

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

Fleet Captain Paul Connell
 Fleet Champion Dick Weitzman
 Runner-Up Kathy Connell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3108	.....	Michael Springsteen
8182	Gotcha	Gary S. & Joan Hurban
8252	.....	Daniel Parietti
8885	.....	George Conk
9369	.....	William P. Mann
9382	Seababe	Kathryn & Paul Connell
9971	Ali-Oop II	Allan Began
10220	.....	Arthur F. Stahl
10769	Different Drummer	George Conk
11076	Smart Set	Terence E. Gibbs
12386	Transfusion	Richard P. Weitzman
12868	.....	S. Robert Pearlman
13810	In the Pink	William L. Moe
13832	Avanti	William G. Cook

The dual for Fleet Championship this year was even closer than last, with only 1.65 points separating Dick and Kathy at the end. Congratulations Dick! Good Sailing! Third and fourth were close too. After 20 years of crewing, Joan finally kicked Gary out and took over the helm, finishing fourth, behind Bill (don't let me sail down current in no wind) Cook. Not bad for her first year as a skipper. The view is a little different from back there — eh Joanie? As usual boats from Nyack traveled all over. We did the usual regatta circuit, including Redbank, Surf City, Wallenpaupack, and Chelsea. Elissa, Joan, and Annette also went to the Adam's Cup semi's, and Elissa, Annette and Christine Hall went on to the Women's Championships in Michigan. Unfortunately, Elissa kept on going and moved out to San Francisco. Then Annette moved to Annapolis. We'll miss them both.

Back at Nyack, Dave and Frank finally figured out what that round thing with the numbers was for, and got Howie up in the front of the fleet. Bill Mann took his boat out, and with Rod (two Lightnings in the backyard) Johnson showing him how it's done, won his first race. He was out every weekend after that. Gary only put the spinnaker up sideways once. Dick's crew; Mike Lucas and son are looking to jump ship and get their own boat. We just hope they make the right decision and get a Lightning! Kathy and Paul signed on new crew Jody Divine. Now we just have to teach her to drink beer like a Lightning sailor! Thanks to all the crews, and everyone connected with Fleet 75 — we had a fun year.

Nyack hosts the Metropolitan Districts this spring and everyone is welcome. The Magnus Pederson Regatta is the first weekend in June for practice, and this spring we're due for plenty of wind. Come and enjoy with us, sailing on the Majestic Hudson.



The gang at Fleet 75.

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

Fleet Captain Howard P. Stickney
 Fleet Secretary Ronald Infarinato
 Fleet Champion George Sereno
 Runner-Up Bob Jamison

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10096	Sparkle	Allen R. Hamilton
10885	C'est la Vie	Philip Lange
11074	Kopykat	Howard P. Stickney
11190	Glinting	Ronald Infarinato
12313	Droopy Sloop V	David N. Eckler
12355	Shadow	Richard Hallagan
13080	Misty	James I. McIntosh
13081	"Irish"	Richard Doherty
13082	Stealth	R. Neil Smith
13083	Sea Fever	Barbara Platt
13192	Slicker	Dave Walsh
13329	Aurora	Philip Goldberg
13469	Whitecap	Dr. Robert L. Jamison
13697	Honky	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
13815	Obsession	Alan R. McReynolds
13913	Hazardous Waste	James C. Gocker
14001	Piece of Ship	Daniel D. Fien
14185	Comfortably Numb	Leland G. Atkinson, III
14189	.....	Mark Sertl
14255	Shado-Blanco	Richard Hallagan
14277	Spar Trek IV	George Sereno
14298	Lucy Too	Mark Sertl

The Newport Yacht Club experienced a good year. We increased our fleet membership. We changed our scoring system to high point, allowed a flexible number of crew and got more on water participation. We were the major group at a special one day sailing event that concluded with the largest party ever held at Newport. We were selected as the host for the 1990 Lightning North American Championships. We were recognized in the United States Congressional Record. 23 of our 31 Lightnings raced 325 boat races.

Barry Gombert, Phil Lange, Larry Weinstein and Dick Leonardo joined the fleet, and were active sailors. Dick earned the tip over trophy for one of the most complete tip over's ever.

Allen Hamilton, who has sailed Lightnings for more than 40 years, is now an honorary member of Newport. He is a gentleman sailor on and off the water. Congratulations!

The town of Irondequoit celebrated 150 years with a Irondequoit Sesquicentennial Yacht Race. (Newport is located in the town which is a northern suburb of Rochester.) More than 65 boats, (we think, the fog was so thick) of all sizes, 13 to 45 feet, participated in a one day race. Never before have the four Irondequoit clubs, Genesee, Newport, RYC and RCC, combined for a sailing event. With Irondequoit Bay now open to the lake, all boats decked out in colored flags arrived at Newport for the largest and greatest party in our club's history.

The U.S. congressional record recognized the town of Irondequoit on the occasion of its sesquicentennial celebration. Mentioned in Mr. D'Amato's announcement, referring to the boating activity stated; "In fact the Newport Yacht Club boasts the second largest Lightning sailboat fleet in the United States". We may not be second, but we're close.

This will be a special year as we will host the Lightning North American Championships, Masters, Womans and Juniors on August 14-24th. Our Newport Invitational regatta in June should be well attended by sailors wishing to experience the local lake and bay conditions in preparation for the North Americans.

This year's 14th annual Invitational had 33 boats, 5 races, great steak dinner, good weather, and we lost \$50. Nine of our boats traveled to regattas. Dick Hallagan traveled to regattas throughout the eastern U.S. and to the Worlds in Athens, Greece. Others who traveled were Andy Atkinson, Jim Gocker, Phil Goldberg, Dan Koretz, Alan McReynolds, Barb Platt, George Sereno, and Neal Smith. See the Central N.Y. District article for more details.

At home we sailed 41 races. Bob Jamison sailed 33 of them and took second in the championship series. George Sereno who surfed on the power boat wakes, was our champ. Dick Doherty was third, Hallagan fourth, and Steve Sah's fifth. During the season two handicap series are held. Barb Platt won the Burns Hanna and Howard Stickney won the Missal series. Andy Smith was first in a single handed series. Spring, summer, and fall series trophies were won by the following skippers: George Sereno, first, summer and fourth spring; Dick Hallagan, first in the spring and fall series; Neal Smith, second spring; Steve Sah's, third spring; Bob Jamison, third summer and fourth fall; Dick Doherty, second, summer and third fall; David Jungiohann, fourth summer; and Alan McReynolds, second fall.

We look forward to the 1990 season. It should be a good one. Save your vacation for August and attend the Lightning North American Championships.

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

Fleet Captain Gary Davis
 Fleet Secretary Lori Davis
 Fleet Champion Dave Dickerson
 Runner-Up Franz R. Edson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
168	Tanqueray	Cynthia Lee-Konney
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
10801	Woody	Neil Hayes
11100	.....	Charles Zaremba
11474	Luff Song	Lester O'Brien
11688	.....	Franz R. Edson
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	.....	William A. Sebestyen
12786	Somewhat	.....
	Cavalier	Gary Davis
13540	Mirage	Thomas V. Moriarty, II & Thomas V. Moriarty, III
13940	Second Wind	David G. Dickerson
14055	Certain Victory	Christopher J. Vann
14073	.....	John W. Oldham, III
14154	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14189	.....	Ward Woodruff
.....	.....	Nelson Hoffman
Life Member	.....	David M. Peterson

Fleet 85's season started in February with a fleet ski trip to Vermont, which was followed by a smaller contingent of us making a cruising trip in the British Virgin Islands (to practice "stealth" activities). The annual meeting, held at the Pig Mansion, took place in March. Dave Dickerson retired after three productive years as Fleet Captain and passed the proverbial baton to Gary Davis.

The actual sailing started with four boats travelling to the Early Bird at Cedar Point Yacht Club. This was followed by a first in our District, the Junior Regatta. This regatta was open to local youth sailors in the area. Fleet 85 skippers provided the boats (and also crewed), the kids did the rest. Tim Healy won that regatta with Jessie Andrews second and Heidi Dickerson third. The next major regatta was the Volvo in Newport, R.I. where John Oldham and Chris Vann came in first and second. This has been a well-attended event in the past; however, there were only six Lightnings this year (four from Niantic Bay). Hopefully, the New England and CT/RI schedules can be rearranged to accommodate this great regatta. The District Championship at Black Rock Yacht Club followed. Five NBYC boats attended that event. Despite flukey winds, four races were sailed. The top NBYC boat was John Oldham with a third.

The highlight of the season was the North Americans. John Oldham, with crew Jim Gannon and Maria White, came in eighth in the Blue fleet while Chris "the Mig" Vann won the President's Cup. Crewing for Chris were his wife Barbara and brother Lenny. Don Barrett, with wife Donna crewing, also qualified for the President's Cup.

The NBYC Governor's Cup, sailed in September, was won by David Peck and Nina Cuccio. Phil Lotz, by virtue of coming in second, had to relinquish the four-foot-tall silver hat stand that had become a permanent fixture in their house. We are sure Wendy hated to see it go. Gary Davis, sailing an outstanding series, captured third. The last regatta attended by NBYC boats was the Southampton Regatta in Long Island. John Oldham and Chris Vann stole the show taking first and second respectively.

Back at home, John Oldham continued his dominance by winning all three holiday regattas. Gary Davis and Chris Vann came in second and third in the Memorial Day Series, Don Barrett and Chris Vann came in second and third in the Independence Day Series, and newcomer Kevin Farrar and Chris Vann came in second and third in the Labor Day Series. The season series championship was won by Dave Dickerson, followed by Franz Edson and Kevin Farrar.

It was a good year for NBYC. Our fleet of sailors not only improved but grew. Bill Sebestyn and Les O'Brien, who got some new sails, really started moving. Ward Woodruff, sailing with his wife, children, and assorted neighborhood kids, joined our fleet as did Kevin Farrar. Kevin, a local big boat sailor and sailmaker, brings a new level of competition to our fleet. The fitting end to our season was the wedding of Dave Peck, a long time NBYC sailor, and Nina Cuccio, a member of the Cedar Point family. We wish them both the best of luck.

SPRAY BEACH YACHT CLUB (91)
Central Atlantic District
Sailing Little Egg Harbor at
Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain/Secretary Dr. Jeff Herrick
 Fleet Champion Ken Corsig
 Runner-Up Pete Langborgh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11666	.....	John Teigland, Jr.
14120	Num E Nuf	Jeffrey B. Herrick
No Report.		

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)
Metropolitan District
Sailing on Greenwood Lake at
Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Dan Murphy
 Fleet Secretary Marietta Erhardt
 Fleet Champion Ron Wulff
 Runner-Up Bob Sengstacken

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7248	Cracklin' Rose	Dan Murphy
10083	.....	Dennis P. Adams
10229	.....	George Welkey
10735	.....	Louis Van Hoff
10784	Heads Up	John R. Wulff
11983	.....	James C. Cosmas
12045	Shark!	Robert Sengstacken
12923	Dr. Pepper	Charles McNear
.....	Tradition	Dave Wiley

No matter what you read in this space last year, you all knew in your hearts that the real Fleet Champion was:

*****BOB SENGSTACKEN*****

It was unfortunate that it took a year for him to get worldwide Lightning recognition for his feat, considering the cliffhanger that the season ended with and the difficult weather, sailing conditions, and competition that he had to overcome to obtain the fleet championship.

This year we celebrated the start of the next half century of the Lightning design and the close of the first half century of Lightning sailing on Greenwood Lake. Starting with a brand new design and inside of one year to have upwards of seven boats sailing on the lake is quite an impressive feat. We are extremely lucky to be able to look back and see that instantly the Lightning was recognized for the class boat we all know that it is and also to be able to thank those early sailors who started us on a sailing course in Lightnings.

An added plus in this historical year is that we were lucky enough to have Roy Sengstacken agree to write the Greenwood Lake Lightning history which will appear elsewhere in this yearbook.

The fleet has increased in boat ownership. Chuck McNear was the first, followed by George Welkey. At the end of the season, Dave Mahon treated us to a tour of a 1946 built Lightning and then jumped into a glass boat. The addition of three new boats, the strong possibility of one more and the hint of a fifth will hopefully put to rest the fears expressed about the future of small boat sailing and racing.

The sailing season was able to be completed without any race cancellations due to lack of wind. The percent of the number of boats racing to that available was low in the early part of the season, however it did increase toward the end.

Our Labor Day race did provide us with tests for sailing in extremely changeable conditions as some boats were selected by the 'wind gods' to do a quick 180 while the boat alongside was undisturbed. As the race winner Bob Sengstacken and runner-up Ron Wulff were doing a "horizon job" on the rest of the fleet, the battle for third place turned into a four boat finish which was to be decided by where the wind would fill in from first.

This summer we were treated to a new method of gathering in fish by use of a spinnaker. When Jim Cosmas felt that the students might not have fully appreciated the finer points of his demonstration, he quite willingly did it again. Most of us who witnessed the instruction have forgotten the finer points and are eagerly awaiting a refresher course.

After Labor Day, we had our 20th Annual Whiskerpole Regatta chaired by Ron Wulff. The normal three races were reduced to two because of light winds. Unfortunately, the local fleet was "picked on" by the outsiders but all ended well by having a great buffet on the boathouse pavilion deck, doing an "Amtrak" job on Roy Sengstacken, and firing corks into the air to wish Happy Birthday to the Cracklin' Rose, 30 years young.

The Yacht Squadron has again been promoting Wednesday night races run under the PHRF rules and the Lightning fleet has participated. This coming year, the number of races has increased with the possibility, due to its acceptance, that a new race class might be started under those conditions. Our Lightning fleet is helping out in the startup of this potential class, the fruits of which will only be realized when the weather breaks and the water turns soft.

In honor of our 50th Anniversary, we selected Ron Wulff as "tee" shirt chairman who did an outstanding job in designing, developing, and getting gold color shirts on as many backs as possible, all without the use of a gun. The fact that he had the height, weight and reach on everybody had nothing to do with it whatsoever.

In last year's winter meeting of the Metropolitan District, our fleet had a great turnout and a chance to meet members from other fleets, swap lies, and extend invitations.

Bob Sengstacken did pick up on these and went to other regattas including the District Championship. Ron Wulff travelled to St. Pete and was able to get a crew position in the Masters. He tells a great tale of a spectacular log jam finish, as never seen before and as anyone who has served on race committees will hope, never to be part of.

Since the snow and the ice has come earlier than in many years, we consider it a good omen and look for an early spring.

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District

Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain/Secretary Wendell Harter
Fleet Champion Wendell Harter
Runner-Up Bert Winther

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11373	.....	Mike Boswell & Fred Chandler
13117	Well Greased	Bert Winther
13186	Paddlin' Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
14206	.....	Bruce Yaeger
.....	.....	H. Quintin Foster, Jr.

The 1989 season was a year of anomalies in race events. Because Mike Boswell's boat was still not repaired from last year's storm damage, we had but three boats from our fleet in sailing condition.

Wendell Harter was the only one who trailed to events away from our home club, King Harbor Yacht Club, Redondo Beach. These events included the California Circuit, which was held in San Diego; the Olympic Class Regatta, held in Long Beach; the California Districts, which were held in the High Sierra at Huntington Lake; and the Bowen Memorial Lightning Regatta at Mission Bay YC. Wendell was the winner of the latter regatta.

Fleet 102 normally sponsors two Lightning regattas at Lake Cachuma each year, but this year the water was so low that we had to cancel. We put on a substitute regatta at King Harbor Yacht Club on August 26-27. Mark Patti joined us from the San Francisco area and four boats came from San Diego to constitute a fleet of six boats. The first three finishers were John Lyon, Scott Finkboner, and Kirk Johnson, respectively, all from MBYC.

The other Lightning invitational held at KHYC was the Hurricane Gulch Lightning Regatta, October 7-8. Eight boats participated. Mark Bryant won the five race series, followed by Larry Swearingen, Kurt Mayol, and Kirk Johnson. Since Wendell had a conflicting engagement, he invited a young KHYC skipper, Kurt Mayol, to sail *Paddlin' Madelyn*. Kurt placed well even though he unintentionally dropped his mainsail and didn't start in one of the five races. We would like him involved in more of our Fleet 102 events.

Our traditional fleet Christmas party was again held at the home of Mike and Maida Boswell, concluding the year's activities. Hopefully next year Mike will have his boat ready to sail, Bert Winther's work schedule will allow him to sail more often, and Bruce Yaeger will be more into the swing of racing.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing at Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Chris Larsen
Fleet Secretary Bill Dacosta
Fleet Champion Bob Morrow
Runner-Up Michael Plosica

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9250	Puck	Donald A. Cooper
9539	Sundance	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
10633	.....	Don Drescher
10771	Mach I	Matthew Morrow
10988	At Last	Barbara G. Mann
11122	Punch	William A. Scott
12598	.....	Eugene Ventimiglia
12957	Elusive	William E. Dacosta
13053	.....	Chris Larsen
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F. & Lawrence R. Hoffman
13782	Men At Work	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
13955	.....	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia

The summer of 1989! This was the year that fleet 104 really began to spread its wings, particularly from the standpoint of individual participation. We had a total of fifteen different skippers over the summer race season, plus forty three sailing enthusiasts who crewed in one or more races, for a total of fifty eight people who were "gung-ho" about Lightnings.

It was encouraging to note that of the fifteen skippers four of them, who were under age 20, had the opportunity to skipper a boat owned by others and in most of those cases the entire crew were "juniors."

We were happy to have Patti and John Applegate join us with their family boat 9885. They bring to our fleet, a lot of past racing experience in other classes, such as Lasers and E Scows.

Another interesting aspect of all this increased participation was a shuffling around of several of our traditional teams of long standing. For instance, George and Bobbie Schreyer have crewed for Chris Larsen for at least the past eight years, but this year, George yielded his spot to Chris Larsen, Jr. and moved over to Bob Morrow's boat to crew with his daughter, Meredith (Schreyer). Bob's brother Matt now races his own Lightning. It is appropriate to note at this point that Meredith was the Junior Commodore at the Lavallette Yacht Club and is also an accomplished Blue Jay skipper.

Weather wise, the season wasn't too bad. We only had to wear foul weather gear for one race, one other however was called off due to a severe storm.

The skippers for the top five boats were pretty close after the first four races, with a different boat winning each race. This helped to keep the competition exciting through most of the season. Bob Morrow however had it sewed up by the next to the last race. The balance of the standings were as follows: second, Mike Plosica in 10988 with Barbara and Dave Mann crewing when business permitted, when they were away, however, David and Tim Farinetta filled in capably; third, Anthony Ventimiglia, 13955 with brother Gene and Gene Jr.; fourth, Bob Hoffman, 13710 with sons Larry and Tom; fifth, Bill Dacosta, 12957 with Walter Krueger, Joan and Susan Young; sixth, Bill Scott, 11122 with Charlie Hueschkel and Tori Rittenhouse; seventh, Patti and John Applegate, 9885 with Caryn Smith; eighth, Ron Totams, 12250 Greg Barrow and Bobbie DeHoff; ninth, Chris Larsen 13035 with son Chris and Bobbie Schreyer; tenth, Don Cooper, 9250 Karen Totams and Pete DeHoff; eleventh, Mike Farren, 11119 friends; and twelfth, Don Drescher, 10633 and sons.

To wind up the season, there was the Annual Commodore's race on Labor Day, won by Barbara Mann. To kick off our fall series we had a big picnic and cook out for all the skippers, crews, families, and race committee at the ocean front home of Bob Hoffman. Lorraine Morrow and Bobbie Schreyer were in charge of all arrangements and food. The weather cooperated and attendance topped the 70 mark. A good time was had by all.

One of the year's highlights took place on October 8 when Ched Proctor and Jody Lutz spent the day with our fleet giving us on hands instruction setting up the boats, tuning, and sailing them. Our sailors made many notes and were thoroughly appreciative of such an unselfish giving of time not to mention the many sailing tips. This is what makes the Lightning people so great and we're proud to be a small part of it.

With momentum building, we now look forward to an even bigger and better 1990. Happy sailing!

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	.....	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
9102	Bohica	Peter B. Morley, Jr.
12104	.....	Stan Dent
12784	Pacemaker	John N. Dent
13493	.....	Mike Dow
13999	.....	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
14009	Serendipity	Mike Dow
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold

The Higgins Lake Boat Club season got under way over the 4th of July weekend with our Annual Firecracker Regatta. This local event was a very casual and easy-going affair, as was our entire season. Weekend races were open to anyone who wished to participate with our seasoned sailors more than willing to help out any newcomers who may have needed it. Crew's races were also held giving a crew member the chance to take the helm. On Labor Day weekend our season concluded with the Annual Property Owner's Regatta.

On August 5-6, our Invitational Regatta was held with many of our old friends returning to Higgins Lake. Saturday was a beautiful day with a nice breeze blowing for one of the best days of sailing we can remember. Sunday however, gave us the other side of sailing with winds and waves so severe racing was cancelled with regrets from no one. Saturday's racing left Tom Vickers of Crescent Sail Club in fourth place; Mike Dow of Higgins Lake and of Traverse City finished in third place; John McRee of Bay City had to settle for second place as Colin Park, also from Bay City, once again dominated the racing.

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held on Labor Day weekend. Alan Krauss finished third in our Firecracker Regatta, with John Dent in second place, and Bo Whittelsey taking top honors. Ric Blamer finished third in our overall season standings, with John Dent in second place, and Alan Krauss coming out on top. John Dent finished third in the Property Owner's Regatta, while Stan Dent finished in second place and Alan Krauss again took the top award.

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Michael Kulkoski
Fleet Secretary Katherine Kulkoski
Fleet Treasurer Rich Oscowski
Fleet Champions ... Charley Nitka/Brian Phelan
Runner-Up John Evans

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7002	Imprudent	Vincent F. Sherrick
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
11188	Zulu Warrior	Michael B. Kulkoski
11931	Hearty	Gordon A. Valentine
13486	.....	Patrick Ford
13568	.....	Bill Dean
13817	.....	David M. Roznowski
13818	Silent Scream	Brian Phelan
14193	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler

This year was marked by extreme low water conditions, which eventually resulted in cancelling the annual Evans Regatta. The club's facility was finally dredged in late June and we enjoyed excellent sailing in the months of July and August.

The results of our fleet championship were as follows: first - Charley Nitka/Brian Phelan, boat 13818; second - John Evans, boat 13376; third - Doug Olson, boat 10680; fourth - Michael Kulkoski, boat 11188; fifth - Vern Heyrman, boat 13225.

The season ending "handicap race", also known as the Walter Massey Memorial, was sailed in light wind conditions and glass smooth water. Patrick Ford sailed a well-rounded race, with the assistance of his father and sister as crew, and posted a dramatic come-from-behind victory.

The fleet was again competently managed by the race committee of Tom Phelan, Bill Hayes, Jane Stounard, and Charlie Walter.

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.
9150	.....	Michael Kane & Robert Buckley & Greg Buckley
10730	.....	Ward Wilday & Cynthia Ebsary
11175	.....	Michael Kane
13890	Ole Blue	Robert & Greg Buckley
13973	Two Windward	Ward Wilday & Skip Wilday
14002	.....	Steve Sellberg

No Report.

HAMILTON BOATING CLUB (118)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

Fleet Captain Bryan Milne
Fleet Secretary Susan Rogers
Fleet Champion Larry MacDonald
Runner-Up Susan Rogers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11174	.....	John Aitchison & Bryan Milne
12443	Chaa Giel	J. Paul Eisenburg
13671	Eh	Larry MacDonald & Susan Rogers
14371	.....	Susan Rogers

No Report.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Fergus Henderson
Fleet Secretary Kathy Thackaberry
Fleet Champion Phil Lotz
Runner-Up Edson White

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10212	.....	Brian Hayes
10801	.....	R. Neil Hayes
11510	.....	Thomas Y. Ingram
11576	.....	John Richardson, Jr.
12852	Silver	Fergus Henderson
12853	.....	Stan White
13056	Squeeze Me	A. K. Rodgers Ratcliffe
13600	Contender	Bruce Byers
13708	.....	Stephen Nosal & James DeCesare
13792	.....	Thomas Hagan
13871	.....	John Cuccio
13987	.....	Robert G. Neubert
14067	Nemesis	Davis S. Smith
14137	Stardust	Toby Beth Lambert
14161	.....	Edson N. White
14176	.....	Ched Proctor
14190	.....	Philip Lotz
14217	TNT	C. Dayton Titworth
14219	.....	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
14238	.....	Kjell A. Heitman
14289	Ciao	Nina Cuccio
14360	.....	Timothy Naeser

Fleet 126 sailing on infamous Long Island Sound at the mouth of the scenic Saugatuck River began its 1989 season with the memorable Early Bird Regatta. Unfortunately, the regatta was memorable for its lack of wind. (This usually does not happen in May!) With only one day of racing, the top five were Jody Swanson, Peter Hall, Jim Crane, Johnny Cuccio and Jody Lutz. Thanks to Regatta Chairman Neil Hayes for putting together the nuts and bolts of the weekend.

Prior to our club's official racing season, Ched Proctor, Phil Lotz, Barb White, Gisele Meyerson, and Tom Ingram travelled to the Long John Regatta at Red Bank, New Jersey. Ched placed second, Phil and Barb did a little early season swimming, and Gisele used the occasion to practice her single handed sailing skills. An interesting weekend!

We must again congratulate Ched Proctor for his outstanding performance on the Southern Circuit. Ched placed first overall, with a third in Savannah, second at St. Petersburg, and second at Miami. Ched was also named one of the country's "11 Hottest Racers" by *Sailing World*. We are indeed fortunate to have Ched at Cedar Point. His presence, not to mention his seminars, has undoubtedly raised the level of competition in our fleet.

Memorial Day marked the official start of the racing season. Top honors were taken by Phil Lotz, Commodore Dick Thackaberry was second, and Johnny Cuccio was third.

In June, Cedar Point hosted the Queens Cup. Dick Thackaberry was race committee for this woman's regatta, and we are pleased to report that first place was taken by Nina Cuccio, ably assisted by Wendy Lotz and Gisele Meyerson. The Cuccio team went on to the semifinals at Niantic where they also emerged victorious. At the finals, held in Milwaukee, the girls placed seventh. Fleet 126 is proud of its ladies!

The Districts were sailed at Black Rock Yacht Club on a beautiful July weekend. Sadly, it was a perfect weekend for golf. Fleet members broiled under the hot sun, and after a frustrating weekend did manage to take second through fourth place. (Hats off to Jim and Brenda Crane for taking top honors.) Husband and wife teams all, we congratulate Edson and Barb White, (second); Neil and Carol Hayes, (third); and Phil and Wendy Lotz, fourth. Fourteen boats were on the line for the July 4th regatta. Tim Naeser sailing his "barely out of the package" brand new boat won convincingly with a 1-1-2 series. Phil Lotz was second and Johnny Cuccio was third.

Barb and Edson White then travelled to Oswego, New York for the Michelob Regatta where they placed second. Quite an accomplishment in a field of 60 boats!

Several of our fleet members journeyed to Ohio for the North Americans.

Phil Lotz, Tom Ingram, Jim Naeser, and Jim DeCesare made the trip. Phil placed 12th overall.

The Labor Day weekend brought a windy end to our club weekends. Phil and Wendy Lotz topped the 15 boat fleet followed by Johnny Cuccio and Tim Naeser.

The Governor's Cup was sailed at Niantic the following weekend. First place went to the team of Nina Cuccio and Dave Peck, now Mr. and Mrs. Peck. We wish them much happiness in the years to come and hope that we will see them often on the race course.

We are pleased to report that Phil Lotz is the CPYC Lightning Fleet Champion for 1989. Sailing with his wife Wendy, Phil was a consistent winner throughout the season. Phil and Wendy also placed second at the Governors' Cup in Niantic. Edson and Barb White, often sailing with pick-up crew were second. Tim Naeser and his shiny white boat was third. Johnny Cuccio sailed a very consistent season to place fourth. Tom Ingram, our ever popular Regatta Chairman, was fifth.

The Fall Classic and Lobster Bake was to put a marvellous finish on Fleet 126's season. Mother Nature, however, had other ideas. Saturday's 40 knot winds were followed by Sunday's absolute calm. It was not possible to sail a race. The Lobster Bake went on as scheduled and we would like to thank all those who attended for their cheerful acceptance of our sad situation. Please come back to CPYC; this can't happen again!

All in all, we had a great year at Cedar Point. The fleet welcomed new members Bruce Byers (who took our wonderful fleet photo!), Jim DeCesare (king of the New York cheesecake and cocktail party host extraordinaire!), and Jody Lutz (where are you Jody?). We are pleased that members who are raising families still found the time to race. We look forward to a wonderful crop of sailors when the Lotz, Richardson, Proctor and Meyerson boys (yes, all boys!) come of age. We are grateful that some of the "old timers" are still sailing their Lightnings (yes, Dick and Bud, we mean you!) even if their sons are helping them along. We appreciate the continued support of the entire Cuccio family. Where would we be without you? What will we do without Nina? And Kjell can always be counted on in heavy air and at regatta registration. We acknowledge the newlyweds in the fleet — Barb and Edson, Neil and Carol, Dave and Debbie, Bruce and Ellen, and our bachelors Tim, Tom I, Neil, Dave, Tom H., Jim, and Steve.

The fleet is diverse, but we have the love of sailing and our most able fleet captain Fergus (and first lady Sara) to keep us all sailing in the right direction. We look forward to 1990! Come sail with us!



The evergrowing family at Cedar Point.

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.
13154	John McIntosh, Sr.
13911	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	J. Wallace Aggett

No Report.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)
Southern District
Sailing on Mobile Bay

Fleet Secretary Bob Borneman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10812	Captain Crunch	Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.
11815	Prosit	L. M. Bohnenkamp
12956	Sunkiss 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 Carl Engels
 Runner-Up David Decker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13279	Cyxobeu	Timothy C. VanderMeulen
13640	Tarula	David J. Decker
13713	Juju 5	Carl Engels
13879	.....	Gary Fergemann
14241	Simpatico	David H. Watt

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Phil Wong
 Fleet Secretary Alan Hunt
 Fleet Champion Bruce Deitz
 Runner-Up Eric Lindahl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
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
13680	Scarecrow	Tom Foulds
14040	Sail Tough or Go Home	Bruce Deitz
14246	.....	Tom Anderson

Well, we had kind of a slow start this year. "The Dunk" was honeymooning in Australia for the first month of the season (which starts at Seattle Corinthian Yacht Club's Opening Day Regatta on the first weekend in May). He took a raft of well deserved stuff for a lousy job of planning and prioritizing...He mumbled something about two houses and not knowing where to live when he should have been worrying about when and where to sail...

Alan Hunt was involved in a major car accident the week before the season started and was out all season. We are looking forward to his recovery and return to the racing scene — he was missed by all.

And Pam Hsu didn't get it in gear until Memorial Day in Eugene. If memory serves correctly, she nailed down her crew an hour or two before the seven hour drive to Southern Oregon. As usual, most of the fleet went to Eugene and had a great time. Deitz's car broke down so he left it down there — it was a good thing he decided not to wait until Tuesday to get it fixed and go home — it wasn't ready until Friday...

Tom Foulds did a number locally this season — he keeps getting better and better and will soon be hammering us on the circuit too.

We hosted the Districts this year. The weather wasn't all that great but what the heck. Seattle isn't known for its sunshine now is it? We got six races off for a throw-out and considering that there were about 100 boats on the water we really lucked out — CYC's race committee did a great job of keeping us clear of other fleets. Seattle finished one-two this year with Eric Lindahl finishing first and Bruce Deitz second in one of the most hotly contested Districts in a long time — any of four (and maybe even five) boats had a shot at it going into the last race.

Tom Anderson took the plunge at the PCCs in San Francisco and bought a new boat. After doing his darnedest to double deck it back to Seattle, he finally gave up and left it there temporarily. There's nothing quite like spending your vacation on Interstate 5 is there Tom?

We finished the season a little slow at our own circuit regatta in October. After several years of good steady wind, this year we sailed out in the fog to a one race regatta.

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 Kip Hamblet
 Runner-Up Patrick MacQueen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11210	Smurfing Along	Frederick Turner, Jr.
11323	Escape	Patrick MacQueen
11346	L.I.T.F.L.	Fred H. & Christopher B. Hamblet
12370	The Tool	Alexander Gemmell
13835	Three Cheers	David H. & Thomas Fitch
Life Member	.....	Leonard Pratt

Spofford 1989 started a little slow. Kip Hamblet was the first to venture out onto the water travelling to Mallet's Bay on Champlain. As usual he represented us well coming in fourth. Pat MacQueen was next on the road attending the Maple Leaf Classic on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont. He and his regular crew, son Aaron and Jeremy Marsette managed a fourth in medium to heavy conditions. This regatta was great fun. Kip Hamblet followed the next week to Provincetown where he took second.

Road travel bit into the fleet sailing at Spofford quite a bit this year. The first real Spofford sailing was the first leg of the Fleet Championship held over the Fourth of July weekend.

The New England Districts in mid-July were held at Annisquam, Massachusetts. Kip, Pat and Peter Abell made the trip. Peter is a newcomer to the Spofford Lightning Fleet having sailed Snipes, Sunfish, and Comets heretofore at Spofford.. This was Peter's first Lightning regatta in his new boat. Alex Gemmell, not being able to put together crew for his own boat crewed for Peter. The only finish here worthy of note was Kip's fifth (last man out in a three way tie for third).

After the Districts, the Juniors and Masters were next on the program. Alex Gemmell took his boat to Massabesic for the Masters. He had his Dad Jack Gemmell sail while he and Dennis Freshie crewed. Alex has developed another fine Lightning crew in Dennis, and of course his Dad is a long time

Sunfish and Snipe hotshot from way back. The weather was a bit blustery though and the trio decided Saturday was enough.

Aaron MacQueen with sister Amy and Jeremy Marsette had a similar experience with the Juniors at Massabesic the same weekend capsizing to windward while beating in the first race. Even though this put them out of the running they sailed very well throughout the regatta.

Next on the schedule was a beautiful regatta at Squam (Golden Pond) Lake. Not to be outdone by son Aaron, Pat MacQueen put himself out of the running by showing the rest of the fleet how quickly and easily a Lightning under spinnaker can death-roll to windward. Amy who crewed only twice this year, is beginning to think that a Lightning is a submarine. She says she likes it though.

All this excitement was tempered a bit at the regular Massabesic and Cedar Point regattas. Although we counted one drifter at Massabesic, no real wind materialized on either Saturday or Sunday. At Cedar Point in Westport, Connecticut, it blew so hard that nobody went out all day. On Sunday it had blown itself out completely and no race could be sailed the entire weekend.

Usually, 'iffy' winds are reserved for Spofford, the season finale. This year fate was kinder and we were blessed with plenty of wind both days. Attendance was off though because of fears that Hurricane Hugo would circle back in. It didn't, and those who didn't attend missed a great weekend. The racing was great as were the chick'n ribs. Stu Nickerson surprised everyone and won with Don Brush second. Spofford sailors Kip Hamblet and Pat MacQueen took third and fourth respectively.

Now to pick up again on the Fleet Championship. We had decided early on that we had to get in six races with one throwout. Over Labor Day we only got five races in so we had to wait for the weekend after the Spofford Regatta to finish off the still fairly wide open competition. The Fitch Family, who have their name inscribed already a significant number of times on the fleet trophy were in the lead by appointment going into this last race. Family constraints (too much partying among the younger set) kept them from sailing the final race. Of the six original contestants, only Alex Gemmell, Kip Hamblet and Pat MacQueen got their boats out. Kip's victory in this race means that his name will be the first on the new Sophie K. Hamblet Memorial Trophy. Congratulations Kip!

This recap would not be complete without recognizing and giving a special thanks to Bud Hamblet and Fred Turner for running our races so sharply, and to Carol Turner for her support particularly with the Spofford regatta, and to all the other fleets and club members who helped out with our events.

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)

Brazil District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Peter Zacher
Fleet Secretary Peter Zacher
Fleet Champion Claudio Biekarek
Runner-Up Marcelo Fuchs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11041	Flamingo	Antonio F. Villianeve
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
12472	Xiriania	Hugo Richter
12524	Foxfire	Karin Thielemann
14167	Star Rider	Mark Brown
.....	.....	Bill Batjer

The Brazilian National Championship followed by the South Americans, which included active participation from Chile, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador, was held on the picturesque island of Ilha Bela, located approximately 120 km from Sao Paulo. After much ado about borrowed trailers, freshly packed bearings, somewhat suspect tires, endless road documents and a longer than normal wait for the ferry boat from the mainland city of Sai Sebastiao, you enter an island paradise that you will not soon forget.

The 32nd Brazilian Lightning Championships comprising of six races over four days (March 22-25) saw winds clocked at 20-28 knots during the entire period, mostly northeasterlies with the exception of a southerly on the second day.

Results from the Brazilian Championships for Fleet 147 sailors were as follows: first, Claudio Biekarek; third Marcelo Fuchs; fourth, Dietmar Heydenreich. The South American Championship was won by Claudio Biekarek. Sailing in the World Championship, representing our fleet was boat 11710 with Dietmar Heydenreich, Peter Zacher, and Mario Czeschke, finishing in 26th place.



Windward leg action at the Brazilian National Championship.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain Bernard L. Dillon
Fleet Secretary Don Walter
Fleet Champion Bernard L. Dillon
Runner-Up David J. Ireland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
10047	Merrimax	Donald C. Walter
12439	Prosit	Edward E. Brennan
13907	Air Life	Edward E. Brennan

No Report.

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	Georges Peter, M.D.
14198	.....	Brad Read
14296	.....	Brad Read
14388	.....	Brad Read

In 1989, Fleet 151 again sponsored the New England District Championships. In a close battle with Curt Felix, Bruce Atkinson triumphed in a light air regatta in which seven races had to be sailed in order to have five that counted. Former (now retired) Fleet Champion Dick Mechem (1968 and 1970) aided by many former Annisquam Lightning sailors, including Ben Smith, George Mechem, and Linette French, was R.C. Chairman and made the most of sometimes trying and often a typical Ipswich Bay conditions. Current Fleet 151 sailor Georges Peter tied for third, but lost the tie-breaker, so finished fourth. The other member of the Fleet, Brad Read, represented Annisquam well with a fourth in the 1989 Worlds in Greece and second in the Southern Circuit.

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

Fleet Captain Alan Fox
 Fleet Secretary Virgil Snyder
 Fleet Champion George Buckingham
 Runner-Up Karl Suter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5259	.....	Douglas F. Willis
8686	.....	Douglas F. Willis
10134	Popper	Stephen C. Miller
13001	Why Us	John R. Nixon
13502	.....	Dr. Kenneth N. Wood
13721	.....	George E. Buckingham
13851	.....	Virgil L. Snyder
13860	One Last Gasp	John R. Nixon
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas A. Schmah
13975	Divine Wind	Alan Fox
14125	.....	Karl Suter

This past summer was one in which about half of our race days were spent standing on the dock and talking about the good old days when we had wind. It was a good summer anyway, even if the wind wouldn't cooperate on the right days.

Our Memorial Day Series was won by Karl Suter, with George Buckingham second, and "Clan" Schmah third. The Independence Day Series was won by Brad Wagon, with Karl Suter second and "Clan" Schmah third. Ending the season was the Labor Day Series, which was won by George Buckingham, with Brad Wagon second and Karl Suter third.

At the award ceremonies George Buckingham was the Season Champion. Karl Suter was second, Brad Wagon third, and Alan Fox fourth. The Cynthia Cup was won by Alan Fox and Pam Fox received the women's award. Greg Miller received the youth award. The Commodore's Cup award was won by "Clan" Schmah, with Steve Miller second and Gordon Medlock third. The Hoosier Regatta was held on October 7-8, with 19 boats attending from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Colin Park was first with his crew of Karen Park, his wife, and Greg Bull. Bill Faude finished second, Steve Thomas third, David Stix fourth, and Karl Suter fifth. We had great wind and everyone enjoyed themselves with good friends sitting in front of a roaring fire with a cup of hot cider.

Alan Fox will be Commodore in 1990. John Call will be Vice-Commodore, Virgil Snyder-Secretary, and Doug Schmah-Treasurer. Welcome to new members Karl Suter and Casey Call.

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

Fleet Captain Dave Bull
 Fleet Secretary Alister Thomson
 Fleet Champion Dick Tuttle
 Runner-Up Don Barter/Alister Thomson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
10370	.....	W. Craig Thayer
10679	Tape Duck	Richard P. Tuttle
10705	Allegro	John B. Rudd
10816	.....	Joseph Seltzer
11650	Reddy Too	Pamela L. Tuttle
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey A. Bassin, D.M.D.
12004	White Lightning	Donald B. Barter & Alister Thomson
12646	Natty Dread	Nathaniel Dain
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13369	Ceann Soule	Geoffrey Roth
13601	Prince Charming	Michael H. Brock
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Chip Sinn
14369	No More Bullship	David K. Bull
.....	.....	James W. Hole

It is now the fifth season, the season of the ducks. The ducks are always here, but now the lake is all theirs. Step outside with me, crunch through the snow to the bank. Be still. The hill behind, coated with sound reflecting snow, forms a dish, a big ear. We are standing in the middle. Listen carefully. Those ducks just by the shore right in front of us, you can hear them. They're talking with each other. Sit down with me on this stair and listen. They're talking about the sailing they watched last summer.

You can tell that they are happy with last summer's Lightning racing. Hear that chirp in their quack? Listen closely and hear them saying it is their cousin who won! He won the Willow Bank Yacht Club summer series. He was the champ of all of 1989. Wow! After a few months these ducks are still giddy with the shrill of their cousin's victory. And who is their cousin? He is the blue hulled, white winged variety with sticky metallic cloth covering his rub rails, a duck well known in upstate New York — the *Tape Duck*!

He had to beat out all those other tough sailors, especially *White Lightning* whom he narrowly edged out. *White Lightning* is a very strong competitor with an extraordinary capable crew. This boat, the previous summer, won a very large regatta of over 100 boats on Skaneateles Lake and this year place third in the Cazenovia Invitational behind two strong blue fleet sailors, Hallagan and Dodge. Any time you beat *White Lightning* you are sailing well. *Tape Duck's* cousins are proud.

I can tell you more of what happened last summer at Willow Bank — stuff the ducks don't seem to know. For example one of the other strong competitors was Dave Bull. He finished fourth in the Cay Invitational which, by the way, will not be held in 1990 — Instead Cay will host the Districts which is only open to Central New York Sailors. Dave's fleet racing, however, was interrupted by being "between boats" for some of the summer. His old number of 13369 is increased by exactly 1,000 and *Bullship* becomes *No More Bullship* — perhaps an apt name for the new boat but certainly not for the skipper. Dave did manage runner-up in the Central New York Triple Crown, second in the Dulles Cup and third at the Polar Bear out in Davenport, Iowa. And ask him; he'll tell you how he might have won the Masters in August!

Also Craig Thayer was a little less active at the club this year. He started his new business, Fabri Craft. He makes boat covers, rudder/mast covers, hiking straps. Now Willow Bank can boast a "Professional" in its membership!

John Sills was absent most of the summer working in the financial markets in London, England. He was heard quacking, "wait til next year." John Rudd, Jeff Bassin, and Mike Brock travelled to Cazenovia's shores somewhat sporadically this summer. But each time they were intent on scaring our friend *Tape Duck* and his newsies *White Lightning*.

And the Sinn family weren't the threat this year as some years. Tadd is too much the family man. Chip worked weekends this summer and Chad is becoming a golfer. Once we saw father Dick out there with a tiller in his hand. Now we know why he always crews! But in the whole of the Lightning Class Janet Sinn has to rank as one of the very best crew amongst grandmothers she just needs to find a skipper.

In the coming back department we note Steve Burrell. Steve is a great heavy air middle crew. He can bench press seven tons and he can keep a Lightning flat in a gale. He also likes to skipper and he did more of that this year with his regular crew members not all of whom are human. Late in August Steve gained his first bullet which pleased him very much. On Labor Day weekend at a free-for-all start he acquired a porthole which did not please him very much.

The most significant occurrence this summer regards the future of Fleet 164. It was the addition of three new, young members. Our Fleet Captain refers to them as the junior fleet because of their youth and tyro status and also for their activity and enthusiasm and also, as is the case with many junior fleets, from this group may emerge one or more stars. So note the names of Nat Dain, Mark Jenner and Geoff Roth. By the way, Mark won the Jack Tuttle Trophy which is awarded on the basis of participation and performance.

On Labor Day weekend the fleet sponsors a couple of trophy races. The crewettes race found a record (we think) seven boats at the start. Holly Thomson sailed *White Lightning* like greased Lightning and won back the elegant silver tea service.

Saturday morning's Charter Member's Cup race turned into a rematch of the summer's tight series. *White Lightning* had never happened to win this cup though he's good enough to have won several times. He vowed not to be denied this year. *Tape Duck's* skipper crewed on the winning boat in the original cup race 40 years ago and he skippered to numerous victories over the years. He wanted to repeat. The intensity level on these two boats was a couple of notches higher than usual. Early in the first beat the race became the two boat race expected. The lead changed a couple of times in the first leg. At the windward mark *Tape Duck* overtook *White Lightning* again. They stayed close down the reach. As the two length circle approached,

White Lightning rode a wave into an inside overlap for the turn. *Tape Duck*, intent on keeping his half length lead coming away from the mark, nailed a perfect jibe. Then, a gust. The skipper pointed down hard and then that awful sound — Crack! With the tiller now loose in his hand, *Tape Duck* rounded up and Glub — Glub — Glub. *White Lightning* coasts through the last five legs for the now easily earned line honors and an overdue victory in this annual event.

Now it's been fun talking about Lightning sailing and listening to the ducks quack about their cousin. But it's a little cold sitting on these snow covered steps and besides it's time to go inside and pop something into the oven. Shush — don't mention what it is. The ducks may hear you. Let's not spoil their day.

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
12259	.....	Mikael Jaaskelainen & Mikko Saloranta
12914	Vahine II	Kari Maenpaa
13560	.....	Tuomo Silenti
13762	.....	Markku Brax
14091	Masi IV	Terho Aromaa
14196	.....	Keijo Latrala
14274	.....	Hartti Nisonen
14364	.....	Kari Maenpaa

No Report.

LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167) Midwest District Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Pat Goff
Fleet Secretary Bobbie Goff
Fleet Champion Mike Steffenson
Runner-Up Ken Jensen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
8520	Maine-Eac	Patrick J. Goff
10232	.....	Charles E. White
11456	Clam Digger	Don L. Johnson
12688	Clockwork	Steven Schulte
12817	Peripatetic	Donovan D. Stiegel, M.D.
13202	Moxie	Henry L. Strieder
13430	Second Wind	William F. Quaintance
13901	4XO Kazoom	Ken Jensen
13991	Bodacious	Ron Taber
14015	Hot Flash	Michael & Doug Steffenson

It was one of the best of all years lately for sailors on the Mississippi River. There were no spring (or fall!) floods so our races began on schedule.

The Lightning fleet hosted the Memorial Day party to begin the new season with over 80 club members attending. Mike Steffenson was the winner for this weekend series.

The weather and winds continued to support our sailing efforts for the Summer Series with Mike Steffenson winning first place, Ken Jensen was second, Ron Taber third, Bill Quaintance fourth, Reed Doughty fifth, and Don Johnson sixth. The Commodore Series was won by Mike Steffenson followed by Bill Quaintance, Ken Jensen, Reed Doughty, and Ron Taber.

Mike continued his winning ways and took first place in the Fall Series, Ken Jensen was second, Bill Quaintance was third and Ron Taber fourth. He also won the Fourth of July Series and the Founders Day Series. Ken Jensen caught Mike resting on the tiller and took first place in the Labor Day Series. The Lightning fleet hosted the party that weekend and with good food, good friends, and good weather, it was very successful.

The last major event of our sailing season is the Polar Bear Regatta held the last weekend of September. There were over 70 boats from the three fleets of C's, MC's and Lightnings. Saturday was a beautiful, sunny day, but alas, no wind so the races were cancelled. The traditional barbeque dinner that evening was well attended. Then Sunday, everything came together and after two exciting races, Mike Steffenson was first, followed closely by Gene Matthews of Lake Geneva, Dave Bull of Willow Bank, Doug Olsen from Green Bay and Bill Quaintance. The Mayor's Trophy was awarded to Ron Taber.

A cold and sunny day saw the Steffenson family out for their 20th year of a traditional Thanksgiving Day sail. This year Ken Jensen and family members joined them. Ron Taber with Bill Wundrum, our local newsman, were there to capture it all in print. Docking with a 1/2" coating of ice, it was time for their traditional champagne toast to finally close the season.

We're all looking forward now to warmer temperatures and good winds for 1990.



Lake Davenport Sailing Club's beautiful new club house.

LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169) Switzerland District Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Secretary Annika Vuithier-Lambelet

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

This year was not a very good one for our fleet. Our friend Gilbert Despland was sick for a long time and as he is one of the big shots of our fleet, we missed him a lot. We are now glad that all is again under control.

The 36th District Championship was sailed on Lake Sempach in April. *Garoupa* the only boat from our fleet and finished fifth.

In June, *Garoupa* skipper Claude Lambelet with Annika Vuithier-Lambelet and Jean-Pierre Monnier as crew participated in the Italian Championship at Lido di Salvio. They came back to Switzerland very, very glad as they finished second.

The *Regate Fondue*, unfortunately, could not be sailed. Lightnings, crews, friends, girls, boys, wine, cheese, bread, garlic, and the earthenware fondue-dish were present; but the wind was completely missing during the weekend.

We are already thinking of the next European Championship in La Neuveville, Switzerland.

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/
 Ed & Barbara Serrill
 Runner-Up The Reitingers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11176	.....	Thomas M. Hyndman, Jr.
11575	.....	James W. Titus
13809	Treachery & Old Age	Peter D. Pierce & Eugene J. Kelly, Jr.
13950	.....	Bob Seybold
13989	.....	J. Edward Serrill & David P. Coward
14059	Skal	David W. Long
14325	.....	Carl & Glenn Reitingen

No Report.

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
11385	.....	David McCary
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 Paul McCann
 Fleet Secretary William P. Weiss
 Fleet Champion Joe McCann
 Runner-Up Mike Garliulo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8780	.....	Gary Sortino
10243	Windblown	W. I. Orchard
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
11143	Big Mac Attack	Paul & Joseph D. McCann, Jr.
11628	Fission	Bruce M. & Frank Atkinson
11774	Alevai	Alan Pearlman
13544	.....	Thomas E. McDonald
13920	Robin's Nest	Robin P. Ertl

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Ed Benevent
 Fleet Secretary Chris Benevent
 Fleet Champion Skip Ragghianti
 Runner-Up Mark Prather

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6014	.....	Mark D. Prather
9427	.....	Gary Worthington
10941	Stormy	Dr. Stan Gurney
11747	Hied Aweigh II	Charles S. Good
12226	Cherlyn	Thomas E. McFate

13372	Windwalker	Kenneth Pote & Stuart Horner, Jr.
13506	.....	Lawrence Levine
13602	.....	Edward J. Benevent
13711	Hied Aweigh III	R. Duane Good
13735	Ne Pousse Paz	Michael Mercatoris
14128	CherLyn Too	Thomas E. McFate
14146	Cool Breeze	Ronald Ragghianti

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Chris Graf
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Jon Moulton
 Fleet Champion Dan Reichelsdorfer
 Runner-Up Jerry Slavens

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10034	.....	Hans C. Graf
12389	Sosomee	Dr. Jonathon Moulton
13565	Rumple Teazer	Vytas Kerpe, M.D.
13862	Sensation	Eric R. Larson
13872	.....	Tom Atkins
13930	John 3:16	Tryg Jacobson & Stuart Spiller, Jr.
13994	Silent Movie	Daniel Reichelsdorfer
14007	007	Hans C. & Chris Graf
14142	.....	Jason & Richard Bemis
14234	On the Rocks	Jerry Slavens
14380	Cimarron	Tryg Jacobsen
.....	.....	Herbert Kohler

Continued growth and participation was enjoyed by Fleet 187 in 1989. Fleet racing on Monday and Wednesday evenings easily saw upwards of ten boats on the starting line.

District Regattas were well attended by our Fleet. Our Annual Brotz Regatta brought boats from as far away as St. Louis with Matt and Lal Burridge both placing in the top ten.

The Fleet June Series, predominately heavy air, was won by Dan Reichelsdorfer with Hans Graf second and Jerry Slavens third.

The July Series, a mixture of light and heavy air, was again won by Dan Reichelsdorfer, with Hans Graf second and Tryg Jacobson, with the newest boat in the fleet, placing third.

The August Last Chance Series saw drifting conditions, mixed with some of the heaviest air sailing the Club has ever seen. Jerry Slavens placing first, Vito Kerpe second and Tom Atkins third.

In July, Rick Larson participated in the Worlds in Greece placing a respectable seventh overall.

Chris Kronich captured first place in the Women's N.A.'s and went on to place 19th in the Presidents' Cup. The N.A.'s were also attended by Dan Reichelsdorfer (Fifth in Governors' Cup) and Hans Graf (25th in the Presidents' Cup). Dan also completed the Southern Circuit capturing 18th overall to roundout a very busy and rewarding year.

We look forward to seeing everyone for the Brotz.

MARBLEHEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189)
New England District
Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean
at Marblehead, Massachusetts

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8034	"8034"	Daniel Rutherford
12706	Fog Horn Leg Horn	Dr. Joel & Donald Humphrey, Jr., CPA
Life Member	.....	Louis Pocharaski, M.D.

No Report.

UPPER CHESAPEAKE BAY FLEET (192)

Dixie District

Sailing on Lower Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay near Havre De Grace, MD

Fleet Captain Vincent Townrow
Fleet Secretary C. David Brown

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1878	.....	Patrick Castaldo
10308	Lomce Vak	Patrick Castaldo
10324	.....	Stephen Anderson
12752	Quiet Riot	C. David Brown

No Report.

MISSION BAY FLEET (194)

California District

Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain Fred Grant
Fleet Secretary John Harrop

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6613	La Salle	Christopher Barclay
8966	Encore	Ken Voss
9237	Noname	Larry Swearingen
10565	.....	Mark Bryant
10980	Sunday's Child	Geoffrey G. Carson
11514	.....	John Harrop
11603	Direct Access	Joel F. & John Vann
11625	New Now	Fred Knauer & Philip Simpson
11662	Two Can	Alan L. Smith
12034	Norstan	John Sundsmo
13188	.....	Brad Baum
13411	Cool Change	Fred Grant
13467	Santorini	Warren Gross
13626	Crusader Rabbit	Samuel T.D. Anderson, M.D.
13728	Batu	Michael Brewer
13750	.....	Mark Bryant
13938	.....	Jeffrey A. Calkins
13942	Bear's Den	Jim Milstead
14095	Puddle Glum	Kirk Johnson
14246	Play It By Ear II	Scott Finkboner
14263	.....	Myron C. & John Lyon
14308	.....	Scott Finkboner
.....	.....	Barry L. Williams

No Report.

SURF CITY (196)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Fran Temme
Fleet Secretary Rich Warren
Fleet Treasurer Tim Robinson
Fleet Champion Rich Warren
Runner-Up Tim Robinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12209	Scrap Metal	Richard M. Warren & Randall Swartley
12454	Streak-In	Charles N. Howe
14068	Punch Too	George Schmidt
14139	Rip City Express II	Jack Elfman
14224	No Excuses	Ralph Messersmith
14300	.....	Randall Swartley
Life Member	.....	Howard Mullin

The members and friends of Fleet 196 enjoyed another season of sailing and friendly competition on Lower Barnegat Bay. Both of our season long club series were decided in the final race. In the Commodore Series (Saturdays), Fran Temme, in *Triple Threat*, edged Randy Swartley by a fraction of a point for the second straight year. Randy was sailing his brand new *Altered States*, boat (14300) which he won in the ILCA raffle! Following in third was George Schmidt with yet another young co-skipper, the rapidly improving Elizabeth Freeman. George does a great job bringing new talent into the fleet — we should all take a lesson. Rich Warren won the Championship Series (Sundays) by managing to place a boat between himself and Tim Robinson in the final race. Jack Elfman placed third, handicapped by too many DNS's (Holly's wedding, Amy to college in Florida, crash with PHRFer before start!).

The Surf City Y.C. was pleased to host the 1989 Central Atlantic Districts. In fickle conditions uncommon to the Jersey Shore, John Faus, from neighboring Barnegat Light Y.C., sailed to an impressive win over a fleet of 23 boats. The locals were led by Jack Elfman and Ralph Messersmith with fourth and fifth place finishes respectively.

One of the highlights of the summer is always the Long Beach Island Y.R.A. Championship. This year the regatta was held at Brant Beach Y.C. on the hottest day of the summer. Seventeen boats from the five Island clubs struggled in very light conditions with SCYC's Jack Elfman and the Rich Warren/Randy Swartley team scoring a one-two sweep. A couple of weeks later, the results were identical at the Little Egg Harbor Y.C. Regatta. The conditions were a little fickle on Saturday, but Sunday saw a taste of the famous LEH seabreeze which should make this regatta more of a mid-summer attraction (remember the '85 Worlds?).

The Surf City Y.C.'s 41st Annual Regatta was sailed under ideal conditions which made the eight boat turnout a little disappointing. We understand, however, that everyone gears up for the Manahawkin Bay Cup two weeks later (mistake!). Glen Reiting of Brant Beach sailed a beautiful series (1-2-2) to win by two points over SCYC's Ralph Messersmith with the Warren/Swartley team trailing. It was a mistake to miss this one because the Manahawkin Bay Cup was blown out for the first time in eleven years by the effects of Hugo. We guarantee our usual great weather for next year!

If you would like to join us for a weekend during 1990, please contact Rich Warren at 609-597-4436 for information and possible housing.

MACATAWA BAY FLEET (204)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Michigan & Lake Macatawa near Holland, MI

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary Roger Gamache

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12830	Thomas Bryant
13597	Vitamin "S"	Jeff Sale
14087	Roger Gamache, III
14123	Robert Batts
14337	James Batts

No Report.

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206)

Argentina District

Based on Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fleet Secretary Osvaldo Bordino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8411	Repunte V	Javier F. Pascuchi
11043	Flamingo V	Osvaldo Bordino
12824	Redomon	Juan E. Kouyoumdjian
13862	Pingo	Alberto Zanetti

No Report.