

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

Fleet Captain Samuel Boone
 Fleet Secretary Jimmie Nickell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10386	Aldred K. Warren, III
10723	Beth Anne & Mike Cochran
11027	Clayton G. Gray
12281	Samuel Boone
12336	William W. Pleasants
12520	Sea Explorer Post 263
12740	Dennis Thomason
13140	Henry M. Boone
14044	Special K II	Gordon P. Kellogg
14248	Frank Mills
14332	Samuel Boone
.....	Delbert E. Foster

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Pete Murray
 Fleet Secretary John Parker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13380	Flower Child	John J. Parker
13873	Free Booter	Kevin G. Robinson, M.D.

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Michael G. Irving
 Fleet Secretary Richard E. Warren
 Fleet Champion Richard E. Warren
 Runner-Up Kent Rydberg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11071	Windy Too	Hugh Halsey, II, M.D.
11219	Off	Malcolm B. Hendry, III
12123	Hurricane	James E. Ledogar
14032	.....	Michael G. & Alexander D. Irving, III
14074	.....	Robert G. Shewan
14138	.....	Richard Warren
14339	.....	Tim Rumph
.....	.....	Chris Wiecks

The Southampton Yacht Club sails out of Southampton, Long Island, New York. Racing at Southampton takes place in a two-mile expanse of Shinnecock Bay, located immediately adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean. Steady southwesterly breezes off of the Atlantic Ocean provide for good racing conditions, allowing for some exciting and competitive sailing during the 1989 season.

Fleet 431 started the sailing season with the Annual Flag Raising Ceremony on June 17th, with the first race of the Championship Series taking place that afternoon. Throughout much of the season, seven to eight boats raced during the Championship Series, making the racing for 1989 competitive and fun. The Wednesday Night Series started on June 21st, with the usual enthusiastic group of younger sailors at the club. A pot-luck supper always followed the Wednesday night racing, which provided for a nice way to break up the work week for many of the members of the club.

After the entire racing season, Richard Warren (14138) sailed to finish just ahead of last year's Champion Kent Rydberg in *Beaujolais* (14033) and John Halsey in *Windy Too* (11071) to take first place for the 1989 Championship Series. Kent Rydberg edged out John Halsey in the last race of the season to take the Runner-Up position. The Wednesday Night Special

Series racing was the most competitive it has been in years, with between eight to eleven boats racing. In a tightly contested race, John Halsey showed off his sailing expertise by winning first place for the season. Richard Warren finished second.

The Early Season Trophy was won by Kent Rydberg, with both the Time Allowance Trophy and the Late Season Trophy being taken by the newest skipper in the fleet, Jim Ledogar. Jim sailing in *Hurricane* (12123) showed that he will be a contender next season!

The Independence Day Cup Races held in early July were won by Hugh Halsey, II, M.D., edging out Richard Warren in the final race of the series. After three races comprising the Labor Day Series Regatta at SYC, Timothy Rumph sailing his new Lightning *Seahorse* (14399), made his way to the winner's circle with First Place. Kent Rydberg held off the rest of the fleet to take Runner-Up.

The Southampton Yacht Club hosted several other regattas during 1989. The Southampton Spring Classic regatta held on the first weekend of June found 14-15 sailors from Southampton, Long Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey competing on Shinnecock Bay. With 15 to 20 knot breezes from the southwest, Jody Lutz from Connecticut took first place, with Timothy Rumph beating the rest of the fleet for Runner-Up. The Fall Classic, held at the end of September, saw some hot sailors from the Northeast visit Southampton. Good weather conditions brought 17 boats to the starting line. Onshore, a great barbeque including the traditional Southampton Indian Clambake and bonfire rounded out the Saturday evening festivities. John Oldham of Nyantic Yacht Club, CT took first place after two days of close racing, just edging out Chris Vann also of Nyantic, CT. Glenn Reiting of Brant Beach Yacht Club, NJ took third place overall.

Skipper Timothy Rumph, with his wife Susan and Paul Kryzenski as crew, represented the Southampton Yacht Club in the 1989 Lightning Worlds, held in Greece. Sailing in their fast new white Lightning, they finished 20th in this tough competition. Congratulations on a great finish!

Southampton was also represented in the Adam's Cup by Skipper Ellen Irving, Susan Rumph, Meghan Farrell and Gail Moriarty, which was hosted at Southampton. Following a good finish at Southampton by Skipper Ellen Irving, the SYC team went to the Semi-Finals at Nyantic Yacht Club, Connecticut.

To support area-wide sailing, SYC hosted the Area B Sears Cup Semi-Finals, with junior sailors travelling from as far away as Upstate New York and Connecticut. Commodore Michael Irving put in a tremendous effort to make this event a huge success! While on the first day of racing high winds and squalls caused broken masts, booms and torn spinnakers in the Lasers, 420's and Lightnings, quick repairs and replacements allowed for the racing to resume the following day. Those on the spectator boats, crash boats or on the RC boat were treated to exciting, fast and close racing by these hot junior sailors.

The Southampton Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program also was a great success during 1989, under the instruction of Chris Weicks, Nick Leonard and Alice Santoro. Seventeen sailors entered in this program, with Dillon Stott winning the Best Overall Sailor Award, Kathy Farrell winning the Most Persistent Award, and Greg Saloy winning the Most Enthusiastic Award.

We hope that 1990 will bring another exciting and successful season to the Southampton Yacht Club. Come and join us in 1990!

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

Fleet Captain George Hatfield
 Fleet Secretary Janelle M. Garrett
 Fleet Champion Devry Garrett
 Runner-Up Warren Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7205	Calico Cat	Arthur M. Wilson
10937	Honey B.	S.R. Newman, DDS & Clarke Newman, O.D.
11046	Andros Dos	Vernon R. Goldberg
11425	Cool Running	Roger R. Parks
13311	Pandora	Robert H. Thomas
13691	.....	Greg Hatfield
13806	Making Hay	George R. & Greg Hatfield
13831	Flashdance	Richard C. Guinan, Jr.
13953	.....	Warren Lewis
14028	.....	Bill Lett
14089	.....	Devry W. Garrett
.....	.....	Jennifer Gandy

..... Don R. Johnson
Life Member John Schneider

The 1989 season began with our Annual Meeting, and the following awards were presented for the 1988 calendar year:

Fleet Champion — Devry Garrett; S.R. Newman Award for out of town regattas — Warren Lewis; Eileen Guinan Memorial Award for most help to fleet — Sylvan Newman; Outstanding Crew — John Morse; Handicap Trophy — Richard Guinan; Most Improved Skipper — Bill Keating; Spring Series Champion — Devry Garrett; Summer Series Champion — Devry Garrett; Fall Series Champion — Warren Lewis.

The fleet hosted our first annual Springfest Regatta on April 29-30 at Rush Creek, and it was a great success. The winds were good, the weather was warm, and we had a good turnout.

In June and July Rush Creek YC hosted the Texas and Area F eliminations for Adams Cup in Lightnings. The Rush Creek team of Jennifer Gandy, Janelle Garrett, and Rebecca Guinan did their best, but the overpowering winds and being 175 pounds light did them in, and the Houston YC team went on to the finals.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440)

Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Murray at
Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain Edward M. Colie, III
Fleet Secretary Bill George
Fleet Champion Bill George
Runner-Up Ed Colie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12705	Windance	Bill George
12712	.....	Edward M. Colie, III

1989 was one of those years wherein every three steps forward we made were matched with two back.

The local Lightning Fleet had two great events on Lake Murrury, which helped us "recruit" more Lightnings.

Although Fleet 440 Boatswain, Ed "JIB" Colie did capture both the Fleet Championship and the Commodore's Service Award, Fleet 440 Captain Bill George was put out of commission with an injured back and Doctors' orders of no hiking, no twisting, or rapid movement. This left things for Bob Moore (11905) and Sam Finklea (1881) to come in and challenge the "JIB" and his crew of sons Ward (aged 10) and Dayton (aged 14), also another Lightning of Bob Stone (9367). Since the fall, Fleet 440 bid adieu to 11905 (Bob Moore) and 9367 (Bob Stone) but the South Carolina Chief Deputy Attorney General Joe Shine acquired a Lightning and promises to make the 1990 season more challenging, also another Attorney, Charles Henshaw, is bringing (11482) back to rejoin the fleet, and the Sessions family will be joining us also.

So the 1990 Bottoms Up Regatta and the Lightning / Y-Flyer will be even more lively, also look for 12712 to hit the circuit, as the "crew" sons Dayton and Ward (backed up by wife Karen), have become competitive.

FOND DU LAC LIGHTNING FLEET (442)

Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Winnebago at
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Jim Kalmbacher
Fleet Secretary Mike Elmergreen
Fleet Champion Mike Elmergreen
Runners-Up ... Jeff Johnson & Jim Kalmbacher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13280	Fan-T-Sea	Tom Drews
13580	Splurge	Jeffrey P. Johnson
		Jim Kalmbacher
13617	Escape	Mike Elmergreen

The Fond du Lac fleet had a very nice season again in 1989. We still race with a mixed fleet under the Portsmouth Handicap System, but the Lightnings are doing quite well.

The season started with the Lighthouse Regatta on June 3-4. We attracted 15 Lightnings from throughout the district and ran all five races. Mike Huffman from Chicago won by a wide margin. He was followed by

Dan Reichelsdorfer of Sheboygan, Karen Balestreri of Milwaukee, Brian Phelan of Green Bay, and Mike Blackwood of Chicago.

The Tuesday night series saw Lightnings sweep the top three places. Mike Elmergreen won it followed by a close race for second and third with Jeff Johnson/Jim Kalmbacher beating out Tom Drews by six tenths of a point. The Holiday series was also won by Mike Elmergreen with Tom Drews taking second and a Laser taking third.

We are still optimistic about the growth of Lightnings in our area and will continue to promote the class.

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES (446)

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

Fleet Captain Carlos Luis Schenone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7768	Flamingo II	Heraldo Tramaglia
9200	Allegretto	Carlos L. Schenone
12747	.....	Mario Abinzano & Roberto Ricoveri
13409	Flamingo IV	Heraldo Tramaglia

No Report.

SAN PABLO FLEET (447)

Ecuador District
Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain Mauricio Martinez
Fleet Secretary Marco Ordonez
Fleet Champion Jaime Martinez
Runner-Up Mauricio Martinez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11365	Samuel	Olaf Dyck
12566	Alster	Ricardo Zeller
13444	Pinta Brava	Inq. Mauricio Martinez

Fleet 447 had a very active year. Two main events were hosted in lake San Pablo. The Ecuadorian Districts were held in May with a record of 18 boats, 10 of them coming from the Salinas and Guayaquil fleets. Jaime Martinez with his wife Patricia and Gustavo Cordovez took home the first place silver, followed by Mauricio Martinez and Miguel Plaza.

Lars Dyck sailing with his sons, took the second place in the June Regattas in Salinas.

Finally, in November 2-5, our fleet hosted the annual Muna-San Pablo Regatta, named after the two fleets from Colombia and Ecuador, with 16 Lightnings starting, four of them from Club Nautico del Muna Colombia. After an initial delay due to a late arrival of the Colombian crews, six very close races were held. Andres Lisocki, with his son Felipe and Juan Carlos Uscategui, continued to demonstrate their skills and perseverance, capturing first place with one point over Mauricio Martinez with his son Mauricio Jr. and Ernesto Martinez.

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)

Italian District

Fleet Captain Giovanni Pellegrino
Fleet Secretary Giuseppe Valenti
Fleet Champions Marcello Attina & Pasquale Vitaggio
Runner-Up Vito Tripoli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11244	Lampedusa	Marco Caronna
11325	Joker	Angelo Giacalone
12027	Wind	Francesco Figuccia
12537	Luktor	Ranieri Gambina
13345	Antares	Giuseppe Valenti & Antonio Marino
13349	Ho! Hell	Vito Pernice
13402	Rainbow	Pietro Marino
13481	Wanted III	Marcello Attina & Vito Tripoli
13557	Americaff	Pietro Zerilli
13706	Lily-Boy-Ten	Giuseppe Alagna & Marcello Maggio
14102	.....	Robert Crucitti

14197 Wind IV Giovanni Pellegrino
14361 Marcello Attina

Our fleet's 1989 season has been a very active year. Although our boats are all wooden, "De Vita a Pellaopumo", our skippers and crews have participated at the most important regattas in Italy and Europe.

We had a strong showing at the European Lightning Championships with our team of Marcello Attina, Dario Nania, and Fabio Spano placing second; Vito Tripoli, Franco Parrinello, and Giuseppe Alagna, third; and Giuseppe Alagna, Pulletto Bernadetto, and Giovanni Pulizzi finishing in sixteenth. We followed the European Championship with five boats competing in the World's in Greece. Once again Marcello Attina and crew had the best finish, placing fourteenth followed by Giuseppe Alagna, twenty-fourth; Pietro Marino, twenty-fifth; Vito Pernice, twenty-seventh; and Vito Tripoli, twenty-eighth.

We are looking forward to another fun year in 1990.



Members of our fleet at the 1989 Italian District Championships.

ANDROSCOGGIN LIGHTNING FLEET (450) New England District Sailing on Lake Androscoggin at Wayne, Maine

Fleet Secretary Bob Foster
Fleet Champion Bob Foster/Sarah Bonney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10613	Eidolon	C. Robert Foster

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453) Italian District Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy

Fleet Captain Paolo Rosi
Fleet Secretary Sergio Rustichelli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10781	.....	Fabio Cherubini
13062	Winny 2	Paolo Rosi & Mario Forgione
13271	King Furious III	Carlo Musso
13455	.....	Sauro Scarpocchi
13462	Areknames II	Paolo Rosi
13715	.....	Eugenio Branca
13841	Atom	Franco DeRegis
14228	.....	Sergio Rustichelli
14316	.....	Camillo Angeli

No Report.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456) Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain Antero Punttila
Fleet Secretary Timo Evila
Fleet Champion Leo Korhonen
Runner-Up Jaako Herttua

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5552	.....	Jorma Lehtonen
12429	Maruzella	Antero Punttila
12757	.....	Veijo Meisalo
12907	Lizi	Leo Korhonen
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
13130	.....	Matti Torkkeli
13413	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
13562	Amanda	Hannu Hanskala
14179	.....	Tuomo Kauhanen
14274	.....	Hartti Nisonen
14331	.....	Pentti Laitinen

On the Rocks Regatta opened traditionally the '89 sailing season on the Lake Tuusulanjarvi. In spite of a warm spring there were only three early birds in the Lightning class. Leo Korhonen won with Antero Punttila second and Pentti Laitinen third.

The Europeans and Worlds in Athens were the big events of the year also for our fleet. Three out of six Finnish boats were from Tuusulanjarvi. Tricky winds and troubled waters of Saronic Gulf, or the Greek Gods, were not on our side and the best from our fleet, Hartti Nisonen finished 20th in the Europeans and 34th in the Worlds. Leo Korhonen was 29th and 42nd, respectively. Tuomo Kauhanen came 34th in the Europeans, but preferred big boat pressure sailing during the Worlds and lent his boat, *Tinto*, to Larry McDonald, who did very well and finished in sixteenth.

The District Championship was sailed on our home waters in Tuusula. Twenty four boats participated, eight from our fleet. Hartti Nisonen took home the championship by three wins in a row and one third place finish. Leo Korhonen was seventh, Pertti Pyy 11th, Pentti Laitinen 15th and Tuomo Kauhanen 16th, but Hannu Hanskala and Antero Punttila established a new cold water swimming club with notable loss in results. Everybody enjoyed, however, great summer weather, variable winds, well organized races, and pleasurable social programs, crowned by Mama Tuusula's lovely hat party. Many thanks to the race organizers.

A qualification series of the biannual Lake Tuusulanjarvi Cup was sailed also this summer and Hartti Nisonen will be the challenger against the defender Pertti Pyy next summer in the finals. The season finale, as always, was the September Regatta. The weekend included four races in low wind — no wind conditions for six Lightnings and a hundred smaller boats. Saku Vento in Amarillo placed first, but Leo Korhonen won the combined Fleet Champion with newcomer Jaakko Herttua second. We welcomed hard working Jaakko hearty to join the 456 fleet. Can't wait for next summer!



I.L.C.A. Official Pocket Patch

Red Lightning Flash on white circle embossed on navy wool background. I.L.C.A. and laurel leaves hand embroidered in bullion. Size approximately 4" x 4 1/4". Cost \$13.50. Send check with order to I.L.C.A. Office, 808 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)
Florida District
Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida

Fleet Secretary Fisk Hayden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10035	Flamin' Mable	Bill Coughlin
11335	.....	David Robb
14066	Shazam	Fisk & Steve Hayden

No Report.

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462)
Brazil District
Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga,
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Per Olov Hornell
 Fleet Secretary Ingrid Hornell
 Fleet Champions Michael A. Norris &
 Mario Buckup
 Runner-Up Per Olov Hornell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6558	GTX	Jens C. Ruschmann
8795	Fly Away	Juan Jose de la Fuente
11693	Easy Rider	Brian Murray
11713	Xamego	Nelson Schmitt
12360	Brisa I	Carlos Alberto Laimgruber
12513	Abuelo	Per Olov Hornell
12526	Gringo VII	Alberto M. Torres
12657	Perereca	Per Olov Hornell
12812	Flash Rider	Michael Anthony Norris & Mario Buckup
14071	Xamego II	Nelson Small Schmitt
14168	Flying Cloud	Jens C. Ruschmann
14170	Gatao	Tore Schjeldsoe
14329	.....	James Sumner
14330	.....	Thomas G. S. Sumner
14335	.....	Milton Torres Bastos
14353	.....	Nelson Small Schmitt
.....	.....	Michael Anthony Norris

No Report.

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet Captain Robert G. Ames
 Fleet Secretary Vivian Hollinshed

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11898	Whiskers	Vivian E. Hollinshed

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)
Italian District
Sailing on Adriatic Sea at Numana, Ancona,
Falconara and Senigallia

Fleet Captain Bruno Roccheggiani
 Fleet Secretary Renzo Bozzi
 Fleet Champion Bruno Roccheggiani
 Runner-Up Roberto Brugia

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani
13414	.....	Roberto Brugia

The Conero Fleet (Ancona, Italy) can't boast of a huge number of boats. Its long suit is a desire to ensure an active class and for its two active boats to

place well in the national regattas.

Bruno Roccheggiani and Roberto Brugia are the helmsmen and flag-bearers of Fleet 466. To them goes the credit of being committed enough in the years preceding the Worlds in Athens to place one of the boats in fifth position in a 16-month-long series of selection trials held throughout Italy. *Bibir*, with Roccheggiani-Heckman-Bozzi aboard, didn't finish at the top in the 1989 Worlds, managing only 30th. However, this team of true amateurs found the satisfaction in racing the World's courses neck and neck to the finish with professionals of the sport more than gratifying for the sacrifice of honoring, with continuous presense, every appointment of the national calendar. Wishing all good things for the Conero Fleet!!!



Bibir ready to leave towards World Championship held in Athens.

VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)
Finland District
Sailing on Lakes Mallavesi and Vanajavesi,
Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet Captain Aimo Jokiniemi
 Fleet Secretary Pertti Jalonen

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

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL SAVIO (476)
Italian District
Sailing on the Adriatic Sea at Ravenna, Italy

Fleet Captain Sergio Camporesi
 Fleet Secretary Gaetano Pellizzaro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9851	.....	Pompeo Valenti
9941	Marinella	Pellegrino Montanari

9943	.....	Giancarlo Miccoli Favoni
12968	.....	Gianfranco Cercognia
13061	.....	Bruno Bonardi
13343	Piallassa	Luciano Ronconi & Sergio Cecchieri
13361	Lili Marlene	Sergio Camporesi
13401	Tika	Gaetano Pellizzaro
13558	.....	Massimo Gislon
14239	.....	Riccardo Giondi
14243	.....	Gaetano Pellizzaro

No Report.

FLOTTE ROMA (479) Italian District Sailing on Bracciano Lake at Rome, Italy

Fleet Captain	.....	Gino Di Camillo
Fleet Secretary	.....	Gianni Battisti
Fleet Champion	.....	Francesco Cruciani
Runner-Up	.....	Paolo Tartaglia

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8251	Natralite	Paolo Tartaglia
12297	Gargantua	Gino Di Camillo
13401	.....	Gianni Battisti & Paolo Tartaglia

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain	.....	John Pelosi
Fleet Secretary & Treasurer	.....	Colleen Vitek
Fleet Champion	.....	Kent Mullikin
Runner-Up	.....	Michael Rees

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11204	.....	G. Dean Marbury
11690	Expeditious	Desmond K. Runyan
11738	Tabasco	William Boyd Dixon
12730	White Lightning	Robert V. Lovelace
12773	.....	Worth Lutz, III
13178	Frog	James E. Nutt, M.D.
13490	Subject to Revision	R. Grant Wolslagel
13620	.....	Ed Michels
13653	.....	Allen Smith
13656	Gunsmoke	Kent R. Mullikin
13709	Sheep Thrills	Robert S. Lamb
13738	Plane Crazy	Robert M. Wilkins
13856	Halcyone	John W. Pelosi
13877	.....	Michael S. Rees, M.D.
14106	Flying Circus	Aubrey G. Blanchard
14129	.....	Tom K. Hudgens
14376	Hallucination	James E. Nutt, M.D.
14390	.....	Edward J. Vitek, Jr.
.....	.....	Mary Beth Egloff

Fleet 481's most memorable event of 1989 occurred in June when Matt Fisher, with Lisa and Greg as crew, captured the Carolina Sailing Club Governor's Cup, marking the first time in the 32-year history of this event that it has been won by a Lightning. The Governor's Cup is a very special trophy awarded to the skipper who beats the most boats in a class during this weekend regatta which attracted more than 200 boats from a variety of classes.

The Fleet has 23 owner members, making it the largest fleet in the Southeastern District, and 23 crew members. We began the year by hosting a display at the local Boat Show, as part of our efforts to attract new members. We followed that with a couple educational/entertaining evenings. The "chalk talk" given by Tom Hudgens and assisted by Gordon Kellogg, both strong skippers, was particularly well received. Ched Proctor conducted an on-the-water clinic in March, as he returned victorious from the Southern Circuit. In June, the Fishers' conducted a racing clinic the day before the Governor's Cup Regatta.

Southeastern District participation was good. John Pelosi had the best fleet showing, with a sixth place in the district races for the year. The Fleet sponsored the Southeastern District Championships in Oriental, North Carolina. Repeating our 1987 performance, we once again received rave reviews for the two most important things under our control — the race committee and the socials. Forty knot winds cancelled the first day of the three-day regatta, in which twenty-one boats participated, but the wind the remaining two days cooperated much better.

Kent Mullikin was our Fleet Champion for the second year in a row. The race for Runner-Up was close, with Michael Rees edging out Billy Dixon by only two points. John Pelosi and Grant Wolslagel rounded out the top five.

Each October, the fleet sponsors the Borderline Regatta. Thirty-five boats raced in this year's event, with sailors, boatbuilders and sailmakers coming from as far away as New York, Connecticut, Ohio and Georgia. Although Saturday's wind made for a long, slow race, the day ended on a high note with a delectable dinner and a great band that had many people on the dance floor.

It has been a good year for Fleet 481. (Well, maybe not for the Vitek's, whose boat was destroyed early in the season by an errant driver, as they were trailering it to a regatta. The replacement boat wasn't ready until late in the season.) Our Fleet continues to grow, and in 1990 we'll celebrate the Fleet's 10th anniversary. Y'all are invited to sail with us in the Borderline Regatta the fourth weekend in October.



Matt Fisher captures the Carolina Sailing Club Governor's Cup.

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

Fleet Captain	.....	Rick Eckstrom
Fleet Secretary	.....	David Lansky
Fleet Champion	.....	Rick Eckstrom
Runner-Up	.....	Jesse Miller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8033	Thesis Interruptus	David Lansky
10113	Whisper	Jesse W. Miller
11347	Anna T	Terrill M. Moore
11960	Scyra	Peter V. Lent
13124	Scudder	Rick Eckstrom
13934	.....	Jesse W. Miller

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Art Tirrell
 Fleet Secretary Bill Pirillo
 Fleet Champion Art Tirrell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
808	.....	Jed Dodge
10118	Griffin	Jeff Germain
10378	Gangster	Fran Watts
10708	Red Baron	Edward F. Beadel, Jr.
11134	.....	Jeff Germain
11308	VIM	Edward Taverni
11379	.....	Clay Murphy
11728	.....	Bill Pirillo
12687	Shaky Puddin'	Arthur Tirrell
13652	Cloudspin	Robert J. Finn
13881	"Bill"	Frank Palmer
14130	.....	Jed Dodge
14140	.....	Joseph J. McCloskey
14266	.....	James P. Finn
14303	.....	J. Thomas Doran
14355	.....	Jean Palm
.....	.....	Ronald B. Palm

With Lake Ontario, the world's seventh largest body of temperate fresh water, but a stone's throw from our launching site, the 1989 racing season found us as often as not sailing within the triangular confines of tiny Oswego Harbor.

Ironically, yes, but a positive move was needed to rekindle flagging interest after a dismal 1988. When combined with a change of sailing time from weekends to Tuesday evenings, the move resulted in an upsurge of participation for our spring and summer series.

Another significant development that took place here this summer had its beginnings in 1988 when Bram Palm and Jean Hallagan got married. The union combined lots of one design experience with more one design experience and Fleet 485 became the beneficiary when Bram and Jean came to sail with their brand new Allen this spring. More on them later.

Anyway, participation was way up this year. After all, we had thought, who won't be able to find crew on a Tuesday night? As it turned out the only problem we had was wind — unless you happen to like light air.

We began our season on Memorial Weekend with the two-day Mayor's Cup Regatta. Art Tirrell won this one for the second year in a row in fresh winds. Art made it two in a row when he won the Michelob Open two weeks later in a local regatta shortened to one race by high winds.

The beginning of the Tuesday night series June 6 saw the onset of a cycle of light air race nights. Bram and Jean Palm swapped weeks as skipper and quickly served notice they'd be a factor by winning four of the seven June races. They then kept the heat on and took the spring, summer and fall series handily. Not missing a single race, they each steered enough of the 22 races completed by the fleet to qualify for the fleet championship. Bram had a slight edge and became our champ. Jean was close behind in second and became runner-up.

Jim Finn found new resolve in 1989. Putting together a strong, experienced team and showing surprising determination Jim cemented second place in the summer series behind the Palms with a string of three bullets in stiff late July winds, and earned the hard-fought runner-up slot in the fall series as well.

Around the fleet, Joe McCloskey bought boat 14140, married his middle crew Ellen Fitzgibbons, finished third in the Districts and won his first ever race in a District regatta. Ed Taverni got rid of his egg carton and bought boat 14034. He then got faster fast, nailing a fifth in the final race of the 60 boat Michelob Classic as well as improving his fleet finishes. Franny Watts went much better after he quit trying to make his North tuning guide work on his 25-year old Lippy. Bob "Walt" Finn had enough good moments to add up to overall improvement and will be looking to continue the trend next season. Bill Pirillo made quantum improvements this season moving up four positions in the final fleet standings. Art Tirrell threw a dozen different crew members at the fleet in a vain attempt to fight off his light air slows.

Among the several newcomers, aggressive, enthusiastic David Raham joined up and did well considering the level of competition. Jeff Germain steered this season after two summers as crew. The improvement in his confidence level was encouraging to see. Mark Purcell brought his boat down from Watertown and sailed the summer series, winning a race or two in the process. Clay Murphy and Pam Tuttle brought Pam's boat to town

making another great addition to the fleet. Clay was this year's winner at the Lake Wallenpaupuck Fall Regatta. Jed Dodge came in from Sodas several times to sail or crew and had so much fun he's now threatening to bring his boat over and do the whole series next summer.

District Commodore Tom Doran had an off season due to a slow-healing back injury. He was just starting to heat up in September when he suffered a second injury and was out for the season.

The Michelob Lightning Classic amazed us again. We had budgeted for 40 entries this year but allowed for expansion on the up side. We got it, 60 boats signed up this year. The starting line was siple awesome. Could the class be returning to the days when 100 boats showed up for a regatta? Bram and Jean Palm picked up Peter Hallagan for their third for the Classic and became the first Oswego boat to win the Classic. Congratulations team Round Robin!



Muddy Rudder Winner Rick Conaway with crew Dan Rygelski and Dave Nick.

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

Fleet Captain Rick Conaway
 Fleet Secretary Bryan Uhlmsiek
 Fleet Champion Rick Conaway
 Runner-Up Steve Wyers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7268	Lord Jeff II	Ralph Rudy
8664	Chaos	C. Graeme Wilson
11637	.....	Francis C. Renschen
11701	Old One Eye	Ken H. Token
12033	Southern Cross	William J. Foell, Jr.
12136	Thunder	Bryan Uhlmsiek
12891	Sparrow	Leo J. Donovan
13088	Kant Believe It!	Gerald L. Wnorowski
13379	Top Secret	Stephen Wyers
13627	.....	McDonnell-Douglas Sailing Club
14005	Summer Madness	Wayne M. Watson
14088	Fascination	Richard Conway

We had another year of sailing and partying on the Mississippi at Alton Lake. No floods and no current make for good sailing. We can thank the drought and the Corps of Engineers for both. Lock and Dam 26 has kept Alton Pool steady as she goes for three years. Fleet 486 located at Valley Sailing Association actively races on Sundays and Wednesday nights. All Lightnings can join us for the Governor's Cup and Muddy Rudder Regatta later in the year.

One highlight of the year was the Muddy Rudder. For the first time the first place trophy stayed home as Rick Conaway edged out Larry Jenkins of Memphis for first place. Other visitors included last years winners Herb and Jack Goltermann of Carlyle and Bob Olhson of Decatur. The sailing was best described as challenging after a big storm front moved through on Friday leaving us with light air and some surprising current. We hope all our friends can join us again in '90.

Congratulations go to Fran Renschen for winning the Governor's Cup. Fran cruised his way through some extremely light air to take two bullets in three races. The last two races were canceled when we got more fog than wind.

We hasten to welcome new Fleet 486 members William Foell Jr., Mike

Sepp, and Robert Minelli. With good luck and the right atmosphere the fleet will enjoy some real competition in the future.

14292 James E. Richards
14365 Robert C. Wardwell
No Report.

ACULEO LAKE FLEET (490)

Chile District

Sailing at Aculeo Lake, Champa, Paine

Fleet Captain Manuel Gonzalez B.
Fleet Secretary Manuel Gonzalez M.
Fleet Champion Manuel Gonzalez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11011	Ojo De Linee	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
13396	.....	Manuel Gonzalez Mas
14307	.....	Manuel Gonzalez M.

During the second week of January we held at Aculeo Lake, the fleet championship. With ten boats and four races we enjoyed a great regatta. The fleet is growing and we have more members interested in racing with our fleet colors.

The next championship will be the South Americans trials, so we are expecting a big regatta.

TOHICKON CREEK LIGHTNING FLEET (491)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon at Quakertown, Pa.

Fleet Captain Robert Blalock
Fleet Secretary Thomas H. Davis
Fleet Treasurer Joseph J. Rogan
Fleet Champion Joseph J. Rogan
Runner-Up Robert Blalock

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5083	Nip-N-Tuck	James C. Lenahan, III
8663	.....	Thomas Gerhard
8690	Arete	Mark Keene
9928	Esprit	Charles S. Shoemaker
12728	.....	Tom Davis
13453	.....	Robert Blalock
13720	.....	Joseph J. Rogan

No Report.

BOW LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (493)

New England District

Sailing on Bow Lake, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain William Latham
Fleet Secretary Ned & Jean Hinds

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8301	Jessie S.	Dr. Edward A. Sweeney
9662	Incredible Too	William C. Latham
11440	Ragtime	Edward E. Hinds, III
11579	Andalo	John Thomson
13556	.....	Richard G. Warner

No Report.

SWIFT CREEK FLEET (496)

Dixie District

Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir in Chesterfield County

Fleet Secretary James E. Richards

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9713	Joe Frith
12989	Donald E. Foss
13145	First Strike	L. Evan Davies, Jr.
14205	Robert C. Wardwell
13766	Kenneth R. Hopson

SELKIRK LIGHTNING FLEET (498)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Pulaski, New York

Fleet Captain Joseph Cummiskey
Fleet Secretary Corrine Cummiskey
Fleet Champion Herbert E. Clark

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6926	.....	Herbert E. Clark
7961	Cirrus	Emil F. Weisenburger
9424	.....	David Rahm
11370	.....	Herbert E. & Donald C. Clark
13939	Rolling Thunder	Joe Cummiskey

The summer of 1989 brought an undefeated season at Selkirk to our fleet champion, Herb Clark and his crew, which usually includes his lovely wife Pat Clark at the foredeck.

Fred Weisenburger and his wife Chris often sailed *Cirrus* (a blue beauty of a Lightning) during the week, due to Fred's busy weekend schedule of work and volunteer fireman.

Peg and Skip Hodge enjoyed their lovely wooden *Frontenac* with it's updated oval mast. They also have a busy schedule with work and their adorable daughter, Kelsey, and Skip's attention to being Chief of the Lacoma Fire Department.

Joe Cummiskey had the misfortune of having his *Rolling Thunder* involved in a "t-bone" collision at the Mayor's Cup in Oswego during the last race on Sunday, May 28th. The repair was not completed until August. In the meantime, due to a torn calf muscle resulting from a softball injury in July, Joe was off the Lightning circuit for the season.

Also sailing from Selkirk at the Mayor's Cup were John Clark and Corrine Cummiskey in *Rolling Thunder* with Joe; Herb Lapham and Pat Clark sailed with Dan "Airplane" and Peg Hodge alternate days. Our other casualty that weekend was the loss overboard of John Clark's wallet. Despite our misfortunes, a good time was had by all.

Don Clark, whose winter residence is in Florida, enjoyed sailing the Southern circuit in St. Petersburg and Savannah with his brother Herb Clark and their nephew David Rahm, a sailmaker with Reynolds' Sails of Skaneateles. Loretta Switzer, a forest ranger in Truxton and Herb's sister-in-law, helped with the practice runs.

Although our traveling was not as frequent as the previous year, our fleet's enthusiasm remains high. We are looking forward to the summer of 1990 and a return to a heavier racing schedule both at Selkirk and on the road again. We are excited about the North Americans being so close at Rochester Yacht Club, and we hope to participate both in racing and in volunteer work.

POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB (499)

St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake St. Louis in Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain R. A. (Tony) McBride
Fleet Secretary Timothy Harris
Fleet Champion Tony McBride

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13150	Bumble Bee	David Browne
13519	Ooroo	Timothy G. Harris
13577	Krista Too	Adrian D. Niderost
13603	Isle of Skye	Gordon Worley
14200	.....	R. A. (Tony) McBride

Fleet 499 hosted the 1989 Canadian Open Lightning Championship. 24 boats from Quebec, Ontario, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts attended a three-day very light air regatta, won by Jay Mann from the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club.

Tony McBride made it to the first fleet at the North Americans and surprised a few veterans with his boat speed; unfortunately Tony and crew Andrew Shea and Bill Lewis were not rewarded with a better overall finish

due to committing the eightly deadly sin, "choosing the wrong side". Tony and his strong leadership has been unable to promote successfully the class at our club, but has met with a great deal of success. At nearby Hudson Yacht Club, where in 1990 we expect some J-24 sailors to hang up the keelboats and step up to the Lightning. If this happens, it's a near "done-deal", then soon we expect three active fleets within 15 miles, a tribute to the class and the foresight of the guys who sail 'em.

So far, heavy winds and 'Hugo' have kept us off the lake for our fleet championships — but that's all that we expect, since in five years we've only ever finished one fleet race and that was in a drifter. Fleet grown is stagnant, but we continue to prospect among our Fireballer's and 505 owners in the hope that our fleet will increase.

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

Fleet Captain Dave Rasmussen
Fleet Secretary Patty DeRycke

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5556	.....	John W. Eleam
5824	Lead Sled	Jim Michielsen
10168	.....	Jonathan I. Lange
10442	Libra II	A. Jackson Woodall
10885	.....	Robert M. DeRycke
10931	.....	Terry Igoe
12000	Chaos	David A. Rasmussen
13105	Hoinonia	J. R. Walker

No Report.

CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO (501) Colombia District Sailing on Tomine Lake at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain Jorge Recaman
Fleet Champion Richard Deeb
Runner-Up Hernan Salcedo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7451	La Camella	Rafael Gutierrez
7452	Cingara	Alvaro Sanjines
12570	Acuarius	Santiago Douat
13216	Acuarius	Leopoldo Gonzalez
13427	Ginga II	Andres Iriarte
13428	.....	Jorge Recaman
13429	Sirius	Jose & Miguel Gonzalez
13446	.....	A. Prada
14057	.....	Hernan Salcedo
14111	.....	Richard Deeb
14183	.....	Richard Deeb
.....	.....	Alvaro Acosta

No Report.

THE SUNCOAST FLEET (502) Florida District Sailing on Tampa Bay at Tampa, Florida

Fleet Captain Bill Meyer, III
Fleet Secretary Dave White
Fleet Champion Bill Meyer, III
Runner-Up Dave White

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10744	Owl	Jeffrey R. Stall
12396	.....	David E. White, III
13010	Strikes Twice	Albert London
13063	Rip City Express	Gary Marshall
13285	.....	Clark T. Higgs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
14006	Fired-Up	William H. III & Gail Meyer
14209	.....	Earl Mabie
.....	.....	Leslie Fisher

Suncoast Fleet 502 hosted the Florida Districts in April this year, and all agree it was a fantastic success. Clark Higgs and Bill Meyer placed in the top ten with respective fourth and seventh place finishes. Clark Higgs with co-skipper Robbie Brown placed 16th at the Lightning Midwinters in St. Pete. Gary Marshall also sailed St. Pete with his brother and Pat Gallagher, but forgot his whistle and got a DSQ. Bill Meyer sailed St. Pete and distinguished himself by being the 22nd boat in the last race followed closely by about 20 boats scored at 23.

In the 28 race summer series, Dave White sailing with Chris Myers and either Clark Higgs or Sandy Scheda won the second seven race sequence giving the overall series winner, Bill Meyer, sailing with regular crews Carl Raish and wife Gail, tough competition throughout the year.

Clark Higgs represented Fleet 502 at the North Americans and qualified for the President's Cup. We also noted strong performances at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron by Leslie Fischer and Dave White.

Fleet 502 was represented by two Adams Cup teams at the State level including Leslie Fischer and Sandy Scheda. Congratulations to Sandy Scheda and crews Gail Hauesler and Penny Hall who went on to place fifth overall in the Adams Cup finals.

The Thanksgiving Regatta hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club is open to all who may want to join us work off the holiday food and drink. The first race starts at 12:30 on Saturday, so you will have plenty of time to travel. Call Bill Meyer at 813-886-1962 for information (Allow 2 rings only). Camping on grounds is permitted, and although the place is beautiful, the club is never formal. Beer drinking Lightning sailors in bathing suits, tee-shirts, and bare feet are especially welcome at Suncoast Fleet's sailing events.

LOUISVILLE LIGHTNING FLEET (503) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on the Ohio River near Louisville, KY

Fleet Secretary Robert Whalen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9842	Gerard Barber
9902	Mitchell Hobbs
13207	Robert Whalen

No Report.

CLEARWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (504) Florida District Sailing on Gulf of Mexico near Clearwater, FL

Fleet Captain/Secretary Michael C. Carroll
Fleet Champion Michael Carroll & Bob McCann
Runner-Up Bruce Kendall & Marc Bershaw

Boat No.	Boat Name	Fleet
12991	.....	George Ewell, Jr.
13665	.....	Charles C. Harris
14084	.....	Michael C. Carroll
14349	First Strike	Bruce T. Kendall

The first year of the Clearwater Yacht Club's Lightning Fleet was an exciting and active one. Under the able leadership of Norb Zebny and with the untiring assistance from Clark Higgs (Suncoast Fleet 502) we got off to a quick start. The first year's events included a spring and fall series. In addition, the boats served as one of three classes in the USYRU/ Rolex Jr. Sailing Area D Championships hosted by the Clearwater Yacht Club in July. In October, there was a separate Lightning division in the Third Annual Carlisle Classic. In terms of away games, boats from our fleet participated in the Sarasota Sailing Squadron's Labor Day Regatta and in the Davis Island Yacht Club's Thanksgiving Day Regatta. We look forward to participating in the Southern Circuit in March. Most of us have been big boat sailors racing under PHRF, one-design sailing is a pleasant and exhilarating change. Bruce Kendall (former skipper with Jim Kilroy's KIALOA syndicate) has taught us something about match racing, but we are learning fast!