

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

Fleet Captain Frank Mills
 Fleet Secretary Henry M. Boone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6848	Ikon	Warren Osborne
10354	.....	David H. Walker
10386	.....	Aldred K. Warren, III
10722	Strike	Joseph H. Wishon
10723	Patricia Ann	Frank Mills
12336	.....	William Pleasants
12520	.....	G. K. Limber
12603	Dad's Toy II	Delbert E. Foster
12704	Special K	Gordon P. Kellogg
12740	.....	Charles R. Wagner
13140	.....	Henry M. Boone
13856	.....	William R. Deaton, III
14044	Special K II	Gordon Kellogg

No Report.

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13403	Caroline	Franklin E. Robson
14050	Land Shark	Leonard Krawcheck
.....	.....	Harold L. Hintz

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Pete Murray
 Fleet Secretary John Parker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13380	Flower Child	John J. Parker

No Report.

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)
Long Island District
Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton,
Long Island, New York

Fleet Captain Tim Rumph
 Fleet Secretary Erich Glanz
 Fleet Champion Tim Rumph
 Runner-Up Dr. Hugh Halsey, III

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7124	Northwind	Sven Rydberg
10634	Coco II	Alexander D. Irving, II
10865	Stinger	Raymond Rumph
11071	Windy Too	Dr. Hugh Halsey, II
11219	.....	Malcolm B. Hendry, III
12123	.....	Lawrence Savetsky, M.D.
12173	Mega S	Erich & Gary Glanz
14033	.....	Tim & Raymond V. Rumph

The 1986 season showed renewed interest in the Lightning with the addition of two new boats, other boats were upgraded with new equipment and new sails.

The Fleet Championship was not decided until the last day of racing when two races were scheduled.

The first race started with Halsey taking the lead and Rumph in third place until the last leg when the wind STOPPED from the southwest and slowly came up from the northwest. Rumph played the main looking for any whisper of air he could find and slowly passed Shewan, in second place, and moved on Halsey. What little wind there was, it seemed that Rumph had it, finally passing Halsey who had drifted looking for wind also. A very unbelievable situation with Rumph taking the gun for first place and Halsey finishing second.

The second race was started with the northwester still trying to maintain some velocity but right at the start, it died out and "another drifter and looking for air contest" was underway. With the fleet spread out, Halsey who was last to cross the starting line picked up the new southwest breeze first and closed the gap on Rumph. The course was shortened due to the wind and at a club house finish, Rumph and Halsey again finished first and second for Rumph to maintain the Fleet Championship for another year.

At the cocktail party the following awards were presented: The Independence Day and Labor Day Series, Dr. Hugh Halsey II; Early Season Series, Gary Glanz; Late Season Series Bob Shewan (new addition to Fleet 431 with his new boat); Overall Improved Sailor, Rich Warren; Runner Up, Dr. Hugh Halsey II; Fleet Champion, Tim Rumph; and Wednesday Night Series, John Halsey.

Shinnecock Bay Fall Regatta was held on Sept. 20 with three races and the usual great cook out held that evening. Rumph won with Bob Shewan taking second place.

Fleet 431 had an average of seven to eight boats every Saturday and Wednesday evening from mid-June through mid-September. Many thanks to Pete Robinson for the great job of setting courses and getting the boats to the starting line on time.

Rumors have it that we might see another new boat plus a few new skippers with boats at the starting line next year. COME; JOIN US.



Fleet 431 silver winners gather by the Southampton Yacht Club flag pole during the awards cocktail party.

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

Fleet Captain Vern Goldberg
 Fleet Secretary Calvert Garrett
 Fleet Champion Warren Lewis
 Runner-Up George Hatfield

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2914	.....	Greg Gondran
7205	Calico Cat	Arthur M. Wilson
8004	.....	Paul Emens
10405	.....	Fred Hoefelmeyer
10811	Blackboard Bungle	John M. Martinez, II
10854	.....	L. W. Marshall
10937	Honey B.	Sylvan Newman

11046	Androsdos	Vernon R. Goldberg
11311	Dawn	Stephen Craig
11340	"Masada"	Martin F. Feybush
12289	.....	Rick Tears
12500	Blitz'n	Sidney Trest
12835	.....	Rick Tears
12975	"Sea Ya"	Wayne B. Catoe
13200	.....	Stephen W. Thomas
13288	.....	Greg Gondran
13311	Pandora	Robert Thomas
13341	.....	Calvert Garrett
13537	.....	Stephen Craig
13622	Dark Horse	Glenn Darden
13691	.....	Greg Hatfield
13722	.....	Don R. Johnson
13806	Making Hay	George R. Hatfield
13831	Flashdance	Richard C. Guinan, Jr.
13953	.....	Warren Lewis
14028	.....	Bill & Sam Lett
14089	.....	Devry W. Garrett
Life	.....	John Schneider

In the State of Texas, we are blessed with a sailing season that, like a normal second pregnancy, lasts nine months. The similarity extends to the experiencing of highs and lows, good days and bad days, the wonder of how we ever got involved in this affair, and finally, seeing the end results, the pleasure of accomplishment.

1986 was a rebuilding year for Fleet 435. Being somewhat isolated down here, only one other Fleet, 35, is presently active in Texas. We must campaign hard to attract new members. Accordingly, we have initiated an alternate race day program which is conducted on week-ends when Lightning racing is not scheduled. Under the able direction of Gil Mercier, we held "race practice" sessions which emphasized sharing the skills and knowledge of the more experienced sailors with the neophytes. Short races of a few hundred yards with crew and skipper swapping was the usual format. The enthusiastic response was gratifying, with attendance in the first session numbering 11 new faces, some of whom hopefully will become regulars. Marty Feybush took it upon himself to conduct "hands on" sailing sessions for interested learners virtually every Sunday morning since early summer. Due entirely to his initiative, at least three new full timers have emerged, one of whom is now looking for a boat. Marty, we love ya!

New active boat owners include: former J-22 sailors Devry and Jannelle Garrett, Soling enthusiast Greg Gondran and ex-San Juan masochists Fred and Henry Hoefelmeyer. Clarke Newman has returned to the fold after completing medical school. Also, new Lightning owners Herb and Mary Kadane, as well as Charles Mohrle, hopefully will become actively involved in the race program in the coming year. On the flipside, we lost Ken Huggins, John Martin and Steve Thomas to other interests/locales. Numerically the bottom line shows a gain but of course we are sorry to see the old timers leave.

As always, the length of the gestation period leaves us one series short of completion of our competitive year. We can not announce the winners of the 1986 Fall Series, of the Fleet Championship nor for that matter, any of the awards to be presented at the year's end. Instead we go back to last November to recap the year.

In 1985 the Fall Series was won by Warren Lewis closely followed by George Hatfield. The Lord Frumplingham Trophy, symbolic of the Fleet Championship, was awarded to Warren Lewis based on a virtual sweep of the year's series. Art Wilson, a comparatively newcomer to skippering, won the Handicap Championship. The Thanksgiving Regatta was the hottest thing since Lone Star Beer with Lewis nosing out Gil Mercier by a single point. Third place was taken by John Martin and Richard Guinan was fourth.

This year began with unusually good weather, but the results were more of the same. Warren Lewis again won the Spring Series, the format changed with Richard Guinan finishing one point up on Lewis and Hatfield taking third place. With three weeks remaining in the present Fall Series, once again Lewis is leading with Guinan breathing down his neck and Vern Goldberg in third. In the handicap scoring, Goldberg won the Spring Series followed by Calvert Garrett and Lewis, while the Summer Soriee' was taken by George Hatfield with Doc Newman in second and Guinan in third.

Fifteen boats entered the Texas District Championship. This also was won by Lewis. Guinan sailed masterfully to a solid second place finish with Rick Tears capturing third. Warren and Richard went on to represent the District in the North American Championships, where they placed well in the President's Cup.

At the Holiday-in-Dixie Regatta in Shreveport, Warren Lewis placed

third. He prudently chose to abort the second race when lightning bolts started striking the lake. It was inconceivable, but the Race Committee decided not to abandon that race and Warren received a DNF for the second race. On the other hand, Lewis and the Brews Brothers, aka Hoefelmeyers, attended a well run Hernando de Soto Regatta in Memphis. To no-one's surprise, Warren emerged the winner over some 20 plus contestants. The Indian Summer Regatta at Chandler's Landing in Dallas was won by Vern Goldberg and the All Scow Regatta at Rush Creek was taken by Greg Gondran.

All in all it has been a good year. We have had better than normal weather and improved competition. The fleet is again growing, both numerically and in participation, as evidenced by the increased number of boats on the starting line. We're aiming for the top.



"Fleet 440" — First row — Brett Gowans, Gene Ratliff (Fleet Champion) Michael Maginnis, Mike Greene. Second row — Larry Keifelhorst, Bill Wright, John Dymek, Bob Anderson, Sue Rodesiler. Third row — Bill George (photographer).

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

Fleet Captain	Bill George
Fleet Secretary	Bill George
Fleet Champion	Gene Ratliff
Runner-Up	Bill George

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8081	.....	William Telfs
11412	Somethin' Else	Wilburn Brewer, Jr.
12401	Se Eteufel III	Mike Greene
12705	Windance	Bill George
12709	.....	Frederick Gertz
.....	.....	Sue Rodesiler

Following the enjoyment of last year's Fall Series with the Blue Fleet, we decided to have a Spring, Fall and Overall Championships for both fleets. This allowed more sailors to qualify for one of three events, and there was better participation as a result. We also added three picnic/cruises for the entire family, which shows some promise for building our fleet and friendships beyond just those interested in racing. The result was more participation and a greater appreciation of our versatile and exciting boat. One fleet member recruited his elementary age sons to crew in our open regatta after our summer cruise and took the Blue Fleet honors in every race. Quite a feat, John Trussell, and welcome aboard Philip and Jay as Fleet 440's youngest crew.

The Spring Series showed the strength of our new format. The totals left Ray Brush and Mike Greene tied for first with seven points each and John Trussell only one point out with eight points. Mike won with the second step of the tie breaker going into effect — having won the last race. At this point, Mike Greene has taken the Blue Fleet Season Championship, too, and greatly increased his skills along the way, winning the tenth race over the best of the Gold and Blue Fleets. It's time for graduation, Mike! Mike

also sailed in two of the District regattas this year whetting his appetite for the great support, fellowship and competition in the Southeastern District. But watch out Mike; one point each separated Mike, John and Ray for the Blue Fleet Championship.

At this writing, Gene Ratliff, sailing *Somethin' Else*, has taken the Fall Series and the Fleet Championship. This young sailor and crew had only to win one of the last to sew-up the Championship and give everybody a chance to beat the new Fleet Champion in the final race of the season. Congratulations Gene, Michael Maginnis, and Allen Petroff alternating with Brett Gowans as Gene's crew. A special thanks is also due Wilburn Brewer who "trained" Gene as crew for the last few years and encouraged him to compete in *Somethin' Else*. This was a generous and unique way to take a break from Lightning sailing — but it sure didn't give the competition a break!

Come sail with us in our growing Lightning/Thistle Bottom's Up Regatta which continues to be a great spot on the District schedule early each June.

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES (446)

Argentina District

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

Fleet Captain Carlos Luis Schenone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7768	Flamingo II	Heraldo Tramaglia
8413	.....	Oscar Rovira
9200	Allegreto	Carlos L. Schenone
11035	Que Se Yo V	Juan M. Irizar
11037	.....	Horacio Luis Tettamanti
12747	.....	Mario Abinzano

Activity of the fleet had increased during this year. From two skippers, Tramaglia and Schenone, we can now count three more: Irizar, Tettamanti and Avinzane. The last one is a new father of a nice little girl, thus he was not able to run some of the regattas — pregnancy is a nuisance.

One of our skippers, Horacio Tettamanti was first in the Argentines Championship and also first in the III Juegos Sudamericanos in Chile. This year there was no Qualifying regatta for Fleet Champion as the schedule of the district was too busy, but we will do it next year.

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Giovanni Pellegrino

Fleet Secretary Vito Pernice

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11325	.....	Vincenzo Di Girolamo
12061	.....	Vito Bonanno
12087	Milouin	Pietro Marino
12537	Luktor	Ranieri Gambina
12556	.....	Vito Bonanno
13035	Scirocco	Vito Pernice
13266	Wonderer	Francesco Riti
13349	Ho Hell	Vito Pernice
13402	Rainbow	Pietro Marino
13481	Wanted III	Alessandro & Marcello Attina
13557	Ausonia	Pietro Zerilli
13706	Lily Bay Tan	Pasquale Vitaggio
.....	.....	Robert Crucitti
.....	.....	Giovanni Pellegrino

No Report.

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9980	Countess II	Peter J. Leadley, M.D.

10613	Eidolon	Bob Foster
12858	.....	Peter Gottschalk
13169	Oody	Lawrence H. Vautour
13246	Genie 3	Michael Ladd

Here it is, the middle of October and Mike and I are still hoping for that last sail. The rest of the Lightnings are all stored away and the Androscoggin Yacht Club is closed for the season.

The fleet enjoyed a very smooth year without any disasters, i.e. capsize; only the typical mishaps such as the old hour glass spinnaker, or spinnaker under the bow deal, or my favorite, ripped spinnaker en retrieval.

We were host to the State of Maine Regatta in July and saw 20 boats with representatives from five fleets meeting at the starting line. When the final tally was made, George Dyett from Massabesic was first, Ray Harrington from over in Vermont was second, while Alex Gimmell was third. Everyone seemed to have had a good time and we will be looking forward to seeing another good turnout July 11-12, 1987.

September, after our club regatta was over saw four of our boats in convoy to Massabesic for a super time. It was the first time that Fleet 450 was able to be so well represented on foreign soil (waters). Hopefully 1987 will allow members of Fleet 450 to venture further afield, opps — asea.

The fleet has remained strong with the addition of Peter Gottschalk and family sailing 12858. Peter used to own 10613, my boat, and was out of the Lightning family for a few years but came back with verve. We missed Pete Leadley and Chuck Jackson this season, but hope to see them back in '87. Pete was off building a camp while Chuck had a lobster boat down on the big lake.

The Fleet Champion remained the same. Yup! Mike Ladd did it again but yours truly put a few frowns in Mike's brow as we switched positions from one race to the next. Larry Vautour and Peter Gottschalk seesawed back and forth for third position with Larry finally winning. Loss of crew kept George Place well back in the standings, but his presence in the committee or crash boat was a welcome sight and we all thank-you George.

Fleet 450 wishes you all happy sailing.



The Moods of Androscoggin

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FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453)

Italian District

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy

Fleet Captain Paolo Rosi

Fleet Secretary Sergio Rustichelli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9881	Valentina	Massimo Coltella
13062	Windy 2	Paolo Rosi
13271	King Furious III	Carlo Musso
13455	.....	Sauro Scarpocchi
13462	Areknames II	Fabio Nicchiarelli & Sergio Rustichelli
13841	Atom	Franco DeRegis

No Report.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain Tuomo Kauhanen

Fleet Secretary Hannu Hanskala

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5552	.....	Jorma Lehtonen
9438	Kulkuri	Petri Siiskonen
12258	Marigold	Jussi Karkkainen
12429	.....	Antero Punttila
12434	Sunday Sailor	Leo Korhonen
12757	Blue Lady	Pentti Laitinen
12907	Lizi	Leo Korhonen
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
13413	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
13436	Pii	Tuomo Kauhanen
13562	Amanda	Hanna Hanskala
.....	.....	Saku Vento

This season our fleet started early. We had meetings once a month, January thru April, partly together with the Helsinki Fleet 166. These evenings were socially and educationally essential in keeping up the sailing spirit during the long winter.

The first ranking race was in mid May; the traditional "On The Rocks". Hosted by our club, the name describes the water temperature. All the boats were launched for the first time this year. There were 77 participants and the winner was Karl Maenpaa from Fleet 166. Our fleet started the year well with Jussi Karkkainen second and Leo Korhonen fourth.

The District Championships were sailed this year in Vaaksy, 120 km north of Helsinki. The lake and the arrangements were excellent and 27 boats were on the starting line. The District Champion this year is Kari Maenpaa. Our fleet was represented by four boats and the best of us were Jussi Karkkainen sixth, and Pertti Pyy, seventh.

In the District Ranking Series, Jussi Karkkainen achieved third position. In our own Best Of The Summer Series, the winner was Leo Korhonen.

In summary, when we look at the results, the year was good to our fleet. Our biggest concern is that we have not acquired new, young sailors. As we now have a Lightning builder in the District, we shall emphasize "recruiting" in the future activities of our fleet.

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Florida District

Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida

Fleet Captain Bert Lacey

Fleet Secretary Fisk Hayden

Fleet Champion Fisk Hayden

Runner-Up Steve Hayden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10035	.....	Coleman Holt
11205	Wind Song III	A. J. Miller
12293	Renaissance	Clifford Spohr
13010	Crimson-Sky	John Raymond, IV
14066	Shazam	Fisk & Steve Hayden

Fleet 461, along with our local Fleet of MC Scows hosted the 4th Annual Invitational Regatta. Sailors from throughout Florida and as far away as Atlanta, Georgia attended. A good time was had by all.

Our Washington's Day Regatta was also a huge success, and our Fleet expects to add two new skippers this year, so things are looking up.

Steve and Fisk Hayden represented our Fleet at the North Americans in Kingston, Steve sailed the Juniors and Fisk the Masters and North Americans.

By the time you receive this yearbook we will be sailing on Lake Eustis. Ya' all come and enjoy our sunshine and good sailing.

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462)

Brazilian District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Per Olov Hornell

Fleet Secretary Ingrid Hornell

Runner-Up Heloisa Barroso Ulve

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6558	GTX	Jens Ruschmann
7495	ZRBST	Peter Kevin Spink
8795	Fly-Away	Bernardus T. Marttin
11693	Easy Rider	Thomas Sumner
11713	Xamego	Nelson Schmitt
12440	Patua	Arthur Z. De Farias
12513	Abuelo	Per Olov Hornell
12526	Gringo VII	Alberto M. Torres
12657	Perereca	Fabrizio Cavazza
12812	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris & Mario Buckup
14071	.....	Nelson Schmitt

We organized, together with Fleet 147, our District Championship held over the Easter Holidays, with boats coming from other states. Claudio Bieckark, Fleet 147 was the champion followed by Mario Buckup, Fleet 462. Pedro Serpe, Fleet 147 qualified to represent Brazil in the Junior World Championship.

In May, we had a championship celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our State Federation. All Olympic and Pan-American Classes participated during the week's competition.

Our State Championship was very disputed in spite of very little wind which only allowed us four races with four boats tied in points for second place.

Through the efforts of members from our fleet, Michel Norris, Nelson Schmitt, Jens Ruschman and Alberto Torres, we managed to purchase a mold from Tom Allen to start producing the Lightning in Brazil.

In November the project came through with Tom Allen arriving in Sao Paulo to teach us all his know-how in the business. We took advantage of his visit to schedule races and gatherings with other class members.

Tom, thank you very much for your visit to Brazil and for everything you brought with you!!!

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet Captain Robert G. Ames

Fleet Secretary Vivian Hollinshed

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5564	.....	Robert G. Ames
11898	Whiskers	Vivian E. Hollinshed
13598	Bubbles	Robert G. Ames

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)

Italian District

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

Fleet Captain Lino Moroni

Fleet Secretary Renzo Bozzi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13065	.....	Guido Armeni
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL LARIO (467)

Italian District

Sailing at Gravedona on Lake of Como North Italy

Fleet Captain Luigi Guicciardi

Fleet Secretary Luca Grisotti

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

No Report.

VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)

Finland District

Sailing on Lakes Mallavesi and Vanajavesi, Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet Secretary Aimo Jokiniemi
Fleet Secretary Pertti Jalonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12992	Janita	Aimo Jokiniemi
13760	Sea Horse III	Pertti Jalonen

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL SAVIO (476)

Italian District

Sailing on the Adriatic Sea at Ravenna, Italy

Fleet Captain Sergio Camporesi
Fleet Secretary Gaetano Pellizzaro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9599	.....	Ricardo Cattabriga
9941	Marinella	Pellegrino Montanari
9943	Chibli	Carlo Alberto Paesani
10170	Margherita	Dina Guerra
11992	Samba	Stefano Gramellini
12781	.....	Altero Giampieretti
12966	.....	Gianfranco Cercogna
13037	JO Condor	Pier Angelo Elmi
13343	Piallassa	Luciano Ronconi
13361	Lili Marlene	Sergio Camporesi
13401	Tika	Gaetano Pellizzaro
13558	.....	Massimo Gislon

No Report.

CEDAR LIGHTNING FLEET (478)

Florida District

Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River & Sarasota Bay

Fort Myers & Sarasota, Florida

Fleet Captain John Foster
Fleet Secretary Steve Ewing

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2896	Lil' Witch	Richard Purdy
12606	Gadget	Arthur J. Ries
12779	Viva	Robert Desfosses
13822	""	Steve Ewing
13872	"Kate"	John Foster

The Cedar Lightning Fleet was hard at it again this year. John and Kate Foster managed to attend the most regattas again this year—11 in number. Steve Ewing was a distant second with seven regattas to his credit.

Now for the "play-by-play" year. Our fleet started out the season with Steve Ewing with crew Beite Cook and John Pescatrice and John and Kate Foster with Surge Jorgenson sailing at the Coconut Grove Annual Regatta (first leg of the Florida Triple Crown). John managed a 10th while Steve finished 12th. We guess Steve still hasn't figured out about black being an easy color to identify when your'e over early. A DSQ and having to return to start does nothing for your score.

Next our happy warriors and crew, this time joined by Kevin Blair and crew, Bob Desfosses and "Traveling Matt" Fisher, headed off to Eustis, Fla. for the Lightning Invitational Regatta. Steve managed a third with Kevin sixth and John seventh. All in all, this was a pretty good showing for Fleet 478.

To wind up the Triple Crown, John, Steve and crews arrived in Tampa for the Davis Island Thanksgiving Regatta. Steve with crew John Pescatrice and Terry West finished fifth. John, Kate, and Surge slipped into eighth. Final scores for the Triple Crown placed Steve Ewing fourth and John Foster seventh.

In the midst of all the Triple Crown racing, five Lightnings, (four from Cedar Fleet and one from Eustis) managed to race in the Ft. Myers Centennial Regatta. Fisk Hayden of Eustis showed everybody how to race

by winning the regatta in spite of withdrawing from the first race. Kevin Blair was second, Beite Cook and co-skipper John Pescatrice was third (sailing Bob Desfosses' Lightning with Bob as crew), John Foster fourth and Steve Ewing fifth.

Our next regatta was the Snow Bird Regatta at Sarasota. There were only five Lightnings registered but the racing was still good. By the end of the races, it took a protest meeting to determine the winner. Beite Cook was first, Steve Ewing second, John Foster third, Peter Branning fourth and Eric Annis fifth.

Only three boats showed up for our Edison Pageant of Light Regatta so we were forced to race in the Portsmouth Class. I'm happy to report that the Lightnings swept the first three places; Fisk Hayden, John Foster and Steve Ewing respectively.

The St. Pete Midwinters saw John and Kate Foster, Bob Desfosses and "Travelin Matt" Fisher sailing with George Nickels braving high winds, heavy seas and numerous tornado warnings to compete. Our brave sailors didn't manage to bring home any trophies but all agreed it was a good experience.

John and Steve now packed up the Lightnings and headed to Miami for the Florida District Championship. Our guys once again were up against heavy air and the infamous Florida chop and finished eighth and 12th respectively. Hopefully we'll have a better luck next year.

We wrapped up the year at Sarasota for the Labor Day Regatta. This was also the 1986 Florida District Commodore's Cup. Fisk Hayden, hot off his outstanding racing at the North Americans was first. John Foster and Eric Annis of Cedar Fleet finished sixth and 11th respectively. Steve Ewing also appeared at Sarasota but he seemed to have misplaced his Lightning. Instead he brought a funny looking little boat called a Finn. Considering his finishes, he had better stick to Lightning sailing.

That's all for this year. You northern sailors come on down and visit us this winter.



FLOTTE ROMA (479)

Italian District

Sailing on Bracciano Lake at Rome, Italy

Fleet Captain Gianni Battisti
Fleet Secretary Gianni Battisti
Fleet Champion Francesco Cruciani
Runner-up Paolo Tartaglia

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
.....	Gianni Battisti

This year, the Rome Fleet succeeded in many national games and in the Italian Championship in Marsala where Tartaglia-Battisti-Cerbino crew placed 10th. For the next year we hope for more intensive activity due to new crews and additional boats.

This season, our fleet organized the third edition of the Isveur Trophy raced for at the "Meeting '86", an Italian District Assembly. Winners were Vitaggio, Scarpocchi and Giacalone on *Wind III*; runners-up were Roccheggiani, Bozzi and Bozzi on *Bibir*, and Cruciani-Battisti and Pagliarini on *Gargantua*, third.

WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Kerr at Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain	James E. Nutt
Fleet Secretary	W. D. Batjer
Fleet Champion	Michael Rees
Runner-Up	John Pelosi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10190	Sunnyside	Kent R. Mullikin
10354	.....	David H. Walker
11204	.....	John Pelosi
11370	Cloud Nine	Michael S. Rees, M.D.
11690	Schmetterling	Tom K. Hudgens
11738	Tobasco	Billy Dixon
12072	#31	Jaroslav F. Hulka
12143	.....	J. Graves Vann, Jr.
12730	Wrecking Crew	Robert V. Lovelace
12773	.....	Worth Lutz, III
13178	Frog	James E. Nutt, M.D.
13490	Vitess	Bill Batjer
13653	.....	Allen Smith
13656	Gunsmoke	Kent R. Mullikin
13709	Gobble Gobble	Robert S. Lamb
13988	.....	Edward J. Vitek, Jr.
14106	.....	Aubrey G. Blanchard, Jr.
14129	Twist And Shout	Richard C. Ferguson, Jr.

Wake Lightning Fleet 481 was chartered in 1980 largely through the efforts of Tom Hudgens and a core group including Michael Rees and John Pelosi. Although it started small the fleet has continued to grow steadily and this year has reached record enrollment with 18 member-owners. In order to increase crew participation, a special membership category had been established and nine member-crews were enrolled. This has paid off since Bob Wilkins has already bought his own boat and will be a full member-owner next year.

Reasons for the fleet's growth include, first of all, the enthusiasm of its members. About ten boats have regularly sailed at the local monthly races, District events, or at regattas in other areas. The fleet is competitive but plays within the rules and members are always willing to share ideas on technique or equipment. Top sailors from other fleets have joined and the overall level of racing skills has improved throughout. Boats have been found for some who wanted to buy. Some members have bought new boats and their good used boats are available for new members.

The fleet is a vital part of the Carolina Sailing Club again because of its growth and because of leadership provided by individual members. This year John Pelosi served as Vice Commodore, Bob Lamb was Rear Commodore, and Tom Hudgens was a member of the Board of Directors. Bob Lamb did an excellent job as co-ordinator of the Governor's Cup, the major event of the CSC attracting about 280 boats.

Active participation in the ILCA is encouraged and almost all are active members. Extraordinary service has been given by Tom Hudgens as S.E. District Commodore and Rick Ferguson as an ILCA Vice President and a Certified Measurer. Rick has a prominent role in promoting the Lightning Class nationwide through his advertising agency and boundless energy.

Small boat racing is the founding purpose of the fleet. The year started off with an enjoyable race down the Neuse River from Newbern to Oriental, N.C., toward the Pamlico Sound. Afterward a lawn party of beer, shrimp, and socializing was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Lacy Stallings whose gracious hospitality was rewarded by honorary membership in the fleet. Monthly

club races were well attended and the Lightnings always had their own starts. Some representative of the fleet was present at all the S.E. District regattas. Other well-attended regional meets included the Oriental Sailing Social, the Waccamaw Indian Summer, and the Frigid Digit. The Frigid Digit in the past two years has combined with the Borderline Regatta as the double-header with permanent trophies awarded to those with the best combined scores.

The culmination of the racing season is the Borderline Regatta taking place at Kerr Lake on the NC/VA border. Initiated in 1982, the Borderline began with 15 boats and has grown in popularity with 35 or more boats for the last three years. Top sailors from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Michigan have made this a regular event. The winds are often good, the water still warm, yet the leaves have changed giving a luscious panorama of color. Five races are planned; however, because of the favorable time, change from DST to EST on the Saturday night, there should still be time for travelers to return home. Top sailors mean excellent competition; five races mean more starts, more mark roundings and more for your money. After the races on Saturday comes the social hour, an excellent meal, and a great party. More than one sailor has confessed that it is the party that really brings them back.

Fleet 481 is proud to be an active part of the ILCA. We love one-design racing and want to see the sport continue and grow. Come join us each October and sail in the Borderline Regatta. If you move to the area, come join our fleet.



Kathy Isley sets the chute while husband Max looks for the guy on John Pelosi's boat at Fleet 481's BORDERLINE REGATTA on Kerr Lake, NC. 35 Lightnings attended in 1986.

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

Fleet Captain	Jesse Miller
Fleet Secretary	Rick Eckstrom

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8033	Thesis Interruptus	David Lansky
10113	Whisper	Jesse W. Miller
11960	.....	Ithaca Yacht Club
12789	.....	Ithaca Yacht Club
12832	.....	Ithaca Yacht Club
13124	Scudder	Rick Eckstrom
13422	Seajammer	Warren Brown

No Report.



Great sailing with the Port Oswego Fleet.

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

Fleet Captain Robert Finn
Fleet Secretary Joseph J. McCloskey
Fleet Champion Tom Doran
Runner-Up Art Tirrell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10118	Griffin	Joseph J. McCloskey
10378	Gangster	Fran Watts
11134	.....	Joseph J. McCloskey
11308	Vim	Edward Taverni
11728	Striker	J. Thomas Doran
12334	Resilient	Robert J. Finn
12687	Shaky Puddin'	Arthur Tirrell
13881	"Mr. Bill"	Frank Palmer
13946	Spruce Goslin	Michael McCune
14130	.....	Jed Dodge
.....	.....	James P. Finn

Our 1986 proved to be a most eventful season for Fleet 485. The fleet kicked off the season with the Mayor's Cup Regatta in May. This will be best remembered for the pea soup conditions which one crew described as similar to the opening scene in "The Wizard of Oz." Tom Doran won this series for the third straight year.

The Michelob Classic Regatta, which was also one leg of the CNY District Triple Crown enjoyed its best turnout ever with 30 boats competing. Mark Sertl won the regatta for the second straight year, but not without some stiff competition from Dick Hallagan, finishing second. Other winners were: Dave Fretz, third; Jody Swanson, fourth; our own Tom Doran, fifth; and Kirk Reynolds, sixth. Most fleets from our District were represented and the fleet was very encouraged by the Lake Erie District's participation. Racers again expressed their satisfaction with facilities, outstanding Race Committee job by Brahm Palm, and off the water activities. Dennis Dorsey, local Michelob distributor and sponsor was excited about the turnout and expressed his commitment to future backing of the event. The fleet is committed to making this a premier event on the Lightning circuit, with hope it will some day draw more sailors from New England and other northeast Districts. Hats off to Tom Doran and Fran Watts, Michelob Classic Co-Chairmen, for a great job.

The fleet sent five boats to the Districts, as well as numerous other regattas in the northeast. Tom Doran and Joe McCloskey represented the fleet at the North Americans in Kingston.

Art Tirrell, who appears at times to be a live flash, leads the fleet in road work and is starting to crack the top ten at some regattas. Art's enthusiasm and apparent endless appetite for fleet activity has proven him to be an invaluable resource. He has proven the value of crew training and time-on-the water, which helped him win the runner up spot in the Fleet's Championship Olin Stephens Cup Series.

Tom Doran won the Fleet Championship for the fourth straight year. As

the rest of the fleet continues to try and convince ourselves that we are getting closer to Tom, Tom cranks it up and sends us back to the drawing boards. Tom is always quick to point out the importance of his crew, Ed Hawkins and Dave Lacey, who have become a well ordered machine. Ed Hawkins was our first entry in the Junior North Americans and did manage some good racing against some strong competition. Joe McCloskey, with his new *Against the Wind*, put together a strong campaign at home and away. Joe had some good performances in Districts, the North Americans, as well as fleet racing. Fran Watts continued to impress the fleet with some good finishes in our fleet races and Michelob Regatta. Fran, whose job keeps him from racing more actively, has us wondering how dangerous he would be with practice.

Ed Taverni, who seemed to be at every race at home and away, continued to improve with a strong finish in the Fall Series, finishing with the Runner-up Cup, just behind Tom Doran. Ed's persistence is evidently paying off.

Fleet Captain Bob Finn figured out how to keep a crew. He married his forward crew, Wendy. He also recruited Dan Mather, who managed to help get Bob in a more competitive position. Unfortunately for Bob, Dan may be in his own boat next season.

Steve Vivian and crew, whose racing was limited due to some career commitments, did show up with new everything and said he will be ready for an all out assault next season.

Mike McCune, who spent most of the season training crew, should be back in '87. Frank Palmer, Jim Finn's crew for '84 and '85, bought Jim's boat and made his first appearance in our Michelob Open Class Regatta, which saw him pick up a second place trophy. Clay Murphy won that three-race series.

Jim Finn, who was the fleet's first Lightning owner, ILCA member, Fleet Captain and Champion, retired. Jim's efforts in starting the fleet and organizing it are most appreciated by all members. Jim's strong competitive spirit was missed by everyone and it is hoped that retirement will be short-lived.

The fleet is looking forward to a busy schedule in '87 and invites everyone to come challenge Lake Ontario at the Michelob Classic. The Classic has been attracting top sailors and with Michelob as our sponsor, the off-the-water activities make for a great weekend.

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

Fleet Captain Rick Conaway
Fleet Secretary Nancy Wilson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7268	Lord Jeff II	James V. Scrivner
.....	(a.k.a Caprice)	Stephen J. Koch
8500	.....	C. Graeme Wilson
8664	Chaos	Robert W. Cella
10828	Follow Me	Francis C. Renschen
11637	.....	George L. Dowdy
12033	.....	Bryan Uhlmansiek
12136	Thunder	Leo J. Donovan
12891	Sparrow	Gary Cato
13077	.....	Richard Conaway
13088	Barefoot	Stephen Wyers
13379	.....	Bill Kesler
13596	Foxtrot	McDonnell-Douglas Sailing Club
13627	.....	Richard Conaway
14088	.....	.....

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Richard Meads
Fleet Secretary Kathie Meads
Fleet Champion Eric Beck
Runner-Up Richard Meads

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7544	Wetu	Eric Beck
9499	.....	Francis J. Santos
10389	.....	Eric Beck
11380	Klassy	Richard Meads
.....	.....	Frederic N. Barker

The Provincetown Yacht Club hosted the third annual Lightning Regatta on June 28th during "Blessing of the Fleet" weekend in Provincetown. Light air prevailed through most of the weekend although only one race could be classified as a real "drifter." Stu Nickerson took home the first place honors but a good time was had by all. 16 boats participated in the regatta.

Our own fleet found Eric Beck in the lead at the end of the racing season. Congratulations, Eric! Hope to see all the New England Lightning sailors at the Provincetown Regatta next year.

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

Fleet Captain Bob Stoller
Fleet Secretary Ann Crammond, Jr.
Fleet Champion John Ferguson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4865	Obsession	Bob Stoller
5945	Winsome II	Dean Lausten
7860	Dealon	W. J. McGinley
9491	Bentonite Blessing	George Kirsten
9809	Arrogantly Shabby	Ann Crammond & Larry Arbuthnot
12344	Mondo-Bondo	John T. Ferguson
13478	.....	Bob Stoller

The '86 season began with the Annual Spring Meeting and Potluck on May 4th. The purpose of the meeting is social. At this generally social meeting, racing and non-racing activities are determined for the season by all attending fleet members.

This year, for the first time, two Colorado boats represented Fleet 488 in the North Americans in Kingston, Ontario. It was a terrific experience and a tradition we look forward to continuing.

Exciting racing took place on our Colorado reservoirs, including the infamous Lake Dillon. At the traditional Labor Day Regatta on twenty-six mile long Lake McConaughy, borrowing words from the Buffalo Canoe Club folks, "the winds blew the squirrels out of the trees."

We encourage all those moving to Colorado to bring their boats! If you're passing through between May and October, there's always someone looking for crew! Come join us for the fun.

ACULEO LAKE FLEET (490) Chile District Sailing at Aculeo Lake, Champa, Paine

Fleet Captain Manuel Gonzalez Barjacoba
Fleet Secretary Manuel Gonzalez Mas
Fleet Champion Manuel Gonzalez
Runner-Up Luis Herman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11011	Ojo Delince	Alberto Gonzalez
11099	Pixie	Manuel Gonzalez Mas
13396	.....	Manuel Gonzalez Mas

The first two weeks of October we will have our Fleet Championship. Our fleet is growing slowly but in the right way. We just finished the new clubhouse and also improved the dock facilities.

We hope this year will increase the activities thus we expect a pretty good season.

We invite all Lightning sailors from our District to join us, and to experience our hospitality. Good-bye folks.

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

Fleet Captain Charles Shoemaker
Fleet Secretary Robert Blalock
Fleet Champion James Black
Runner-Up Robert Blalock

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8663	.....	Thomas Gerhard
9928	Esprit	Charles Shoemaker
11157	Lolina	James K. Black
12728	.....	Tom Davis
13453	.....	Robert Blalock
13720	.....	Joseph J. Rogan

The year 1986 was again characterized by light air races, although we did have several occasions of heavy air, including one particularly fast-moving thunderstorm, which chased the entire Nockamixon Sail Club back to the docks!

The positions of Fleet Champion and Runner-Up continue to be held by Jim Black and Bob Blalock, respectively. Since Jim won almost all the races this year, maybe we should consider awarding a trophy to the fleet member who could beat him just once!

Our fleet saw the addition of a new member this season, Joe Rogan. Although he had a late start, Joe came on very strong towards the end of the season. Charlie Shoemaker also started coming on strong at the end of the season (new sails?), and Tom Davis showed much resolve in flying his chute at every opportunity. Next year the competition for trophies should be very keen.

All the Fleet 491 skippers would like to express their appreciation and thanks to their crews: Larry Farmer, Lionel Silsby, George Christopher, Guy Christopher, Guy Gray, Debbie Davis, Mike Chaves, Butch Bauscher, Cheryl Herdman, Anthony Zuercher, Jim Herdman, Joe Rogan, Sr., Tammy Engle, Dave Ryan and Cindy Rogan. Thanks for a job well done!

If you're in the area and would like to join us, contact Bob Blalock at 495 Brown's Drive, Easton, PA, 18042, and he will gladly send you a racing schedule.

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

Fleet Captain William Latham
Fleet Secretary Ned & Jean Hinds

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6357	Harrier	Gerald Thorne
8301	Jessie S.	Dr. Edward A. Sweeney
9662	Incredible Too	William C. Latham
11400	Pure Magic	Russell D. Cavanaugh
11440	Ragtime	Edward E. Hinds, III
11579	Andalo	John Thomson
12124	Pzazz	Edward E. Hinds, Jr.
12877	Double Trouble	Bruce Donle
13556	.....	Richard Warner

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Ted Kroll
Fleet Secretary Frank Weber

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7375	Lite-ning	Frank E. Weber
10206	.....	Dan Brielmaier
12038	Blazer	Ted Kroll

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Bob Hager
 Fleet Secretary Bob Hager
 Fleet Champion Scott DeWolski
 Runner-Up Jack Perlow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5737	.....	Robert B. Hager
7337	Afternoon Delight	Scott DeWolski
10240	Y Knot	Jack Perlow

No report.

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

Fleet Secretary James E. Richards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9406	Wildfire	Gary R. Rhinesmith
11841	"Genisea"	Evan Davies
13766	III Snickers	James E. Richards
13824	.....	Kenneth R. Hopson

No Report.

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

Fleet Secretary Carlos Navarro, M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11611	T.N.T.	Carlos Navarro, Jr.-Mulanovich
13114	Polvorita	Carlos Navarro-Gasparetto
13367	Camotito	Augusto Navarro-Mulanovich

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Peg Hodge
 Fleet Secretary Emil Weisenburger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6602	Frontenac	Peggy Hodge
6926	.....	Herbert E. Clark
7961	Cirrus	Emil F. Weisenburger
11355	.....	Gary Phillips
13939	Glory Days	Joe Cumiskey

No Report.

POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB (499)
St. Lawrence Valley District
Sailing on Lake St. Louis in Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain Tony McBride
 Fleet Secretary Timothy Harris
 Fleet Champion Tony McBride
 Runner-Up David Browne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13150	Bumble Bee	David Browne
13260	Firefly	R. A. (Tony) McBride
13519	Ooroo	Timothy Harris & Michael Fog
13577	Krista Too	Adrian D. Niederost
13603	.....	Gordon Worley

Through the energetic efforts of Tony McBride, Pointe Claire Yacht Club has now a Lightning fleet of five and high hopes for converts in 1987.

Apart from winning the season's points scoring series, Tony McBride and crew, brother Peter and James Parkyn also won the Fleet Championship, the District Championship, the Fall Series and a bunch of club races. Having won the District Championship, Tony was entitled to race in the North Americans at Kingston and race he did! He finished out of the money in the Green Fleet, but returned to Pointe Claire Yacht Club full of ideas and techniques that he used on us to full advantage. He won just about every race he entered.

The growth of our fleet depends on converts from our large Fireball Fleet and cruising boat division. To that end, most of us recruited crew from the other fleets with the hope of turning them into "interested parties." It seems to be working but we won't know until 1987. In the meantime, we all talk-up the boat at every opportunity and think of ways we can get the time off work to sail the Southern Circuit.

Our Fleet 499 charter certificate hangs in the bar of the club where it is admired by all.

TENNESSEE VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (500)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Fort Loudon Lake at
Knoxville, Tennessee

Fleet Secretary Jonathan Lange

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2854	Lead Sled	Jim L. Michielsen
3566	.....	David W. Smith
5556	.....	John W. Eleam
10168	.....	Jonathan Lange
10931	.....	Terry Igoe
11638	Honor	Thomas S. Baer
12103	China Boy	David L. Dungan
13105	Hoinonia	J. R. Walker

Our season started with a boat show at the local mall in Knoxville. We were able to create a great deal of interest in the Lightning. As soon as the weather broke we began taking people out sailing.

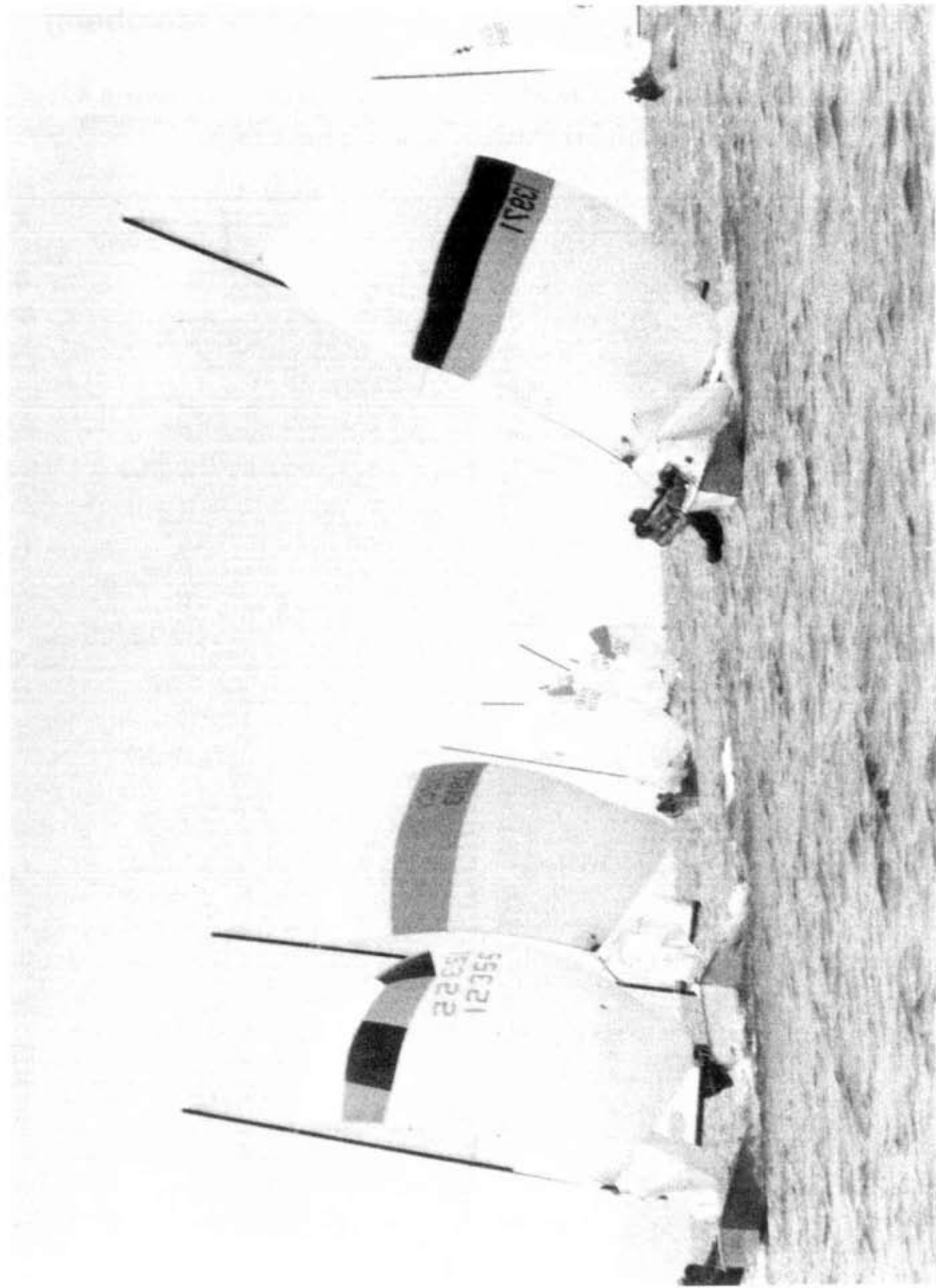
Five families bought Lightnings and put their names on the waiting list to join the Concord Sailing Club. We suffered a setback with the tragic loss of one of our new sailors in a helicopter crash. Brian Caulder's death was a blow to the new friends he had made in the fleet.

In April we were granted a charter. We have been doing informal racing during the summer. Tom Baer and Jim Michaelson traveled to the Atlanta Cup. At this writing we hope to send two boats to the "Blue Nose."

Beginning next Spring, we will schedule regular fleet racing with the Concord Sailing Club. In the last few months some of the sailors at the Concord Sailing Club have taken an interest in our growth and we hope to convert some of the sailors of "off brand" daysailors to the Lightning.

One pleasant surprise was finding Terry Igoe. Terry had crewed on Lightnings 20 years ago in New Jersey. Terry and his family have been out a number of weekends learning how to make their Lightning go fast.

We know it will be hard, but we hope to maintain our current level of growth for another year or two. If we can, we will be the largest fleet at the club and will be able to bring back one-design sailing to East Tennessee.



Downwind at The Michelob Invitational, Oswego, NY.

Photo: Robert Finn