

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF LIGHTNING FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Acuelo Lake	490	Gull Lake	137	Pentwater	340
Androscoggin	450	Hallwiler & Sempachersee	250	Pioneer Valley	495
Annisquam	151	Hamilton Boating Club	118	Piraeus	286
Atwood Lake	212	Harbor Island Y.C.	262	Pointe Claire Y.C.	499
Awosting Yacht Sq.	95	Harveys Lake L.F.	350	Pontiac Y.C.	54
Barnegat Light Y.C.	335	Hawaii	143	Port Oswego	485
Bay Head Y.C.	3	Helsinki	166	Pymatuning Y.C.	36
Biscayne Bay	226	Henderson Harbor	225	Quarter Barrel	494
Black Rock Y.C.	17	Hewlett Bay	58	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	70
Bomoseen Y.C.	227	Higgins Lake	110	Rehoboth	325
Bow Lake	493	High Tor	41	Rocky Mountain	488
Bracciano	479	Hoover Y.C.	353	Rocky River	71
Brant Beach	173	Indian Lake	23	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	215
Buckeye Lake	43	Indianapolis S.C.	270	Rush Creek	435
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Ithaca	484	Saginaw Bay	216
Carlisle Sailing Association	266	Jayhawk	60	Saint Mary's	400
Catawba	365	Jyvaskylan	328	Salamis	251
Cedar	478	Kaneohe Bay	143	Salinas Y.C.	405
Cedar Point	126	Kemi	310	San Francisco Bay	372
Centerboard Y.C.	14	Keuka Lake	252	Santa Monica Bay	102
Champlain	301	Lake Davenport	167	Sao Paulo	147
Chautauqua Lake	19	Lake Delta Y.C.	4	Sassafras River	314
Chautauqua	198	Lake Fenton Y.C.	53	Savannah	127
Chelsea Y.C.	39	Lake Geneva S.C.	345	Seattle	132
Chequesset	280	Lake Hartwell	391	Selkirk	498
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	5	Lake Lanier	348	Severn River	329
Chinook	229	Lake Mohawk Y.C.	25	Sheboygan	187
Clarks Hill	257	Lansing S.C.	387	Shreveport	175
Club Nautico Del Muna	73	Lavallette Y.C.	104	Silver Lake Y.C.	47
Club Nautico El Portillo	501	Leatherlips Y.C.	27	Skaneateles C.C.	1
Club Nautico San Pablo	447	Little Neck Bay L.F. (Bayside Y.C.)	55	Sooner	343
Club Regattas Union	497	Madison Beach	129	Southampton Y.C.	431
Club Univeritario Buenos Aires	446	Manitowoc	393	Spofford Lake	145
Columbia	283	Mansfield	150	Spray Beach Y.C.	91
Conneaut Lake	180	Maple Bay	64	Squam Lake	332
Cowan Lake	303	Marblehead	189	Suncoast Fleet	502
Crescent Sail Y.C.	51	Marsala	449	Surf City	196
Crescent Yacht Club	9	Massabesic Y.C.	273	Susquehanna	253
Cuba Lake	115	Memphis	274	Swift Creek	496
Dallas Corinthian	35	Merrimac River	121	Tawas Bay	152
Decatur	74	Metedeconk River	34	Temple Reef S.C.	279
Devil's Lake	31	Milwaukee	69	Tennessee Valley	500
Douglas Lake	374	Mission Bay	194	Tohickon Creek	491
Flotta del Conero	466	Mobile Bay	135	Toronto Bay	146
Flotta del Lario	467	New Orleans	209	Trasimeno	453
Flotta del Savio	476	Newport Y.C.	77	Triad	415
Flotte del Garda	249	Niagara S.C.	59	Turkeyfoot Lake	33
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	169	Niantic Bay	85	Tuusulanjarvi	456
Flotte Murtensee	358	North Florida	461	Valkeakoski	468
Fond-Du-Lac	442	North Shrewsbury	11	Valley	486
Galway Lake	338	Nyack	75	Vancouver	90
Grand Traverse Y.C.	326	Ocean City Y.C.	430	Waccamaw	463
Great South Bay	178	Okanogan	368	Wake	481
Greater Charleston	429	Olivos	206	Washington, D.C.	50
Green Bay	112	Oulu	307	Wawasee Y.C.	154
Greifensee	309	Palmetto	440	Willow Bank Y.C.	164
Guanabara	401	Paupack	16	Zurichsee	219
Guarapiranga Lake	462				
Guayaquil Y.C.	272				

Lightning Fleets

ROSTERS AND REPORTS



SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB (1)

Central New York District

Sailing on Skaneateles Lake, Syracuse, NY

Fleet Captain Frank Haas
Fleet Secretary Anne Roth Hueber

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9178	Wing It	Geoff Wing
11154	Blitzen II	Frank J. Haas
12031	Roamin' with Brohmann II	Anne Roth Hueber
12174	Acey Deucey	W. Howell Finn
12210	Ensayo	David M. Hayes
12690	.....	Christopher C. Kuhns
13172	Wild Goose	Kirk Reynolds
13330	Trois Jean	Skaneateles Country Club

50th Anniversary fever is catching. Your host, Fleet 1 in Skaneateles has had its best season in years. There are more boats in the fleet — Libby and Geoff Wing's *Wing It* made just about every regatta in the Central New York District, and Sara Hueber and Bill Collins made the circuit in Sara's family boat, *Roamin'* with *Brohmann II*. Bill Collins has just purchased *Moon Shadow* and the Skaneateles Country Club purchased a Lightning for the Junior Sailing Program. The head sailing instructors at the club, the three Johns — Henry, Carnes and Hayes, also made many District regattas and are planning to continue competing in the club boat next summer.

The District Championship Regatta was held at the Skaneateles Country Club in July drawing 32 boats, again the largest number in years — no doubt because of the interest in the 50th — some wanted to try a "wet" run.

"All roads lead to Skaneateles" for the 50th Anniversary Lightning Regatta. You won't want to miss it! Make your reservations now if you haven't already done so.

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8952	.....	Mike Byrne
14008	Vagabond	Robert R. Adams

Fleet Captain Robert Adams and Fleet Secretary Robert O'Brien are pleased to welcome new member Mike Byrne and his boat 8952.

The club Lightning 11569 received several good workouts this year in the hands of junior sailors. The Bay Head Yacht Club junior program has approximately 70 children in it and this bodes well, we hope, for the future of Lightning sailing. Unfortunately, no Bay Head Lightnings competed this year, as most of the Lightning fleet skippers have converted to 18' Marshall Sanderling catboats which are more kind to aging skippers and require no experienced crew.

It is the hope of the Fleet officers that Lightning sailing will re-emerge next year which is the 100th anniversary of the Bay Head Yacht Club and the 50th anniversary of the Lightning Class Association. Former Lightning sailor Joseph F. Van Horn and Robert O'Brien will attempt over the winter months to revive Lightning 10, reported to be the prototype Lightning, so that it can attend the festivities at Skaneateles next year.

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB (4)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Delta, Rome, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary Robert M. Carrier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8917	.....	Arthur R. Peel
13143	Runaway	John T. Kahler, D.D.S.

No Report.



The newest members of Lightning Fleet 1, from left, Bill Collins, Libby Wing and Geoff Wing, look forward to the 50th after hearing Skaneateles Country Club Commodore, Dr. Dick Gillis, third from left, speak at the Central New York District Annual Meeting in Skaneateles.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain Steve Brugge
Fleet Secretary Geary Gaspord
Fleet Champion John Walter
Runner-Up Ed Willse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9924	.....	Robert J. Buzbee
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessy
10930	Ann	Steve Brugge
11446	Frolic	Richard Hinze
11507	Illinois Jones	John L. Walter
11703	Dandelion	Geary Gaspord
12025	Charlie Brown	Ronald Blair
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12395	Mjollnir	Bruce Thompson
13479	TNT	Tom Tambling
13787	Fusion	Robert K. Smither
13976	.....	Edwin M. Willse
14065	Razorback	William R. Wynn
14140	.....	Mark A. Kastel
14204	.....	Michael Huffman
.....	.....	David E. Pease

It has been a very successful year here in Chicago. Our fleet is growing and it seems as if more people are coming to their senses and discovering what a great boat and Association we have. Some new members of our fleet are Garth Gustafson, Ed Willse and Darrell Medcalf. Welcome!

We have three series here. Our Corinthian series was won by Bill Wynn (14065); second was Steve Brugge (10930). The Fleet Championship Series was won by John Walter (11507) and followed by Ed Willse (13976), Dick Hinze (11446), Bill Wynn and Tom Hennessy (10443). Our Summer Series was won by John Walter followed by Bill Wynn, Tom Hennessy and Dick Hinze. Congratulations!

We had a great time at our annual Red Flannels Regatta. Once again, we were honored by the attendance of some of the finest sailors in the Midwest. The weather was great overall but did provide its share of surprises. We all had a chance to roll the dice because of variable winds, but as usual, the cream naturally rises to the top and the winners were John McCree, Matt Burrige, Dave Nickels, Dave Boucher and Ric Larson in that order. Thanks to all of you for coming, and a special thanks to Mike Huffman and John Walter for putting it all together.

In terms of the national and international racing, Mike Huffman represented our club in the "Worlds" and finished 15th. Karen Johnson sailed in the Women's Nationals. We appreciate their efforts and love for the sport.

Well, have a great winter, all, and see you in the spring.

CRESCENT YACHT CLUB FLEET (9) Central New York District Sailing Sawmill Bay, Lake Ontario

Fleet Captain/Secretary John R. Northrop
Fleet Champion John R. Northrop
Runner-Up Carl Ahlheim

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11665	.....	David Revelle
12792	Gray Ghost	Carl Ahlheim
12981	Blitzen	John R. Northrop
13894	White Lightnin	Brad White
14202	Jaws	John R. Northrop
.....	.....	John J. Condino

The 1987 sailing season started slowly, then finished with a bang! The rebirth of Fleet 9 brought back many memories and new enthusiasm for the Crescent Yacht Club. We ended up the season with six active boats and prospects look good for a fleet of 12-15 for next year.

John Northrop won our Sunday Series with Carl Ahlheim a close second. The Labor Day Series was won by John Northrop followed by Brad White second, and Carl Ahlheim third. Our last race at CYC this year was our Past Commodore's Cup Race. This is an all-boats race and the Lightnings proved themselves VERY FAST! Mark Ahlheim took first, John Condino second, and Roger White third.

In late September we travelled to Navy Point in Sackets Harbor for a one day regatta. Lightnings from Oswego, Henderson Harbor, T.I. Park and CYC competed. Art Tirrell, Oswego, was first, John Treadwell, Henderson Harbor, second and Brad White, CYC, third.

Next season has plans for more one-day racing with fleets from this end of the lake participating. We also hope to hold a regatta at CYC and to meet friends from our district.

NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET (11) Metropolitan District

Fleet Captain Henry O'Hern
Fleet Secretary Mary Huntsman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13675	Sex, Drugs & Rock Your Roll	Jon Schwartz
14181	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
14182	.....	John C. Huntsman & Henry O'Hern, III
14214	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
No Report.		



Fleet 11 — Crew's ready, where is the Skipper?

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

Fleet Captain Ed Roseberry
Fleet Secretary Jill Swanson
Fleet Champion Mark Bryant
Runner-Up David Stark

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	John Swanson
9531	David Waldron

10006	Dirty Duck	William R. Potter
10356	Spirit	David E. Fretz
10565	.....	Mark Bryant
10702	.....	Robert G. Sampata, Jr.
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11117	Electric Dreams	Paul Niederlander
12445	Restless	Ronald Allan Hughes
12802	West Wind II	Thomas M. Ward
13366	Firecracker	John & Jody Swanson
13714	.....	Jim Allen
13750	.....	Mark Bryant
13945	.....	Ed Roseberry
14112	.....	Richard A. Aubrecht
14134	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
14194	.....	John W. & Jody Swanson
14207	.....	Thomas Allen, IV
14211	.....	Thomas G. Allen
Life Member	.....	Anne Allen
Life Member	.....	C. O. Jones, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Larry Macdonald, Sr.
Life Member	.....	Karl Smither
.....	.....	David Adams
.....	.....	David C. Duchscherer
.....	.....	Keith MacDonald
.....	.....	Susan Rogers

Once again Fleet 12 enjoyed a very successful summer. We received tremendous support and cooperation from everyone. Even Mother Nature did her part. She provided us with a terrific summer filled with warm, sunny, windy days.

As a result of Fleet Captain Ed Roseberry's continued hard work and fleet promotion, this years level of participation was greatly increased. The highlight of the club racing schedule was the Fleet 12 Championships. This year we had an 18 boat fleet which was the largest fleet we have had in several years. The competition was intense as most skippers and their crews

were tuning up for the coming "North Americans". Mark Bryant emerged victorious with David Stark, second, and Tom Allen, Jr., third. We thank everyone for supporting and participating in the club racing program this summer.

The Lake Erie Districts were held at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club. The Buffalo Canoe Club sailors faired very well in this tough qualifying series. Larry MacDonald won and Mark Bryant was second. The enthusiastic junior sailors assembled eight skippers and crews to participate in the Junior Districts. Ned Roseberry with his crew of Matt Sanders and Lance Kinerk won with strong performances shown by all boats.

The highlight of the summer was the North American Championships. One hundred Lightning skippers and their crews assembled for a week of windy and wavy sailing on Lake Erie. The conditions provided a challenge for many, but, they were just what Larry MacDonald and his crew of Ian Jones and Trevor Born ordered. They sailed a flawless series and were crowned the 1987 North American Lightning Champions. In addition, Fleet 12 had several others who finished in the top ten. Tom Allen, Jr. was fifth, Mary Bryant was seventh and Jody Swanson was tenth.

Another outstanding series was sailed by one of our Junior members. David Stark with his two brothers Jim and Tom won the Junior North American Championships. Paul Donovan and Ned Roseberry also sailed very well as did the numerous other BCC juniors. For many it was their first major sailing event.

Thanks to Dick Ferrick the regatta chairman, his various committees, and the Buffalo Canoe Club members for making the "North Americans" a very successful regatta.

Due to the help and guidance of Jody Swanson, the Junior Sailing Program Director, the Junior Program also had a very successful season. She fostered an eager group of juniors who in addition to competing in the various Lightning events, participated in the Sear's and Bemis Cups. Ned Roseberry with his crew of Gretchen Jehle and Tom Stark qualified to sail in the Sear's Cup finals. These juniors would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who donated either merchandise or services and to those who bought raffle tickets to support the Junior Club's New Boat Fund.

See everyone next summer. Happy skiing!

FLEET 16

LAKE WALLENPAUPACK YACHT CLUB

Paupack, Pennsylvania (in the Poconos) Invites you to join us for:

"THE COLD DUCK CLASSIC"
One Day Open Regatta May 28, 1988

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
June 25-26, 1988

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Two Day Open Regatta September 17-18, 1988

WEEKLY SATURDAY RACES
Memorial Day through September



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

Fleet Secretary George J. Huettl

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

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

Fleet Captain George Madel
 Fleet Secretary Stanley Moldawsky
 Fleet Champion Mark C. Schneider
 Runner-Up Franz Schneider

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8379	Ta 'Aroa	Franz Schneider
10115	Gail Winds	Gail Chesnut
10301	Mimsy II	Joseph C. Mark
11907	Mach I	George Madel
12140	Daisy	Mark C. Schneider
12167	Aeulus	Robert M. Baron
13520	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
13638	Windy	Karl H. Kornmann
13882	.....	Ronald M. Regis

In the Poconos of north east Pennsylvania, Lake Wallenpaupack is known as the Big Lake. It is, in fact, the biggest lake in Pennsylvania, 13 miles long with 52 miles of shoreline, and it's a beautiful place to sail.

The lake is owned and controlled by the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. and used as a power source. As a consequence, the level of the lake starts out at about 1200 feet elevation in the Spring and continues to descend as the summer progresses. Therefore, all docks are afloat and are periodically moved out as the water level is lowered. Our Lightnings are launched from a hoist on to a dolly which is on a railroad track and the dolly and boat are lowered into the lake by winch — and taken out by reversing the process.



A misty September morning on Lake Wallenpaupack: In front of the Lightning a pontoon boat, a favorite type of Race Committee boat.



Jib mark at LWYC Fall Regatta.

Well, this year the sailing featured light air. The Schneider dynasty held fast, but the son, Mark, took first place; and the father, Franz, took second for the season; third place went to George Madel; fourth, Joe Feyder; and fifth, Stan Moldawsky.

Fleet championships in Fleet 16 run in dynasties. There was the Hank Fretz Dynasty, the John Rowley Dynasty and most recently, the Franz Schneider Dynasty. Last year, son Mark Schneider, a persistent runner up for years, took the fleet championship — and he did it again this past year, 1987. So the Franz Schneider dynasty seems to be ending; Franz was the runner up. So, it's still a Schneider Dynasty at Lake Wallenpaupack but with a difference. It's son Mark this time.

Mark Schneider is our local "phenom," and he has demonstrated his racing form in the Districts and Nationals. We have great expectations of Mark.

As for the Stan Moldawsky — Joe Mark rivalry, Stan beat Joe this year, but Joe Mark won the Cold Duck regatta. Franz Schneider, although runner-up, took off with the much coveted big silver bowl, the Miller Trophy.

One of the great sentimental touches for this season goes to the Franz Schneider clan for creating the Lorimer Brown Memorial Trophy. It is a beautiful silver bowl, a perpetual trophy, that goes to the winner of the crew races each year. Last year it was won by Scott Brown, and being a Brown, it was most appropriate that his name went first. This year it was awarded to Cathy Schneider, and presented by Mrs. Lorimer (Mickey) Brown.

The Fall Regatta attracted 18 boats, and five races were completed under wet and grey September skies. Everyone wore foul weather gear throughout the weekend. Our local champion, Mark Schneider, was the winner. He fought off Leland Atkinson (2nd) and Dick Hallagan (3rd) — both of whom hail from Newport — fourth was Clay Murphy from Syracuse; fifth, Franz Schneider.

Fleet 16 put up most of the guests in their homes, and Cindy and Mark Schneider sponsored a great feast featuring steaks and ice cream. A three piece jazz orchestra led the festivities with our own Stan Moldawsky on the ivories while Mike Piedmont and Joe Mark accompanied on the banjo and drums.

So ended the 1987 season at Lake Wallenpaupack.

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

Fleet Captain Ralph B. Sperry
 Fleet Secretary Veronica Lee
 Fleet Champion Ralph B. Sperry
 Runner-Up Vaughan Lee

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9122	Thor	K. M. Anderson
11674	Sail On	Vaughan Lee
11874	Fiddler's Green	James S. Nelson
12739	Arago	Ralph B. Sperry

Fleet 17 boats are having the oldest Lightning skippers in the class. The three veterans, averaging 65 years of age, never missed a race and, between them, have won ten of the last twelve fleet championships.

Ralph Sperry, whose son won three championships in the 1960s, won both series. Vaughan Lee was second in the first series and Jim Nelson runner-up in the second. The competition was close as both Sperry and Lee won six races, the latter winning the first three and the last two while Sperry picked up points in mid-season. Nelson and Lee tied in the second series, the former winning on a tie-breaker formula. The decisive race in the first series was one in which Lee and Sperry got lost in the fog. While the rest of the boats were flying spinnakers, Sperry was covering Lee far off the course.

The Lightning sailors also enjoy their social life. In addition to the post-race round table, they took a trip on an excursion boat on which Nelson was announced as that day's winner to loud applause, and they spearheaded a party for the Penn-Yale football game.

We welcome Charles LeMieux and Andy Nelson to the fleet and hope that Ken Anderson, who was a stalwart crew for the victor, comes up with a new boat next year.

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain Bill Beisel
Fleet Secretary Jim McDonnell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
456	.....	Amy Beisel
9332	Blue Mac's	J. J. McDonnell
10273	Duck	Gordon S. Black, Jr.
13055	.....	Ralph L. Erickson
14195	.....	William J. Beisel

Where did the summer go? By the time we got through the Cornball, the Districts and the North Americans, it was Labor Day.

Todd Jones of the Silver Lake Y.C., won the 23rd Annual Cornball, moving up from second place in last year's event. Jim Neville, of Chautauqua Y.C., a four-time winner in past years, captured second with the help of Bob Scanlon and Gordon Black. Doug Heussler, a 1984 winner came up from Annapolis, MD., to take third. Wife Barb, a former Chautauqua sailor, was his tactician.

At the Gambler's Auction, Judy Walker won the dubious honor of making the highest bid for the surprise package, which turned out to be a can of Pepsi.

At the District Championships, Larry MacDonald was clearly number one with a low score of 18 1/4 points. Mark Bryant, a past winner won second place with 31 1/4 points to edge out Peter Humphrey at 33 points. Jim Allen was fourth at 38 1/2 points and Peter Bone came in fifth at 42.

Susan MacDonald Rogers, Larry's little sister, took no chances in the Women's division. She nailed down the Championship with five firsts. The local fans were particularly delighted when Amy Beisel of the Lakewood club beat out Kathy Taylor of the Niagara Sailing Club for second place. Not bad, when you consider that this is her first year sailing.

Ned Roseberry, with four firsts and a third, left no doubt about who was the Junior District Champ. He beat out Paul Donovan and Greg Millar respectively. All are from the Buffalo Canoe Club.

We were all pleased at the Awards Banquet when Jim McDonnell was awarded the Sheldon Trophy for outstanding service to the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain John Collier
Fleet Secretary Robert Clover
Fleet Champion John Collier
Runner-Up Pete Hagar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7424	Captain America	James R. Goslee, III
11319	Silver	Dr. Jon Rockhold
12412	Windy Hill	Frank R. Hill
12551	Wind Thief	Robert Clover
12793	Nellie II	Clyde Harrold

13189	Finally Blue	Dick & John Collier
13741	.....	John W. Timmermeister
Life Members	.....	Jay & Helen Limbaugh

Once again the sailing season was blessed by cooperative winds. Nearly every race was sailed under ideal wind conditions.

Competition for first place was fierce in the first series of races. First place was won by John Collier with Pete Hagar a close second.

The second series was negated by too few boats in competition. Overall Fleet Champion was John Collier.

John Collier, with wife Nadine as crew, took part in the district competition and performed quite well in bringing home a ninth place. Congratulations to both.

In ashore activities, Fleet 23 sponsored a club-wide Hawaiian Luau featuring roast pig. Over 95 members and friends were treated to an evening of good food and south-seas atmosphere including grass skirts and lessons in hula dancing.

Looking ahead to next year, Fleet 23 will be targeting its membership for activities which will bring more racing sailors into competition.



John and Nadine Collier

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

Ohio District

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain Charita Clipp
Fleet Secretary Kay Varley
Fleet Champion Tom Varley
Runner-Up Tom Jungjohann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8234	.....	Ralph D. Powless
9158	My Time	Joseph A. Hetzel
11133	.....	Thomas Jungjohann
12559	Shemac II	Charles D. Sheets
12797	Ketch-Up	Samuel Fairchild
12895	Thumper	Paul Howald
12896	.....	Carl R. Clipp
13979	Afterburner	Thomas H. Varley, Jr.

Fleet 27 started off the year by hosting the sailing seminar again in April and to top it off Marge and Bucky Powless prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner.

We also had a Lightning R-Day (Rig/Race/Re-Rig/Round the marks/Raise the Spinnaker/Really have Fun) early in May for our fleet members and crews.

In June, our Windshift Regatta came off well with Matt Fisher taking 1st place; Carl Clipp, 2nd; and Dick Pugh, 3rd. They were presented with some great trophies, compliments of Carl and Charita, with some help from Bucky on the frames. The Varley's B.Q. chicken dinner was a success with the help of all the Howalds and the Jungjohanns, who have been a great

addition to our fleet this year.

On the regatta circuit this year we had Paul Howald, Carl Clipp, Tom Jungjohann, and Tom Varley attending several, with Tom V. winning two and taking the Ohio Governors Cup for the season. Carl and Tom V. also attended the Ohio Districts both doing fairly well. And Tom V. traveled to the "North Americans" in Buffalo.

We ended our year with our annual clam bake hosted by Jackie and Tom Jungjohann, where we all stuffed ourselves with good food.

Congratulations to the Fairchilds who were busy adding another new little addition to our fleet this year. And thanks to Lisa Howald for being our fleet typist. See all of you in the spring.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Bob Watters
Fleet Secretary Carolyn Watters
Fleet Champion Bob Graham
Runner-Up Rich Miner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9387	.....	George Daher
9984	Cumulo Nimbus	Robert Watters
11448	Tomato Sloop	Lawrence W. Kenny
13211	Windfall	Richard Miner
13373	The Great Escape	William M. Beveridge
13381	Dreamer	Perry Anderson
13761	Cygnus	Richard & Paul F. Gross
13820	.....	Thomas R. Bierman
14061	.....	Robert Graham

The 1987 season was kicked off with a barbecue and party hosted by Fleet Captain Rich Miner. The party had a good turn out and a good time was had by all. During the first two weekends of sailing we had great winds, but after that the wind systems failed us, and we received light and fluky winds most of the rest of the season.

Bob Graham, our perennial Fleet Champion, was not deterred by either strong winds or light winds from winning the Spring and Summer Series and the Fleet Championship again. Rich Miner gave Bob some battles, coming in second in the Spring Series, first in the Fall and second overall. Larry Kenny also made some strong showings, coming in second in the Summer and Fall Series and third in the Spring. Perry Anderson, John Kindschi and Tom Bierman also put in good races during the season. Perry finished third in the Summer and fourth in the Spring Series. John finished third in the Fall and fourth in the Summer Series.

The Lightning Fleet dominated the Gabor and the Marine Base All-Lake Regattas. Bob Graham swept the Gabor Cup with two first place finishes. Rich Miner was second and Larry Kenny third. In the Marine Base Regatta, Tom Bierman and Rich Miner each won one race with Rich winning the Regatta on the time differential.

Bob Graham and Rich Miner sailed in the Metropolitan Districts Regatta which was sailed at Nyack on the Hudson. The winds were very light and the current was very strong, so that the best time was had at the cocktail party.

Rich Miner made his usual series of trips off the lake. Most notably he took first place at the Magnus Pederson at Nyack on May 30 over a strong 24-boat field. He also came in third at the Sutherland Regatta at Minis-ceongo on June 6 and won the Whiskerpole Regatta, the first leg of the Short Circuit, at Greenwood Lake on September 12 over some solid competitors.

The Lake Mohawk Lightning Fleet hosted its Open Regatta, which is also the second leg of the Short Circuit, on September 26 in strong South-west winds that blew without let up all day. Although the turnout was light, everyone had quite a workout in the heavy winds. Over the lunch break and after the races, there were a lot of tired sailors. Everyone was glad to head to the cocktail party and dinner. During the races, although the lead changed several times in some fast and furious sailing, Bob Graham was always in the lead at the finish line to sweep the Regatta. Rich Miner was second and Larry Kenny was third. Ron Wulff and Dea Sengstacken of Greenwood Lake were fourth and fifth. Each recieved a large, beautiful, silver brandy snifter and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Rich Miner went down to Red Bank, New Jersey for the Fall Has Fell Regatta, which is the third leg of the Short Circuit. Three races were sailed in Northwest winds and Rich came in fifth in the regatta and first in the Short Circuit.

Mario Pelletier and George Daher bought a Lightning together and joined the fleet near the end of the season. We hope they will be major participants in the fleet next year. Terry Theiss transferred to Dallas and towed his Lightning down there with him. We all wish Terry and Pat good times and good sailing in Texas. As we start getting ready for winter, we are already looking forward to a good turnout next year and are all hoping for more wind and more sailing.

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

Michigan District

Based on Devil's Lake at Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain Bill Rogge
Fleet Secretary Jack Tibbs
Fleet Champion Jim Sayre
Runner-Up Hank Hodgson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8381	Fafnir	Carl A. Benz, M.D.
8642	.....	Keith Dersham
9650	Red Carpet	Phillip J. Reynolds
10165	.....	Dan Norton
10803	.....	David Laidlaw
11449	.....	George Sipel, Jr.
11951	Goblu	Peter Paullin
12341	Wunsagen	Daniel W. Behring
12345	I Delight	Clyde J. Brasher
12413	.....	Hal Hackett
12939	Good Fortune	Richard F. Elwell
13021	.....	Steve Thomas
13310	.....	Robert E. Doyle
13412	.....	Parker C. Freeman
13767	.....	Douglas L. Kapnick
13891	Sorry Charlie	Charles Smith, M.D.
13959	.....	Jeffrey W. Clemes
14054	.....	James D. Sayre
14075	Adrenalin	Jeffrey C. Maludy
14090	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
14099	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
14104	.....	Jack Tibbs
14148	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Henry Hodgson, Jr.
14222	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal
Life Member	.....	Barnie Crittenden

Fleet 31 had a very successful season again in 1987. The weather was excellent for almost every race. New boats and new skippers provided excitement even at the back of the fleet. One crew decided to wear bullseye targets after being "bumped" twice in two weeks.

The Sunday Series consisted of 37 races from May to August. Two or three short races were sailed each Sunday and several of these included running legs for more practice in running under chutes. Chris Tibbs and crew were again our faithful Race Committee this year and Chris also provided the computer scoring, an important element in fleet interest. When it was all over, Danny Norton, one of our fine younger sailors, walked away with the Fleet Championship by winning early and often. Merrill Bales sailed very consistently and placed second in the final standings followed by Jack Tibbs and Jeff Maludy. All of these skippers sailed all but a few of the 37 races and, in fact, we averaged over ten boats on the line all season long.

Fleet 31 had many other events during 1987. Dan Norton won the Memorial Day Series, Hank Hodgson the 4th of July Series, and Dick Elwell the Stay-at-Home Series. Dan came back to win the night race and Jeff Clemes won the Round-the-Lake race in almost no air. Hank Hodgson won the Labor Day Series.

On August 9th, Fleet 31 hosted a 46th reunion for all former skippers. This event, organized by active member Bill Nouffer, was a great success. 65 former sailors and crew attended this event to renew acquaintances and trade stories. A short race using donated boats, a keg of beer, and a chicken barbecue insured that this event was a great success.

The 44th Annual Regatta was sailed September 19-20 in good weather; Saturday in light air and Sunday, at the "north end" in heavier conditions. Hank Hodgson sailed consistently on both days to finish first, Colin Park was second, and Bruce Goldsmith, third.

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1957 ED & BILL MCKINLEY
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TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)
Ohio District
Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain Clem Shriver
 Fleet Secretary Charles Suter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10425	.....	Charles Suter
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver

No Report.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)
Central Atlantic District

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

Fleet Captain Richard D. Thomas
 Fleet Secretary James G. Carson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig-Zag	Carol H. Kern
9852	Club Tub	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas, Jr.
11739	Rip City Express	Jody Lutz
11894	Love It	David S. Ruiter
11972	Screamin Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
12405	Killer Bird	Alan E. Ruiter
13084	.....	Paul F. Gelenitis & Frank Mergenthaler
13359	.....	David K. Holland
13800	Yankee Girl	James G. Carson
13821	Naughty Lingerie	Keith Taboada
14014	Typhoon	Djoerd Hoekstra
14029	.....	Craig J. Cooren
14080	Exve	James G. Carson
14180	.....	James G. Carson
.....	.....	Matt Smith

No Report.

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET CLUB (35)
Texas District

Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3519	.....	Willis McQueen
6116	.....	Gay Griffith Means
9281	White Lightnin'	A. A. (Ted) Treadway
9776	Flyer	Greg H. Pillsbury
9896	Fun	David R. Ramsey
10275	.....	Larry S. Williamson
10959	Hard Tack	John B. Waskom, III & John B. Waskom, IV
10987	Boom Boom	Gay Griffith Means
11118	Road Runner	Ralph Bilnoski
11311	.....	Rodney L. Wallace
13100	Dream Queen II	Willis McQueen
13248	.....	Rodney L. Wallace
13644	.....	Ignatius Urbanek

Fleet 35 enjoyed a growth year in 1987 with the addition of three new Fleet members and increased participation in the racing program. With an eleven boat start during the Summer Series, Ignatius was stuck with being the unlucky Fleet Captain having to fulfill the long standing challenge of providing beer for the entire Fleet if the unlikely event of a ten boat start should ever occur. Needless to say, all present were pleased at the level of participation enjoyed by the race program and certainly by the free beer.

The Summer Championship Series was marked by exceedingly cooperative weather this year which added to a very competitive environment with

places swapping week to week. Once again, however, Ralph Bilnoski finished strongly in the last month to again capture the Fleet Championship. Ralph's fortunes have changed somewhat in the Fall Series, and with only several races to go at the time of this writing, Ignatius Urbanek is virtually sailing away with the event.

This year for the first time in many, some members of Fleet 35 took to the road in search of new competition. Four skippers and two boats travelled to the Holiday In Dixie Regatta in Shreveport. No one managed to bring home any silver, but a good time was had by all. Perhaps next year we can provide as many boats as skippers which should eliminate a lot of confusion on the foredeck.



Gay and Nathaniel Means, Fleet 35 Second and Third Generation Lightening Sailors.

Photo: Richard Means

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)

Ohio District

**Based on Pymatuning Lake
 Jamestown, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain Ed Werley
 Fleet Secretary Marily Maras
 Fleet Champion John Werley
 Runner-Up Jack Borland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6133	Caledonia	Ed & G. Scotland Werley
7126	Fool's Paradise	Edward E. & John H. Werley
8635	Big Bird	W. Terry Patrick
9080	Holz Blitz	George Cummings
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	Edward E. Werley
10024	Desert Skies	Rob Ruhlman
10210	.....	Leonard Ciccone
10525	Blue Streak	Phillips Wedemeyer
10527	Changes In Attitudes	Victor Maras

11240	.....	Gordon R. Miller
11278	La Biche	Lud Lekson
11651	High Voltage I	Gerald C. King
11661	.....	John Swartz
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe, Jr.
12271	Ol' Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12587	Tiger	John Swartz
12593	Hall's Hull	Richard F. Hall, Jr.
12916	Most Pizazz	Herbert Jestel
12973	Tai Kun	Thomas A. Sankey
13181	Grayling	John Glasson
13255	Gone with the Wind	James V. Martuccio, D.D.S.
13318	Class Action	Mrs. Nedra Lewis & W. Timothy Borland
13465	Hot Canary IX	June Maltbie
13608	Spice	Matt Frymier
13701	Peach Fuzz	David W. Kuntz
13771	Grace	Donald P. Courtsal
13899	Mental Pause	Dr. John Borland
14020	Smile	Herbert Jestel
Life Member	.....	Jon Ruhlman
.....	.....	Gregory R. Maras

1987 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Pymatuning Yacht Club. Special recognition was given to long-time Lightning sailors, Verna and Horace Yates, who are charter members of PYC. They have been champions of sailing in the true sense of the word; thus, the Yates were the recipients of the PYC Corinthian Trophy in 1987.

The Spring Series was won by persistent Jack Borland, followed by John Werley and Tim Borland. John Werley won the Saturday and the Sunday Series with Jack Borland finishing second in both series as well. Third place on Saturday went to Tim Borland and third place on Sunday was snared away by Matt Frymier.

The Ohio Districts were held at PYC this summer. They will be remembered for one of the best planing rides on the lake for a long time. To make this districts more memorable, George Fisher regained the Ohio District's Championship. "Still crazy after all these years!" Matt Fishes was second with PYC's Matt Frymier third. Other PYC boats finished as follows: sixth, John Werley; seventh, Ed Werley, tenth, Vic Maras.

The Fourth of July Regatta was courageously won by Don Courtsal. Don was able to take the Watson Krutch Trophy and add his name to the many greats who have gone before. Second place was won by Matt Frymier with John Werley finishing third. While Rob and Addy Ruhlman with crew, Greg Maras, and Matt Frymier and his crew shuffled off to Buffalo for the "NA's," the Stay at Home Series was captured by Don Courtsal. Jack Borland continued to place in the money with a second. Ralph Meacham has a third place trophy to proudly put on display. The Fall Series honors went to John Werley, first, Jack Borland, second, and Ed Werley, third.

The final count was made for the Fleet Championship. First place was won by John Werley who doesn't really need a new boat. Second place was won by Jack Borland who was out "there" no matter what. Third place was won by Ed Werley who did a fine job with his new sails. Fourth place went to Tim Borland who did an admirable job sailing "Class Action".

If Fleet 36 can keep Rob from breaking bones on the baseball diamond, Bob from discovering new ailments in India, Margaret away from boat trailers, Bill from building any new homes, Vic from painting boats in June, and Jerry off the golf course, we'll have a very exciting season in '88! Congratulations go to Jonette Maras and David Werley who will be united in marriage in March, thus joining two Lightning families.

CHelsea YACHT CLUB (39) Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Michael Pike
Fleet Secretary	.....	Dave Petelinz
Fleet Champion	.....	Michael Pike
Runner-Up	.....	The Williams Family

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5429	.....	Susan C. Anderson
8783	Foxe's Reward	Frank Newman
10085	Vinny B.	Dr. J. C. Cavagnol
10796	Irish Mist	Michael B. Pike
11143	.....	Paul McCann & Joseph D. McCann, Jr.

11431	New Wave	Dave Petelinz
11570	Loligo	Donald B. Williams
11578	.....	Edward Garber
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York
12912	Ruptured Duck	Bill Muth

1987 was a very active season for the Chelsea Fleet. We completed four series of races, hosted two regattas, and sent Chelsea Sailors to compete at other Clubs and Districts. We have also continued the growth that we have seen for the last three seasons. We added two more boats to our group, Rob Denholtz and Paul McCann. Richard Owen, who intends to purchase a Lightning, is on the waiting list to join in 1988.

We started off the season without any wind, forcing a postponement of the first two races in our first series. On the following weekend, the wind returned until the end of May when we attempted to resail the first two races. Again we had to cancel. The light winds stayed with us through the Chelsea Open. We should learn our lesson and not try to resail no wind races. We finally completed the first series on the last race of the season. Don Williams won the last race and established himself as the winner for the A series. The other three series went off as scheduled, all won by Michael Pike, giving him the Fleet Championship.

The Chelsea Open was one of those no wind at all weekends. We had a good turnout, but on Saturday, all we could do was swim, eat dinner, and enjoy the party. Sunday started off with a teaser of a breeze which lasted only long enough to get our boats to the starting line. After being at anchor for two hours, the wind made another pass through the Valley just long enough to complete a shortened course. The Williams' drifted across the line first followed by Bill Muth and Michael Pike. Unfortunately there was plenty of fun to be had on shore.

The Annual Last Blast Regatta was a great success. We managed to complete three races, a good lunch, and a great dinner. Keeping with the Last Blast tradition, every one went home with a trophy. Rob Denholtz and his crew won the Escargot Award, while last year's Escargot Winner, Gerry Cavagnol moved up to the "NFL" Award. Bill Cook, our District Commodore, won the Middle of the Fleet Trophy. Fifth and fourth places went to Chelsea Sailors Paul McCann and Bill Muth. Third and second went to Elisa Hall and Gary Hurban, both from Nyack. First was captured by Michael Pike from Chelsea.



The Chelsea Fleet.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41) Metropolitan District

Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain	.....	Paul Krick
Fleet Secretary	.....	Nickolas J. Mazzeo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10412	Fritz	Fritz H. Gaensslen
10784	"Heads Up"	Eric Schreck, Jr.
13044	E'Clat	Nick Mazzeo
14069	.....	Nick Mazzeo

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Matt Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10638	Black Flash	Michael Hein, II
10860	Still Crazy After All These Years	Geroge & Greg Fisher
10956	Schuss	Harry F. Kempke
11502	Shazam	Daniel J. Dressel
12265	.....	Will Petersilge
13240	Hoot N' Holler	Terry Ottenweller
13250	Laugh A Minute	Dr. Karl, Bill & Lori Kumler
14045	Ladies Choice	Matt Fisher

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Bill Neal
 Fleet Secretary Lynnne Neal
 Fleet Champion David Matteson
 Runner-Up Jay Hackemer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
755	Whoops	W. Dana Jones
6983	See Adler	William E. Neal
7398	.....	Jay Hackemer
7535	Chase	David F. Nasca
8004	Cirrus II	Roger Slade
9119	Surf Naked	Peter G. Humphrey
9739	Hustler	Mark W. Grinder
9845	Hotel California	Peter K. Bone
10917	.....	Charles H. Griffin
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss & William G. Van Arsdale
12984	CKG III	Carl Lyons
13948	The Judge	Mark H. Dadd
13972	Desperado	W. Todd Jones

SILVER LAKE: TOO SMALL — TOO LITTLE WIND — TOO MUCH WIND — TOO FLUKY — but after 45 years of Lightning racing we are still a strong fleet, and happy to be part of the ILCA 50th!

Our skippers and crews have sailed in many major regattas and done well. Our crew members have won major regattas sailing for: Tom Allen, Stu Anderson, Bill Shore, Bruce Goldsmith, and Jim Crane to mention a few. Our Harvest Regatta is always a fun weekend and the Harvest Regatta cocktail party is world famous! But, the fellowship and fleet races are our strong point. 50 more!

We started the season with four short races for the Ol' Brass Bucket. Peter Humphrey in his newly refinished wood boat 9119 were the winners. We have some great ol' wood boats at S.L.Y.C.

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The Ol' Salts Regatta saw Bill Van Arsdale, Bud Van Arsdale, Bud Humphrey, and John Adrian sail three heavy wind races. Doc Humphrey, Joe Elias, and other ol' salts were on hand after to congratulate Bill Van on his win. Good food and times were had by all.

An "Am Cup" single elimination series was sailed on an open weekend. Some had problems with match race starts. Bill Neal came from behind three times to win his races — only to have the tables turned as Peter Humphrey and crew, brother Otis, and Jim Bailey, came from behind to beat Neal in the final elimination race.

The Jane Van Arsdale Memorial Regatta sailed over Memorial Day weekend was won by Peter Humphrey with 3,1,2 finishes. Kent Lyons, sailing his dad's boat, was runner-up.

The Ed Neal Memorial Regatta was on the Fourth of July weekend. Bill Neal, his wife Lynnne, and David (Pork) Copestick were consistent with 2,2,3 finishes. Peter Bone with sons Erin and Ryan were runners-up with nine points.

The Benedict Memorial Regatta on Labor Day was a very close contest. Mark Dadd with crew Jeff Martin and Peter Bone won the first two races. The last race Scott DeGolyer took the lead as Neal took Dadd way up on

the first reach and past the jibe mark. Neal sailed "down on" Dadd on the beat and tacked on him many, many times — all to get a boat in between. Dadd just sailed cool and fast to finish second in the race and win the series with four points. Neal won the race, but had five points as he and Dadd beat out DeGolyer in the last 100 feet of the race.

The Club Championship was sailed from June to September with nine races and ten boats taking part. David Matteson with crew Joanne Kelly (now Joanne Matteson — they were married in Oct.) and Rick Fredricks were overall winners. Jay Hackemer, 2nd; Scott DeGolyer, 3rd; and John Adrian, 4th.

Our Most Improved Skipper was Jay Hackemer. The Mid Neal Brown Memorial Trophy for the best performance at all away regattas went to Peter Humphrey. His crew Jim Bailey won the Jakob Hafstad Memorial Trophy as the best crew on Silver Lake for the season. The Charles Van Arsdale, Jr. Memorial Trophy for best Silver Lake Boat in the Harvest Regatta went to Peter Bone with crew brother Larry and Doug Bliss.

Silver Lake Yacht Club won the Tri-Lakes Regatta held at Cuba Lake Fleet 115. Silver Lake's secret was the Humphrey boat. Peter with ace crew, Jim Bailey used their sons, Chris Humphrey (age 4 - 40 lbs.) and Bo Bailey (age 4 - 43 lbs) as alternate crew. In the light air they finished 2,1,1,3,2, to carry the team to an overall victory.

On a district level, David Copestick won the Jerry Blake Memorial Crew Trophy. This Trophy is given to two crew members at the District Regatta by Jack Swanson. The winner must sail on a Lightning for more than one season, work on the boat on and off season, and be truly part of the "team."

The Harvest Regatta (our 31st) was great, thanks to Jay and Pati Hackemer's good planning and hard work and 35 Lightning friends.

Jody Swanson beat out North American Champion, Larry MacDonald in two medium air races on Saturday and a light-air race on Sunday. The cocktail party "Pan Boat Race" was won by David Matteson.

We all suffered a great loss in late September when Doc Humphrey passed away after a long illness. Doc was Fleet Champ many times, sailed in District and North American Championships, Fleet Captain, and R.C. Chairman. He taught many to sail as sons and young friends crewed for him. He was a great sailor and friend.



*What the skipper does when the crew is hard at work.
 Bill Neal, David (Pork) Copestick, Perce Pizzutelli*

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

Fleet Captain John Ogle
 Fleet Secretary Eric Swanson
 Fleet Champion Jim Dillard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2554	Phoenix	John Riley
6015	.....	E. Jeffrey Stann
6351	.....	Mladen Karcic
7294	Windhawk	Timothy W. Rinaman
7996	Lady Joyce	Douglas A. Eagles
8697	Stormy Petrel	Alvah B. Davis, Jr.
9055	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
9383	Flamboyant	Joseph Warren



Fleet 50 1987 Annual Coat & Tie Regatta.

10104	.....	Bruce L. Parker
10226	.....	George J. Dehney
10493	.....	Robert Boggs
10643	Speculation	William Timothy Elam
10767	Bird of Prey	Ron Buchanan
10800	Whitefoot	David W. Hunt
10814	Fast 'n Loose	Dieter Grotheer
10829	Look Ma	Jim Capron
11159	R's	Richard W. Coyne
11369	Broom Hilda	S. R. Heller, III
11600	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
11908	Envy	Eric V. Swanson
12081	Swill Dog	Edgar G. Hunting & Philip Grotheer
12365	Organ Grinder	John Ogle
12911	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
12962	Rakija	Mladen Karcic
13897	No Excuse	James H. Dillard
13906	Tholian Web	Frank Gallagher & Frank McDurman
13917	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
13977	Lord, Jim!	Dr. James Gilbert
14005	Summer Madness	Wayne M. Watson
14034	Fleet Flicker	Frank N. Gentile
14100	Chute the Works	George J. Dehney
14178	.....	Jonathan R. Barrett

Fleet 50 grew by fifty percent in 1987, thanks, in part, to the outstanding salesmanship of Frank Gallagher. With a good mix of boats — ranging from the venerable and wooden to the freshly unmolded, Lightning sailing is alive and well on the Potomac.

Along with new members and new boats, this year saw the revival of old traditions. Fleet 50 sailed the multi-class Collier Cup — named for a prominent Lightning sailor — for the first time in years. And, in a characteristically silly mood, the Fleet revived the Coat and Tie regatta. Top marks for fancy dress went to John Butler and crew — dressed in Bohemian tweediness — although they were hard pressed by an assortment of ruffled shirts, leisure suits, and dinner jackets.

The third annual Potomac Cup was sailed last spring at Fleet 50's future home port, Leesylvania State Park. Top finishers were the out-of-town gang, Bob Astrove, Simeon Coxe, and Ron Grotheer. Those who remember Quantico will want to put next year's Potomac Cup on your schedule: April 30 - May 1. Call Jim Dillard (703-323-7354) for more information.

The eighth Lightning-Thistle Challenge was sailed in moderate breezes. As defending champions, the Lightnings spotted the Thistles an "adjustment" to their Portsmouth rating. Despite the presence of several imported Thistles, the Lightnings won again. Next year we'll reduce the rating difference again. Come and join us for the closest match of all.

Silver collectors this year included Jim Dillard who won the Spring Regatta and Spring series and Frank Gallagher who took the Collier Cup, the President's Cup, and the Fall Series. The fleet championship was not wrapped up until the last race in November: after the last gun, Jim Dillard was the best on the river.

In recognition of his many contributions to the Fleet and his service as Dixie District Commodore, the Fleet presented the 1987 'Doc' Gilbert trophy to Reed Barrett.

Washington is a town of transients: friends come and go. While welcoming new members, we bade farewell to former Fleet Captain Wayne Watson. Always nice to know we have a friend in Florida.

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

Fleet Captain Craig Hupp
Fleet Secretary Robert Brower
Fleet Champion Tom Vickers
Runner-Up Jack Schulte

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
12438	Splashdance	Kevin G. Hughes
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Richard E. Drew
13388	Mich Rude	R. Craig Hupp
13488	.....	John E. Schulte
13633	Carousel	Alexander C. Suczek
14037	Warlock	Paul Andrepoint, Jr.
14038	.....	Tom Vickers
14042	Ticket	Michael D. Williams

1987 was an ideal year at Crescent Sail Yacht Club with predominantly good weather and medium winds. Participation in Fleet Races was good, with from five to nine boats on the starting line for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Competition was strong also with positions varying during races and throughout the season. Overall, Tom Vickers ended up first, Jack Schulte second and Kevin Hughes third.

Tom Vickers traveled extensively again this summer throughout the Michigan District. Paul Andrepoint led an effort to design and test a new, smaller cut spinnaker. Optimized for boat stability in heavier winds, the sail actually performed well in a variety of conditions. Paul will be modifying the cut for further testing next year. 1987 was a 'new' year for Jack Schulte, with a new(er) boat and construction of a new house. In spite of the drywall dust and an unfamiliar boat, Jack did very well and was hard to beat!

Other boat changes in the Fleet were Mike Williams and Alex Suczek, both with newer Lightnings. Mike got his going well late in the season, after many threats to sell his new craft. Alex's new *Carousel* moved well, but rigging bugs and mishaps (some wet) plagued his race days! The rest of us plugged away in standard fashion without any major problems — except the Dutchman boys (Craig Hupp and Bob Brower) proved their sail stress-testing skills. Rumor has it that one of the Sailmakers wants them on contract for next year!

Last year our Fleet increased by two new members, both of whom purchased boats within the club. We currently have at least one new prospect for next year, and will work toward building the fleet more. We look forward to the 1988 season and continued open water sailing on beautiful Lake St. Clair.



Fleet 51 Watermelon Race. From left: Mike Williams, Sue and Kevin Hughes, Mike and Maureen Konon, and Fleet 51's youngest crew, Kelly Hughes and Alex Williams.

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

Fleet Captain Herman Nickels
Fleet Secretary Walt Plamondon
Fleet Champion Dave Nickels
Runner-Up Herman Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11546	.....	Patric Parker
13281	.....	Robert Ranta
13631	Mast Transit	Morris L. Gushen
13807	.....	Carl Pohly
13808	Broad-Reach	James Reach
13905	Szygy	Paul Militzer
13958	High Heels	Walter Plamondon
14020	Smiles	William H. Seaman
14024	Koinonia	George Mott
14041	In Between	Alfred Bauer
14141	.....	David Nickels
14220	.....	William H. Seaman
14242	.....	Carl Pohly
.....	.....	Brian Nickels
.....	.....	George Nickels

Fleet 53 welcomed many newcomers to our starting line this season, but said good-bye to an avid sailor, Morrie Gushin, who retired to lovely Mullett Lake. With the increase in new membership, Bob Donnelly, Dave Nickels, and Al Bauer conducted a sailing seminar for skippers and their crews covering basic sailing skills, racing tactics, and crew work. These classes were a big success and enjoyed by many members.

Our fleet hosted the Michigan District Team Races with Pontiac Yacht Club winning in the decisive race against LFSC, who previously won the championship four consecutive years.

We have always been active on the regatta circuit and 1987 was no exception with one of our more colorful members, Bill Seaman, competing in more than 10 out-of-town regattas. The North American Championships, sponsored by the Buffalo Canoe Club, were represented as well. Skipper Dave Nickels, with crew Walt Plamondon and Bill Simons (from Hixson, Tenn.) sailed to compete in the "blue fleet" and skipper Paul Militzer, along with crew wife Louise, and daughter, Laura Bryant (a BCC member) participated in the "Masters" race.

The season concluded with the Nickels family dominating the trophy presentation with Dave Nickels taking the first place trophy and father Herman the close runner-up.

With boats now being put away for the winter, we all look forward to the 1988 season!

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54) Michigan District Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain Bob Vitullo
Fleet Secretary Virginia MacDonald
Fleet Champion Rick Frank
Runner-Up Lauren Bowler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
842	Panache	Paul T. von Oeyen
4205	.....	Alan Suydam
7959	Judy Kay	F. Leslie Huntwork
9393	Red Dawn S.T.W.	James Brian Abbott
10874	.....	Stephen R. Braski
11452	.....	Robert J. Miller
11520	Digit I	David Scott
11531	Fast Eddy	Richard T. Eddy
11545	.....	William Roberts
12330	.....	Randy Travis
12354	.....	William C. Roualet, Jr.
12612	.....	Gordon Gotberg
12706	Express-U-Boys	Dr. Joel Humphrey
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G. Palmer
12734	Fancy Free	Paul Boozman

12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12938	Outrageous	Robert Vitullo
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13173	Whitewave	A. Rick Frank
13278	Seagull	Richard F. Beaubien
13283	.....	Richard L. Adamson
13378	.....	Norman R. Earles
13391	.....	John Greenstreet
13468	.....	Stephen R. Braski
13541	Flash Dance	Douglas W. Scheibner
13606	BJ's	Bruce Henderson, M.D.
13717	.....	Michael J. Roualet
13730	Evergreen	Salo J. Korn
13789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
13791	Thunderbolt	Michael L. McGlinch
13819	Aperitif	Joseph Szydlowski
13826	White Wave	A. Rick Frank
13836	Windspeed	Volkmar C. Neudoerffer
13837	.....	Don Rau & Eric Samuelson
13855	Double Nickel	Louie Nickels
13931	Sudden Impact	Jack Critchfield
13937	.....	Dennis McCarthy
13985	Cher Chez — la Femme	Bonnie Nickels
13995	Phantasy	J. F. Ensroth, M.D.
14025	Weather Mark	Lauren L. Bowler
14031	.....	Robert W. Shaw
14049	.....	Robert G. Fidler
14062	Time Bandit	Perry Grueber
14076	.....	Clarence Holman, III
14077	Savoir Faire	Richard F. Beaubien
14097	Banshee	Edward G. Woods
14101	Dr. "J"	Dr. James McCoy
14105	Cutting Edge	Wallace P. Smith
14117	Blitzen	Richard Bergstrom
14144	.....	Bruce J. Finsilver
14177	.....	Edward Dziuba
14201	.....	Fred M. Paski
14240	.....	Robert H. Mathers

This was a good year for racing on Cass Lake. The wind cooperated, providing at least a whisper of a breeze for all but three race dates. As is usual, up to 25 boats were on the line. Even the Fall Series which saw unusually bad weather drew six to nine boats.

The season got off to a great start with Bill Shore speaking at our Spring Round-up meeting on the topics of Lightning Tuning and Twelve Meters. We saw the best turnout in years for the meeting.

This year's winners were Lauren Bowler — Bug-out; Bob Mathers — Spring and Summer Wednesdays; Sean Fidler — Memorial Day Regatta; Lou Nickels — Spring and Summer Sundays; and Jack Critchfield — Fall Wednesday and Sundays. Bob Mathers and Lou Nickels won the Wednesday and Sunday overall, respectively.

Our Membership Committee hosted an Open House during the Summer to acquaint the community with the Club and recruit new members. The skeptics, including myself, thought that no one would come, but the event was a huge success. Many new members were recruited as a result. It is ideas like this that keep Pontiac the successful Fleet that it is.

All in all a very good year. The good breezes, active participation and new members made for competitive racing. I should also add that our Sean Fidler placed second in the Junior NA's.

LITTLE NECK BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (55) Residing at the Bayside Yacht Club Long Island District

Fleet Captain William Hoffman, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Phyllis Tustin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7325	North Star	William Hoffman, Jr.
9640	Moby's Whale	Stanley Norem
9643	Felicia	Raymond Tustin

No Report.