

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

Fleet Captain Thomas Hering
 Fleet Secretary Edward J. Crawford

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7232	.....	Gary Sliva
10392	Arcturus	Richard Braverman
12008	Blitzkrieg	Donald Donohue
12068	Whistler	Arthur R. Mottola
13829	Paranon III	Peter T. Neyland, II
13874	A.M.F.	Thomas Hering

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Cal Schmiede
 Fleet Secretary Bob Starck
 Fleet Champion Jeff Wiedl
 Runner-Up Calvin Schmiede

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11501	.....	Jeff Wiedl
11788	Vampira	Judith Walker
11884	Cook'in	Kathleen J. Taylor
13944	Sea Porsche	Calvin H. Schmiede

Niagara Sailing Club has only five active Lightning racers: Calvin Schmiede, Gordon Compson, Kathy Taylor, Judy Walker and newcomer Jeff Wiedl. Jeff purchased Dale Taulbee's Lightning at the end of the 1986 season and even with his busy work schedule and boat repair sessions, managed to sail in all three of the NSC Lightning Series, as did Calvin and Kathy. Judy was busy most of the summer with other projects and we didn't see much of her.

All of our Lightnings traveled to the LED District Championships at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club. Even though Jeff beat the girls on the river a number of times, experience won out and both just barely edged him out in the Districts. Calvin, as usual, finished far ahead of us all.

Calvin edged out Kathy and Jeff in the Wardell Lightning Series but Jeff came back to win the Club Championship, and Bowen Lightning, sailed over the 4th of July Weekend. Judy was running a Club Party that weekend and didn't even take her boat off the trailer. Cal won the Blake Memorial over the Labor Day Weekend.

When Kathy and Judy weren't traveling to regattas; they were sailing with new crew, especially the members of the new Sea Scout Troop that is being sponsored by Niagara Sailing Club. These young boys and girls welcomed the opportunity to learn sailing techniques and have very adept students. When Judy lacked the time for sailing, she often loaned *Vampira* out to young skippers to spark their interest in Lightning sailing.

Calvin Schmiede sailed all of the club series with crew, daughter Larissa, and Brian Starck. Bob Starck, Cal's long time crew purchased an Albacore this season so kids Brian and Ellen could sail as a team. Bob had to spend a number of hours aboard the Albacore to teach the kids to sail it. Since the Albacore has only room for two, Bob's place aboard the Lightning was usually filled by one of the Starcks not on the Albacore.

Kathy, Judy and Cal all qualified for the North Americans at the Buffalo Canoe Club. Kathy and Judy also sailed the Womens and Cal the Masters. Kathy, with crew Carol Kreger and Nancy Banasiak placed sixth out of a fleet of ten top women skippers and crew. Kathy was pleased as this was six places better than her last Womens N.A.'s. Judy, with new crew Donna Oberekout (her second regatta) and veteran skipper Nora Clements borrowed David Sprague's new boat and sailed to a third place overall. Not bad considering when the three of them boarded the boat for the first time, it was 30 minutes before the start. Plus they had not practiced together as a team. Once Nora found out that sailing the Lightning was different from the Shark, they continued to improve race by race finishing third overall. Wild screams of "Mom" could be heard originating from the boat at every spinnaker putup, gybe or takedown, and in the parking lot whenever the crew lost Judy. NSC awarded Judy the "Marilyn Batement Trophy" for the

"most improved skipper" for this victory.

Calvin, with crew Bob Starck and Anne Allen finished seventh in the Masters in a tough field of seasoned competitors. In the N.A.'s Cal, with Bob and Brian Starck, qualified for the Presidents' Cup whereas Judy and Kathy changed crew for the N.A.'s with Phil Kebler replacing Nora on *Vampira* and Jane LoQuasto replacing Carol on *Cook'in*. Larissa and Ellen managed to get in some crewing for the N.A.'s as they were always willing to sail whenever called upon. These young teenagers were a real credit to NSC and we know they will carry the NSC colors more and more in the future.



Niagara Sailing Club — Fleet 59.

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

Fleet Captain Karen Exon
 Fleet Secretary Bob French
 Fleet Champion Rob Exon
 Runner-Up Bob French

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7040	.....	Robert S. Allen
7461	Cornflower	Ralph Persson
10682	Woodstock	Arthur D. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11736	White Lightning	Robert A. Exon
12508	Streaker	William G. Merillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint
13016	Mean Machine	Harold "Bud" & Stephen S. Hunt
13898	Alice-in-Wonderland	Robert French
14021	.....	Robert R. & William Pooler

Fleet 60's sailing season primarily revolves around a Sunday Series which consists of at least 15 races on consecutive Sunday afternoons. Time out is taken for a Holiday Series, for the Central States District Championship, and for the Shawnee Yacht Club Championship Regatta. An additional event was added to the calendar this year—a double elimination match racing regatta inspired by the *Stars and Stripes* success in the America's Cup competition.

But the Sunday Series is the one we call the Fleet Championship. It is the source of most of the stuff of which the legends of the fleet are built. Scoring is done on a cumulative percentage (index of performance) basis and to qualify for the championship skippers must sail at least 60% of the races. Although certain skippers have at times dominated the fleet, more frequently the scoring is close, with only a few percentage points separating the hard core campaigners. That was the case this year, and when the last race was completed and the Computer printed out the final numbers, Dr. Rob Exon was at the top of the heap. So Rob, with his family crew of Karen and Jamie, managed to repeat as Fleet Champion. For the Runner-Up position, Bob French slipped by Bill Pooler by only a few hundredths of a percentage point. The Holiday Series was even closer—so close, in fact, that it ENDED in a tie. The Exon and French crews won the same number of races, beat each other the same number of times, and matched each other for all other positions scored. They'll share the trophy until next year and the Pooler yacht will claim the third place cup.

Perhaps this is the place to mention that Bob and Bill Pooler tried to pull

off the psyche job of the year in Fleet 60. They showed up early this season with Lightning 14021, a boat with an international winning reputation (Bill Shore sailed it to victory in both the N.A.'s and the Worlds in 1985). However, this didn't scare anybody in Fleet 60 because we already knew Bill was fast. At any rate, Bill (Pooler, that is) with crew Bob and Cindy Oard are the reigning Match Racing Champions of Fleet 60. This event was sailed on an extremely windy weekend, during which some of Bill's maneuvers prompted Bob to remark that the only skipper out there as crazy as Bill was the author of this report. The comment was taken as a compliment, despite some earlier taunting from the same gentleman.

Finally, Rob Exon and crew won the 1987 Central States District Championship, emerging victorious from a three-way tie for the second time in three years. The Exons also scored the top Lightning finish in the SYC Club Championship, rounding out a very successful season.

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Maple Bay at Maple Bay, British Columbia

Fleet Captain/Secretary George A. Maggs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11283	Blind Pew	George A. Maggs
13511	.....	Ken Sessions

No Report.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB LIGHTNING FLEET (69) Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Randall Crocker
Fleet Secretary Peter Mahnke
Fleet Champion Karen A. Cady
Runner-Up John H. Esser

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
11442	Rampage	Dean S. & Karen A. Cady
11846	Esprit	Marquette Navy ROTC
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
12288	White Knight	Thomas F. Clasen
12650	Black Magic	Don Gallo
12863	Think Faster	John A. Dillon
13026	Roeboat	Byron K. Roe
13259	Fountainhead	Mark Johnson
13686	Coyote Ugly	William G. Faude
13695	Whimsy	Peter R. Mahnke
13794	Bluetie II	Allen N. Rieselbach
14087	Flash	Kevin J. Blair
14162	Mr. Surly	Robert C. Mahnke
.....	.....	Randall D. Crocker
.....	.....	Walter C. Nickerson

The curtain dropped on Fleet 69's forty-third season with a new but familiar face in the Fleet Champion's chair. Karen Cady, a former Milwaukee Yacht Club Junior Champion, captured first place with long-time Lightning sailor John Esser taking the Runner-Up spot. Byron Roe hung on for third place, followed by Walter Nickerson and the Dillon brothers in fourth place and fifth place, respectively. Andy and John Dillon, joining the Fleet in mid-season, quickly adapted to the Lightning and undoubtedly will be strong contenders in 1988.

For the other series, the hardware was pretty evenly divided throughout the Fleet. Annually, Fleet 69 sponsors multi-fleet races on Memorial Day and July 4th based on the Portsmouth Handicap System. This year, Kevin Blair and John Esser took second and third, respectively, in both races. For the sailing of the 42nd Annual P & T Regatta, out of town boats sailed by Ric Larson and David Blair, took first and second, respectively. However, Fleet 69 did save face with Bill Faude placing third. Winding the season down with the Commodore's Regatta and the Labor Day Regatta, the Dillon brothers slugged it out with Kevin Blair in a miniature gale to take first place in the Commodore's Regatta. Karen Cady found the weather more to her liking in the Labor Day Regatta to edge out Walter Nickerson for first place.

Although looking forward to the 1988 racing season, Fleet 69 already has

started to focus on 1989. The Adams Cup Committee of the United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU) has announced that Milwaukee Yacht Club has been selected to host this prestigious U.S. Women's Sailing Championship in 1989, and that the event will be sailed in Lightnings. Finally, we congratulate Fleet Member Dean Cady on his re-election to the USYRU Board of Directors and also his re-election as Vice-Chairman of USYRU's Yacht Racing Council.

RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURG (70) Metropolitan District Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River at Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Patrick F. Corr
Fleet Secretary Mary Huntsman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11958	.....	John H. Brewster
12133	Kennebec II	Nicholas K. Smith
12714	Adios	Ralph F. Wilson
13104	Unicorn	Ted Kummer
13139	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin & Patrick E. Corr
13459	.....	Louis Zinterhofer, M.D.
13675	Sex, Drugs & Rock Your Roll	Jon Schwartz
13873	Freebooter	Robert Held
14182	.....	Jack Huntsman & Henry O'Hern III
14214	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
.....	.....	William V. Kolshorn, Jr.
Life Member	.....	Arnold Schwartz

In '87, Fleet 70 saw a year of good spring racing, a quiet summer, a successful bridge race with dock party following and a fall of traveling members.

Jack, Kevin and Henry went to the "Districts" at Nyack then on to the "N.A.'s" at Buffalo. Jon Schwartz and Frank Mergenthaler went to the "Pan Am" trials at Cedar Point; Sandy took Ron and Kevin to Nyack; Pat Corr went to Lake Wallenpaupack and to finish off the traveling circuit, Sandy, Ron and Pat went to the Manahawkin Bay Cup.

Jon, Arnold and Will, along with Sandy, Ron and Kevin, also went to Cartagena, Colombia, S.A., for the "Worlds."

Traveling had its good times and bad (get your boat back yet, Jon?), but getting to see the world and meeting all the fun Lightning sailors in other places makes the effort worth it all.

The fleet is looking forward to another banner year in '88.



Kevin Corr, Ron Freund and Sandy Huntsman at Worlds in Colombia.

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Central New York — Triple Crown

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)
Ohio District
Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Yachting Club
Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain John Horton
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ... Walter Sellars, M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedy Too	John L. Horton
9653	Grandpa & Me	John Mueller, Jr.
10646	Sting Rea	John S. Rea
11912	Maybe	May J. Urso
12594	Bump N Grind	George Auer
14191	.....	Walter Sellars, M.D.
Life Member	.....	Bill Buckles
Life Member	.....	John Mueller, Sr.
No Report.		

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

Fleet Captain Fernando De La Concha
 Fleet Secretary Philippe Jacob

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1303	Acuaris	Raul Acosta Del V.
3041	Tiz-Taz	Andres Lisocki
6922	Tramontana	Luis Alberto Lopez
7293	Xue	Ary Fernandez C.
7453	Gitana	Juan Diego Buitrago
8911	Play Boy	Antonio Pacini
10669	Cantimero De Cuba	Oliver Colombo
11660	Mandarino	Rafael Sanabria
11677	Gitana	Luis Felipe Andrade U.
11750	.....	Vicente Hernandez
11814	.....	Juan Diego Buitrago
12510	Bramador	Hernando Higuera P.
12570	.....	Philippe Jacob
12829	Flying Mustard	Rodolfo Salmang
13339	.....	Gabriel Cuervo
13389	Bramador	Mario Camacho
13410	Claudia	Eduardo Colmenares
13431	Solitario	Manuel Isaza
13432	.....	Fernando De La Concha
13447	.....	Santiago Uzcategui T. & Jorge Uzcategui Borraez
13461	Candelaria	Fernando De La Concha
13604	Nino's	Andres Lisocki
13607	Gin & Tonic	Garry Jackson
14085	.....	Eduardo Colmenares
14132	.....	Roberto Matarraz D.
14135	.....	Philippe Jacob
14155	.....	Jorge Uzcategui Borraez

No Report.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain Joe Cycotte
 Fleet Secretary Doug Floyd
 Fleet Champion Doug Floyd
 Runner-Up Greg Florian

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10100	.....	Robert W. Ohlsen & James L. Lackman
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd R. Irish
11218	.....	Richard Chamblin
12032	Second Wind	Doug Floyd
12120	.....	Robert Dettling
12464	.....	Ralph K. Wells

12540	Todd's Fault	Carl M. Sternaman
12554	Pink Champaign	Robert "Vince" Daube
12974	Bionic	Greg Florian
13078	"Enterprise"	Roger Grohne
13308	Dammit II	Bart Cole
13485	Close To The Edge	Joe Cycotte
13726	Flim Flam	Daniel J. Mandli

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Elliot Carman
 Fleet Secretary Elissa Hall
 Fleet Champion Gary Hurban
 Runner-Up Elissa Hall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3108	.....	Michael Springsteen
7616	Festival of Fools	Rod Johnson
8182	Gotcha	Gary S. Hurban
8885	.....	George Conk
9382	Seababe	Kathryn Dalmas
9971	Ali-Oop II	Allan & Marc Began
10620	.....	Adam Brown
10769	Different Drummer	George Conk
10862	.....	Rod Johnson
11076	Smart Set	Terence E. Gibbs
11190	.....	Jeffrey Burtch
11771	.....	Irwin Kwartler
12337	Elusive	Alfred K. Klinger, Kerry Klinger & Elissa Hall
12386	Transfusion	Richard P. Weitzman
12868	.....	Robert Pearlman
13625	Patience	Howard B. Rinehart
13832	Avanti	William G. Cook
13876	Trillium	Thomas J. Johannsen
.....	.....	Paul Connell
.....	.....	Mike Hall
.....	.....	Lawrence V. Mauro

Fleet 75 once again had a very active sailing and racing season. Several boats started early in April with travelling to the Long John Regatta at Red Bank and travelled late in the season to the Last Blast in Chelsea. Inbetween away regattas we had 26 races at Nyack with Gary and Joan Hurban sailing away with the fleet championship. Al Klingler, our Fleet Champion two years running, handed the tiller to his crew Elissa and sailed his J-35. Elissa tried to maintain the fleet champion slot, but found herself as fleet runner-up. Bill Cook talked his way into third, Howie Rinehart took fourth and Kathy Dalmas was fifth.

Each of the three series had anyone of us as winners at any point in time. We did manage to resolve this to determine the series' winners. Elissa Hall had beginners luck and won the Spring Series. Gary Hurban took second in the Spring Series but came back fighting to win the Summer (skipped by Joan) and Fall. Bill Cook decided to get serious for the Summer and Fall, recruited Rod Johnson as crew, and took second for the two series. Kathy Dalmas, again coached by Paul Connell, took third in the Spring and Fall, while Howie Rinehart captured third in the Summer Series. Several crews skippered some races, but returned the tiller to the skipper to avoid further embarrassment to their skippers, i.e. by sailing better.

There were several comedy of errors in the Spring Series. At the Long John Regatta, Gary had the balers in backwards and Kathy's crew were perfecting their acrobatics; not by falling off the boat once or twice, but simultaneously the third time. Back at Nyack, Bill Cook baled out of a desperate race by capsizing in absolutely no wind. Of course, "it was the crews' idea." Bill also holds the record for self imposed protests. Rich Newman finally launched 7675 after three years of reconstruction and during the third sail of the year, returned the boat to its original condition. Rich just about found all the pieces by the end of the year, and hopes to try again next year.

The fleet hosted the annual Magnus Pedersen Regatta in May. Mother Nature was not as kind this year, and we were only able to have one race in medium winds. After a two week break, we hosted the Metropolitan Districts, which was won by Mark Schneider of Lake Wallenpaupack,

followed by Gary Hurban of Nyack, second and Franz Schneider of Lake Wallenpaupack in third. To this date no one is really sure who was fourth or fifth, but we do know who won the party, Jack Huntsman and crew learned the hard way to party with the locals.

Paul Connel sold his boat to new fleet member Bill Mann. Welcome aboard Bill. Paul teamed with Kathy Dalmás not only to sail, but there are wedding bells in April for the two. Congratulations! Donna and Bill Cook have a new crew — William August — born on a Sunday morning, and Donna insisted Bill, Sr. race that day. Christine Hall has decided to sail big ships; she signed for a six year hitch with the Navy. Christine was the recipient of the Outstanding Crew Award and how she deserves it. Christine crewed for her sister all year. (Elissa could not have done it without you, Christine.) Christine was among many great crews — Annette Aronson, Paul Connell, Ann Hagemeyer, Joan Hurban, Rod Johnson, Lawrence Mauro, Dave Reeves, Mike Springsteen and many others. The choosing of one outstanding crew was extremely difficult.

Among our other annual awards given was the Most Improved Skipper, which Bob Pearlman received for consistently sailing better than the previous year. Eve Hall, our Fleet Captain of 1978-79, took the David Low Memorial — Junior Sailor Trophy out of retirement. The trophy first awarded in 1977 was awarded this year to Jill Carman.

We have decided to give O'D's to rest to recuperate from the boat people. If you do not know what O'D's is, come sail with us at Nyack for the "total" sailing experience. See you in the Spring.

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77) Central New York District Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, NY

Fleet Captain Leland Atkinson, III
Fleet Secretary David W. Jungjohann
Fleet Champion Richard Hallagan
Runner-Up Steve Sahs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9582	Blue Fox	Carl H. Reynolds
10096	Sparkle	Allen R. Hamilton
10487	.....	Robert A. Blakley
11050	Quest	Dale E. Hamilton
11074	Kopykat	Howard P. Stickney
11537	.....	Peter & Richard Hallagan
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12240	Aquaman	David W. Jungjohann
12313	Droopy Sloopy V	David N. Eckler
12355	Shadow	Richard Hallagan
12400	Windswept	Andrew P. Smith
13080	Misty	James I. McIntosh
13081	"Irish"	Richard Doherty
13082	Stealth	R. Neil Smith
13083	Sea Fever	Barbara B. Platt
13192	.....	David Walsh
13287	Tamar	Dr. Jacob Schaechter
13313	Reunion	Stephen C. Sahs
13329	Aurora	Philip Goldberg
13469	Whitecap	Dr. Robert L. Jamison
13651	Celebration	Tom Kennel
13697	Honky	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
13815	.....	Alan McReynolds
13853	Spar Trek	George Sereno
13913	.....	James C. Gocker
14185	.....	Leland G. Atkinson, III
14189	.....	Mark Sertl
.....	.....	Glenn F. Himmelsbach
.....	.....	John S. McIntosh

We held our annual regatta this year with a good turnout. Our objective was to try out Lake Ontario this year. We went out Saturday and finally got three races in under light westerly winds. Unfortunately, we had to sail on the bay on Sunday which made some happy and others unhappy. Thanks go to Landy Atkinson for doing such a fine job putting the regatta together.

We planned a new dock for 1987 and with the help of many, we completed the project successfully. It turned out so well, we are planning to replace our west pier this winter. A special "thank you" goes to George Sereno for undertaking the project and doing such a fine job of organizing this time consuming job.

Dick Hallagan won the club championship again this year. Steve Sahs

sailed extremely fast and ended up in second place. David Jungjohann was consistent and placed third overall. Landy Atkinson was fourth and hit many regattas and finished very well. Landy won the Rookie Award of the district and placed eighth in the "Districts" out of thirty-five. George Sereno came in fifth in the Championship Series and sailed fast at the "Districts" too. He took a first in one of the races sailed at Skaneateles Lake. We had ten boats participate in this regatta from our club.

Dick Hallagan won the "Districts" and represented us at the "North Americans" and the World Championship in South America. Alan McReynolds and Ron Infarinato joined our fleet last year and did a fine job. We hope to see Phil Goldberg out on the course this coming year. Phil won the "Brown Jug" in the Lightning last year, so watch out, he is ready to take all of us on in 1988. We also look forward to seeing Carl Reynolds, Duncan Moore, Dave Walsh and anyone else wanting to race your Lightning this year.

Thanks go to all who attended our Newport Invitational Regatta last year. We welcome all of you back for 1988 to have fun and great sailing on Lake Ontario.



Action at "Newport Invitational" on Lake Ontario.

Photo Credit: Sally Atkins

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85) Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Dave Dickerson
Fleet Secretary Lori Davis
Fleet Champion John Oldham
Runner-Up Dave Dickerson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
168	Tanqueray	Cynthia Lee-Konney
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
10212	Second Effort	Cynthia Lee-Konney
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson & Neil Hayes
11100	.....	Charles Zarembo
11474	Luff Song	Lester O'Brien
11487	High Voltage	Gary T. Bohn
11640	.....	Richard Huck
11688	.....	Franz R. Edson
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
11889	.....	Jim Brassord
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	.....	William A. Sebestyen
12661	Bubble Up	Christopher J. Vann
12786	"Bodacious"	Gary Davis
13540	Mirage	Thomas V. Moriarty, II
13636	Three Puff's	Nelson Hoffman
13940	Second Wind	David G. Dickerson
14055	Certain Victory	Christopher J. Vann
14154	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14175	.....	William Shore
14215	.....	William Shore

Compared to recent years, it was a fairly quite season at Niantic Bay Yacht Club as far as hosting major regattas in our one-design classes, but Lightning Fleet 85 enjoyed an increase in boats on the line for our regular season series with the addition of some new racing members.

After relinquishing the title last year, John Oldham came back to decisively recapture this season's first place honors; second place went to Dave Dickerson; third place to Gary Davis.

NBYC boats finished 2nd, 5th, and 9th in the always tough CT/R.I. "Districts" held at Cedar Point Yacht Club. Chris Vann, sailing with wife Barbara and brother Lenny, improved his showing over last year's 7th place finish at Cedar Point's Fall Classic by finishing 5th, despite a broken mast on Sunday (it was time for a new boat anyway).

Representing Fleet 85 at the "North American's" in Buffalo was Don Barrett, again qualifying for the "Blue Fleet", finishing 17th overall; he was joined by two NBYC first-timers to the "N.A.'s" Bruce Atkinson (formerly of the Long Island District), and Gary Davis, qualifying for the "Blue Fleet" and the President's Cup, respectively.

Most notably, however, Fleet 85 is home to two-thirds of the reigning Women's North American Championship team: Barbara Van and Donna Barrett. With Brenda Crane of Noroton as their skipper, these ladies handily swept the series with six bullets — an impressive feat, considering the three had never sailed together as a team prior to the championships.

This year's Connecticut Governor's Cup, the second weekend in September, drew 23 boats to sail three races under threatening skies and 15 knot winds on Saturday, and no races on Sunday due to pouring rain and 20+ knots of wind. Ched Proctor of Cedar Point won; Don Barrett and Dave Dickerson of NBYC, were second and third respectively. NBYC had one of its best showings for a Governor's Cup, garnering five of the first 10 finishes. Saturday's great racing conditions almost made up for the cancellation of Sunday's races, and Saturday night's steak dinner and D. J. were once again, first class, so join us next year, September 10th and 11th.

VANCOUVER FLEET (90)

Pacific Northwest District

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

Fleet Captain Peter Idema
Fleet Secretary Peter Idema

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12878	Waibalong	Cornelis G. Zandbergen
13289	Liisa	R. H. Pearce
13680	Maelstrom	Peter A. Idema

No Report.

SPRAY BEACH YACHT CLUB (91)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing Little Egg Harbor at Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Peter V. Langborgh
Fleet Champion Peter V. Langborgh
Runner-Up Ken Corsig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11666	Cirrus	John Teigland, Jr.
13772	Ken Corsig
14119	Peter V. Langborgh
14120	Jeffrey B. Herrick
14121	John N. Izmirlian, Jr.

We are happy to report that, after 35 years, Spray Beach Yacht Club again ran a Season Series for Lightnings. Fleet 91 came back in style with four new boats and one used boat.

We all had much to learn, especially how to jibe the chute in 15 to 20 knots of wind. John Teigland of Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club sailed with us throughout the season which gave us a good yard stick to measure our improvements. As the season ended we all had more confidence and are looking forward to the '88 season. Jibing the chute in 20 to 25 knots is still.....well, you know!

Special thanks to the Lightning sailors at Surf City and Brant Beach Yacht Clubs for sharing their years of experience with us in our first year

back.

Season Series results: P. Langborgh, 14119, first; K. Corsig, 13772, second; J. Izmirlian, 14121, third. Labor Day results: J. Teigland, 11666, first; P. Langborgh, 14119, second; B. Boulden, 14123, third.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Greenwood Lake at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Jim Cosmas
Fleet Secretary Dan Murphy
Fleet Champion Jim Cosmas
Runner-Up Bob Sengstacken

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7248	Cracklin' Rose	Dan Murphy
8023	HMS Hornblower	William V. Smith
8671	.....	Patrick Allison Toomey, Jr.
10083	.....	Dennis P. Adams
10218	.....	John R. Wulff
10735	.....	Louis Van Hoff
11983	Freija	James C. Cosmas
12045	No Turkey	R. Robert Sengstacken
.....	.....	Nicholas J. Santoro
.....	Tradition	Dave Wiley

Our first event at Greenwood Lake was the Michelob Open Regatta held on June 13, 1987. The Lightning winner was Sengstacken. The racing was followed by a great steak dinner and dance.

Our regular season's racing consists of four series, comprised of six races each. The Commodore and Rear Commodore were won by Jim Cosmas. The Secretary and Vice-Commodore were won by Bob Sengstacken.

After 10 years of ignoring the normal summer's weather forecast of hazy, hot and humid, with afternoon thunderstorms, the weather man finally got our attention. This year we had three races cancelled in the middle of the action due to thunderstorms with heavy winds. One of these storms provided the writer the opportunity to exhibit a new and novel technique of boat docking that could have won him the Fleet Anchor Award.

The weatherman almost did us in at our Annual Whiskerpole Regatta, predicting a continual heavy rain and no winds. As it turned out for the eight boats that races, we had a pleasant day with threatening skies and moderate but occasionally shifting winds. The Regatta was won by Rich Miner of Mohawk, and second place boat was John Sengstacken of the Home Fleet.

Ron Wulff, Bob Sengstacken and Lou VonHoff led our away from home sailors, competing in Regattas on the Hudson Circuit and at Lake Mohawk.

The bads news for our Fleet this year is that many times Fleet Champion and Captain, Nick Santoro, is moving to North Carolina. This was the last year that he will be sailing with us. Nick has been a dedicated sailor and has always done his best to promote sailing and the Lightning Class on this Lake. He will be sorely missed.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District

Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain/Secretary Mike Boswell
Fleet Champion Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7869	Crickit	Herbert Cohen
11373	.....	Fred Chandler
11568	Blue Wooze	Quintin Foster, Jr.
13117	Well Greased	Bert Wither
13186	Paddlin Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
13191	Seafever	Mike Boswell

1987 was a year of contrasts! Wendell Harter and Mike Boswell remained active in both the local and out of town regattas, while Quintin Foster's and Bert Wither's sailing activities were diverted by other interests. We were

fortunate to have Jim Alman, a very good sailor from the East Coast, join us towards the end of the year.

Both Wendell Harter and Mike Boswell did some traveling to out of town regattas. They both participated in the California Circuit held in San Diego during April. Mike also sailed in Alamitos Bay Y.C.'s Olympic Class Regatta in April and Wendell competed in the Bowen Memorial Regatta at Mission Bay in September.

Our Fleet hosted the Spring Cachuma in June. Although the turnout was disappointing, the competition was top drawer! Two Mission Bay sailors, John Lyon and Jeff Caulkins, took first and second respectively. Next was our One Design Championship in June at King Harbor. Chuck Ellery from Santa Cruz nosed out Wendell Harter by 3/4 points to take top honors. We hosted the District Championship in July. Again, John Lyon showed top form winning easily. He was followed by Scott Finkboner of Mission Bay.

Our Annual Cecil R. King Regatta in August, where all one design classes race against each other under a Portsmouth system, proved to be a disappointment for Lightnings. The Lido 14's, with a 28 minute head start, took the first five places. Wendell Harter was close behind in sixth place.

In the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta at Lake Cachuma in August, John Lyon won three of five races on the way to victory. Next was Warren Gross of Mission Bay.

Our final regatta for 1987 was Hurricane Gulch sailed at King Harbor in October. Jim Alman won three of five races in conditions that varied from drifter to blowout. Scott Finkboner, in his new boat, came in second.

Next year we all will be looking forward to participating in the North American Championships to be held at Mission Bay in August.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing at Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Chris Larsen
Fleet Secretary	Bill Dacosta
Fleet Champion	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
Runner-Up	Dr. Bob Morrow

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7134	.....	Michael Kurzan
9250	Puck	Dr. Don Cooper
9539	Sundance	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
10633	.....	Don Drescher
10771	.....	Matt Morrow
10988	At Last	Barbara G. Mann
11119	.....	Michael Farren, J.S.C.
11122	Punch	William A. Scott
12350	Elan	Karen Totams
12957	Elusive	W. E. Dacosta
13053	.....	Chris Larsen
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F., Lawrence R. & Johannes F. Hoffman
13782	.....	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
.....	.....	John Faranetta

Thinking back only a couple of years to 1984, our fleet had three Lightnings in the yard and only two sailing each week in what might have been termed a mini-match series.

Some good promotional work since that time has accounted for a phenomenal growth in our fleet. Our enthusiasm and growth resulted in the fleet being awarded the Neal Steketee trophy for 1987 at the North Americans dinner at the Buffalo Canoe Club this past August. It was proudly presented to our Commodore for safe keeping until its return.

In preparation for 1987, we held a short series of sailing symposiums with the more experienced sailors giving insight to tactics, racing starts and general boatmanship. We were fortunate to have Jim Carson of nearby Metedeconk River preside at our final session. He gave us a good idea as to what makes a Lightning tick, some tuning hints and an explanation as to "what all those controls do." Remembering everything, however, was a different story.

The spring series started on Memorial Day week-end where we got to practice the things we learned. Breezes were gentle and forgiving and by exchanging crews, the more experienced sailors helped our newer fleet members with on-hands sailing, spinnaker handling and general hints on what to do.

Our fleet growth has, to a large extent been helped by our Sunday morning "Love Boat" cruises now in their third season. Each week, we assign one skipper to have his boat rigged and ready to sail by 10:30 AM

and take anyone from the club out to watch the morning races. While out, we answer any questions about Lightnings and if they so desire, let them take the tiller and in general, do our promotional work in that fashion. It has grown to be a popular feature at the club.

Our regular season series switched to afternoon starts on June 21st and while there is no Freemantle doctor in these parts, we do have a Barnegat Bay doctor who can whip up a good share of whitecaps and gusty shifting southerly winds on very short notice, usually just about when the staring line is being set.

Our race committee, Norm Young, Vice Commodore, Red Underwood, cannoner and scorers Trudy De Francisco and Joyce Johnson set up some great courses for our series.

Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, sailing with wife Joan, brother Eugene and nephew Eugene, worked hard to help the other sailors in tuning and rigging giving helpful hints in order to make the fleet more competitive. Despite all of this, they went out and outsailed us, winning all but three races and regaining the championship they had relinquished last year. Bob Morrow, with brother Matt and Meredith Schreyer who are getting to be a tough team, came in second, while last years champs, Bob Hoffman and sons, Larry, Skipper and Tom, took the third spot. Bill Scott, with son Peter and Karen Smith, surprised a lot of people, and came from nowhere to take fourth. Bill Dacosta, Walter Krueger and Joan Young were fifth and Fleet Captain Chris Larsen with Roberta and George Schreyer took the sixth spot, and with it, became the first winners of a "mid fleet" trophy donated by the Ventimiglia's to create some interest for the newer members of the fleet that usually don't finish at the top. Chris suffered some equipment failures that caused his lower finish. Barbara and Dave Mann, with Ray De Francisco, placed seventh, and Al Magno, sailing with Ron Sr. and Ron Jr. and Karen Totams, were next, followed by Don Cooper, Jack Nile and David Cooper...Mike and Art Farren and daughter Patricia were next and Don Drescher and crew brought up the rear. Two boats did not participate in the series.

The fall series started on September 13th and we enjoyed a great picnic on the 20th after sailing two races. It is now getting close to indoor sports time and very shortly, we'll all be inside waiting patiently for the 1988 season.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	.....	Scott Carman & Steven Randall
12104	.....	Stan Dent
12784	Pacemaker	John N. Dent
13493	.....	Mike Dow
13999	.....	Scott Carman & Steven Randall
14009	Serendipity	Mike Dow
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold

The 1987 season got underway on the Fourth of July at the Higgins Lake Boat Club with our annual Firecracker Regatta. Light conditions and gray skies greeted the few sailors who showed up on Saturday. We were able to get two races sailed in the morning, but had to abandon in the afternoon due to no wind. Fred Krauss finished first in the abbreviated event with John Dent and Casey McGovern following.

The Higgins Lake Boat Club Invitational Regatta took place August 1 and 2, with many of our old friends returning. Saturday morning opened with gray skies and an occasional drizzle, but Sunday was one of the best sailing days I've ever seen to complete a wonderful weekend of sailing. Colin Park of Midland again took first place honors. Garry Demarest of Traverse Bay Yacht Club finished in second place. Hank Hodgson of Devils Lake Yacht Club ended up in third place. Higgins Lake's top finisher was Mike Dow in fourth place while Louie Nickels of Pontiac Yacht Club picked up the final trophy with a fifth place finish.

Our season concluded on Labor Day weekend with our Annual Property Owners' Regatta. Fred Krauss finished in first place with John Dent in second and Ric Blamer in third. That evening our annual banquet was held in Grayling. Numerous awards were presented after dinner including our Lightning Class overall season trophies. Fred Krauss again, finished in first place. John Dent just edged Casey McGovern for second place to conclude our season.

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)
Midwest District
Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Jim Gagnon, Jr.
 Fleet Secretary Vicki Vannieuwenhoven
 Fleet Champion Brian Phelan/Charley Nitka
 Runner-Up Jim Gagnon, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9634	Puzzle	James L. Hopkins
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
10799	Ragtime	James Gagnon, Jr.
10969	Bullet	James Knorr
11931	Hearty	Gordon A. Valentine
11953	.....	Mari C. Martin
13486	.....	Steve V. Somerville
13568	Dollar Special	Bill Dean
14193	.....	Dr. Bruce Bressler
.....	Rainbow	.....
.....	Connection	Michael Faudree

Our 40th year as the Green Bay Sailing Club began its season again in early May. Co-skippers Brian Phelan/Charley Nitka and a new boat combined their talents to win five out of the nine Spring Series Races. This sent the rest of us scrambling to re-tune our boats.

June brought on the Annual Evans Regatta. 18 boats showed up for three heavy air races on Saturday. Eric Larson was extremely fast and jumped to a big lead. On Sunday, half the boats left the dock in the pouring rain after the hour warning gun was fired. The other half waited on shore assured that the race would be cancelled, by whom we were not sure. After the rain stopped on shore, the sailors noticed that the boats that went out were racing (the weather cleared up sooner on the race course). All hell broke loose as they ran to their boats. Their race started from the dock to the race course, as well as around the marks. After all this fun, Eric Larson came in first place, followed by Kevin Blair and Brian Phelan.

When the Summer Series was over, there were three boats in contention for Fleet Champion: Jim Knorr, Jim Gagnon Jr., and Phelan/Nitka at just a few points apart. During the fall series it was close right to the end. Phelan/Nitka and their great crew came through and clinched the title.

The Walter Massey was not your usual race. The changing wind conditions forced the boats to round just about every mark on the course without a true beat. John Evans came out the winner.

The Fleet would like to thank Tom Phelan, Jane Stannard, and Bill Hayes for their excellent job as Race Committee.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain Skip Wilday
 Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7828	.....	John Godfrey, M.D.
10730	Austerity	Michael D. Kane
13890	Ole Blue	Robert & Greg Buckley
13973	.....	Ward Wilday
14002	.....	Steve Sellberg

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Cameron MacDonald
 Fleet Secretary Larry MacDonald, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11174	John Aitchison
11289	Keith MacDonald

11814	Innisfree	Susan Rogers & Larry MacDonald, Sr.
12443	Cha Gheill	J. Paul Eichenberg
12881	Pony Tail	Sandy MacDonald
13609	Fog	William J. Hunter
13671	Eh	Sandy & Larry MacDonald & Susan Rogers

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Russell Crawford
 Fleet Secretaries Elizabeth & Tom Petty

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6654	Mentor	Scott Holliday
10234	Fever	Charles C. Sweet
14079	Phoenix	Russell Crawford
10804	Flip Top	Joseph N. Peterson
10857	Kaboom	Alfred J. Martin
12385	Shamrock	Louis P. Minicucci, Jr.
13517	Swans	Winthrop J. Snow, Jr.
13576	Remedy	Alan P. Lavendar & Steven Fram
13642	Eclipse III	Chip Wyser
.....	.....	Robert L. & Leonard Pratt

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Philip Lotz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8145	Pink Cloud	Fred M. Cowin
10119	Loki	Kjell A. Heitmann
11082	TNT	C. Dayton Titsworth
11138	.....	Jim Crane
11381	.....	Richard B. Price
11486	.....	Ched Proctor
11510	.....	Thomas Y. Ingram & Robert J. Schoelkopf
11576	Intricacy	John W. Richardson, Jr.
11657	Challenge	John Dymont
12119	.....	John Magenheimer
12367	Amok	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
12852	Silver	Fergus Henderson
13051	Leprechaun	William E. Maloney
13056	Squeeze Me	A. K. Rodgers Ratcliffe
13249	White Lightning	Timothy M.P. Seamans
13494	Aalen	Gottfried Perbix
13652	Entropy	Edson N. White
13949	Gray Matter	Stuart Browning
13987	.....	Robert G. Neubert
14030	.....	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
14052	Ciao	Nina Cuccio
14067	Nemesis	Davis S. Smith
14137	.....	Toby Beth Lambert & Wiley M. Crockett
14161	.....	Edson N. White
14176	.....	Ched Proctor
14190	.....	Philip Lotz
14217	.....	C. Dayton Titsworth
14219	.....	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
.....	.....	Toby Welles

No Report.

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wilmington River at Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Secretary Sydney Oetgen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12828	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
Life Member	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	J. Wallace Aggett
No Report.		

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.

Fleet Captain/Secretary J. Michael Sulzbach
Fleet Champion J. Michael Sulzbach
Runner-Up John Ronshagen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11207	Early Time	James R. Deephouse
11773	.....	John Ronshagen
11933	Rosie	J. Michael Sulzbach
13230	Moonshine	W. Harmon Leete

The Madison Lightning Championship consists of races each Saturday from the end of June through the beginning of September. For the first half of this season, competition was extremely tight between Ronshagen, Davidson, Sulzbach and Jim Deephouse's boat which was sailed by a series of guest skippers who were champions of one event or another. Jim's first skipper was Alex Cutler, the current collegiate singlehand champion who is conducting an Olympic Finn campaign. The next skipper was Jay Renahan, a former collegiate sailor of the year who is conducting an Olympic 470 campaign. The final skipper was Rob Erda, who finished second in this years' Blue Jay Nationals. By the final part of the season, virtually no points separated the Deephouse consortium from Sulzbach and Ronshagen. However, the determination of Sulzbach's crew, Chip Walz and Josh Gleason, left him no choice but to eke out a victory over Ronshagen who finished second and Deephouse, et al. who finished third.

The Madison fleet looks forward to greater involvement in District activities in the 1988 season.

SEATTLE LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Shilshole Bay at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain Art Green
Fleet Secretary Alan Hunt
Fleet Champion Bruce Deitz
Runner-Up Alan Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10256	.....	Dr. George F. Naden
10384	Dandelion Break	Philip Wong
11457	No Problem	Pam Hsu
11636	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Alan F. Hunt
11873	Osprey	Bill Taylor
13242	Over Easy	Eric Lindahl
13299	Hot Chocolate	Tom Anderson
13704	Major Crime Team	Kenneth Dunkelberg
13857	.....	Martin R. Mulhern
14040	.....	Bruce Deitz
.....	.....	Tom Foulds

1987 was a good year for Fleet sailors on the road. Eric Lindahl won his third District Championship in six years, lacking the talent to win every year. Alan Hunt stumbled into a Circuit Championship with regatta wins at Vancouver, B.C. and at Vancouver Lake. Ten years of trying finally paid off. He says that getting thrown in for winning is more fun than winning and that it is better to focus on sailing well than on winning. Ken Dunkelberg

and his trick crew tied Alan at Vancouver Lake but had the misfortune of not winning the last race. Bruce Dietz won the Fleet Championship and prevented Alan from having a clean sweep on the circuit. Bruce sailed better than anyone else and he deserved to win.

On the local scene, Lindahl, Dietz, and Hunt took turns sailing well and being lucky enough to win on the weekend regattas. Phil Wong got tougher this year and won the Summer Fling Regatta. Lindahl won the various evening series, but no one cares about them much anyway and he's jaded. Tom Anderson, Pam Hsu, and Art Green would be more of a threat if they did a little more sailing. We all have our times when there are other, possibly more sensible (perish the thought), priorities, but everyone keeps coming back.

Next year, we are certain to see more of each other as we prepare for San Diego. We had quite a bit of interest from new sailors this year, including a transfer from Green Bay — Bill Sims. We hope that he comes out next year and shows us a thing or two, now that he is presumably through settling down in the Northwest and doing his landscaping, only to watch it turn brown in the drought. He already showed us his exploding 3mm Kevlar spinnaker sheets. Even after ten years of this chaos, I'm still looking forward to next season.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)

Southern District

Sailing on Mobile Bay

Fleet Secretary Robert Bernhardt, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8365	.....	Robert Jeffcott
8704	.....	John Kern
10812	Captain Crunch	Robert Bernhardt, Jr.
11483	.....	Robert Jeffcott
11815	Prosit	L. M. Bohnenkamp
12331	Jubilee	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12956	Sun Kiss II	Robert Borneman
13060	Bigeminy III	Dr. E. Russell March, Jr.

No Report.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)

Michigan District

Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain David Decker
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Gary Fergemann
Fleet Champion Tim VanderMeulen
Runner-Up David Decker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10850	.....	Gary Fergemann
13279	Cyxobeu	Tim VanderMeulen
13640	Tarula	David J. Decker
13713	Ju Ju V	Carl Engels
13839	.....	William F. Weston
13879	Blue Chip III	Dan Chappell
14241	.....	David H. & Karen H. Watt

Sailing on Gull Lake has never been better! Pleasant winds greeted us nearly every Saturday and Sunday, as the Fleet sailed one of its most ambitious schedules in years. Thirty-seven races were held over the course of the summer. "Three Race Sundays" were held 5 times, combining 2 shorter morning races with the usual afternoon race. The combination of races gave all a chance to participate, and really made the fleet competitive! Six different boats won races over the course of the season.

The Final Standings showed Tim VanderMeulen as Fleet Champion, with David Decker as Runner-Up. Tim built a commanding lead early in the season, and then held off a late season charge. Carl Engels, Dan Chappell, and Bill Weston finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively. David and Karen Watt held on to the 6th spot even though they sold their boat a few weeks prior to the season's end! But they have another on order, and will be back for 1988. David has also volunteered to Chair the Committee hosting the Lightning 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. Gull Lake

will be sure to have several representatives there!

Fleet 137 was well represented at the Michigan Districts, with Carl Engels, David Watt, Tim VanderMeulen and David Decker sailing on Tawas Bay. The strong consistent wind was just a little different than the shifty Gull Lake Breezes, and was a challenging experience for all.

The season closed with a fine regatta featuring 19 boats from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. The breeze was near 20 mph when we began on a chilly Saturday morning, but the sun was bright, the wind moderated to near 12, and five super races were held. Garry Demarest, the Michigan District Champion, edged John McCree for the 1st place trophy, with Bruce Goldsmith and Colin Park in 3rd and 4th, respectively. David Decker kept the 5th place trophy at Gull Lake.

We welcomed a new member, Steve Raklovitz, and "graduated" a few skippers to the J24 fleet. But we have noticed a few of them watching longingly as we planed by on some of those windy reaches. We hope they'll be back soon! They may be sailing a bigger boat, but in their hearts they never move up from a Lightning.

HAWAII FLEET (143)

Hawaii District

Sailing on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Fleet Captain Jonathan Patmont

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11786	Bobby Edmondson

No Report.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Fred Turner
Fleet Secretary Patrick MacQueen
Fleet Champion Terry Pindell
Runner-Up Kip Hamblet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10410	Spindrift	Terry L. Pindell
11210	Smurfing Along	Frederick Turner, Jr.
11323	Escape	Patrick McQueen
11346	L.I.T.F.L.	Fred H. & Christopher B. Hamblet
12370	The Tool	Alexander Gemmell
13835	Three Cheers	David H. & Thomas Fitch

The 1987 Spofford Fleet 145 season was highlighted by the Fleet Championship Series held over the 4th of July and Labor Day weekends. Second year fleet member Terry Pindell 'kicked a little butt' and emerged as the '87 Fleet Champion. Congratulations, Terry! Kip Hamblet took second and the Fitch family took third.

Spofford was happy to host the New England District "Juniors" this year. Boats from Bomaseen, Champlain, and Massabesic participated along with boats from Spofford. Local knowledge paid off as Jason Gemmell of Spofford took the N.E.L.D. 1987 crown with Arron MacQueen, also of Spofford, taking 2nd. Spofford plans to hold this "Junior's Trophy" for some time and throws down the challenge for greater participation from all those other juniors out there.

The most active circuit sailors in the fleet were Alex Gemmell and Kip Hamblet, who along with the Fitch family, competed in the New England Districts at Lake Champlain. Kip and Alex also competed in the North Americans at Buffalo. Kip, in his first "North Americans" as skipper, did extremely well placing 13th overall in the "Blue Fleet". Alex did very well in his travels to many New England regattas, taking a 2nd at Massabesic and a 3rd at Cedar Point in Connecticut.

The season finale, as always, was the Spofford year end regatta in September. The weekend included two unpredictable puffy, heavy air races on Saturday and no race on Sunday because of no air — "that's Spofford." Defending Champ Stu Nickerson won the regatta with Brad Read and Dick Hallagan taking 2nd and 3rd respectively. Can't wait 'til next year.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain John Gorrie
Fleet Secretary Norman Clegg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8152	"Mimi"	Elliott M. Wilson
9543	Adgo	Sue Willings
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11275	.....	David & Stewart Sprague
11631	Flat Out	Brian L. Curtner
12246	Splash Gordon	Camilla Willings
.....	.....	John D. Gorrie
.....	.....	Janice Graham-Foscarini

No Report.

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)

Brazil District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Peter Zacher
Fleet Secretary Peter Zacher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11710	Irema	Deitmar Heydenreich
11721	Goiabada	Frederico Perego Costa
12489	Phrescura	Claudio Biekarc
13008	Viking III	Bruno Reinardo Sickinger
13405	Waikiki	Marcelo V. Reitz & Henricus J. Bocage
14203	.....	Claudio Biekarc

No Report.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain Bernard L. Dillon
Fleet Secretary William W. Woodrow
Fleet Champion Bernard L. Dillon
Runner-Up David J. Ireland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
9581	Wiki-Wiki	William W. Woodrow
10047	Merrimax	Donald C. Walter
11681	Lady	Charles H. Huston
12346	.....	John S. Simpson
12567	Wind Sprite	Bernard L. Dillon

1987 provided good weather and fair winds for Fleet 150. Fleet Captain and Mansfield Sailing Club Commodore Bernie Dillon dominated the racing again this year and took home just about all the trophies the Club had to offer.

Dave Ireland, who returned to Fleet 150 after a too long absence, provided new and capable competition for the rest of us. Dave's two young sons, Nathan and Jason, served their crew apprenticeship well, and their weight (or lack of it) was of significant assistance in light air.

Unfortunately, several of our Lightning skippers were unable to compete this year for one reason or another, and we sorely missed them on the water.

The Race Series winners for 1987 are: Principal Series — Bernie Dillon (1st), Dave Ireland (2nd), Bill Woodrow (3rd); Memorial Day Series — Dave Ireland; 4th of July Series — Bernie Dillon; Labor Day Series — Bernie Dillon; Founders Trophy — Dave Ireland; Sunday AM Series — Don Walter; Wednesday PM Series — Don Mano; Fall Series — Bernie Dillon; McDermott Most Improved Trophy — Bernie Dillon.

We look forward to a great 1988 which will be the 35th Anniversary of our organization. We welcome all Lightning sailors to visit us on the beautiful Clearfork Lake in North Central Ohio.

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

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

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

Unfortunately we have no report since we basically have no fleet. However, we keep the fleet active and we can say that both fleet officers were at the Worlds and the Secretary participated in the '87 North Americans.

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

Fleet Secretary Charles A. Pinkerton, III

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4971	Spider	Paul J. Beyer, III
11588	.....	Charles A. Pinkerton, III
13963	Chickadee	Fernando Leon
13969	.....	Peter Barbier

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Doug Schmahl
 Fleet Secretary Virgil Snyder
 Fleet Champion George & Fred Buckingham
 Runner-Up Doug Schmahl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5259	.....	Douglas F. Willis
10134	Popper	Stephen C. Miller
12276	Yellow Bellied Sap Sucker	Ray S. Gans
12316	.....	William Stucky
12521	"The Sting"	N. Richard Boerger
12586	Deacon Blues	Gordon Medlock
13001	Why Us	John R. Nixon
13131	Terra Fina	Jack M. Gibson
13721	.....	George Buckingham
13851	Swi's Guys III	Keith Swihart
13860	One Last Gasp	John R. Nixon
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas A. Schmahl
13975	Divine Wind	Alan Fox

Fleet 154 enjoyed spending the warmer than usual summer on the water: Our Holiday Series got off to a great start with Alan Fox capturing first place in the Memorial Day races, with Doug Schmahl placing second, and John Nixon third. The Independence Day competition found Fred Buckingham sailing to first place, with Doug Schmahl close behind in second, and Keith Swihart finishing third. For our final Holiday Series over Labor Day weekend, George Buckingham led the way to first place, with Doug Schmahl once again a strong second, and Keith Swihart, third.

The season's best awards are recognized at our annual September meeting. George and Fred Buckingham won the season's championship with Doug Schmahl in a comfortable second place and John Nixon in third. Schmahl's consistency over the season earned him the Cynthia Cup and Betty Miller won the Women's Award for the season. Ryan Miller had an impressive record this season and captured the Junior's Award as well as the Commodore's Cup, with Steve Anderson and Ray Gans runners up.

The season came to a pleasant close by hosting the 34th Hoosier Regatta

held October 10 and 11. Fifteen boats from Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin competed this year, sailing in light wind with drizzle conditions. Colin Park of Michigan placed first, with Dave Nickels and Bruce Goldsmith, also from Michigan, finishing second and third. Although the weekend was plentiful with rain instead of sunshine, the visiting sailors were pleased to return to the event, looking forward to the hot, homemade lunches and homey atmosphere offered to them at the Wawasee Yacht Club.

Many thanks to Frank Yaggi for his fine leadership as Commodore over the past two years. Doug Schmahl will take over command in 1988 with Alan Fox as Vice Commodore, Virgil Snyder serving as Secretary, and Bob Troutman, Treasurer.

A hearty welcome goes to new members Doug Willis and Brad and Daphne Wagon. We look forward to their participation next season!

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164)
Central New York District
Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain Jeff Bassin
 Fleet Secretary Alister Thomson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
7168	.....	Lloyd C. Wetherbee
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
10370	The Cheese	W. Craig Thayer
10679	Motion	Richard P. & Pamela L. Tuttle
10705	Allegro	John B. Rudd
10816	One More Time	Joseph L. Seltzer
11307	Special "K"	Ron Kokot
11650	Reddy Too	Pamela L. Tuttle & David Grogono
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey Bassin, D.M.D.
12004	White Lightning	Donald B. Barter & Alister Thomson
12800	Lucy B.	John B. Redmond, Jr.
12929	Wildfire	James W. Hole
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13369	Bull Ship III	DAvid K. Bull
13514	.....	Robert Nason
13755	.....	J. M. Sills
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Richard Sin

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Kari Maenpaa
 Fleet Secretary Noora Maenpaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11544	Kesaheila	Raimo Aromaa
12258	.....	Jussi Karkkainen
12259	.....	Keijo Latvala
12914	Vahine II	Kari Maenpaa
13130	Masi III	Matti Torkkeli
13435	.....	Pekka Sayra
13561	.....	Harri Raikamo
13762	.....	Markku Brax
14091	.....	Terho Aromaa
14092	.....	Jussi Karkkainen
.....	.....	Kimmo Aromaa
.....	.....	Terho Aromaa
.....	.....	Hartti Nisonen
.....	.....	Chris Winter

Our fleet's 1986 season ended (or 1987 season started) in December when two crews from our fleet, Nisonen-Uitto-Aromaa and Karkkainen-Nurmi-Aromaa travelled all the way across Europe to Marsala, Sicily in order to participate in the Winter European Championships. Nisonen brought his new Finnish-built boat while Karkkainen was given a superb boat by the

Circolo Velico Marsala. Nisonen's *Asterix* did very well and took the 3rd place and Karkkainen was 7th. Good races and very friendly people made the long trip worthwhile. Thank you, Marsala!

The actual 1987 racing season became a little bit different from the previous ones. Kari Maenpaa, who had dominated the class in Finland for years, decided to take the year off and sail only the "Districts". This gave the others the chance to win regattas at least sometimes and not only to compete for the 2nd place! Four boats from our fleet participated actively in major regattas in Finland with fairly good success. Two boats, Terho Aromaa's *Masi* and Hartti Nisonen's *Asterix* participated in the "European's" in Italy in June, finishing 15th and 16th, respectively. The "Districts" in August showed that black is still the color of success in Finland: Kari Maenpaa's *Vahine*, with crew Erkki Maenpaa and Kimmo Aromaa, won the championship quite easily. This was *Vahine's* third victory in a row and fourth overall. Other finishes from Fleet 166 were: Aromaa-Aromaa-Aromaa 4th, Nisonen-Uitto-Puupera 7th, Karkkainen-Jaatinen-Nurmi 9th and Raikamo-Raikamo-Uurtimo 19th. In the 1987 ranking series, Karkkainen was second, Aromaa third, and Nisonen fourth.

Next summer will be very interesting since the "Europeans" will take place in Finland. Maenpaa has promised to be more active than last summer so we are expecting to have a great racing season.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Ron Taber
Fleet Secretary Mary Kay Johnson
Fleet Champion Mike Steffanson
Runner-Up Ken Jensen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
7391	Old Style	Peter Bartlett
8520	Maine-Eac	Patrick J. Goff
10156	Amorphous	Rodney P. Smith
10232	.....	Charles E. White
12688	Clockwork	Steven Schulte
12817	Peripatetic	Donovan D. Stiegel, M.D.
13202	Moxie	Henry L. Strieder
13286	Warp Drive	H. Reed Doughty
13430	Second Wind	William F. Quaintance
13611	Smooth As Silk	Roger Kessler
13901	.....	Ken Jensen
13991	.....	Ron Taber
14015	Hot Flash	Michael & Doug Steffenson

Thanks to the work of many members of the Lake Davenport Sailing Club and the cooperation of the weather, a brand new clubhouse greeted the start of the 1987 sailing season. In the Memorial Day series, Mike Steffenson took the trophy and we were underway. Numerous Lightning skippers took part in the Summer and Commodore Series during the months which followed. Mike Steffenson continued his winning ways with the help of his son, Doug, by capturing the Summer Series while Ken Jensen took second and Bill Quaintance was third. Ken and Mike switched places for the Commodore Series and Bill again came in third. The Fourth of July Series was also won by Mike and his able crew of Jean and Doug Steffenson. They followed this up with victory in the Labor Day Series. These races signaled the beginning of the Fall Series which again was won by Mike Steffenson followed by Reed Doughty and Ken Jensen. Although the winning names are the same, there were still many other Lightning skippers and crews providing competition if they made a mistake.

The Polar Bear Regatta was held on October 3 and 4 which was a change from previous years due to scheduling conflicts in the district. The regatta brought together not only the Lightnings but also the C-scows and the MCs. A total of fifty-nine boats sailed in three fleets with the Lightnings contributing twelve boats from home and away. After two days of sailing in excellent conditions, Mike Steffenson sailed away with the WOC Trophy as the champion. Gene Matthews from Lake Geneva was second, and Brian Phelan from Green Bay was third. Ken Jensen took the Mayor's Trophy for the next highest place from the local fleet while not placing in the top three. Reed Doughty from Lake Davenport took fifth. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year.

Now, with the clubhouse prepared for winter and the boats disappearing to their winter storage areas we can look back at an excellent season and hope that next year will be the same, or even better.

LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169)

Switzerland District

Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Secretary Annika Vuithier-Lambelet
Fleet Champion Wyler/Stauffer/Gasser
Runner-Up Schar/Schar/Schar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11858	Gargantua	Pierre Grandguillaume
11859	Pinocchio	Hans Muhlbach
12860	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
13066	Sarcelle	Jean-Pierre Monnier
13840	Chiloe	Gilbert Despland

First we would like to congratulate sincerely our secretary Annika Lambelet who just got married to a big champ, Jean-Claude Vuithier, former Fireball and 470 European and 5.5m World Champion. Congratulations, too, for the birth of their daughter Amelie (dicted by Jean-Pierre Monnier).

Keeping the roster of our fleet at the same number doesn't satisfy us, but it seems more difficult to keep things going than sometime ago.

Only one crew from our fleet participated at all the important races of the Swiss District in Hallwil — Sempach — Morat — Fallanden and Neuchâtel. Grouped, these five races are named Coupe "Kamikaze". First place went to Wyler, Stauffer and Gasser. Gilbert Despland from our fleet finished 6th. The Europeans were sailed in Numana, Italy, and two of our crews went over there. As always, we enjoyed the race on the sea and the weather and wind were fine. Lambelet, Monnier, and Lambelet finished 17th and Despland, Graf, and Brugger were 21st.

Our fleet did organize the "Swiss District Championship" Oct. 16-18. Friday two races were sailed with very tricky winds, Saturday no wind, no race, Sunday two races were sailed with beautiful strong wind. Here are the results: 1st - 13790 - Wyler; 2nd - 13161 - Schar; 3rd 13099 - De Cerjat; 4th 13692 - Schmid; 5th - 12860 - Lambelet; 6th - 13066 - DuPasquier; 7th - 12951 - Perret; 8th - 13840 - Despland; 9th - 13074 - Weilenmann; 10th - 13705 - Beyer; 11th - 12952 - Scharer; and 12th - 13240 - Zehnder.

We also organized the traditional "Regate Fondue", here are the results: 1st - 13161 - Schar; 2nd - 13692 - Schmid; 3rd - 13790 - Wyler; 4th - 13066 - DuPasquier; 5th - 12860 - Lambelet; 6th - 13840 - Despland; 7th - 13099 - De Cerjat; 8th - 12951 - Perret; 9th - 12952 - Scharer; 10th - 13705 - Beyer; 11th - 13074 - Weilenmann; and 12th - 13240 - Zehnder.

Fleet 169 is very proud of the nomination of Gilbert Despland as commodore of the Swiss District for 1988.

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Branch Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Glenn Reitingen
Fleet Secretary Carl Reitingen
Fleet Champion Dave Coward
Runner-Up Bob Seybold

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5837	Barracuda	Joseph L. Serrill, Jr.
9462	Marcelinda II	Philip J. Escoll, M.D.
11176	.....	Thomas M. Hyndman, Jr.
11575	.....	James W. Titus
12873	The Moose Is Loose	James Nicolini
13743	Hyndsite	Thomas Hyndman, III
13809	Treachery & Old Age	Peter D. Pierce & Eugene J. Kelly, Jr.
13989	.....	J. Edward Serrill & David Coward
14059	.....	David W. Long
14225	.....	Glenn Reitingen
.....	.....	Carl Reitingen

Fleet 173 members were active both at Brant Beach and around the Central Atlantic District again this year. Though no one travelled to the "North Americans" there was Fleet 173 representation at numerous regattas including but not limited to: SCYC Memorial Day, Long Beach Island Annual, MBC Long John, MBC Spring Series, LEHYC Annual, SCYC

Annual, and the Manahawkin Bay Cup. Dave Coward won the LEHYC Annual by coming from 6th with only one race to go. The top three finishers in the club series were as follows: Dave Coward, 1st, Bob Seybold, 2nd, and Jim and Nick Nicolini, 3rd.

Next season we expect our Lightning presence on LBI to continue to grow. The "Districts" will be held at Brant Beach and our Mariner friends will help us with the regatta. Then later in the season we will help them with the Mariner Nationals.

Janet and Dave Coward's son Peter, a part time Lightning crew, won the Sunfish Junior North Americans in Charleston, S.C. While in the crew department, Fleet 173 has served as a training ground for yet another new Lightning skipper and co-owner Gary Hofing. He has purchased a Lightning and will be sailing it with Fleet 196. For all you CAD members who check out the district fleet reports (like this one) please put the 1988 CAD Championship in July on your regatta schedule. We would love to see you at BBYC.



Action at the CAD's.

SHREVEPORT FLEET (175)

Southern District

Sailing on Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Joseph P. Hunt
Fleet Secretary Joseph F. Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11725	Hebronian	David E. Stotler
12839	Knee Deep II	Larry D. Pledger
13212	Whoopersnapper	Joseph F. & Joseph P. Hunt

No Report.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)

Long Island District

Sailing on Great South Bay at Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain Alan Pearlman
Fleet Secretary William P. Weiss

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8780	Islander	Robert C. Beckman
9670	.....	Angelo Di Martino
10243	Windblown	W. I. Orchard
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
11143	.....	Paul & Joseph D., Jr. McCann
11628	.....	Bruce M. Atkinson
11774	Alevai	Alan Pearlman
11852	Endeavor	Michael L. Gargiulo
13544	.....	Thomas E. McDonald
13920	Robin's Nest	Robin P. Ertl
13934	.....	Bruce M. Atkinson

No Report.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Ed Benevent
Fleet Secretary Pat Lace
Fleet Champion Mark Prather
Runner-Up Chad Waldschmidt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10941	Stormy	Dr. Stan Gurney
11563	.....	Chad Waldschmidt
11747	Heid Aweigh II	Charles S. Good
12226	Cherlyn	Thomas E. McFate
13372	.....	Kenneth Pote & Stuart Horner, Jr.
13506	.....	Lawrence Levine
13602	.....	Edward J. Benevent
13711	Hied Aweigh III	R. Duane Good
13735	Me Pusse Paz	Michael Mercatoris
14128	Cher Lyn Too	Thomas E. McFate
14146	.....	Ronald Ragghianti

The 1987 sailing season was a very satisfying and diverse one for the Conneaut Lake Yacht Club. We had new skippers with previously owned boats and experienced skippers with new boats, and everything from windless days to perfect sailing weather to a sudden violent storm that dispersed the Fleet.

The overall Summer Championship was determined by 36 races with seven throw-outs. Even so, the final results were not settled until the last weekend. Mark Prather edged out Chad Waldschmidt, with both sailing consistently well, to take the Championship. Mike Mercatoris was third and Ed Benevent was fourth overall. Dr. Stan Gurney received the Golden Anchor for backing up the Fleet. Mark Prather also won the Fourth of July Regatta.

The Holiday Series was won by Skip Ragghianti, after his new boat finally arrived, followed by Mark Prather, Mike Mercatoris, and Chad Waldschmidt.

The new skippers in the Fleet were Stu Horner and Ken Pote, who acquired Skip Ragghianti's boat. Skip, meanwhile had to wait until July when his new boat was completed. The same held true for Tom McFate, whose new boat was delivered the end of June. Tom showed some real bursts of speed and looks to be a threat next season.

The annual July Picnic, held in August, held some surprises in that presentations were made to the Silver Skippers, which included Duane Good and Chuck Good. Both are sailing as consistently and as fast as they did 25 years ago. The hard work of Commodore Art Lace and Secretary Pat Lace helped to make the entire season a success.

Overall, the fleet has grown and gotten more competitive and 1988 looks to be better still.



Conneaut Lake before the storm.