

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)

Texas District

Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	Richard C. Guinan, Jr.
Fleet Secretary	Greg Hatfield
Fleet Champion	Richard C. Guinan, Jr.
Runner-Up	Warren Lewis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10014		Paul Harvener
11046	Andros Dos	Vernon R. Goldberg
11425	Cool Running	Roger R. Parks
12500	Calico Cat	Arthur M. Wilson
13311	Pandora	Robert H. Thomas
13691	Rage	Greg Hatfield
13806	Making Hay	George R. & Greg Hatfield
13831	Flashdance	Richard C. Guinan, Jr.
13953		Kurt Schuler
14089		Devry W. Garrett
14428		Warren Lewis
		Bill Lett
Life Member		John Schneider

Sailing on beautiful Lake Ray Hubbard, Fleet 435 had a 1990 season of good competitive sailing. Although we lost a few fleet members, we gained a few which we feel will greatly contribute to our fleet activities. We welcome Paul Harvener into our fleet, who is the proud owner of Lightning 10014. Long time Lightning sailor Craig Anderson moved to Dallas and started racing with our fleet. Kurt Schuler bought Lightning 13953 from Warren Lewis, (his ex-skipper), and is now racing his own boat competitively. Warren bought a beautiful new boat, Lightning 14428, and is racing fast with a new crew. 1991 promises to be a very competitive season for us, with an enthusiastic and growing fleet.

The Texas Districts were sailed in June, with Richard Guinan taking home the championship. Dr. Sylvan Newman sailed an excellent series and was runner-up, followed by Warren Lewis who finished third overall.

The fleet hosted our annual Springfest Regatta in April with over 50 centerboard boats competing on two different courses. The regatta had Lightnings, Thistles, Snipes, Lasers, McScows, and other classes competing. We invite any interested Lightning sailors to visit Dallas and race with us in April of 1991. The regatta is growing every year and is always a good time.

Fleet 435 continues racing at Rush Creek Yacht Club located just 15 miles east of downtown Dallas. The fleet has now been racing here competitively for over 20 years. We plan on being here for years to come and invite any new prospective fleet members to contact us regarding our fleet activities.

PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Murray at Columbia, South Carolina

Fleet Captain/Secretary	Edward M. Colie, III
Fleet Champion	Kenneth Peters
Runner-Up	Ed Colie

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12705	Windance	Bill George
12712		Edward M. Colie, III
13123		Kenneth E. Peters

1990 was one of those good news/bad news years.

Although we did gain two active new fleet members, and had a LIGHTNING presence in several races and regattas, our Fleet Captain was sailing with his youngest son Ward as crew and picking another as possible, he could never get "SERIOUS" as his middle crew, Bob Rodermund was killed in a tragic traffic accident.

But on the flip side, we are anxiously awaiting the 1991 season with four new competitors: Kenneth Peters, Charles Henshaw, Joe Shine (Chief Deputy Attorney General of South Carolina), and Brewer Leggett.

1990 Fleet awards: Fleet Champion, 13123, Kenneth Peters; 2nd place, 12712, Ed Colie.



Sue Dorscheid planing on Lake Winnebago.

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	Sue Dorscheid
Runners-Up	Jeff Johnson

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

The 1990 season was rather stormy and windy. The annual Lighthouse Regatta was cancelled in June due to extremely high winds and even a Saturday night tornado in Fond du Lac. The series was sailed in August with Paul Wurtzbech winning the shortened three-race series.

The summer season came down to the wire with Jeff Johnson just barely edging out Sue Dorscheid by a fraction of a point. Since Mike Elmergreen let wife Sue race the Lightning, he tried a Laser and came in third in the Portsmouth Fleet.

The holiday series was easily won by Sue Dorscheid with all firsts. Jeff Johnson took second and a 470 placed third.

The Lightning Fleet is still small, but we finally are seeing some new potential prospects.

SAN PABLO FLEET (447)

Ecuador District

Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador

Fleet Captain	Mauricio Martinez
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13444	Pinta Brava	Inq. Mauricio Martinez

No Report.

MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449) Italian District

Fleet Captain Giovanni Pellegrino
Fleet Secretary Giuseppe Valenti
Fleet Champion Marcello Attina

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
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
13478	Dove Vai	Stefano Reina
13481	Wanted III	Vito Tripoli & Mario Noto
13557	Americaff	Mario Ottovaggio
13706	Lily-Boy-Ten	Pasquale Vitaggio
14102	.....	Robert Crucitti
14361	.....	Marcello Attina
Life	.....	Giovanni Pelligrini

Dear friends, this year for my fleet has been very important, because it has seen many young sailors approaching the Lightning Class with enthusiasm, so the tradition of Lightning Class for our Fleet is guaranteed for many years to come. We have 12 wood Lightnings in our fleet. This is the largest fleet of wood Lightnings in Europe.

This year our fleet sent five Lightnings to the European Championship in Switzerland, and we finished ninth, tenth, eleventh, fourteenth, and seventeenth. Marcello Attina, Rallo, Spano won the Italian Championship, and Vitaggio, Pulizzi, Ottovaggio were second.

The most important event for my fleet was the Junior World Championship held at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Canada. Mario Noto, Tripoli Piero, Tramati Giuseppe were fourth and Stefano Reina, Paxia Massimiliano, Antonino Di Benedetto were sixth.



Fleet 449 at the European Championship.

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

Fleet Secretary Sarah Bonney
Fleet Champion Bob Foster/Sarah Bonney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10613	Sarah Bonney
12194	George Place, Jr.
13246	Michael Ladd

Fleet 450 held the State of Maine Lightning Regatta in honor of Bob Foster this year. Bob had been the man to hold our fleet together for the past ten years. When he passed away in February, 1990 we wanted him to be remembered by all. The weather was exceptional compared to years past. We were able to get in six races, all of which George Deyette, of Massabesic Yacht Club, came in first place. Twelve boats attended, four of which were from Maine, which is the largest turnout we've had from our state in 11 years. We plan on holding the State of Maine Lightning Regatta on July 6-7 next year and we hope to double the turnout of this year.

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	Windy 2	Paolo Rosi & Mario Forgione
13271	King Furious III	Carlo Musso
13455	.....	Sauro Scarpocchi
13462	Areknames II	Paolo Rosi & Vittougo Mearini
13715	.....	Eugenio Branca
13841	Atom	Franco DeRegis
14228	.....	Sergio Rustichelli
14245	.....	Eugenio Branca
14316	.....	Camillo Angeli

No Report.

TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456) Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjarvi, Finland

Fleet Captain Hartti Nisonen
Fleet Secretary Leena Nisonen
Fleet Champion Jaako Herttua

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12429	Maruzella	Antero Punttila
12757	.....	Veijo Meisalo
12914	.....	Asko Autio
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
13130	.....	Matti Torkkeli
13562	Amanda	Hannu Hanskala
14179	Tinto	Tuomo Kauhanen
14274	Annie Hall	Leo Korhonen
14331	.....	Pentti Laitinen
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14430	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen

In Finland the spring 1990 came a month earlier than usually. Also Lake Tuusulanjarvi was open already in the end of March. There was warm weather and good winds during April, but our boats were sleeping under their covers after the winter. This was pity but we have not used to start so early. However spring seems to come every year earlier and earlier so we must change our habits and be ready in April. This makes our season one month longer.

So we started 1990 sailing in May on lake Tuusulanjarvi. Our fleet organized a sailing clinic with Finland District on Saturday 26th. The weather was not favourable and only four boats participated. Anyhow this was important because five boats from our fleet planned to participate to the European Championships in Switzerland. And that also happened. Asko Autio, Jaakko Herttua, Leo Korhonen, Hartti Nisonen and Pertti Pyy with their crew travelled to La Neuveville competing with other European Lightnings. Leo Korhonen with crew Anne-Marie Korhonen and Kari Saloniemi placed 12th in results. Nisonen was 15th, Autio 24th, Pyy 26th and Herttua 27th. Next year we will do better in Italy!

In the middle of August six Lightnings from our fleet sailed in the District Championships which were organized by Kallan Purjehtijat. Again Leo Korhonen with Anne-Marie and Rainer Korhonen placed best from our fleet. They got the silver medals even if they capsized in the fourth race. Congratulations to Korhonen family! Hartti Nisonen with Juha and Asko Hamalainen was 4th. Pertti, Leena and Maija Pyy were 6th. Jaakko Herttua with Niko Lappalainen and Pasi Hannila was 7th. Asko Autio with Antero Uitto and Pekka Penttinsaari was 8th. Antero Punttila with Jaakko Usva and Timo Evila was 13th. Not so bad results from fleet 456.

Ville Lahtinen, who was third in the 1988 World Youth Championship, participated with his crew also this year to World Youth Championship in Buffalo. But this time the conditions were a little bit strange and the success did not come.

Our Fleet Championships were divided in two parts, consisting of: On the Rocks Regatta and Autumn Regatta. The new Fleet Champions are Jaakko Herttua, Niko Lappalainen and Pasi Hannila with their boat

Aiolos which is a Greek name of the God of winds.

As you can see above the list of boats in our Fleet are 12 Lightnings all in good condition. However only half of the fleet are sailing the same time. This is because we have not enough crew members in our Fleet. For next year we try to find new active sailors to our boats so that we can get more boats out of the lake to enjoy sailing.



Fleet Captain Hartti Nisonen with crew Juha and Asko Hamalainen going out during the District Championship 1990.

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Florida District

Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida

Fleet Secretary Fisk Hayden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11335	.....	David Robb
11138	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
9284	Malandro	Paulo DeAlmeida Soares
11693	Easy Rider	Brian Murray
12407	Perkeo	Francisco Del ReNetto
12440	Patua	Carlos Eduardo Fenneia
12513	Abuelo	Per Olov Hornell
12526	Gringo VII	Alberto M. Torres & Hugo Barrosa Uelze
13008	Viking II	Thomas Buckup
13406	Meia Noite VI	Andre Sulzbeck
14101	.....	Michael Anthony Norris & Mario Buckup
14071	Xamego II	Nelson Small Schmitt
14167	Star Rider	Christopher Downey
14168	Flying Cloud	Jens C. Ruschmann
14169	Execravel	Bernardus J. Maitten
14170	Gatao	Tore Schjeldsoe

14329	.....	James Sumner
14330	.....	Thomas G. S. Sumner
14335	.....	Milton Torres Bastos
14353	.....	Nelson Small Schmitt
14401	Triunvirato	Fernando R. Hackerott & Mario V. Saconi

No Report.

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet Captain Robert G. Ames
Fleet Secretary Vivian Hollinshed, Jr.
Fleet Champion J. M. "Dick" Coburn
Runner-Up Vivian Hollinshed, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11898	Whiskers	Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.
14247	.....	Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.
14252	Strings Attached	J. M. "Dick" Coburn

During November, 1989, Dick Coburn purchased Greg Fisher's Lightning 14252 and Vivian Hollinshed purchased another Lightning 14247, from Bill Sloger.

Eighteen races were held during the summer and there were good winds for all the races, stronger in the earlier part of the sailing season and tapering off some later in the year.

The winds for the Southeastern District races were the poorest for the entire year, but Lenny Krawchek solved the problem, winning in fine form.

The prospects for new members seems very good at this time as two members of our sailing club have expressed interest in a Lightning and other Lightning owners have made inquiries about joining our club and fleet.

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

No Report.

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
13760	Sea Horse III	Pertti Jalonen
14352	Sini	Pentti Jarvinen
14403	Janita II	Aimo Jokiniemi

Our fleet sent *Janita II* to European Championship in Switzerland. *Janita II* was skippered by Aimo Jokiniemi and crewed by Tuula Jokiniemi and Tanja Jokiniemi.

July 21-22 was the Pajanne-Regatta, which is sailed on a 120 km long lake. *Janita II* was first skippered by Aimo Jokiniemi, crewed by Tuula Jokiniemi and Jani Jokiniemi. *Sini* was sixth, skippered by Pentti Jarvinen.

crewed by Lassi Jarvinen and Pertti Jalonen.

Sea Horse III was seventh, skippered by Ismo Kuusialo, crewed by Seppo Sairanen and Heikki Virkki.

Janita's time was 23 hours 22 minutes. The wind was light for the regatta. On Sunday morning, there was an eclipse of the sun, it was wonderful.

The Finnish Championship was sailed in Kalajoki. On August 8-12 *Janita II* and *Sini* were 14th and 16th.

At Valkeakoski "Liessaari-Sailings" and the "Mallasvesi Days", the winner was *Sini*, skippered by Pentti Jarvinen and "Liessaari Sailings" was won by *Sea Horse III*, skippered by Pertti Jalonen.



After the "Paijanne-Sailing" *Janita Lightning*-classes challenge cup on the left: Tiula Jokiniemi, Jani Jokiniemi and Aimo Jokiniemi.

CASCO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (471)

New England District

Sailing on Casco Bay at Portland, ME

Fleet Secretary Tom Toohey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6191	Todd Lalumiere
7127	Tom Toohey
8990	Todd Lalumiere
12370	Tom Toohey
Life Member	Dave White

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
13061	.....	Bruno Bonardi
13343	Piallassa	Luciano Ronconi & Sergio Cecchieri
14239	.....	Riccardo Giondi
14243	.....	Gaetano Pellizzaro

No Report.

WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Kerr at

Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain Kent Mullikin

Fleet Secretary & Treasurer Colleen Vitek

Fleet Champion Kent Mullikin

Runner-Up John Pelosi

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
12988	Smoke	James Taylor
13178	Frog	James E. Nutt, M.D.
13490	Subject to Revision	R. Grant Wolslagel
13620	.....	Ed Michels
13656	Gunsmoke	Kent R. Mullikin
13709	Sheep Thrills	Robert S. Lamb
13738	Plane Crazy	Robert M. Wilkins
13848	Menage a Trois	Henry Bridgers
13856	Frayed Knot	John W. Pelosi
13877	.....	Michael S. Rees, M.D.
14129	.....	Tom K. Hudgens
14376	Hallucination	James E. Nutt, M.D.
14390	.....	Edward J. Vitek, Jr.
.....	.....	Mary Beth Egloff

Fleet 481 opened its tenth anniversary season in January with a rousing party at the home of John and Carol Pelosi. In the midst of the festivities there was a more or less formal meeting, at which a plumed hat and ceremonial sword were bestowed upon newly elected fleet captain, Kent Mullikin. The fleet also welcomed as boat owners Henry and Avid Bridgers, who fell for Lightnings while crewing with Billy Dixon.

In February, Tom Hudgens generously lent his boat as the centerpiece of our display at the North Carolina Boat Show, and a number of fleet members took turns telling passers-by of the pleasures of Lightning sailing.

Our March activities began with an evening seminar on the racing rules. Late in the month Ched Proctor stopped off on his way home from the Midwinters to spend a day with us on Kerr Lake, tuning boats, giving tips on sail trim, and running some short practice races.

Our local club season began in April. Lightnings constitute one of the largest and most active fleets of the Carolina Sailing Club, which holds monthly regattas on Kerr Lake, April through October. At the season's end Kent Mullikin held a slim lead over John Pelosi.

In addition to sailing with the Carolina Sailing Club, Fleet 481 sailors led by Southeastern District Commodore John Pelosi, were more active than ever on the District Circuit. We were represented at all ten of the sanctioned district events, and seven boats sailed enough regattas to qualify for the season standings. A social highlight of the district season was a moonlight lawn and croquet party chez Pelosi during the weekend of the North Carolina Governor's Cup in June.

Our year ended gloriously the last weekend in October with the tenth annual Borderline Regatta at Henderson Point on Kerr Lake. A record number of 41 boats from nine states turned up for the Borderline, sailing two tricky light air races on Saturday and three in 15-20 knots on Sunday. Dick Hallagan came south from Rochester to win it, beating out Jim Carson and Tom Allen, Jr. Our own John Pelosi shanghaied Ched Proctor as crew and took fourth. We rented the vacant buildings or the nearby Kerr Lake School for a Saturday evening social hour, dinner, and dance. The whole fleet pitched in to make this regatta a success, and we'll do it again in 1991. Come sail with us!

ITHACA LIGHTNING FLEET (484)

Central New York District

Sailing on Cayuga Lake at Ithaca, New York

Fleet Captain David Lansky

Fleet Secretary Cally Arthur

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	Orphan	Peter V. Lent
13124	Scudder	Rick Eckstrom
13934	Hot Flash	Jesse W. Miller

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Edward Taverni
 Fleet Secretary James P. Finn
 Fleet Champions Bram & Jean Palm
 Runner-Up Tom Doran

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10118	Griffin	Jeff Germain
11010	.....	J. Thomas Doran
11134	Against the Wind	Jeff Germain
11379	.....	Clay Murphy
11650	.....	Pamela Tuttle Murphy
11728	.....	Bill Pirillo
12687	.....	Nick Canale
13881	"Bill"	Frank Palmer
13939	Rolling Thunder	Fran Watts
14034	.....	Edward Taverni
14070	.....	Mark Purcell
14140	Cheese Crackers	Joseph J. McCloskey
14266	Greenwing	James P. Finn
14303	.....	J. Thomas Doran
14355	.....	Jean & Ronald B. Palm
14418	.....	Clay & Pamela Murphy
14445	.....	Arthur Tirrell
.....	.....	Robert J. Finn

The Port Oswego Lightning Fleet celebrated it's first 10 years of racing this year. Fleet 485 has grown in many ways since those Sunday mornings when Jim Finn, Bob Finn and Ed Taverni met at the boat houses to race their Lightnings. Bob's newspaper reports of those Sunday fleet races, made the community aware of sailing as a competitive sport. The articles sometimes made Oswego appear as the site of Americas Cup competition! Bob's articles captured the interest of many, some even chose to join the fleet. Joe McCloskey's love of sailing and his competitive spirit saw the Lightning Fleet as a way to improve his sailing skills and spend time on the water. Fran Watts crewed in one race, bought a Lightning, then began to show us what is meant by "Jungle Sailing". Tom Doran liked out Fleet trophy so much, he sold his Thistle, bought a Lightning, taught us how to race, and forced us to learn the rules. Art Tirrell sailed into Oswego one day on a Finn, talked to Joe McCloskey, bought a Lightning, and never left, except to go to Lightning regattas. Frank Palmer and Jeff Germain crewed for a few years then each bought their own Lightnings, which helped build the fleet. Bill Pirillo bought the Fleet Champion's boat, and brought with him an attitude of how can I help? Which is the foundation of any successful Fleet. Most recently Bram and Jean Palm joined Fleet 485 and brought with them a lifetime of sailing experience. Bram has been the Fleet Champion for the last 2 years, and Jean was runner-up last year. Jean also won this years Womans North American Lightning Championship, just three



At the mark it's Skip Wilday, Art Tirrell, and Jimmy Allen — 60 boat Michelob Lightning Regatta.

weeks after giving birth to a baby girl.

The growth of Fleet 485 has also been helped by Mark Purcell, Clay and Pam Murphy, Jed Dodge, and our newest member Nick Canale. The future shows promise also, as two future members, Sara and Alison Finn, twin girls, were born to Bob and Wendy Finn this Spring. Team Finn should be on the race course soon.

Lightning Fleet racing began this year with the annual Mayor's Cup Regatta. This regatta has traditionally been our tune-up race for the new season, and in keeping with tradition Tom Doran won the Mayor's Cup, with Bram Palm, second and Art Tirrell, third.

Our racing program consisted of a spring, summer and fall series. The Spring Series was won by Bram Palm with Tom Doran runner-up. Art Tirrell received his new boat in time to win the Summer Series with Jim Finn as runner-up. The Fall Series was raced in a cloud and when the dust had settled, Tom Doran had won and Bram Palm was runner-up.

The Fleet Championship was determined by the overall low point scorer of all 3 series. Bram Palm won the Fleet Championship for the second year in a row, with Tom Doran runner-up and Jim Finn, third.

The second weekend in August saw the arrival of 60 Lightnings in Oswego to compete in the annual Michelob Lightning Classic. Fair weather with varying winds gave competitors a mixed bag of sailing conditions. When Saturdays races were complete the Mich Clash began with Lightnings sailing up the Oswego river to collect numbered blocks, which would correspond to numbers drawn lottery style after dinner. Prizes were supplied by Dennis Dorsey and Eagle Beverage. Fran Watts did a great job organizing the event which helped bring Lightning racing into the heart of Oswego. When Sundays racing were over Brad Reed had won the regatta with Bram Palm winning the Lake Shore Lightning Squadron trophy. Much thanks goes to Jim Finn, Joe McCloskey, and Bill Pirillo for co-chairing the event.

With the sixty boat Michelob Lightning Classic, a Fleet racing program that consisted of 48 races, getting race committee to cover fleet races, organizing cookouts after races, and always attempting to keep Fleet members working together; Fleet Captain Ed Taverni is to be commended for directing a very successful year of Lightning racing in Oswego.

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

Fleet Captain Rick Conaway
 Fleet Secretary Bryan Uhlmansiek
 Fleet Champion Rick Conaway
 Runner-Up Jerry Wnorowski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8664	Chaos	C. Graeme Wilson
11637	.....	Francis C. Renschen
11701	Old One Eye	Ken H. Token
12136	Thunder	Bryan Uhlmansiek
12891	Sparrow	Leo J. Donovan
13088	Kant Believe It!	Gerald L. Wnorowski
13290	.....	Robert Minelli
13379	Top Secret	Stephen Wyers
13761	Cygnus	Michsel J. Sepp
14005	Summer Madness	Wayne M. Watson
14088	Fascination	Richard Conway
.....	.....	Ralph Rudy

Lock and Dam 26 on the Mississippi River forms Alton Lake. Fleet 486 located at Valley Sailing Association actively races on Sundays and Wednesday nights. All Lightnings can join us for the Governors' Cup and Muddy Rudder Regattas later in the year. The 1991 Muddy Rudder is scheduled for the weekend of September 7-8....Start your watches!

The 1990 Muddy Rudder Regatta was held the weekend of Sept. 8-9. 13 boats entered this year as Dan Busher from Nashville took home first place honors. Bill Baxter of Memphis edged out Rick Conaway in the final race for second as Rick took third. Another Memphis visitor to join us was Roy Robbins. We hope all of our friends can join us again in 1991.

Congratulations go to Rick Conaway for winning the Governors' Cup in convincing fashion. Rick's four bullets in five races smoked the fleet. The first four races on Saturday were in good wind, the Sunday race was a drifter. Fran Renschen was second and Jerry Wnorowski took third.

We extend a welcome to new fleet 486 member Don Dellerman and welcome back old friend Wayne Watson who rejoins us via Washington, D.C. and Florida.



Sailing on Alton Lake.

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

Fleet Captain Bob Stoller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
584	.....	Earl C. Harris, Jr.
9809	Arrogantly Shabby	Larry Arbuthnot
13478	.....	Bob Stoller
13857	.....	Martin Mulhern

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
Runner-Up Alberto Gonzalez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11011	Ojo De Lince	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
13226	Quebec	Leonardo Witting
13282	.....	Pablo Ramirez M.
14295	.....	Manuel Gonzalez B.
14459	.....	Manuel Gonzalez B.
14307	.....	Manuel Gonzalez M.

Aculeo Fleet is going to host several regattas this season. The Fleet Championship regatta will be at the end of October. The middle of November we are going to race another championship.

Remember our summer is December, January, and February.

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

Fleet Captain Joe Rogan
Fleet Secretary Bob Blalock
Fleet Champion Brent Benson
Runner-Up Joe Rogan

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
11444	.....	Brent W. Benson
12728	.....	Tom Davis

13453 Robert Blalock
13720 Joseph J. Rogan

In spite of light air and the busy schedules of many fleet members, the 1990 season was a good one for fleet 491. Each of the 13 races put on by the Nockamixon Sail Club had one to five Lightnings on the starting line. Our fleet grew this year with the welcome addition of Brent and Barbara Benson. Brent and Barbara previously raced a Jet 14 in the Nockamixon Sail Club's handicap fleet, but bought a Lightning last winter after realizing what a great boat it is. The change must have agreed with them since they won the fleet championship for the 1990 season. Joe Rogan took the runner-up trophy this year. Joe was unable to attend many of the races, as a new marriage and buying a house kept him and his wife Tammy busy. Fleet 491 congratulates Joe and Tammy and hopes to see them on the starting line more next season. Charlie Shoemaker and Bob Blalock battled it out for "middle of the fleet" honors throughout the season. A new job and move kept Tom Davis from a lot of racing, but we hope to see him back on the course next year.

1991 promises to be one of the best seasons yet. Several new Lightning owners in the area have shown interest in joining our fleet. Joe promises to try to attend more races. Charlie has solved some mechanical problems and Bob is working on better light air performance. All this is going to add up to some keen competition and a great season next year for fleet 491.

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

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
13572	Tom Gallagher
13766	Kenneth R. Hopson
14292	James E. Richards
14365	Robert C. Wardwell
14485	Robert C. Wardwell

No Report.

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
.....	Joe Cummiskey

No Report.

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
 Runner-Up David Browne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13150	Bumble Bee	David Browne
13603	Isle of Skye	Gordon Worley
13667	.....	Mort Levy
14240	.....	Tim Harris
14326	.....	Adrian D. Niderost
14438	.....	R. A. (Tony) McBride

1990 was a memorable season for Fleet 499. We added two boats and lost one for a net gain and a total of six boats. How we grew is because of a combined fleet 215 and 499 effort to recruit new Lightning sailors. We asked the local YMCA to sponsor and advertise an information evening for those interested in learning about sailing and Lightnings, it worked! We gained a total of 5 new club members and two boat owners. Remarkably, one new owner and his wife came in as crew and by mid season were so impressed with the Class, bought a fleet member's boat which the previous owner replaced with a "Fastiggi special."

Our neighborhood grew as well, Don McDuff, Ross Leverette and Ted Bowser from Hudson Y.C. created a movement that resulted in the rebirth of fleet 376. They had us up for a fabulous barbeque and race-day which cemented friendships and generated interest in the class among the many ex-keelboat sailors at Hudson.

On the local front, Tony McBride won the 1990 fleet championship, placed highly in many out-of-town regattas and continued to wax enthusiastically about Lightnings. This year Tony qualified for the N.A.'s in Rochester but due to a crew union wildcat strike had to give it a miss.

Tony also loaned his new boat to the Junior World's and was rewarded with an invitation to guest-sail the Lake Erie Districts where he sailed well and unofficially finished "near the top ten."

Pointe Claire Y.C./Fleet 499 members were welcomed and billeted her sailors throughout New England and New York areas. Collectively we thank all our new friends and look forward to returning the favour, so come on up anytime.

Seasons highlights included visits to Henderson Harbour, Hamilton, Cedar Point, Hudson, Buffalo Canoe Club, Coral Reef and St. Petersburg Yacht Clubs where we enjoyed fabulous racing, excellent race committees, stunning varieties of winds and conditions, memorable meals and many glasses of cleansing ale!

Mostly we relearned what we forgot in the winter — it's a slow learning curve for most of us, and we had a heck of a time while we were about it!

A special mention to Hamilton Y.C. for running an excellent Canadian Open and to their master of ceremonies, Keith MacDonald for turning the prize-giving into high entertainment. Tenth place finisher, Mark Bryant gave the best acceptance speech of 1990 and reminded us that this racing game is a game, not brain surgery and none of us needs to shout or pout. Congratulations are in order to David Starck who is the new Canadian Open Champion, and his crew of brothers Tom and Mike Montani, they were worthy winners. Way to go guys. Elect Keith MacDonald for Prime Minister!

Fleet 499 1990 ILCA Awards: Best Lobsters — Cedar Pt. Y.C. (thanks Sarah & Fergus); Most Food — Hamilton Y.C.; Best Water — Cedar Pt. Y.C.; Coldest Beer — Henderson Harbor Y.C./Cedar Pt. Y.C. (Tie); Wildest Winds — Coral Reef Y.C.; Best Pool — Hudson Y.C.; Longest Drive (Summer) — Cedar Pt. Y.C.; Longest Drive (Winter) — Coral Reef Y.C.; Best Regatta — Henderson Harbor Y.C.; Best R.C. Work — St. Petersburg Y.C.; Best Reaches — Hamilton Y.C. (Cdn. Open); Best Hospitality — All clubs tied; Best Prizes — Hamilton Y.C. (Cdn. Open); Best Boat Name: "The dates from hell" — Jim Cesare; Best Capsize — Judy Lutz, Cdn. Open, fourth race, wing mark.

Now let's get together and do it all again real soon.

Respectfully submitted

Timothy Harris, Fleet 499 secretary (14240)

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
10931	.....	Jese Tremaine
12000	Chaos	David A. Rasmussen
13105	.....	Robert M. & Patty DeRycke
.....	.....	Terry Igoe

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
7452	Cingara	Alvaro Sanjines
11660	.....	Alvaro Acosta
12570	Acuarius	Santiago Douat
13216	Acuarius	Leopoldo Gonzalez
13427	Ginga II	Andres Iriarte
13428	.....	Jorge Recaman
13429	Sirius	Jose & Miguel Gonzalez
14111	.....	Richard Deeb
14132	.....	Jorge Recaman
14183	.....	Richard Deeb

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Dave White
 Fleet Secretary Gail Meyer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10744	Owl	Jeffrey R. Stall
12396	.....	David E. White, III
13063	Rip City Express	Gary Marshall
13285	.....	Clark T. Higgs
14006	Fired-Up	William H. Meyer, III
14209	.....	Earl Mabie

Suncoast Fleet 502 struggled to make the 1990 year a success as four of our most active sailors were affected by factors such as a lengthy repair for Dave White's boat, an obsession of Gary Marshall to play golf on Thursday night sailing, a baby (James) for Clark and Leslie Higgs, and a serious automobile accident for Bill and Gail Meyer while returning from the Districts in Miami in May. Gail is now sailing again, Dave White has 13396 moving real well, and Gary seems to be getting tired of golf. Leslie Fisher is talking about getting a Lightning, but she is a busy lady sailing and selling sunfish, sailing her Dad's PHRF boat, and of course making sails. Earl Mabie has 14209 up for sale, and it may already be sold at this time.

Clark Higgs with Dave White as one of his crew, and Bill Meyer with wife Gail and Dave Michelson as crews, competed in the 1990 Districts but didn't crack the top ten. Clark also sailed in the N.A.'s as crew which may

well be his 5th straight appearance at that level. Bill and Gail Meyer placed 3rd in the Florida Triple Crown competition, 2nd at Ft. Myers Pageant of Light Regatta, 4th at Melbourne Fun for Sail Regatta, and 3rd at the Carlisle Cup in Clearwater.

In the four series 28 race Thursday night competition at Davis Island, Dave White placed second in the 3rd series, and Bill Meyer placed 1st in the 3rd and 4th series. Thursday night racing is based on Portsmouth, and the variety of one designs sailing in the same competition ranges from sunfish to E skows. Over a broad range of wind conditions, the Lightning seems to hold its own. Other classes excel in specific wind conditions, as the marks are fixed and the only change allowed is a reverse course.

The Thanksgiving Regatta hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club is open to all who may want to join us and 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. Bring your bathing suits, tee-shirts, and flip-flops. Guest Lightnings are especially welcome at Suncoast Fleet's sailing events.

Fleet 502 and the Davis Island Yacht Club are hosting the Lightning Pan American Game Trials on April 12-14 to select the U.S. representative. The Florida Districts will follow on April 27-28.

LOUISVILLE LIGHTNING FLEET (503)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on the Ohio River near Louisville, KY

Fleet Secretary Robert Whalen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
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
 Runner-Up Bruce Kendall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Fleet
13665	.....	Charles C. Harris
14084	First Strike	Michael C. Carroll
14349	First Strike	Bruce T. Kendall

The second year of the Clearwater Yacht Club's Lightning Fleet was not as active nor as successful as our first year. We quickly learned that it takes more than a year to be competitive at the Winter Championship in St. Petersburg. Our sole entry, *First Strike* (14084) was doing a respectable job until the last day when a wind gust at the wing mark turtled the boat in three foot seas. We should have realized that we were in the "Big Leagues" when we raced in 25+ knots on Saturday, at the same time the big IMS and PHRF boats out in the Gulf canceled their race.

On a more positive note, Clearwater Yacht Club placed third in the Sarasota Sailing Squadron's Labor Day Regatta thanks to the able assistance of Clark Higgs (Suncoast Fleet 502). Also Bob McCann again showed his skill in taking first place in the Windjammers Bay Series and at the Fourth Annual Carlisle Classic. However, Bob McCann, Bruce Kendall and Marc Bershaw were not as successful when the Clearwater Yacht Club hosted the FSA Championships for 1990. Some of the best one-design sailors from around the state again reminded us that it takes more than a year to be competitive in the major leagues.

Also worth noting is the success that the Clearwater Yacht Club's Youth Program has enjoyed with IODA's, so watch out you Juniors!



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