

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216)
Michigan District
Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Jim Schofield
 Fleet Secretary Jim Schofield
 Fleet Champion Scott Andre / Dan Godwin
 Runner-Up Joe Disette

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7153	Megs	George F. Ascherl, Jr. M.D.
9055	.....	Dr. James B. Gilbert
11164	Red Oak	Robert K. Hafford
11797	Sully	High Sulfidge, M.D.
12099	Lord Jim	James B. Gilbert
12285	.....	Tom Burk
12321	Abreaction	John McCree
12383	Floatin Bridge	Al McNally
12721	Sea Bee	Carl Hesse
12731	Schuss Boomer	James J. Schofield
12911	Swamp Fox	James B. Gilbert
12930	.....	Donald W. Genson
12931	.....	Joe Disette
13236	Numaru	Clark Howell, Jr.
13293	.....	Keith Allman
13385	Halcyon	Jim Peters
13393	Reuben Clamso	Dan Godwin & Scott Andre
13733	Carousel XIX	Joe Disette
13761	Wile "E"	Stephen A. Swanson
13833	.....	Carl Hesse
13856	Takes A Licking & Keeps on Ticking	Colin Park
13917	Lord Jim	James B. Gilbert
14003	Carousel XXII	Joe Disette
14023	.....	John McCree

Sailing Saginaw Bay for the 33rd year, 1985 again provided our Lightning Fleet with the challenge and unpredictability sailors have come to expect from this large body of water. Our Championship Series sails Wednesday nights and starts in late May. We sailed a total of 28 races. Scott Andre and Dan Godwin in their boat *Clamso* sailed very consistently and won the overall. Second place ended up with a tie between *Carousel XXI*, Joe Disette's boat and *Wile "E"* owned by Steve Swanson. After tabulating who beat who, a tie resulted. To break the tie, Joe's coin was flipped, and guess what? *Carousel XXI* was declared second place finisher. Fourth place went to John McCree who sailed well, but missed too many races due to regattas and the North Americans to place higher. *Schuss Boomer* owned by our Fleet Captain, Jim Schofield, was fifth.

During the first half of our Championship Series, Colin Park dominated, but by mid-July Colin took to the "regatta circuit" and the North Americans, thus allowing the fleet to battle for positions.

During June we held our annual regatta. Again, our regatta was well run by Fleet Captain, Jim Schofield. A fleet of 22 boats raced the five races. The regatta was won by Dave Nickels, second place went to Hank Hodgson, third to John McCree, fourth to Eric Samuelson and Don Rau, and fifth to Colin Park.

We regret that *Clamso* owners Scott Andre and Dan Godwin will not be sailing with us next year. *Clamso* was not only a formidable competitor, but her "death rolls" and capsize will be missed. In their memory, the *Clamso* award for spectacular capsize has been established. 1985 winner is Steve Swanson in *Wile "E"* Carl Hesse, where are you?

LAKE ZURICH (219)
Switzerland District
Sailing on Lake Zurich at Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Hansruedi Kunz
 Fleet Secretary Brigitte Kasper

Boat	Boat Name	Skipper
9130	Tabu III	Rudolf Berger
11489	Reuel III	Prof. H. Zollinger & O. Weber
12164	Argo	Finn Andersen
12320	Quand Meme III	Hansruedi Kunz
13074	Heissi Schoggi	Jurg Weilemann
13087	.....	Hans Rahn

No Report.



Wednesday nite sailing group at Bay City Yacht Club, Fleet 216.

HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225)
Central New York District
Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay
Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain David J. Parker
 Fleet Secretary John H. Treadwell, II
 Fleet Champion David J. Parker
 Runner-Up John H. Treadwell, II

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5841	Zig Zaggar	R. B. Stevens
9944	Footloose	Richard Grissinger
10705	Blue Northern	R. B. Stevens
10707	Vikingen	David J. Parker
10708	Red Baron	Edward F. Beadel, Jr.
10709	Zelda	Harry McMillan, M.D.
10712	May Day May Day	May P. Robinson
12270	Runaway	John Treadwell II
12818	Hot Stuff	James H. Michels
12948	Anahata	Karl C. Lawrence
13353	.....	Gerald Bezner
.....	.....	Irwin Stone, M.D.

An enjoyable season — nicely begun at Stone's for our spring meeting. The racing season began with three boats sailing the Apple Blossom Race in June with an unsteady, stiff breeze. At the jibe mark Montague found himself being pursued by Treadwell, and after jibing around the mark, Lenny found himself being chased by a large, grey shark! Nuff said! The Averill Cup winner was Leonard Montague; second — Irwin Stone; and an Honorary third to John Treadwell.

The Barnes Memorial was sailed next, and saw Parker and Treadwell in a classic duel, but David took both races for first overall with John Treadwell nipping at his stern for second; Jerry Bezner captured third.

In July, we hosted the Central N.Y. District Championships and had 24 Lightnings participate with beautiful weather on Saturday and down-right breezy on Sunday. Dave Parker was race committee and all members in the fleet chipped in and helped make it the success it was.

The Commodore's Cup was a strong, windy affair, with half the fleet returning to the club before the first race started. Montague and Treadwell tore off to weather and Lenny rounded first and proceeded to raise his chute. Treadwell rounded and filled his spinnaker, while the leader was still proceeding to get his going. At the jibe mark, Treadwell had a nice lead — while the staff on *May Day* were still proceeding with "the raising". Such

was the story for the first race. The second race was equally entertaining as Lenny sailed off to Whites Bay between races (with Gaye) to sew his batten pocket. Never much of a seamstress, they eventually returned to the starting line about five minutes after the start of the second race! Commodore's Cup results: first — John Treadwell; second — Irwin Stone; third — Len Montague.

The Pickslay Ramble saw two Lightnings join the all boat race, in a mostly very light and tender day. Sniffing out the breeze and winning the whole show was John Treadwell; and Jay Jones in Grissinger's Lightning won third.

The Sunday Series had 14 races — losing one Sunday to foul weather. Sailing barely enough races to quality, but winning all of them, was David Parker winning his third Club Championship. Taking the other six races and finishing second — John Treadwell; third — Lenny Montague; fourth — Irwin Stone; and fifth — Jerry Bezner.

The Stoney Island Race & Picnic saw a brisk day and had lots of highlights and hard sailing. For example: Ann Maurer pulled an absolutely picture perfect port tack start on the whole fleet — and it was a short line too! And *Runaway* seemed to enjoy planing from Stoney Island to Lime Barrel, but winning the day were the four Stones — a victory for Irwin! Now when was the last time you could say that?!

The season's final race, the Frostbite, was also bountiful with air. David Parker boarded Harry MacMillan's boat and dueling the Stones sailing their last race in *Anahata*. A race to Lime Barrel and back to the club saw Parker with a respectable lead, but racing to the Club is no easy feat — famous for foiling the most assured plans with its weird shifts. Anyway, having more experience in the harbor and speeding to a convincing victory as the club's hottest sailor — as Irwin Stone wins again. Parker/MacMillan secured second.

The fleet closed out the season at Bezner's for the fall meeting, and once again all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Odds 'N Ends.....it's nice to have official boat rumors for a change — we welcome Carl & Sophia Lawrence, new owners of 12948; and to Bob Wonders & Nick Todisco, new owners of *Finnerty's* 11665; and of course we'll have a brand new boat in the fleet next year as the Stones purchase yet another Lightning. Old rumors still include: Jack Jones (always Jack Jones), Charles Stone, and now John Northrop is sniffing around for a boat — watch out! We all missed the Beadels this year — and Rick too. It's only money guys — come back soon. And finally, this year's Black Cloud Award includes some trivia for you. In 1959, '60 & '61 this same person won the Frostbite three years in a row — an incredible feat back then. And though he raced every year since then — he never won again — until this year 24 years later — Irwin Stone won the Naked Lady again! Now that's fortitude!

BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226)

Florida District

Sailing on Biscayne Bay at Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain Knute Young
Fleet Secretary Donna Disk
Fleet Treasurer John Schoendorf

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8368	Bose Behr	John Behrman
9975	Joint Venture	Eric Stibitz
10749	Green Flash	Jock L. Fink
10815	Slippery When Wet	Kathi Gross
10944	.....	Mike Alexander
11017	Wait Until Dark	Steven Sidelko
11171	Brilliant Flashes	John Steverding
11702	Glocken Spiel	Stuart Anderson
11981	Were Deep	Jon W. Ewing
12050	Booby Trap	Fay A. Regan
12064	Honeycomb	Donna Disk & Margery Ozner
12065	Loose Lucy	Jim Alman
12111	Full Tilt Boogie	Fred Hutchinson
12282	"The Great White Hope"	Richard J. Pellicchia
12555	Wave Revues	Eileen Dawson
13109	Moonshine	Robert H. Warren
13307	.....	Doug Broeker
13351	Zing	Larry Ames
13466	Jala-Peno	Mark Coltrain

13592
13858
13861
13994

Lizzie Borden
Olivia
High Voltage
Free Ride

Andrienne McCalley
Knute Young
Randy Clee
John J. Schoendorf &
Rebecca Martin
Frank Atkinson, Jr.

Fleet 226 is proud to be the home of Lightning 13994, won by fleet members, John Schoendorf and Becky Martin, in the raffle held by the International Lightning Class Association. John & Becky actually won 14000, but graciously accepted 13994 so that 14000 could be raffled again. The bad news is that it was 3 or 4 months after delivery before the boat hit the water. (What's your excuse this weekend, John?)

More bad news is that for the first time in many years the price of the steak dinner at the Miami Midwinters went up. Yes, that's right, the new price is \$6.00. The good news is that Fleet 226 is more than ready to put on the dinner again, so bring your appetites.

Also good news is the return of the Florida District trophy to Fleet 226. This year's Districts were held on Lake Eustis for the first time ever. Knute Young won a close, hard fought series from past champ Fisk Hayden to return the cup to Biscayne Bay and Fleet 226.

New for us this year was the Silver Strand Regatta, also known as the Old Farts' Race. The rules were as follows: The skipper and one crew had to be a minimum of 40 years old, the third crew could be any age as long as their total age was more than 120. I.D.'s were checked at registration. Skippers were responsible for borrowing a boat from fleet members. Members could crew but not drive. We had a turnout of eight boats who sailed a four race one throwout series in perfect 10-15 knot breezes. All who sailed are looking forward to next year.

Fleet 226 is proud to have been represented at the 1985 World Championships on Barnegat Bay, New Jersey by Jim Alman, who finished eleventh.

At the 1985 North Americans in Tawas Bay, Fleet 226 was represented by Faye Regan (3rd women's), Fred Hutchinson (2nd Presidents' Cup) and John Ewing (2nd Governors' Cup).

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Southern Circuit and especially at the Miami Midwinter down home in the tropics steak dinner.

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET (227)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet Captain David T. Stagg
Fleet Secretary John F. Canfield
Fleet Champion Raymond Harrington, Jr.
Runner-Up David T. Stagg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9413	Enigma	William Potter
10480	.....	Trip Westcott
10482	Reckless Abandon	Raymond Harrington, Jr. & Ray Harrington
11137	.....	Jeffrey M. Wright
11393	Stag Too	Dave Stagg
12077	Raider II	Jim Leamy
12359	.....	Bruce Belden
12981	Blitzen	Joe Mark
13484	Si Ergo	Hans Malz
13497	.....	Fred Bagley
13732	Defiant	Paul H. Eitapence, Jr.

Fleet 227 sailed 20 of its projected 22 races in the summer of '85. Raymond Harrington, Jr. sailed away with all the top awards, retrieving them from Dave Stagg, last year's board sweeper and this year's Fleet Captain who was in second place this year.

Raymond also made Fleet 227 proud by winning the New England District Championship at Marblehead, Mass. last July, and he finished seventh in the North American's President's Cup races. Bagley and Harrington entered at Spofford this year, also.

The most incredible story of the season was that of skipper Trip Westcott's first day of racing his new boat. He handily won the first race, and the other race that day came in dead last.

The Fleet's Awards dinner was held in October at which Hans Malz was chosen Fleet Captain for the 1986 season.

RIVERTON FLEET (228)
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary Hugh Hutchison

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6929	Cirrus	Mary E. Liddle
8616	Enterprise	Hugh J. Hutchison
9628	Discovery	Paul L. Alberti
10494	Syncopation II	Wilbur Bourne Ruthrauff
12727	Special K	Allen M. Crew
12900	Natural High	Weld Cox

No Report.

CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon

Fleet Secretary A. Morrie Craig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8778	Reflections	Jan Igor Gilhousen
10692	.....	O. Hayes Griffith
11404	Green Eggs & Ham	A. Morrie Craig, M.D.
12093	.....	John J. Mahoney
12660	Jibberish	Baxter Weber
12675	.....	George R. McBride
13956	On Beyond Zebra	A. Morrie Craig, M.D.

In recent years the fleet has seen a decline of activity, due mainly to a leveling off of small boat activity at EYC. This year, however, we have several new owners of boats in the area and some have already joined the fleet. We will be having a meeting soon to select officers for the activities in 1986.



The young and old of Fleet 249.

FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249)
Italian District
Sailing on Garda Lake at North Italy

Fleet Captain Francesco Ferrari
 Fleet Secretary Diego Mazzola
 Fleet Champion Carlo Galetti
 Runner-Up Francesco Ferrari

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8763	Sindbad	Nando de Amicis
10092	.....	Vincenzo Butteri
13345	Tretepe 2°	Salvatore Tremante
13414	.....	Francesco Ferrari
13823	Mimosa	Roberto Mostacci
13878	Dovevai	Claudio Allegri & Carlo Galetti

The Fleet increased with another competitive boat, 13414 *Waith Cloud* skippered by Francesco Ferrari who made his debut to the Italian Championship with a very satisfactory place.

Carlo Galetti was the Runner-up (very close) in the European Championship at Grandson in Switzerland.

We congratulate this formidable performance of Carlo and his faultless crews Claudio Allegri and Diego Mazzola.

Quick as ever, old Nando took part in the Italian (10th) and European (17th) Championships.

This chainless and demonic good old man is ever a clear example for all the young people of the Lightning Class.

With Salvatore Tremante and Roberto Mostacci we are just the four Musketeers under the orders of our King Nando the 1st!

The 1987 Europeans Championship will be organized by our Fleet on Garda Lake.

We invite all the Europeans and overseas skippers to participate and we assure a very interesting program.



FLOTTA DI MARIVELA (Italian Navy) (235)
Italian District

Fleet Secretary C. C. Ettore DeAngelis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4624	Adm. Giovanni Arciprete
10739	Adm. Giovanni Arciprete
11935	Capt. Luigi Merola & Adm. Mario Lo Sardo
13264	Adm. Mario Lo Sardo
13374	Sergio Messina
13715	Capt. Luigi Merola

No Report.

HALLWILER AND SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)
Switzerland District
Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Hallwil, Sursee, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Peter Taschler
 Fleet Secretary Heidi Kunzle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8768	Csardas	Peter Taschler
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
13099	Domi-Nike	Cristoph & Hans A. Luthy

No Report.

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)**Central New York District****Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York**

Fleet Captain Gerald Levine
 Fleet Secretary Gladys Pitbladdo
 Fleet Champion Fred Schaaf
 Runner-Up John Wahlig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12125	Cop-Out	Ray Marier
12711	7-11	Richard Pitbladdo
12885	Jennie	Fred Schaaf
13252	Bea First	Gerald A. Levine
13830	Bite Rite	John Wahlig

Our racing season at Keuka Yacht Club on beautiful Keuka Lake was very successful this year. We completed a full June Series and a full September Series, as well as the Summer Series. We had an unusual number of good racing days with moderate and steady winds. Between four and seven skippers would show up to race — usually five or six, and there was considerable close competition creating high challenge, great times, and good memories.

Highlighting our season once again was our Champagne Regatta on August 3rd and 4th. Twenty-five boats were raced in four races. It was great to meet old friends and make new ones. Everyone enjoyed the champagne dinner and dancing to live music into the wee hours of the morning. We look forward to seeing all of you again next August, and we look forward to meeting those of you who will come for the first time.

Our annual picnic party meeting was held on the last Saturday in September. Our Fleet Captain for 1986 is Fred Schaaf, assistant Fleet Captain is Michael Levine, and Secretary/Treasurer is Gladys Pitbladdo. Would you like any more information? Call (607) 962-3807 or (607) 687-3358.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB (253)**Dixie District****Sailing on Susquehanna River
at Long Level, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain Barry Dunwoody
 Fleet Secretary Ken Kuzdro
 Fleet Champion Starling Mikell, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6577	.....	Kenneth C. Kuzdro
9474	Hot Tub	Charles Townley
10391	Jack Tar	Mel Gardner
11329	The Wisp	Richard C. Rose
11582	Crescendo	Charles F. Noble
11911	The Singing Whale	Barry L. Dunwoody
12137	Eleison	Fred Bush
12941	Deb Star	Starling Mikell, Jr.
13813	Double Whammy	Fred Bush
.....	.....	Edwin Schwoebli

The fleet had its standard two series of Sunday club races for the '85 sailing season. The results of the series races were as follows: Spring, first — Starling Mikell, Jr., second — Barry Dunwoody, third — Fred Bush; Fall, first — Starling Mikell, Jr., second — Fred Bush, third — Charles Noble.

The fleet had several club regattas this season. The Fourth of July Regatta was won by Barry Dunwoody, followed by Starling Mikell, Jr. and Fred Bush; The Labor Day Regatta was won by Starling Mikell, Jr., followed by Richard Rose and Barry Dunwoody.

The Fleet's only invitational regatta was The Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta held on October 5-6. Eleven boats with skippers from the states of New York and Pennsylvania competed for this trophy. Dick Hallagan retained the cup for a third year in a row. Al Mast was second and Tom Ingram was third.

CLARK'S HILL LIGHTNING FLEET (257)**Southeastern District****Sailing on Clark Hill Reservoir, Clark Hill, Georgia**

Fleet Captain Bob Harkrider
 Fleet Secretary Dick Baxter
 Fleet Champion William Jackson
 Runner-Up Bob Hardrider

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2381	.....	Gilbert Klemann
3250	.....	Jeff Annis
9398	Fun	William Jackson
9468	Hot Flash	Nancy Klemann Sproul
9817	.....	Richard Mayne
10767	.....	Graeme Addie & Jimmy Claffey
12798	Viking II	Richard Baxter
12936	Blue Thunder	Archie Carter
13190	Tacky	Gilbert Klemann
13397	Skedaddle	Gilbert Samuelson
13643	Betsi	Bennie Moultrie
13889	Flash	Robert Harkrider

The Augusta Sailing Club racing season for centerboard boats opened on May 4 for the start of the spring and summer series of races. Veteran Lightning sailor Bob Harkrider won the combined series.

The Lightning Southeastern District Championship was hosted by the ASC on June 14-16. Sail measuring and boat weighing was done on Thursday followed by races, a keg social, and Chinese buffet dinner on Friday. Saturday's races were followed by another keg social, and a steak cookout. The sailing competition wound up on Sunday morning. The five race series in the 15 boat fleet was won by Lenny Krawcheck, followed by Bob Harkrider and Art Levin.

The season concluded on October 12-13 with the Halloween Regatta sponsored by the ASC and Michelob. The seven boat Lightning fleet was paced by Gordon Sproul followed by Gil Klemann and Bret Rumble.

Lightning activity continued to grow in the club with 13 boats participating throughout the season. An active junior program continues to develop willing crew members and hopefully future boat owners.

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262)**Mississippi Valley District****Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tenn.**

Fleet Captain John Smith
 Fleet Secretary Joseph Cunningham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4254	.....	Ward Ackers, Jr.
9211	Siochain	Joseph Cunningham
10537	Kat's Kradle	Cully Ward
11503	Hot Airs	Robert D. Garth
11672	Scepter	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.
13030	Spirit	Frank Kelly
13210	.....	Cully A. Cobb, Jr., M.D.
13370	.....	Jack Benz
13666	Feather	Charles E. Konesky
13769	Hyperbole	Cully A. Cobb, Jr., M.D.
13838	"Where's the Breeze"	James J. Wert
13875	.....	John Smith & Elton Hinshaw
13957	Airborne	Robert Cotton, M.D.
13966	Fancy	James W. Ward
14000	.....	Bradford Currie
14004	.....	Donald W. Sherburne, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Bob Llovet
Life Member	.....	Ross H. Bryan
Life Member	.....	Barney E. Mead, III

No Report.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266)
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois

Fleet Captain Dana R. Ellis
Fleet Secretary Joyce Zerban

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
823	.....	Sarah Zupofska
4677	.....	Richard Daly
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
9213	.....	Frank Eppert
9559	.....	Edward Golterman
10053	.....	Chuck Engdale
10711	.....	William Perozzi
11044	Mariah	Robert Nebelsick
11218	Twinkle	Stuart Berstein
11425	Sunspot	Roger R. Parks
10931	.....	Gerald T. Morgenthaler
11473	Hekarwe	Lawrence Kahn, M.D.
11505	Northern Lights	Matthew Burrigide
11580	Cat Again	Nigel Daw
11637	Augie Doge	August Paoli
11701	Karma Sutra	William D. Crowell
11800	Yankee Doodle	Robert "Lal" Burrigide
12032	The Periwinkle	Dana Ellis
12169	White Lightning	Joe Webber
12378	Joe	Glenn Hegel
12458	Miss Jayne II	Richard S. Bartlett
12506	Mist	John D. Folwell, Jr.
12741	Intrepid	Joseph Hanaway, M.D.
12893	.....	Leonard A. Knobbe
13231	.....	Walter J. Phillips
13273	Hot Stuff	Robert & Scott Zerban
14013	Rhumboogie	Gerry Paoli

No Report.

BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB (267)
Central New York District
Sailing on Lake Ontario at Brockport, N.Y.

Fleet Captain Ken Lindsay
Fleet Secretary Dan Wiersma

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10437	Kenneth A. Lindsay, Jr.
10736	Allen Waugh

No Report.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270)
Indiana District
Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain Stephen Jay
Fleet Secretary Joseph A. Lassaux

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7223	Hannabelle	Austin L. Gardner
7979	Pandemonium	Edwin Fineberg, M.D.
8677	Indy-Go	A. William Saeger
8679	Astarte	Burl Harmon
9050	No Excuse	John Leath & James Nathan
9120	Glass Slipper	W. Maurice Liverette
10387	Buckeye	Karl Suter
11453	Double Header	Dr. Walter B. Tinsley
11860	.....	Dave O'Guinn
12393	Chubasco	Stephen J. Jay
12545	Irish Mist	Kenneth V. McGinity
12648	Clonmel	Martha Boon
12899	Thunder	Dave O'Guinn
12963	.....	LaMar E. Michael

13102	Merry Bee	Arthur Barrows
13489	Sundance	Joseph A. Lassaux
13507	Luff Thy	.....
	Neighbor IV	Robert D. Kinsey
13657	High Voltage	Carl A. Rhodes
13954	.....	Dean McKean

No Report.

GUAYAGUIL YACHT CLUB (272)
Ecuador District
Sailing at Estero Salado at Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Secretary Miguel Plaza Merino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7811	Atom II	Lorenzo Tous, Jr.
9411	Sea Breeze	Miguel Plaza Merino
11552	Pilotin III	Eduardo Rodriguez Game
12693	Samu	Francisco Sola Medina
12745	El Padrino II	Eduardo J. Ledesma G.

No Report.



The fleet lines up on Massabesic Lake, Manchester, N.H.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273)
New England District
Sailing on Massabesic Lake at
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain George Dehney
Fleet Secretary George Deyett
Fleet Champion Drew Gillett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6130	Come Monday	Fred Rusczek
6655	Dark Horse	John C. Lockhart
9390	Breezin' Thru	George Deyett
10226	Chute The Works	George J. Dehney
10316	.....	Richard Hamer
11160	PRN	Ethen Howard, Jr., M.D.
11361	Gust (o)	Drew Gillett
11401	Sunday Punch	Ronald Adams
12455	Banana Split	John Webb
12858	Huntress	Wesley R. Wallace, M.D.
13382	.....	Norman G. Deyett
13786	Bandido	Richard Hale
13828	Quick Silver	William L. Hole

These are the voyages of Fleet 273. Whose annual mission is to seek out new friends and strange new waters. To boldly go where no man has gone before.

Our fleet's first voyage was to the Southern Circuit. The vessel was *Quick Silver* skippered by William Hole. Captain Richard Hale sailed all over the galaxy guiding his ship well against deceptive competition. The Deyett Armada took their vessels deep into strange new waters, deep into Lake Champlain and deep into Bow Lake. They also lead their juniors to Lake Huron for the Junior North Americans. Kathy and Ken Deyett, and a recruit, Jen Mann, put up a courageous fight against awesome competition. Wayne, ME and Bow Lake regattas always rank high on Fleet 273's calendar. Thanks to the rest of our voyagers, the Adams, the Gillets, the Lockharts and the Dehneys for making these trips so much fun.

The N.E. District Junior Championship was very successful with visitors from Rutland, VT and Spofford, NH. The competition was very close. Throughout the races several different boats were in the lead, but at the finish Ken Deyett came out on top. On shore, Amy, Chris, Jason, Jeff and Tim played a tough game of volleyball. The Adams supplied us all with a spectacular meal. The Deyetts supplied all the visitors with lodging which included swimming and breakfast. The farewell pizza party clinched an excellent weekend.

The NH/VT volleyball tournament was swept up, on lake and shore, by Rick Humphrey and crew. Due to light winds the sailing was limited but the volleyball was excellent thanks to Ken's makeshift net. Again another outstanding job by the Adams for feeding us all. If you missed Doc's Punch you missed a lot, and if you had it you may have missed a lot too!

The local racing was neck and neck all season. The Spring Series was taken by George Deyett, the Summer by Drew Gillett, and the Fall by Norm Deyett. The Overall Champion was no other than "DARTH VADER" himself.

We leave you with these questions. Will Fleet 273 retain the N.E. Juniors District Title? Who's on port? Will old man Deyett sail in the Masters? Where's my rain gear? Is this thing supposed to tip like this? Will Jim Mann every buy a Lightning? Where's Wayne, ME? These questions will be answered in the '86 sailing season. We hope to see you then.

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Windy Arkabutla Lake

at Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet Captain	Bill Baxter
Fleet Secretary	Crit Currie
Fleet Champion	Bill Baxter
Runner-Up	Bill Simco

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6956	.....	Col. Joseph A. Kelly
9756	For Sail II	Bill McKelvey
9791	Garfield	Ken Davis
10049	Amisu	Almond A. Daniel
10619	Nusance Too	R. E. "Mike" Hicks
11387	Pegasus	Bill Baxter
11455	.....	Col. Joseph A. Kelly
11496	Zzipp	Crit Currie
11900	Plumb(er)	Crit Currie
11999	.....	Crit Currie
12082	The Metrognome	Bill Simco & Richard Ranta
12260	.....	James A. Dicus, Jr.
12340	The Dutch Touch	Frank Bermel
12397	.....	Max Shelton
12505	.....	Lloyd Lovitt, Jr.
12715	Moonshine	Lee Breazeale
13158	Leprechaun	Lynn A. Jones
13450	.....	McNeil Ayres
13483	.....	Jim Thrash
13700	Jezebel	Dan Shipley
13805	3 Sheets To The Wind	Colie L. Jenkins

Because of low water at Lake Arkabutla, Fleet 274's 1985 season didn't begin until the last weekend in April. Such a late start didn't give the local sailors much chance to tune up their boats or to harden up soft winter muscles before the annual Hernando-DeSoto Regatta, May 13-14th. These two factors provide, at least, some excuse or why—once again—the visiting skippers took our silver! We were particularly pleased to have among our guests George Hatfield, our I.L.C.A. president. The brisk winds and some-

what chilly weather didn't deter him or Warren Lewis of Dallas. Warren won first place, and George took second. All our thanks go to Lynn Jones who organized a terrific regatta.

A few weeks later, seven Memphis boats traveled to Nashville for the Mississippi Valley Districts on Old Hickory Lake. In August, Bill Baxter III drove to Decatur to participate in the Junior Districts, an exciting new addition to our district's racing schedule begun last year. He and his crew, Peter McDonnell and Eric Beaupre, won second place. Having enjoyed the sailing and the hospitality, they hope even more young sailors will participate next year.

On the local scene, we are proud to have two new skippers, Howard Snell and Trish Maxwell. Howard and his wife, Heidi, bought Broadus Sharpe's boat, 11387. We hate to lose Brody, one of our past commodores, to "big boat" sailing at Pickwick, but he has sneaked back on several occasions to crew and to give us further directions and occasions to crew and to give us further directions and instructions (for which he is notorious). Trish has crewed in the past for Joe Kelly, and we are glad that she will take some time from her medical studies to work in some sailing on her own.

We hope that Howard and Trish will fill in the ranks of the New Skipper Competition, since Ken Davis and Jim Thrash have done so well that they can no longer qualify as novices! In fact, many other skippers had better plan on a winter of tuning and reading up on tactics to protect their standings next year.

In August, Crit Currie, our local Vice-President, represented the Memphis fleet at the Nationals, and then we closed out our local regatta season in October with the Cotton Pickin' which Larry Jenkins directed. Our appreciation goes too, to Lee Breazeale for running excellent races as usual. We were delighted to have Brad Currie back in town for the races. Of course due to his status as an "out-of-towner" (and due to his skill), he won the first place silver, followed by Bill Baxter III in second, and Bill Baxter in third. Several Memphis Lightnings finished up the season by traveling to beautiful Greer's Ferry Lake in Arkansas to sail in the Oktoberfest Regatta. Having sailed more than eighty races in predominately beautiful weather and steady winds, we have had another wonderful season. We hope other skippers will come share the fun by joining us at the Hernando-DeSoto in the spring and the Cotton Pickin' in the fall!

Fleet Standings: Spring Series — 1. Bill Baxter, 2. Bill Simco, 3. Frank Bermel. Fall Series — 1. Bill Baxter, 2. Bill Baxter, III 3. Jim Thrash.



The Memphis Fleet prepares to do battle.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279)

Central Canada District

Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Ontario

Fleet Captain	Thunder Bay, Y.C.
Fleet Secretary	Barbara Jokela

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9871	Speculator	Jim Mikulinski
12157	.....	Horst Werner
12969	.....	W. Porter Bailey
13180	Frenzy Free	Ted Chamut
13267	Blue Max	Bill Kruse
13515	Wild Blue	Ross & W. Porter Bailey
13589	T.B.A.	Jim Cameron
13590	.....	Ronald Davis

No Report.

CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280)

New England District

Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain	Kurt Felix
Fleet Secretary	Barbara Nickerson
Fleet Champion	Stu Nickerson
Runner-Up	Stafford Frazier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8953	Lucheden	D. Alan Frazier
10439	Isolde	Dr. Stewart Armstrong
10724	Mistress	Craig Carrier
10765	Yasu	Anne Tredick & Tim Dickey
11096	Nike II	Stafford Frazier
11136	.....	Stuart Nickerson
11249	Muma Works	David C. Jones
11751	Scruples	A. Preston Moore
12275	.....	Peter Schifffenhaus

The 1985 Season started off with Kurt Felix winning the Commodore's Cup. The month of July saw six to eight boats on the line most weekends. Stafford Frazier, with consistent finishes, took home honors for the month. August brought two additional competitive boats with the Cutting and Gardner families returning to Wellfleet. The Annual Wellfleet Regatta and the introduction of Laser racing after the Lightning races greatly increased our fleet spirit.

New faces at the helm included Christie Jones, who won the Frazier Series, and young Dave Gardner, who won one race and sailed consistently well upwind during August.

Other series winners included; Tim Dickey in the Fox Cup, Stu Nickerson in the Coffee & Tea Cup, and Steven Cutting in the Cutting Cup.

The Annual Wellfleet Regatta attracted 19 boats with Stu Nickerson edging out Kurt Felix and Don Barrett. Kurt Felix, sailing Rob Pratt's boat, showed everyone that he has the potential to become a top sailor in the class.

Stu Nickerson sailing in all August races for the first time in many years also took home the season honors.

1985 marks the end of Rick Ruykhaver's contributions as Waterfront Director and all of the Fleet's 280 members are appreciative of his efforts. Kurt Felix will be taking over his duties.

Most fleet members believe that the renewed interest in sailboat racing catalyzed by Lasers will in the long run build the Lightning fleet. Perhaps, thanks to Lasers, the next few years will build our fleet back to the 15 active boats we have enjoyed in the past.

COLUMBIA FLEET (283)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, Washington and Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Jerry Neuberger
Fleet Secretary	Thomas J. Schneider
Fleet Champion	John DeBenedetti
Runner-Up	Jerry Neuberger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7111	Poof	C. A. Schumacher
8382	.....	Dave Szplett
8497	An'Son	John Sanford
8858	Bloejawb	Thomas J. Schneider
9298	.....	Jerry Neuberger
9690	.....	Jim McAllister
10285	E'clair	David Seigneur
10693	Wiatr Statek	Michael A. Hemel
10731	.....	J. Russell Downing
11141	Chiqita	D. Ben Gillespie
12056	Animal	Allen L. Weber
12426	Natterjack	Tim Cannell & E. P. Hinde
12879	Vanishing Point	Dave Hickman
12990	Quicksilver	Philip F. & Philip P. Parshley
13476	Orange Tang	John DeBenedetti
13788	.....	Dale Waagmeester
13961	Sly	Terry Bushy
.....	.....	Paul R. Fischer

Greetings from the waters of the mighty Columbia River and the V.L.S.C. clubhouse.

This season has shown us fine sailing with plenty of wind and competition, along with a few new faces (boats) on the water.

This year we enjoyed what we hope to be an annual event known as "Pig in a Pit", organized by Phil Hynde and Tim Cannell, and a group of helpers. Preparations for what eventually resulted in 85 pounds of succulent roast, turned out to be quite an ordeal, involving a hole, rocks, burlap, lettuce, ti leaves, dirt, and of course, the pig.

While it was cooking, we were organized (as much as possible) by Jerry Neuberger for team relay races in Lasers, more accurately described as a water fight. After the race the Pig was unpitted and enjoyed by the 77 people in attendance.

Other highlights of the season included the success of Phil Parshley at winning our own regatta on Vancouver Lake and Make Fisher's win at the Eugene Regatta.

Hope to see you at our 1986 regatta. Happy Sailing.

PARTHENON LIGHTNING FLEET (286)

Greece District

Sailing on Phaleron Bay at Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain	John Costopoulos
Fleet Secretary	George Andreadis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7569	.....	Andrew Sinopoulos
9447	Crinis II	George Andreadis
11459	Crinis V	George Andreadis
11634	Drosopoulos II	Yacht Club of Greece
13801	.....	George Mantzagriotis
13802	N. Sarris	Constantinos Tsantilis
Life Member	.....	Dr. Philip Joannides

No Report.

KOTKA LIGHTNING FLEET (298)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Finland at Kotka and Hamina, Finland

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

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

One of Finland District's Ranking regattas was held on our waters at Hamina. Kari Maenpaa (*Vahine II*) from Helsinki was first, followed by Kimmo Aromaa (*Masi III* from Helsinki), Osmo Savola and Pekka Borg, in that order.

Only one of us travelled up North for the Finland Districts at Kemi. Osmo was tenth.

The results of our Fleet Championship regatta were as usual: Osmo first, Pekka second, and Antero third.

All three of our boats participated at Kotka Seilaa- regatta for all vessels capable of moving by sail. The race course was set around Kotka City Island very near the shores for spectators to see. Several commentators with louspeakers kept the public informed of the race and presented the boats as they passed by. The weather conditions were just ideal for Lightnings so that our boats did well and gained lots of publicity. Melanie was lucky to get a perfect start in the crowd and win the Lightning class trophy.

Our local yacht clubs experimented with a new interesting handicap rule, the Leading Yard Stick, that allows centerboard boats to race with keel boats. As could be expected, the results caused lots of talk afterwards. Anyhow, Osmo Savola did well winning two races in front of many keel boats.

Next year we hope to have our Spring Regatta rated as District Ranking Regatta, and we welcome you all to our regattas as well.

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

Fleet Captain Kurt Kling
 Fleet Secretary Todd Cox
 Fleet Champion Peter Hubbard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7829	Wind Harp	Peter Tourin
9550	.....	Christopher B. Leopold
9610	Lion's Paw	Donald A. Eberly
9829	.....	Dave Powlison
10313	Hawk	Peter Hubbard
10666	"The Young One"	Robert C. Young
10773	Apple	Kurt Kling
11267	5 Hugs	John R. Hughes
11504	Second Wind	Janice Lange
11560	Ciao	Dick Fastiggi
12366	Rainbow Rider	Todd Cox
12967	Zoom	Edward Ziemer
13156	Nightmare II	Stanford White
13172	.....	John Reynolds
13232	.....	Bob Goodwin
13859	Wild Goose	Don Brush

1985 proved to be another year of very competitive racing in small to medium-size turnouts. Sporadic appearances by some new boats indicate potential growth in the fleet for 1986, and the old guard continues to hang tough. Fleet members travelled to the Worlds, the North Americans and the New England Districts.

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

Fleet Captain Jake Rider
 Fleet Secretary Bill Young
 Fleet Champion Dick Pugh
 Runner-Up Ken Irwin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5222	Leisure Lady	William Hughes
7940	Storm	Kenneth Irwin
10013	Gypsy	Bill Young
11144	.....	Paul Back
11445	.....	Joel Cohen
11930	Confusion III	Dick Pugh
13904	Freighttrain	W. J. Rider

Cowan Lake Lightning Fleet 303 had an active 1985. We co-hosted the Ohio Districts with Leatherlips Yacht Club 27. A special thanks to Vermilion Boat Club who invited the District to use their beautiful facilities and sail the competition on Lake Erie.

Ken Irwin, one of our own, was elected Commodore of Cowan Lake Sailing Association for 1986. We consider it an honor for Ken and our fleet.

5222 introduced another skipper to Lightning sailing. Welcome Bill Hughes. The traveling contingent of Pugh, Irwin, and Rider saw a lot of district regatta action. Our **Fall-In Regatta**, last of the Ohio season, was very wet, but very much fun. The breeze was fair. The winner was John Werley-PYC followed by George Auer-CYC, Dick Pugh-Cowan, Tom Varley-Leatherlips, Burt Preston-Mansfield.

There are many activities for 1986 to look forward to. We will be hosting the Ohio District Seminar in April 1986 along with a full calendar of sailing and social events. If you plan to be in the Cincinnati/Dayton area we would love to see you.

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

Fleet Captain Harry Hammar
 Fleet Secretary Simo Koski

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

No Report.

GREIFENSEE FLEET (309)
Switzerland District
Sailing on Lake of Greifensee near
Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Ernst Beyer
 Fleet Secretary Marcus Tschudi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5664	Hejatra	Martin Jaeger
7352	Koralle	Ernst Beyer
7590	Mascotte	Paul Gmur
10904	Sucuri	Martin Jaeger
12091	Popeye	Uve Dohrn
12306	White Star	Jakob Blickenstorfer
13085	Aquilo	H. Kaspar & Marcus Tschudi
13091	Brazil	Paul Gmur
13705	Cezanne	Ernst Beyer

No Report.

KEMI FLEET (310)
Finland District
Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi, Finland

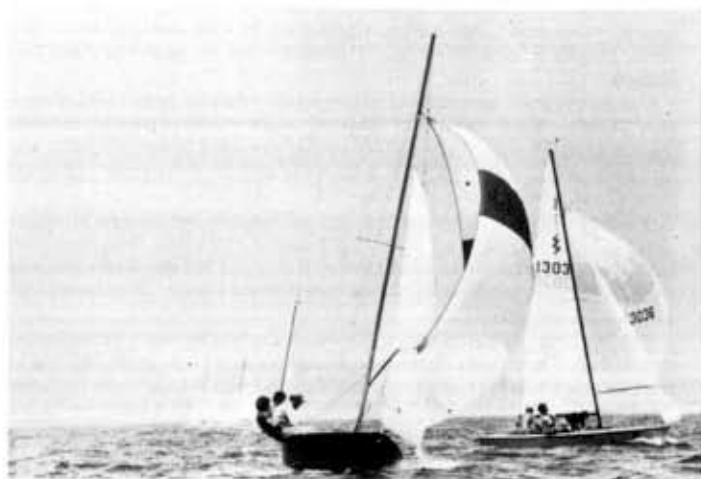
Fleet Captain Heikki Ulen
 Fleet Secretary Kari Anttila
 Fleet Champion Aulis Naykki
 Runner-Up Heikki Ulen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10059	Wilma	Seppo Posti
12913	Desiree	Kari Anttila
12995	Pohjan-akka	Aulis Naykki
13134	Viivi	Heikki Ulen

This year was very successful to our fleet. We had the honour to organize the Finnish Championships here in Kemi. The championships were part of the 80 years celebrating regattas of our sailing club.

The most joyful thing was that one boat from our fleet took the second place in these District Championships. Our old Lightning skipper Aulis Naykki who had sailed Lightnings more than twenty years, surprised us with his complete sailing which was a really fine birthday present to our 80 year old sailing club. Aulis and his *Pohjan-akka* was crewed by Reijo Ilmasti and Jari Makineste who is professionally qualified as a first mate and now may be somewhere near South America. Also three other boats from our fleet participated. Heikki Ulen with *Viivi* was eighth, Kari Anttila with *Desiree* was twenty-first and Seppo Posti with *Wilma* was twenty-third. The Champion was Kari Maenpaa from Helsinki Fleet.

The most active Lightning sailor in this season has been Seppo Posti. Some other sailors who had participated in our races this summer were Teuvo Ypya with *Linda*, and Mauri Jestila with *Veera*. Next summer when our fleet and sailing club will receive our new club building it will, we hope, give also more activity to our Lightning Fleet.



LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA ANZIO (312)

Italian District

Sailing on Tirrenian Sea at Anzio, Italy

Fleet Captain Mario Mieli
Fleet Secretary Mario Mieli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10019	Play Boy	Francesco Galeota
13262	Coco II	Angelo Rolli & Giuseppe Palomba
13455	.....	Giuseppe Palomba & Saura Scarpocchi

No Report.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)

Dixie District

Based on Sassafras River, Maryland

Fleet Captain Al Mast
Fleet Secretary Bob Horne
Fleet Champion Jim Ganley
Runner-Up Al Mast

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9391	Doc's Boat	Bob Horne
9800	Inversass	John Farquhar, M.D.
10246	Glass Slipper	Dr. John H. & John Paul Myers
12453	Sassy	Tom Hopkins, M.D.
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred Mast
12964	Redoubtable	James T. Elliott, Jr.
13043	.....	Howard S. Edson
13495	Awesome	Ted Ganley
.....	.....	Dr. James V. Ganley

This season was the first one in the 27-year history of the Kentmore Park Sailing Club sailed without the presence of our oldest and most faithful charter member, W. Leon "Doc" Walbert, who passed away in February at the age of 87. We shared many good times, both on the water and off, with Doc; he reciprocated by introducing countless numbers of us to the joys of sailing and racing Lightnings.

Jim Ganley won the first series, with Al Mast finishing second and Tom Hopkins and Bob Horne finishing in a tie for third. Al Mast won the Summer Bay Race.

Al Mast won the second series, this time Jim Ganley was second, and Howard Edson finished third. Howard also won the Fall Bay Race.

Bob Horne won the Walbert Cup, Jim Ganley the Buss Neff, and Al Mast the Commodores Cup. The Skippers Cup was won by young John Myers, sailing Glass Slipper in his first season as a skipper (Pop was just along for the ride).

The Matlack Trophy races saw Tom Hopkins, Al Mast, and Jim Ganley finishing out front, and Ted Ganley, Alan Winter, and Dave Horne taking the B-fleet event. The Taylor Cup was won by Leigh Hopkins, and Bob Horne finally retired the Stardust Trophy, having won it four times since its inception in 1973. Jim Ganley became the latest recipient of the Butt Award, for towing a crab trap for almost an entire leg of a race.

As a memorial to Doc Walbert, we'd like to share with everyone a poem

he wrote long ago, which typifies the feelings we all have for sailing in a Lightning on the Sassafras:

*"Sailing is a wonderful sport —
Noislessly the sailboat glides upon the water,
Heeling slightly to the warm soft air
That fills its sails and sends it on the course
The skipper has carefully selected for it.*

*The skipper is master of the sailboat
And the crew under his command,
To aid him in matching wits against
The elements of Mother Nature.*

*The changing of these "Nature's Elements"
Such as wind, tide, and dead calm
Is a wonderful challenge that taxes
The skill of the ships master to the limit
If he wishes to fetch the mark just ahead.*

*Sailing a boat is lots of fun
At sunset, twilight and moonlight
All have their thrilling moments —
Sailing a boat down the silver streak
Of the moonlight on the water
Causes one to feel closer to Heaven,
Provided their thoughts are not elsewhere.*

*To those of you who have never sailed,
I beg of you to get out and sail —
You will love it."*

— W. Leon Walbert
(1897-1985)

ALGARROBO LIGHTNING FLEET (318)

Chile District

Sailing at Algarrobo

Fleet Secretary Angel Fantuzzi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11022	Felipe Cubillos S.

No Report.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325)

Dixie District

Sailing on Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

Fleet Captain Dave Butler
Fleet Secretary Carol Mertes
Fleet Champion Fred Mertes
Runner-Up Dave Racine

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1066	.....	Robert J. Buzbee
7592	Capricorn	Ed Niemann
9199	.....	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association
9510	Yarak	Paul F. Burns
9527	Bo-Bo	Harold T. Grosh
9976	White Magic	Carl Slocumb
10351	Insanity	Haskin U. Deeley III & Jim Lippincott
10427	Just One Look	Fred Mertes
11155	.....	Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association
11288	Infinity	Matthew J. Littleton
11444	Artful Dodger	Thomas Clark
11540	.....	Robert W. Currie, Jr.
11899	Pisces	David Racine
13218	Sneak Attack	Tom Zimmerman
13277	Off The Wall	David A. Butler
14043	.....	Fred Mertes
.....	.....	Ronald Dawson
Life Member	.....	Jacob Zimmerman

Fleet 325 had another successful sailing season in 1985. We added five more boats to the fleet this year, giving us the opportunity to change our



Fleet Champion Fred Mertes with sister Carol, and Andy Carey.

schedule around. We decided to race four series — Late Spring, Summer Summer II, and Early Fall, plus the Club Championship. Each series had a minimum of six or seven boats at the start, with as many as 14 boats in the Summer II Series. As the season progressed, we also added races, sailing as many as four races in an afternoon. Everyone was able to get in a lot of practice, have some fun, and find out what to do in the unlikely event of a capsized. At one point or another, everyone in the fleet capsized. This was most noticeable one warm Sunday afternoon in September when a sudden squall hit. There were more bottoms showing than masts and those few who remained upright, wished they hadn't! The final results were as follows — Late Spring: 1st-Fred Mertes, 2nd-Carl Slocumb, 3rd-Tom Clark, Green Fleet 1st-Dave Butler; Summer I: 1st-Fred Mertes, 2nd-Dave Racine, 3rd-Tom Clark, Green Fleet 1st-Matt Littleton; Summer II: 1st-Dave Racine, 2nd-Fred Mertes, 3rd-Carl Slocumb, Green Fleet 1st-Bob Buzbee; Early Fall: 1st-Tom Zimmerman, 2nd-Fred Mertes; Club Championship: 1st-Fred Mertes, 2nd-Dave Racine, 3rd-Tom Clark, Green Fleet 1st-Matt Littleton.

The 19th annual Delaware Governor's Cup was held on June 1-2 with 25 participants. As usual, the weather was perfect and the winds were a steady 12 to 15 knots. Our famous cocktail party was replaced by a cook-out and a B.Y.O.B. party as mandated by the R.B.S.A. Board of Trustees. The party was a huge success and no one seemed to mind the absence of fleet provided alcohol. First place went to Rob Held of Red Bank, N.J. with a 1-1-3, followed by Jon Schwartz, also of Red Bank (2-4-1). Third, fourth and fifth went to Steve Bachman of Annapolis, Fred Mertes of Rehoboth, and Peter Buckley of Annapolis.

The Bob Purnell Memorial Regatta was held on September 21-22 with our biggest turn-out ever — 23 boats. We lucked out weather-wise (hurricanes fast closing in). The chili dinner Saturday night was a big success, thanks to Vicky Mertes and Kitty Racine. Annapolis took top honors this year with Peter Jones in first, followed by Don Delorme and Ron Grotheer.

All in all, we had a great season. We hope to see everyone next year in June for the 20th annual Delaware Governor's Cup.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)

Michigan District Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay at Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Jim Milliman
Fleet Secretary John Van Dalson
Fleet Champion John Van Dalson
Runner-Up Jim Milliman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9588	Cold Draft	Paul C. Davis
11107	Classic Case	Craig S. Horvath
12369	3 Stooges	James Milliman
13932	Blue J	John Van Dalson
13955	Spirit	R. Garrett Demarest, III

The Grand Traverse Lightning Fleet's sailing season was dominated by a new member, Gary Demarest. Gary joined our club this year after a recent

move to the area. Although he had been inactive from Lightnings recently, he proved this year he had not lost his abilities. He won nearly all of our fleet races, usually by a wide margin. The runner-up this year was John Van Dalson.

Our season this year consisted of every-other Sunday back-to-back races plus Tuesday night races. The Tuesday night races alternated between regular Spinnaker races and Jam races that provided opportunities to new, inexperienced racers. The most consistent and most frequent sailor was Paul Davis, always sailing with his wife.

The Grand Traverse Invitational was attended by twenty-two Michigan District Lightning sailors. The five scheduled races was completed with light air on Saturday and a good blow on Sunday. The races were close with the top three racers finishing within two points of each other; Goldsmith, Park and Demarest.

The Michigan Districts held at Crescent Yacht Club were well attended by our fleet. Three boats (Demarest, VanDalson, & Dow) attended, and all three finished high enough to qualify for the North Americans in Tawas Bay. The best finish in the district was eighth place by Demarest. In the North Americans Demarest again lead the way. He qualified for the Championship Fleet, won the fourth race and finished eighth overall.

JYVASKYLAN LIGHTNING FLEET (328)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Paijanne at Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain Ilkka Lilja
Fleet Secretary Samppa Salminen
Fleet Champion Samppa Salminen
Runner-Up Ilkka Lilja

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6838	Old Lady	Timo Lehtinen
12996	Kristiina	Samppa Salminen
13734	Valko	Ilkka Lilja
13919	.....	Martti Nurminen

Our season began in May after the coldest winter of the century (-40°F as coldest). During the summer the only active competitors were Ilkka Lilja



Fleet 328 champion, Ilkka Lilja in Valko.

and Samppa J. Salminen. The other members of the fleet competed unfortunately only irregularly and rarely.

The first bigger competition in which we took part was held on 24th-25th of June in Yli-Tornio on lake Iso-Vietonen. It is the northern most sailing race in the world because the lake is 10 kilometers north from the Arctic Circle. It was a great experience to sail in the light of the midnight sun. One week after this race the Finnish Championships were held in Kemi where Ilkka Lilja was 11th.

One of the main races of the summer was Paijanne Race with its 65 nautical miles without breaks on Lake Paijanne. The competition was held on 20th-21st of July and our fleet took the first three places in the Lightning Class. Altogether there were 250 boats.

The final race of the season was in Helsinki on 14th of September. It was an 18 nautical mile long competition and it was the first ranking race in Finland which wasn't kept on a triangle track.

As a summary of the season we had a nice and busy summer. We had during three months 24 starts in different kinds of races and we drove 3500 kilometers towing the boat on Finnish roads and highways. Few as we are, we look forward to next summer for more fun sailing on beautiful Lake Paijanne.

SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329)

Dixie District

Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain Doug Dixon
Fleet Secretary Mary Anna Portner
Fleet Champion Steve Bachman
Runner-Up Joe Friebele

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10475	.....	Peter Jones
10643	Speculation	W. T. Elam
11036	Think Fast	Dr. Donald P. Delorme
11420	.....	Ken Bedford
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg
11767	.....	Alex Humphrey
11768	Blue Bayou	J. Jeffrey Borland
11792	III	Dr. Edwin M. Oritz & John Richardson
12470	Lightning Bug	E. Joseph Friebele
12752	Yankee	William H. & Peter K. Buckley
12772	Clarrissa Marie	H. Warren Cooper
13306	.....	Simeon Cox
13620	Peaches En Regalia	Robert Astrove
13827	Blixten	Peter H. Martin
13929	Bruiser	Michael Denning
14010	.....	Steve Bachman
14019	.....	Doug Dixon
.....	.....	Mary Anna Portner

No Report.

SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)

New England District

Sailing on Big Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Dwight Gertz
Fleet Secretary Roberta "Boo" Ayotte
Fleet Champion Dwight Gertz
Runner-Up Robert Ayotte

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10555	Jumbo	Dwight Gertz
10732	Go-Mo-Shun II	David Closson
12859	.....	John S. Russell, Jr.
13101	Super Shuttle	Robert Ayotte

Twenty-five years ago Howdy Wood had a great idea. He talked up a storm and organized a Lightning fleet on Squam Lake which became Fleet 332. The charter members totaled three; himself, Bob Custance, and Dick Blair. We salute Howdy on our 25th for having such a brain storm. A lot of water has been over the dam since then. We've had the pleasure of hosting several regattas and also many of us have travelled the New England Circuit. Unfortunately, interest has wained (a little bit). At one time we

were down to three active boats and sometimes only two. Now we can gladly report on our 25th year that interest is picking up thanks to a new "spark plug" in our fleet, Dwight Gertz.

This year we had a fun filled season with light airs pushing our fabulous fleet of four around the course. Quite often there would be a race within a race. The first two boats, Gertz and Ayotte, would have their own battle while the second two boats, Russell and Closson, would drag across the finish line a "little" later going through their antics beating one or the other by a foot or a boat length.

On August 11th we had the pleasure of hosting three boats, Russell Cavanaugh, Ed Hines, and "Somebody" Davis (sorry we don't have your first name) from the brand new Lightning Fleet of Bow, New Hampshire. When they arrived that Sunday morning it was extremely hot and humid with not a breath of air stirring. However, in spite of the heat they all kept smiling while they rigged their boats. As it turned out though, the two o'clock breeze came up just in time to cool things off and to have two good races.

We tip our hat to our new "spark plug" for taking care of all of the arrangements. We hope that next year they will return with even more boats.

On August 18th the second annual Open Class Regatta was held for the benefit of the Holderness Library. It attracted 17 boats, some catamarans, sailboards, sunfish, a cruiser and of course Lightnings which by the way were the first four finishes. (Three cheers for the Lightnings!)

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB (335)

LIGHTNING FLEET

Central Atlantic District

Sailing at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Paul Wood
Fleet Secretary Larry Murphy
Fleet Champion Paul Wood
Runner-Up Bill Clarke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10445	Sea Adler	Maryann Toedtman
10526	Talisman	Paul B. Wood
11550	Gamecock III	David P. Kunz
10823	Careless	David C. Faus
11189	Bat Toe	Bill Clarke
13900	Miss Mar Ker	Larry Murphy

Excellent but extremely busy season again with 15 fleet races and our annual regatta. In addition, we continued an active interclub fun rivalry with Surf City in July and August, plus the 2nd Annual Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association Regatta. Most of our sailors helped out at the 1985 Worlds as measurers and crash boats. Our thanks to Little Egg for such an excellent program.

Catching my breath after the above, all within a 10-week sailing season, we also had some outstanding racing at our club this year with quite a few changes in the way the fleet crossed the finish line. Paul Wood put it all together with the excellent crew skills of daughter, Heidi and Eamonn de Lisser. Paul won most races by wide margins and all the rest of us were pleased to see the end to this season. There's a rumor that the fleet has taken up a collection to send his crew away next year!

This year's on the water committee chaired by Ollie Goldman and Nick Spina were terrific although there were one or two complaints about mark positioning, but only from the stern end of the fleet.

1986 should be great fun!

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

Central New York District

Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

Fleet Captain Walt Nial
Fleet Secretary James Millard
Fleet Champion James Millard
Runner-Up Dale Brown/Walt Nial

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7123	Rocky	Harold B. Hansen
7809	.....	James R. Buhrmaster
11519	Chicken Ship	Dale H. Brown & Walter Nial
12115	.....	James Dickson
12130	.....	Cornell C. Cawley, Jr.

12573	.....	Kenneth E. Buhrmaster
12636	Dazzle	Richard LeBoeuf
13655	Huggie	R. James Millard

The 1985 season brought a variety of wind conditions and very good weather to Galway Lake. With six to eight boats on the line for most races, Jim Millard with brother Doug and wife Nell as crew, took the trophy for the sixth year in a row. Dale Brown and co-owner Walt Nial picked up another second place award, while Jim Dickson edged out Ken Buhrmaster and Ric LeBoeuf for third. Jim Dickson then promptly celebrated by winning the Dunkin Doughnut Award for mid-lake boat washing.

Maury Gardner stopped by for a few races on his way from Saudi Arabia to his new home in Oregon. We wish him the best in his new location.

Looking forward to next summer.

THE SOONER FLEET (343) Central States District Sailing on Lake Hefner at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Fleet Secretary R. G. Mallinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10757	Sooner or Later	Richard G. Mallinson
11367	.....	Jack Zink
13207	Whisky Sour	Victor Castro-Hahn
13942	.....	Richard G. Mallinson

No report.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Gene Matthews
Fleet Secretary Gene Matthews

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
483	Between The Sheets	Steve Grotmeyer
11270	.....	Steve Grotmeyer
12288	.....	John Poutsch
12822	Spike	Audrey Matteson
13144	Opus 5	Robert C. LaBrot
13885	.....	Robert & Kevin Waldek
13941	"Mr. Wonderful"	Gene Matthews

No Report.

LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Lanier out of Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, Georgia

Fleet Captain Helen Shingler
Fleet Secretary John Bartholomew
Fleet Champions Bob & Helen Shingler
Runners-Up Dick & Rosamund Boyles

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5896	Blind Faith	Robert D. Shingler
9568	.....	Robert H. Proffitt & David Y. Pitts
9570	Ariel	William L. Pulgram
10009	O'Blue	Richard Boyles
10111	Lord Jim	Robert Schindel
10824	Lickety Split	David Whelchel
10870	Grease Lightnin'	O'Lynn J. Allen
10926	Chokanoke	John Bartholomew
12331	Hot Chocolate	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12736	The John B.	John Brian Johnstone
12849	Eh La Bas	Reg Brooks
12935	Lemon Pie	Kenneth Wallace
13421	.....	Robert D. Shingler

Fleet 348 has had it's good and bad days with the winds during the 1985 season, but we managed to have one of our strongest winds for the first day

of the Atlanta Cup, October 5. Since that is the final regatta for the district circuit, we put some good sailors to the test, with winds running over 20 mph. Bill Sloger showed that experience helps, as he came up the winner. Bob Wardwell showed us the latest in underwater techniques on Saturday, and came back on Sunday with a new set of labels — legible from 25 yards — indicating such basics as up and down. Sloger only won on a tie breaker, over Fisk Hayden, who was followed by Lennie Krawcheck in a brand new boat. Bob Shingler and Gordon Kellogg broke rudders.

Earlier in the year we cheered Dick Boyles' beautifully refinished boat, the progress Bob and Helen Shingler made, both in fleet racing and on the district circuit, and especially the generosity of Joe Stites. Joe, a long time member of the fleet, sold his home and moved to tidewater Virginia. He also put his Lightning up for sale. The fleet was naturally interested in having the boat remain on Lake Lanier. We eventually found it a buyer, and Joe sent the fleet a very generous check as our "commission" on the sale! At Joe's suggestion, we used the money to throw a picnic (which doubled as our annual meeting, and the planning session for the Atlanta Cup) featuring a steak roast — amazing what a good piece of meat will do for the turnout. We have also instituted a new trophy, honoring Joe and his late wife, with the winner based on total number of club races sailed in the season. It is a shameless bribe for faithfulness. We think that just being sure there are enough boats to hold a race is important, and there are boats who turn out, even if they are not likely winners. This should be an opportunity to give some kind of recognition to that support.

We have had some progress on the closeness of competition this year, as nearly every boat that has raced has won a race during the season. Our Fleet Championship has not been determined as we go to press — if you can say that in late October, something is going right!

The Stites picnic had the added advantage that we finally have our 1986 officers in the yearbook that gets used during 1986. For the record, our 1985 officers were: John Bartholomew, fleet captain; Helen Shingler, fleet lieutenant; Mary Bartholomew, secretary; Bob Shingler, treasurer.

HARVEYS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (350) Metropolitan District Sailing on Harveys Lake, PA

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12363	Red Baron	Paul Priebe, Jr.

No Report.

HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353) Ohio District Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain Frank Amore
Fleet Secretary Gordon Snyder
Fleet Champions .. Ehmann Miller/Gordon Snyder

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10960	.....	Frank Amore
12015	The Goldie Marie	Ehmann Miller
12046	Princess Di	Nanci Whiteman
12950	Wave Dancer	Gordon Snyder

No Report.

LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358) Switzerland District Sailing on Lake of Murten in Switzerland

Fleet Captain Hans-Peter Schmid
Fleet Secretary Andreas Hofer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4849	Krampus	Paul Kurth
10899	Damafino	Daniel Fischlin
11108	Baribor	Roland Baumgartner
11857	.....	Jean-Pierre & Gilbert Durr
12951	Santa Fiamma	Jacques Perret
12952	Noa	Stefan Scharer
13161	Black Hausi	Urs Schar
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler

No Report.

CATAWBA (365)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Wylie, Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary Harold B. Bursley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10869	Chip Arnett

No Report.

OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Okanagan Lake at
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain William Ehmann
 Fleet Secretary William Ehmann
 Fleet Champion Bob Bazett
 Runner-Up Sarah Innes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9856	Khumbu	Doug Gillett
10658	Firedance	Grant MacKinnon
11462	Aristeia	William Ehmann
12158	.....	Neil MacGibbon
12245	.....	Sarah Innes
13477	White Shadow	Robert Bazett

The 1985 sailing season was marked by the welcome addition of Sarah Innes who, after having grown up in Lightnings and having skippered keel boats for a number of years, has returned to the Lightning Fleet with her own boat #12245. Sarah has made quite a splash on the racing scene as she is recognized as one of the best racing helmsmen in the Kelowna area. Sarah had her first major capsiz during her first out of town regatta to properly christen her boat. The addition of Sarah has made our fleet races extremely competitive and has caused this humble correspondent to fall even further down in the standings than before her arrival.

The 1985 season was bedeviled by predominantly light air and flukey conditions which often made for drastic changes in position. Despite the fact that conditions were sometimes difficult, the best sailors do tend to rise to the top of their fleets and Bob Bazett consistently won each racing series. A combination of extremely smooth sailing and a great deal of tenacity, particularly as he engineered a number of spectacular come-from-behind victories, marked Bob's sailing style.

Our new sailing site has been in operation for its first full year and has been extremely successful. Many thanks are in order to Jim MacDonnell and Doug Gillette who spent uncounted hours arranging funds and supervising construction of the facility with room for one hundred boats, which is one of the best dinghy facilities in British Columbia.

Altogether it was a good year for Lightning sailors with excellent competition and a new facility.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)
California District
Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California

Fleet Captain Lynne S. Miller
 Fleet Champion Timothy Barnes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5738	Delphine	Ed Davidson
6028	.....	Mark Williams
6633	"Asa Nisa Masa"	Kenneth H. Jones
9169	Genie II	Michael Molina
10222	Tomato Sloop	Jerry Rochte
11463	Greyhound	John Hoffman
11511	Peppermint Patty	Bruce B. Arnold
12023	Larc II	Paul Descalso
10234	Norstan	John Sundsmo
12163	Orcas	Lynne S. Miller
13243	Raggedy Ann III	Mark D. Patty & Bruce Martin
13247	Blitzen	Ed Spurl
13783	.....	Bruce Arnold
13943	Raggedy Ann IV	Mark D. Patty

"After all, the mishaps are almost the best part of small-boat sailing.

Looking back, they prove to be punctuations of joy. At the time they try your mettle and your vocabulary, and may make you so pessimistic as to believe that God has a grudge against you — but afterward, oh, afterward, with what pleasure you remember them and with what gusto do you relate them to your brother skippers in the fellowship of small-boat sailing."

Jack London

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And so it was this year. The wind, the tide, the fog and the friendship of Lightning sailors. Tim Barnes' in *Morning Sun* consistently set in the west with the rest of the fleet behind. Mark Patty's wooden rocket is getting faster and faster. New boats are appearing with old and new fleet members. We welcome them all.

An apology to you all from your Fleet Captain for not putting in the time you all deserve. Life and sailing all go on. We have a good fleet and it's growing. See you all on the starting line. Trim your jib!

DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)
Michigan District
Sailing on Douglas Lake at
Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Captain John Lighthammer
 Fleet Secretary Graham Paton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10198	Mer Sea	John G. Young
12754	Shrub	David O. Peters
13174	Oh Dear	John McKim Lighthammer

No Report.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE FLEET (377)
Dixie District
Sailing on Smith Mountain Lake
at Scruggs, Virginia

Fleet Captain Hank Riviere
 Fleet Secretary Hank Riviere

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
651	Tarantelle	Franklin H. Pritchard, Jr.
8779	Thor	A. R. Christensen
11871	Jabberwock	Henry W. Riviere

No Report.

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)
Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain Ron Wilson
 Fleet Secretary Ray Yerkie
 Fleet Champion Ron Wilson
 Runner-Up Mike Caterino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5254	Fubar	Larry Koster
5885	Red Baroness	Raymond Yerkie
12341	.....	Robert E. Klimex
12561	.....	Ron Wilson
12888	Do Rite II	Dennis Dudley
13254	.....	Michael J. Caterino
13595	Lady Jane	Robert E. Klimex
13834	Diligence	Robert Hill

Lansing Fleet 387 had some firsts this year that were welcomed. In our Tune-up-Regatta a local sailor took the first place trophy in June by a healthy 8½ points. This was preceded by the Club moving into a new club house (with major labor contributions of Lightning sailors) and finally we had a new Fleet Champion (after being converted from Laser sailing.) We also had a Lightning crewman who decided to do his own thing and bought a boat for himself in mid-season to race. On the negative side, there were two of our boats that went over, trying to make the dock when a sudden blow came up, for the first time in a good number of years.

Lightnings led all other types in the number raced every Sunday and we are looking forward to next year with continuing enthusiasm.