....	Markku Brax

During the season 1985 the main activity of our fleet was racing. Even though we had only three active boats, the season was a great success.

The first ranking race was the traditional On the Rocks regatta in Lake Tuusulanjarvi in mid May. Due to the late spring most boats were launched for the first time this year. Anyway, nine boats appeared at the starting line. The weather was fine with moderate winds, so we didn't have to begin with survival conditions this year. Kari Maenpaa won with his *Vahine II*, young Jussi Karkkainen from Tuusulanjarvi fleet became second and Terho Aromaa with *Masi III* third.

Next regatta was sailed outside Helsinki. Heavy wind, rough sea and icy cold weather made the race extremely hard. Top three was the same as in Tuusulanjarvi; *Vahine II*, *Marigold* and *Masi III*. The Hamina ranking regatta was also sailed in bad weather. Only two boats, *Vahine* and *Masi*, arrived on schedule and so they decided to have a beer drinking competition instead of sailing. On Sunday more boats appeared to the racing area. Also this time *Vahine* was first, *Masi* was second.

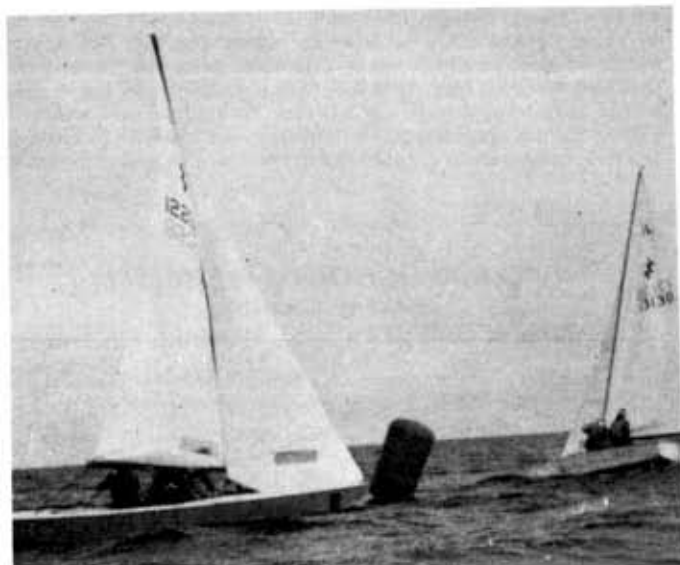
The District Championships were sailed in Kemi (latitude 68° N). As usual it was impossible to beat Kari Maenpaa. He ensured his victory by winning the first four races. In the last race he sailed with half speed, and so the Aromaa team got their chance and won that race. Kari Maenpaa is also District Champion, Aulis Naykki from the host club KPS runner-up and Terho Aromaa third. Among the 23 participants other fleet 166 members were Asterix (4.), Kesaheila (14.) and Koivu (19.).

After Districts our fleet started the European Tour of this year. Three boats, *Vahine II*, *Asterix* and *Masi III*, assisted by *Marigold* from fleet 456 travelled to Grandson, Switzerland in order to participate in the European Championships. For us it was a great pleasure to sail at the temperatures of +30° C. However, in light winds Finnish boats were not fast enough. Kari tried hard and was second in two races. With luck *Masi* made a miracle and won the third race. On final results *Vahine* was fourth and *Masi* seventh.

Asterix and *Marigold* got stuck among the last boats.

In mid September we had again the opportunity to test our sailing skills in home waters. Club HSK arranged a 15 nautical miles long cruising race. The wind was quite strong, 9-11 m/s south-west, and so we were able to keep 6 knots mean speed. The top boats were again from Helsinki: *Vahine*, *Masi* and *Asterix*.

In Finland Kari Maenpaa and his crew, Erkki Maenpaa and Oki Wikman won every regatta they sailed. Only seldom someone managed to beat them in a single race. It looks like other sailors have to take some lessons for the next season. After Europeans Terho Aromaa moved from skipper's place to foredeck. His son Kimmo will be steering *Masi III* from now on. On Finland District's final ranking list Kari Maenpaa was first, Terho Aromaa second and Hartti Nisonen fourth. Hartti is starting to make and sell boats, and we hope to see some new boats and especially new Lightning sailors next year.



Marigold and Masi in Kemi, Finland Districts '85.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Ron Taber
Fleet Secretary Mary Kay Johnson
Fleet Champion Mike Steffenson
Runner-Up Reed Doughty

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
91	Good News	Victor Shields
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
7391	Old Style	Peter Bartlett
8520	Maine-Eac	Patrick J. Goff
10156	Amorphous	Rodney Smith
10232	.....	Chuck White
12022	The Screamer	Ron Taber
12688	.....	Steven Schulte
12732	Gemma M	James Flick
12817	Peripatetic	Donovan D. Stiegel, M.D.
12843	.....	Rodney Gasch
12884	Last Hurrah	Ken Jensen
12942	Hummer	Henry Neuman
13202	Moxie	Henry Strieder
13286	Warp Drive	H. Reed Doughty
13430	Second Wind	Bill Quaintance
13611	Smooth As Silk	Roger Kessler
14015	Hot Flash	Mike & Doug Steffenson

Our fiftieth year as Lake Davenport Sailing Club began in May with the opening of the club and with preparations for the beginning of the sailing

season on Memorial Day. Last fall had left us with only two cranes operating, but we were in much better shape this spring with three cranes operating and only one more to be repaired. As Memorial Day approached the Mighty Mississippi cooperated by slowing its current to a very manageable level. Mike Steffenson took the Memorial Day series in a new boat, *Hot Flash*, and it seemed to foreshadow events which were to follow during the season.

Good sailing continued into the summer and our Commodore and Summer Series were well contested. Mike Steffenson won the Summer Series with Bill Quaintance second, Reed Doughty third, Ken Jensen fourth, and Ron Raber taking fifth. Mike continued his winning ways by taking the Commodore Series and Reed Doughty taking second, Ken Jensen third, and Ron Taber finished fourth. The Fourth of July Race was also won by Mike. Doug Steffenson took over for the Labor Day Series and continued to win for the Steffenson family.

Our Polar Bear Regatta was raced on October 5th and 6th with a contingent of sixteen boats. The winds definitely cooperated beginning Saturday at speeds of 20 to 25 and gusts to 35 miles per hour. For safety reasons the first race was cancelled. Later, the winds began to abate and two races were sailed Saturday afternoon with Mike Steffenson, Gene Matthews (13941) and Kevi Blair (13877) in tight competition. Only one race was sailed on Sunday due to variable winds. Gene Matthews pulled ahead in the final race to win the regatta. Mike Steffenson was second, Kevin Blair third, Brian Phelan (13725) was fourth, and Ken Jensen, also from Lake Davenport, was fifth. Ron Taber (12022) took the WOC Trophy for being the next highest finisher from Lake Davenport not placing in the top five. A great weekend was experienced by all, especially with the fine rib dinner served at the Steffenson's home Saturday night.

The Fall Series was only completed last week. Again, no one sailed as the current on the Mississippi was at early spring levels due to a large amount of rain in our area and to the north. This had been the pattern for the two preceding weeks. The series ended with Mike Steffenson again first, Reed Doughty second, Ken Jensen third, Bill Quaintance fourth, and West Johnson fifth. There was a good turnout for the entire series and this promised stiffer competition for next year. Only the Annual Meeting and final winter preparation remain. Still, we have fond memories and will be looking forward to next season.

LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169)

Switzerland District

Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Secretary Annika Lambelet
Fleet Champion Wyler/Stauffer/Gasser
Runner-Up Perret/Huber/Aeberli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11858	Grandquozier	Pierre Grandguillaume
11859	Pinocchio	Hans Muhlbach
12572	Boy	Anne-Lise Paul
12860	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
13066	Sarcelle	Jean-Pierre Monnier
13840	Chiloe	Gilbert Despland

Fleet 169 of Lac de Neuchâtel was the center of Swiss activity in 1985 as our fellow member Gilbert Despland organized at the end of the lake the 33th European Championship in Grandson for the second time.

This event, as usual, was very well arranged with participation of 25 boats (7 Italians, 4 Finnish, 2 Greeks and 12 Swiss). Christoph Luthy on *Dominique* with P. Taschler and Elisabeth Sonderegger showed their maestria in light and moderate airs and became 1985 European Champions. The first of our Fleet 169 was Gilbert Despland on *Chiloe* with Francois Eggenberger and P.H. Winteregg as crew.

In October, Fleet 169 and le Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel organized the traditional "Regate Fondue" which was sailed with fairly strong winds during three races. Urs Wyler with Stauffer and Gasser were the winners. Christoph Luthy, our European champ, capsized under spinnaker in the first race.

Here are the results: 1. Wyler/Stauffer/Gasser — 0; 2. Perre/Huber/Aeberli — 7.2; 3. Schmid/Hofer/Zeltner — 8.5; 4. Despland/Eggenberger/Winteregg — 13.9; 5. Schar/Schar/Schar — 14; 6. Lambelet/Lambelet/de Coulon/Vuithier — 15.9; 7. Luthy/Taschler/Sonderegger — 20 pts.

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173)
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor
at Branch Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Glenn Reitingner
 Fleet Secretary Carl Reitingner
 Fleet Champion Glenn Reitingner
 Runner-Up Bob Seybold

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5837	Barracuda	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
9462	Marcelinda II	Philip J. Escoll, MD
11176	.....	Tom Hyndman
11575	Rebel	Robert B. Roth
12873	.....	Nick & James Nicolini
13572	.....	Eugene Kelly & Pete Pierce
13743	Hyndsie	Thomas III & Peter Hyndman
13772	Snookier	Carl & Glenn Reitingner
13989	.....	J. Edward Serrill & David Coward

Fleet 173 continued to prosper in 1985. This year's sailing proved to be the most competitive in many years. This was a year of firsts. The Fleet hosted a dinner and the ILCA's Annual Meeting during the Worlds. It was great to have a chance to show the class our fine facilities and Brant Beach Hospitality. Dave Coward finished the best ever of any BBYC sailor at the CAD Championship (second) and is the first and only Fleet Member to qualify for the blue fleet at the North Americans. Jim and Nick Nicolini and Peter Coward were the first to compete in the Junior North Americans and finished fifth. On Labor Day we had our first "Class of 68" race providing new boats to skippers who were the backbone of the fleet in the mid-sixties (Tom Coe, Sam Streep, Joe Serrill, Herb Twining, Tom Hyndman and Gene Kelly).

The following is a synopsis of the Fleet's racing results:
 Fleet Championship — First - Glenn, Carl and Beth Reitingner; second - Bob and L.J. Seybold, Bert Hitchler; third - Dave Coward, Ed and Barb Serrill.

SCYC Memorial Day — First - Glenn Reitingner; Third - Dave Coward.
 LBIYRA Championship — Second - Glenn Reitingner.

CAD Championship (NA's Qualifiers) — Second - Dave Coward (Blue); Eighth - Glenn Reitingner (Green).

Junior North Americans — Fifth - Jim, Nick Nicolini and Peter Coward.
 Sunfish Mid Atlantic Regionals — First - Jim Nicolini (Qualified for Sunfish 1986 Worlds)

Sunfish Junior North Americans — Third Peter Coward.

As you can see BBYC fared quite well during the 1985 season. This would not have been possible without the support of numerous crew members, including: Ed and Barb Serrill, Carl and Beth Reitingner, Marilyn and Dave Scott, Hubert Streep, Ricky Dinfelder, L.J. Seybold, Bert Hitchler, Mary and Steve Hyndman, Bill Serrill, Jim Titus, Rob Roth, Gene Kelly, and Doug Pierce. Many thanks to the crews who make it possible. A special thanks must now go to Joe Serrill and his fine race committee and the Seybolds and Cowards for co-chairing and organizing the outstanding World's Dinner.

Next year looks to be as exciting as this was with Pete Pierce and Gene Kelly finally in a competitive boat and the prospects of Dave Long as a new fleet member. The LBI's produced 16 boats on the starting line in 1985 and we are looking for more in 1986.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)
Long Island District
Sailing on Great South Bay at
Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain Alan Pearlman
 Fleet Secretary William Weiss

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8780	Islander	Robert Beckman & Donald Havlish, Jr.
9615	Patience & Fortitude	Joseph P. Conway
10243	Windblown	W. I. Orchard
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
11530	.....	Philip Sweeney
11774	Aleval	Alan Pearlman
11775	Pisces III	Ben Schwartz
11852	Endeavor	Michael Gargiulo
12042	Cookie Monster	Frank Marinaccio

12987 Kow-A-Bung-A Charles A. Ford
 13920 Robin's Nest Robin P. Ertl
 13934 Bruce & Frank Sr. Atkinson
 No Report.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Mark Prather
 Fleet Secretary Esther M. Hanek

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7171	Heid Aweigh	W. Keith Petrella, D.O.
10941	Stormy	Dr. Stan Gurney
11063	Old Duker	Bob Lilly
11563	.....	Chad Waldschmidt
11747	Heid Aweigh II	Charles Good
12226	Cherlyn	Thomas E. McFate
13372	Wind Walker	Ronald Ragghianti
13506	.....	Lawrence Levine
13602	.....	Edward J. Benevent
13711	Heid Aweigh III	R. Duane Good
13735	Ne Pusse Paz	Michael Mercatoris

The past year was a great year for Fleet 180. Fleet Captain, Mark Prather scheduled 22 races for the summer races. The weather was cooperative and only a couple of races were terminated due to light winds. The Fleet was very competitive and the standing at the end was very close. Skip Ragghianti came in first with Mark Prather a very close second. Mark has purchased new sails for the coming year and is determined to edge out Skip. Chuck Waldschmidt was in third place and Dr. Duane Good had a fourth place finish.

Dr. Stan Gurney, a first year sailor and a new comer to the Fleet, was presented a special award for being the most dedicated sailor. He started every race and also finished every race.

Upside awards were given to Ed Benevent for being the last boat to capsize. Prather and Skip also shared these honors during the past season.

Mike Mercatoris did very well with his new boat this year and will be a contender in the near future. Mike also was Fleet Captain for some 25 Sunfish Boats on Conneaut Lake. These young sailors will be future Lightning sailors in the coming years.

The club also enjoyed three social picnics during the summer. We concluded our activities with a Labor Day outing and are looking forward to the 1986 racing season.

LELAND YACHT CLUB (184)
Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Leelanau at Leland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary David Workum

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8299	Orange Crate	David Workum
11794	Bud Light	Alan Pendergast
12830	Gotcha	Ralph Smykal

No Report.

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Tryg Jacobson
 Fleet Secretary Paul Ducklow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
839	Divine Wind	Paul C. Ducklow
8750	Z-Much	George R. Griffiths
10363	Placebo	Vytas Kerpe, M.D.
11188	Full House	Eric Graf
12280	Sun	Tryg Jacobson
12389	Easy Over	Jason Bemis
12806	.....	Roger Klettke
13862	Sensation	Eric R. Larson
13930	Eclipse	Tryg Jacobson
14007	.....	Hans C. Graf
Life Member	.....	F. C. Jacobson

No Report.

MARBLEHEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189)

New England District Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Donald R. Humphrey, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Donald R. Humphrey, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7912	Blacksheep	Herbert R. Maher
9617	Pernicious	Charles H. Ritt, III
11486	Plodder	Robert D. Shapiro
12456	Wil-Ve-Lee-V	William H. Bray
12706	Fog Horn Leg Horn	Donald Humphrey, Jr.
13647	Shamrock	John Collins
.....	.....	Neal Fowler
.....	.....	Jack Slattery
.....	.....	Hale Walcott
Life Member	.....	Louis Pocharski, M.D.

No Report.

NORTH EAST RIVER FLEET (192)

Dixie District Sailing on North Chesapeake Bay at Havre de Grace, Maryland

Fleet Captain Fred Eng
Fleet Secretary Fred Eng

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
355	John R. Ahern
9600	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
13245	Orient Express	Fred Eng
13399	Clifford H. Matson, Jr.
Life Member	Charles Trayford, III

No Report.



Scott Finkboner, Fleet Championship, at Beautiful Lake Cachuma, California.
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MISSION BAY FLEET (194) California District

Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain Scott Finkboner
Fleet Secretary Larry Swearingen
Fleet Champion Scott Finkboner
Runner-Up Kirk Johnson

FLEET 194 MISSION BAY — SAN DIEGO, CA. SCHEDULE OF MAJOR REGATTAS

1986

Feb. 15-16	SCYA Midwinters	San Diego, Ca.
Mar. 22-28	California Circuit	San Diego, Ca.
May 17-18	Spring Cachuma	Lake Cachuma, Ca.
June 21-22	District Championship	San Diego, Ca.
Summer	Pacific Coast	
	Championship	Pacific Northwest
Aug. 23-24	Billie Boswell Memorial	Lake Cachuma, Ca.
Sept. 20-21	Bowen Memorial	San Diego, Ca.
Sept. 27-28	Lightning/Thistle	
	Challenge	San Diego, Ca.
Oct. 4-5	Hurricane Gulch	Redondo Beach, Ca.

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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1452	Louis E. Smith
5278	Les Nuhn
8481	Motation	Larry Swearingen
8966	Oh Oh!	Michael Pflaum
9172	Hold On	Cindy Salerno
9237	Second Wind	Larry Swearingen
9883	Weather or Knot	Connie Washam
10980	Sunday's Child	Geoffrey G. Carson
11603	Marbar	John P. & Joel F. Vann
11625	Now	Fred Knauer & Philip Simpson
11662	Toocan	Alan L. Smith
11735	Nameless Terror	Myron C. & John W. Lyon
11965	Gone with the Wind	Jerry Boyle
12034	Norstan	John Sundsmo
13116	Dansing Lady	David Cheresh
13187	Afternoon Delight	James Hoch
13188	Puddleglum	Kirk A. Johnson
13411	Cool Change	Fred Grant
13467	Santorini	Warren Gross
13475	.....	Lana Grauer
13478	Play It By Ear	Scott Finkboner
13626	Crusader Rabbit	Samuel T. D. Anderson, M.D.
13728	Batu II	Richard Brewer
13842	Dixie Melody	Stuart B. Carson
13938	Fear	Myron C. & John W. Lyon

1985 will be remembered as a year of growth in fleet members (29), great weather again, very close competition in a very full, year-round racing schedule, and an active social calendar. Fleet 194 again increased its roster by 20%, the third straight year we've done so!! And Scott got off to a fast start in winning both the Intra and Interfleet Club Championships for the third year in a row!

The average number of boats turning out for regattas increased dramatically. The margin between first and fourth places was the closest in many

years. General interest increased with many new potential boat owners inquiring about purchasing and crewing in our regattas. Many hours of dedication and hard work by many fleet members contributed to a superb year for Fleet 194 in 1985.

Our racing season begins in January and runs through the second week in December! Kirk Johnson started out by winning the Frostbite Series. Scott Finkboner then ran up a string of 11 regattas — winning the SCYA Midwinters, his second straight California Circuit Championship, both Lake Cachuma regattas, and the Pacific Coast Championship in San Francisco Bay.

John Lyon won the District Championships held at the Santa Monica Bay Fleet in Redondo Beach. His 16th place finish in the "blue fleet" with Randy Reid and Larry as crew will long be remembered as one of the best North American performances in our fleet's history.

Our fleet was blessed with two special events — new crews to the Grauers and Washams.

The Lightnings again took the Lightning/Thistle Challenge. Scott and Cindy crewed for Mark Patty in Yachting's One-of-a-Kind Regatta. Our fleet had a great time again this year at our annual ski trip to Mammoth Mountain, and our sail around to Southwestern Yacht Club.

Our fleet is looking forward to another great year in 1986. Please make plans to attend any of our regattas by calling us anytime. Make plans now to attend our California Circuit — March 22-28, 1986.

Aloha and Good Sailing!!!

SURF CITY (196) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Fran Temme
Fleet Secretary	Les Hunton
Fleet Champion	Jack Elfman
Runner-Up	Fran Temme

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
454	El Fid	Charles N. Howe
9972	Tub	Surf City Yacht Club
10599	Trashed	Richard M. Warren
10771	Warlock	Timothy Robinson & Frank Temme
10895	Reject	Bill Clausen
11122	Punch	George Schmidt
12209	Scapt Metal	Jack Elfman
12454	"Streak-in"	Charles N. Howe
12872	Sir Osis	Les Hunton & Randy Swartley
13394	One Duck	Peter T. Gray
13739	.....	Jack Elfman
13810	.....	Lawrence E. Stanley
13882	Pac-Man	Ralph Messersmith
13965	"Sails of Hoffman"	Stephen D. Hoffman
Life Member	.....	Howard Mullin

1985 was another in a long line of fun-filled summers for Fleet 196. We had a successful racing season here at the club and found many more of our sailors taking to the road. We were represented in no less than 12 regattas by various fleet members and, although only a few trophies were brought home, we came very close in a number of events.

Once again, Jack Elfman led the parade by putting more trailer miles on his boat than some of us put on our cars in a year. Ralph Messersmith, Fran Temme, Rich Warren, and Steve Hoffman also traveled extensively and we were glad to be able to support events away from home better than any year in recent memory.

Jack went out to the Tawas North Americans and sailed well enough to become an alternate qualifier for the Worlds which were held right down the road from Surf City. When one of the competitors was suddenly called home just prior to the start of the event, Jack was invited to participate and, along with daughter Holly and Rich Warren, sailed a couple of outstanding races. We at Surf City are proud of his performance and endlessly grateful for his contributions of work, leadership, and enthusiasm within our fleet.

Perhaps the highlight of the season was the good times spent throughout the summer with the other Lightning fleets here on Long Beach Island. We combined with our friends from Barnegat Light and Brant Beach Yacht Clubs to successfully handle the Worlds measurement at Little Egg Harbor, held interclub races on several occasions, and brought out 17 Lightnings for the Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association Championship in

August. The regatta was won by Jack Elfman, with Glenn Reiting of Brant Beach in second place, and John Teigland of Little Egg Harbor third. Surf City sailors swept the Surf City Annual Regatta (Jack Elfman, Randy Swartley, and Ralph Messersmith) and our Manahawkin Bay Cup Regatta was won for the fourth year in a row by Jody Lutz of Metedeconk in a tiebreaker with — who else? — Jack Elfman.

As if Jack didn't do enough this year, he also managed to sail enough at home to regain the Fleet Championship by a nose over Fran Temme. Our Most Improved Skipper Award went to third place finisher Jody Freeman who spent the season sailing George Schmidt's *Punch*. Jody is a delightful teenage sailor who put together some brilliant races and is going to be very tough in any fleet. We were also happy to welcome Steve Hoffman to Fleet 196. Steve is in the process of making the transition from sailing Ensigns on big, deep, Long Island Sound, to Lightnings on small, shallow, Manahawkin Bay. That kind of transition requires lots of patience and a good sense of humor, and Steve gets a solid A Plus in both departments.

Finally, we are proud to announce that Charlie Howe has been elected Rear Commodore of the Surf City Yacht Club. This is the first time in decades that a Lightning sailor has become a Flag Officer, and Charlie tells us that from now on we sailors must behave ourselves and stick to winning races instead of cocktail parties! Will we be up to this monumental challenge? Tune in next summer.....



Jody Lutz (#11739) and Ralph Messersmith (#13882) crossing tacks at the Manahawkin Bay Cup Regatta.

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198) Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain	Jonathan M. Oram
Fleet Secretary	Steve Viehe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9738	.....	Homer Williams
10893	George II	Bob Park
10922	Baccara II	James & Cherie Neville
11619	O B Joyful	R. W. & R. William Jr. Cornell
12614	Fledermaus	Marnie Tolerton
12910	Stinger	John C. Wallace, Jr.
13222	.....	Candy Neville
13613	Rangy Lil	Tom Ingram
13922	.....	James Neville
.....	.....	Jonathan Oram

No Report.

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206)
Argentina District
Based at Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fleet Secretary Angel Vila
 Fleet Champion Angel Vila
 Runner-Up Javier Pascuchi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8411	Repunte V	Francisco J. Pascuchi
12824	Redomon	Juan E. Kouyoumdjian
13682	Pingo	Angel Vila
Life Member		Alberto Migone

Year Book time is very early for our report because our season started in March and finishes in December, without races by July and August. At this moment, we wait for the best regatta, the National Championship held in our waters of the River Plate.

This year was too difficult for all people in our country, but little Fleet 206 was enthusiastic, not only between our members, also hosting boats from other clubs. At Nautico Olivos, our home club, you can see seven boats sailing at weekend races. Our members attended a beautiful race in early July at Lake Salto Grande 225 miles from Olivos and won the regatta.

All members of the fleet are looking forward to next season that will start in March. We have a very hard work for the year: the '86 Junior Worlds in November.

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)
Southern District
Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain
at New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Roger M. Evans
 Fleet Secretary Buck Ballatin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6218	Yellow Submarine	Dennis J. Mahler
9696	S/B	Buck Ballatin
10026		Lyman L. Jones, Jr.
11483	Super Mink	Cal Herman
11689	Gotcha	Glen Higgins
13684	Electric Wind	Roger Evans
13784	Miss Lena	Terry E. Passman, M.D.

No Report.

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)
Ohio District
Sailing at Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain Joseph Streb
 Fleet Secretary Molly C. Streb

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6886		Carl W. Hummer
9350	Cat's Cradle	James L. Stone
10900	Four Winds V	James Cooper, Carolyn & Tim McCain
11368		David M. Gall
11508	Yellowjacket	Nelson Caley
12044	Phar Lap	Bob Neading
12845	Grey Fox	Carl W. Hummer
12898		Herbert Jestel
13883		Dennis Kleidon

No Report.

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215)
St. Lawrence Valley District
Sailing on Lake St. Louis at Montreal, Canada

Fleet Captain Perry Owen
 Fleet Secretary Russel Scrim
 Fleet Champion Peter Hall
 Runner-Up Perry Owen/Jay Mann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10331	Lollipopa	Jay Mann
11294	Hutch I	Alan Hutchison
12216	Tangerine Dream	George Layton
13198	Em-Jay	Louis Gascon
13509	Rhythm & Blues	Bill Layton
13577	Krista Too	Peter Hall
13668	Tigger	George Layton
14017	Sheila X	Russel Scrim

We had a great season at Fleet 215 in Montreal this year. While the numbers were about the same as last year, there was a high level of participation. The competition was keen and in this respect we welcomed Peter Hall to the group. He is coming off several years of World Class sailing in Solings representing our club and Canada. He found the Lightning sailing in our fleet very much to his liking. When all was said and done, Peter Hall along with this crew, Anne Lamont and Alain Briere were the winners. However, not without a determined challenge from Jay Mann/Perry Owen and company along with Billy Layton and his crew.

Alain Briere also is a Laser sailor and he went on to win the Club Championship representing that class which conveniently for many of the participants was held in Lightnings — Congratulations.

The Canadian Open was held in Crystal Beach, Ontario in July. There were three participants from our fleet. Perry Owen/Jay Mann, Billy Layton and Russel Scrim. None of us were thrilled with the results — it was just an off year. Earlier on, Bill Layton and his crew of Paul White and Paul Isabel participated in the World Championships at Little Egg Harbour. They worked very hard at it but did not manage to end up in the money. Next year's Canadian Open will be at Montreal and we are determined to re-establish our abilities.

Russel Scrim along with Paul White and Perry Owen participated in the North American Championship at Tawas Bay, Michigan. They managed to make the championship flight and all in all turned in a creditable performance considering that they had not crewed previously together and that they were racing with a new boat and all the attendant difficulties that were encountered in finding the right button to make the boat go fast.

We are happy to report the Lightning Class is the most active one-design fleet at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and there is a great deal of interest amongst other sailors in our club at our success. Our enthusiasm is contagious and as a result we are hoping to add several new participants to our group for the 1986 season.



Peter Hall, Fleet 215 champion, and wife Margo with trophies he had won over the season.