

**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 Peck
Runner-Up Tim Healy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
11100	.....	Charles Zaremba
11474	Luff Song	Lester O'Brien
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
12069	.....	William A. Sebestyen
12282	.....	Michael Nagel
12786	Somewhat Cavalier	Gary Davis
13230	Moonshine	W. Harmon Leete
13636	.....	Nelson N. Hoffman
13940	Second Wind	David G. Dickerson
14055	Certain Victory	Christopher J. Vann
14073	Bee Hive	John W. Oldham, III
14154	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14189	.....	Ward Woodruff
14289	.....	David Peck
14321	Pooh D'Eau	Kevin & Jonathan Farrar
14341	.....	Tim Healy
14350	Jollymon	Bill Healy
14417	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14419	.....	Franz R. Edson
Life Member	.....	David M. Peterson
.....	.....	Thomas V. Moriarty, II & Thomas V. Moriarty, III

1991 was a busy year for Fleet 85 as we were co-hosts of the 1991 North American Championship Series in Newport, Rhode Island. Our efforts in this endeavor were ably led by Don Barrett, who was one of the Co-Chairpersons, Barbara Vann, who was Entertainment Chairperson, Dave Dickerson, who assisted Kip Hamblet in the measurement duties, and Lori Davis, who was Registration Chairperson.

In addition to helping organize the NA's, Fleet 85 members also took time out to sail. Gary Davis, Chris Vann, and Franz Edson took Hazardous Duty on its maiden sail at the Long John. Next on the agenda was the Early Bird at Cedar Point. Bill Healy, Tim Healy, Dave Peck, and Don Barrett attended this event. This was followed by the Niantic Bay Memorial Day Series, which was won by John Oldham (making a guest appearance direct from California). Dave Peck finished second and Franz Edson finished third. John went on to the Lightning Worlds at Annapolis where he placed sixth. Back in Niantic Bay for the Independence Day series, Chris Vann beat Franz Edson; Bill Sebestyn came in third. On to the District Championship at Cedar Point. Dave Peck won this event beating a determined Jody Lutz. Most of Fleet 85's sailors attended this event. Dave continued his winning ways at the Volvo Regatta in Newport, beating Brad Read who finished second. Tim Healy had this one in the bag, but "The Room" proved to be his undoing. Chris Vann, Ward Woodruff, Don Barrett, and Franz Edson also attended this event. Finishing a very hectic July regatta schedule, Tim Healy went to Southampton Long Island, where he won the Atlantic Coast Championship for the second year in a row.

Finally, the NA's arrived. After a wild and windy Qualifying Series, Tim Healy, Bill Healy, Dave Peck, and Ward Woodruff, who sailed very consistently in difficult conditions, all qualified for the Blue Fleet. Franz Edson and Don Barrett sailed in the Greens, and Chris Vann ended up in the Yellows. Chris was sailing very well, but just before the last qualifier, a band of Gypsies stole all his grey matter, and as a result, Chris ended up sailing in the wrong fleet! After an interruption, courtesy of Hurricane Bob, five races were sailed. Despite moments of brilliance, Fleet 85 sailors could only produce one finish in the silver; Chris Vann won the Yellow Fleet.

As if all the travel and intensity of this year weren't enough, almost twenty sailors battled all summer long for the Niantic Bay Season Championship. After the smoke cleared, Dave Peck ended up winning, with Tim Healy second and Chris Vann third. Our home season ended with the Niantic Bay Labor Day series. Dave Peck won with Chris Vann and Gary Davis coming in second and third respectively. The next weekend brought sailors from all over to Niantic for the Governors' Cup. This turned into a Fleet 85 sweep as Bill Healy won followed by Dave Peck and Don Barrett. The following weekend, Fleet 85 sent Dave Peck, class newcomer Theresa Parker, Ward Woodruff, and Bill Sebestyn to Cedar Point for the

Fall Classic. Placing fourth in this event allowed Dave to capture the Northern Circuit trophy due to his combined finishes at the Governor's Cup and the Fall Classic. The Northern Circuit is a great way to end the season, with excellent competition and steady early autumn breezes. We are trying to grow this series into a major event; be sure to mark it down on your schedule for 1992!

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

Fleet Captain Chuck McNear
Fleet Secretary John (Ron) Wulff
Fleet Champion Robert Sengstacken
Runner-Up John (Ron) Wulff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7248	Cracklin' Rose	Dan Murphy
10083	.....	Dennis P. Adams
10229	Loose Bolt	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
13002	.....	Justin D. Mahon, Jr.

This season found one boat in our fleet, skippered by Bob Sengstacken, with crew members Dea Sengstacken and Lois Rudden, eligible to compete in the North Americans. A good showing at the Metropolitan Districts in South Jersey qualified Bob for national competition in Newport, RI, but didn't prepare him for a bout with his namesake, Hurricane "Bob". Losing a mast and mainsail, Sengstacken still managed a respectable 12th out of thirty-three boats in the national's number three fleet.

Skipper Dennis Adams imported a new French crew with his June marriage to Sophie Vernhettes. Of course he wasn't seen much on the lake following the honeymoon. A post season sail however, resulted in a water-logged boat, frozen spouse and a motorized tow home. All turned out well and we hope to see more of them both in 1992.

As a result of a pre-season rules seminar presented to Awosting Yacht Squadron members by World Champion Dave Dellenbaugh, Lightnings, and everyone else for that matter, lodged numerous protests. The new motto — "Don't leave home without your protest flag."

While crewing for her husband, a shocked Ann McNear encountered a more graphic form of protest during one race when a water skier showed his displeasure with sailboats by dropping his "sails" (trunks!).

All in all the season's winds were favorable as was the company. One new fleet member, Dave Mahon, finished tuning his boat in time to join the fleet in the annual Whiskerpole Regatta. Whiskerpole 1st place went to Fleet 25 Lake Mohawk's Rich Miner with 2nd place honors to Fleet 95's Ron Wulff.

Highlights of this year's specialty races were the crew race and the Labor Day race. The long-distance Labor Day race lived up to its name as the wind gods were uncooperative. At the end of the approximately five-hour marathon sail the results were: 1st, Chuck McNear; 2nd, John Sengstacken; 3rd, Ron Wulff; and 4th, George Welkey. Welkey credited his volunteer crew Dean Sengstacken and Lois Rudden with the improvement in his usual last place finish.

Chuck McNear found himself in 3rd place at the end of the season's open-class Portsmouth series.

The "jib fairy" struck post-season at Welkey's quietly leaving two used jibs on their front porch. He was identified weeks later but his name should go unrecorded.

**SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)
California District
Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor**

Fleet Captain/Secretary Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4680	.....	Brent Robke
11373	.....	Mike Boswell & Fred Chandler
13117	Well Greased	Bert Winther
13186	Paddlin' Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
14206	.....	Bruce Yaeger

No Report.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104)
Central Atlantic District
Sailing at Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9539	Sundance	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
10771	Mach I	Matthew Morrow
10988	At Last	Barbara G. Mann
12957	Elusive	William E. Dacosta
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F. Hoffman
13782	Men At Work	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
13955	.....	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
13965	.....	Chris Larsen

Our three boat fleet of a few years ago has expanded dramatically due to the enthusiastic promotion of the fleet members. We are certainly not competitive on a national basis but do enjoy Lightning sailing and have some interesting races among ourselves, especially where spinnaker work is involved (don't mention that word).

Summertime sailing on Barnegat Bay is very unpredictable for some days at noon, we can be enjoying gentle southwesterly winds at 5 to 8 knots and by 2:00 PM, when our afternoon 10 minute warning gun goes off, we can be subjected to 15-20 knot southerly blows with gusts and shifts accompanied by choppy waves, all to help make it more enjoyable. On one occasion, when the race was cancelled with the fleet almost across the bay, gusts of about 40 knots, black clouds and lightning flashes the whole fleet planed all the way back to the club and on that occasion, the Morrow brothers were able to win our "bottoms up" trophy when both of them capsized on the way in.

As mentioned, we have grown to a fourteen boat fleet now and have been fortunate to have nine or ten sailing each week. The Summer Series ended on Labor Day week-end and the 1991 Championship was won by Dr. Bob Morrow and crew, George and Meredith Schreyer (father and daughter); Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, with wife Joan and sister-in-law Anne, came second and Matt Morrow, wife Merlin and Bill Scott took third. Next in line Bob Hoffman, sons Larry Skipper, and Tom; Bill Dacosta, Walter Krueger and Joan Young; Charlie and Cathy Heuschkel and Gene Ventimiglia; "The Boys", Stan Schreyer, Anthony Ventimiglia, Alan Morrison; and Danielle Ventimiglia. Patti Applegate, Colleen Broderick, Marguerite Van Dorpe and Bobbie DeMauro...Non qualifiers were Don Cooper, Ron Totams, Dave and Barbara Mann and Mike Farren.

An active fall season reached its peak on September 29th when we raced and had our annual picnic...it was the culmination of a very pleasant and successful sailing season.

Our thanks go to the Race Committee, headed by Vice Commodore Ed Morrison...Tony DeLuca, Trudy Di Francesco, Joyce Johnson and Red Underwood for their practice and braving the weather conditions to help us enjoy the season.

In closing, we are sorry to say so long to Dave and Barbara Mann who are now in South Carolina. We welcome new skipper and owner of their boat, Bill Gerold who will be ready for the spring start.

We're all looking forward to another great year in 1992.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)
Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/Secretary John Dent
 Fleet Champion Alan & Fred Krauss

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	.....	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
9102	Bohica	Peter B. Morley, Jr.
11070	.....	Alan Krauss
12104	.....	Stan Dent
12784	.....	John N. Dent
13493	.....	Mike Dow
13999	.....	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
14009	Serendipity	Mike Dow
14516	.....	Mike Dow

The 1991 sailing season got under way June 23 at Higgins Lake this year

with the kickoff of our seasonal series. These weekend races are generally casual competitions open to anyone wishing to participate. Our more experienced sailors are more than willing to offer advice or help to any sailors who may be less experienced or racing for the first time. In addition to our seasonal series, special events included our annual Firecracker Regatta held over the 4th of July weekend and the annual Property Owner's Regatta held over Labor Day weekend.

On August 3 and 4 we hosted our Invitational Regatta for Lightning and Hobie Cat sailors from around the state. The turnout was lighter than expected, but those who were there can attest to the good time and spirited competition had by all. Trophy winners were as follows: Tom Niles from the Bay City Yacht Club in fifth place, John Dent from the Higgins Lake Boat Club in fourth place, John McCree also from BCYC in third place, Colin Park, BCYC, in second place, and Mark Whitley and Leslie Fink from Pontiac Yacht Club taking top honors. We look forward to seeing even more of you next year on beautiful Higgins Lake.

Our annual awards banquet was held on Labor Day weekend to conclude our season. Ric Blamer was awarded third place for the Firecracker Regatta with John Dent second and Alan Krauss finishing in first place. The Labor Day Regatta results again saw Ric Blamer in third place, Ellen Galey and Alan Krauss finished in second place and John Dent finished in first place in this two day event. The results of our seasonal series were Ric Blamer in second place and Alan and Fred Krauss again winning the Commodores' Cup.

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

Fleet Captain Doug Olson
 Fleet Secretary Bill Dean
 Fleet Champions Dave Roznowski/Terry Phelan
 Runner-Up John Evans

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9634	Puzzle	James L. Hopkins
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
11188	Zulu Warrior	Michael B. Kulcoski
13486	.....	Patrick Ford
13568	Wet Dream	Bill Dean
13817	.....	David M. Roznowski
13818	Silent Scream	Brian Phelan
14193	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler

Lightning Fleet 112 enjoyed an enthusiastic 44th summer of sailing on the Bay. We had increased participation by members and a really fun season of good times.

The 1991 Evans Regatta was won by Paul Wurtzbeach of Chicago in his new boat, followed by John Evans second, Brian Phelan third, Terry Phelan fourth and John Esser fifth. Although attendance was down this year, everyone had a great time. We are planning on a great time for next season plus Fleet 112 plans to host the Mid-West Districts in 1992.

This year another GBSC Lightning turtled at the Chicago Red Flannels. Skipper Terry Phelan with crew Doug Olson and Brian Phelan busted their boats mast and sustained some hull damage.

At the seasons awards banquet, Dave Roznowski/Terry Phelan walked



At the Red Flannels: Bill Dean, Dave Cuene, Rick Wood.

away with the Fleet Championship with John Evans getting the Purple Shaft Award for second place, Charlie Nitka, Brian Phelan third, Doug Olson fourth and Bill Dean fifth for the season awards. The annual Walter Masse Race was sailed early this year and Brian Phelan won along with getting the Beaumont Pot.

All our races were run like clockwork thanks to Tom Phelan, Bill Hayes, Charlie Woulter and Jane Stannard.

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

Fleet Captain Skip Wilday
Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane
Fleet Champion Mike Kane
Fleet Runner-Up Skip Wilday

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7828	.....	David Gordon
11175	.....	Michael Kane
13890	Ole Blue	Greg Buckley
13973	Two Windward	Ward Wilday & Skip Wilday
14002	.....	Steve Sellberg
.....	.....	John Godfrey, M.D.

The Cuba Lake Lighting Fleet had a very busy and exciting season. Sailing started in May with brisk winds and cold water.

At the end of June, the Lightning and Snipe fleets co-sponsored the Balde Mother's Regatta. This fun gathering of die hard sailors and party folk has become an annual event. First place Lightning was Tom Stark with Skip Wilday placing second and Dave Wood third. The 1992 regatta promises to be even bigger and better.

Also this past season, our fleet hosted the Lake Erie Districts. This was a first for us. The weather wasn't as cooperative and it could have been with rain and light air. But conditions did improve as the weekend progressed. The first place finisher was John Swanson, followed by Tom Allen, Jr. and Bill Neal. From our club we had two top ten finishers with Skip Wilday at sixth and Greg Buckley seventh.

Many boats from our fleet traveled to regattas. Greg Buckley placed fifteenth at the Michelob Classic in Oswego. Skip Wilday qualified for the North Americans and sailed in the championship flight.

Our sailing year was a great success. We are hoping for an even better sailing season in 1992!

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

Fleet Captain Keith MacDonald
Fleet Secretary Graham Jones
Fleet Champion Larry MacDonald, Jr.
Runner-Up Marty Essig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11174	Mr. Potatohead	John Aitchison & Bryan Milne
11275	.....	Ronald Barr
11289	This Side Up	Keith MacDonald
11486	Bunch of Weenies	David Wood & Graham Jones
13145	Pull it..Surprise!	Doug Baker & Michael Morgan
14194	Niade	Marty Essig
14371	.....	Susan & John Rogers
14476	Chaa Geill	Paul Eichenburg
.....	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.

1991 was an important year for the "Beavers". The fleet purchased 11275 to promote Lightning sailing and hope to duplicate Montreal's success in fleet growth. Our club racing this year consisted of 86 races divided into six series with Larry MacDonald, Jr. being named the Club Champion. We hosted a team racing series in the spring (12 boats) and the ever popular Turkey Regatta in the fall. 18 boats participated in the Turkey Regatta, a seven race, one day event which was won by Jim Allen (Dave Sprague dumped again!). Out of District events attended included the World Championships (2 boats), North Americans (2 boats), the Michelob Classic (2 boats) and the Southern Circuit. The youngest boat owner in the fleet, Marty Essig, won the LED Junior Districts, the LED Fall Series and the Ontario Junior Championships. John Aitchison won the Lake Ontario single handed Lightning Match Racing Championship in a toughly fought

battle with John Rogers in the final race. In the key regatta of the LED Fall Series hosted by Silver Lake Yacht Club, Hamilton boats placed 2,4,6,8 out of 30 boats and we also won the party for the fourth year in a row. In 1992 we plan to host the LED District Regatta, the Canadian Qualifiers for the Junior Worlds, in addition to the team racing and turkey events.

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

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary Karen Pollastrino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10479	Phoenix	Russell Crawford
10857	Kaboom	Alfred J. Martin
11416	.....	Patrick McCormack
11560	Sisu	Nancy E. Peace
13517	Swans	Winthrop J. Snow, Jr.
13540	Nice Guy	Robert & Paula Zimon
13576	Remedy	Alan P. Lavendar & Steven Fram
14275	.....	John Hughes
Life Member	.....	Leonard Pratt

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 Eric Heller
Fleet Champion Gianni Cuccio
Runner-Up Tom Ingram

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Uncle Mills	Charles Simonds
9526	Moondance	Terrence McMahon
10212	Obliv	Brian Hayes
10383	Crescit Eundo	Scott R. Evans
10801	.....	R. Neil Hayes
11097	Cygnus	Gavin Watson
11381	.....	Richard Price
11510	Pride of Yonkers	Thomas Y. Ingram
11576	.....	John Richardson, Jr.
12852	Blazin Heat	Eric Heller
12853	.....	John H. Stewart
13056	Squeeze Me	A. K. Rodgers Ratcliffe
13600	Contender	Bruce Byers
13708	Dates from Hell	Stephen Nosal & James DeCesare
.....	.....	Thomas Hagan
.....	GTO	Gianni Cuccio
.....	Nemesis	David S. Smith
.....	.....	Toby Lambert
.....	.....	Edson N. White
.....	.....	Ched Proctor
.....	.....	Philip Lotz
.....	TNT	C. Dayton Titsworth
.....	Hot Tub	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
.....	Warp 9	Kjell A. Heitman
.....	Palindrome	Jody Lutz
.....	.....	Timothy Naeser
.....	.....	Edson White
.....	.....	Jody Lutz & John Schnorr
.....	.....	Jim Crane
.....	.....	Fergus Henderson
.....	.....	Phil Lotz
.....	.....	David Dellenbaugh
.....	.....	Pamela Hartwell

Fleet 126 will be promoting the use of prophylactics next year as the

abundance of babies caused participation to drop. Those working on the future crew situation included; Gavin and Alice Watson, Tom and Joyce Hagan, Neil and Carole Hayes, Bruce and Jeanne Byers, Jay and Betsy Richardson, and I'm sure I've missed someone. Obviously the future looks bright with all the potential crew and future skippers.

Despite the drop in attendance, the quality of racing was excellent. Cedar Point is able to boast of having not only the North American Champion, Jody Lutz, but also the World Champion, Dave Dellenbaugh. Way to go guys! CPYC was also busy hosting three regattas this summer including Districts, the Early Bird Regatta, and the Fall Classic. Special thanks to Thistle sailors, Ted Fontelieu, Ray Wolfe, Chris Pollak, and all else who helped make these regattas a great success.

Five boats from Cedar Point, including Jody Lutz, Dave Dellenbaugh, Phil Lotz, Brian Hayes, and Jim DeCesare got an early jump on the season by competing in the Lightning Southern Circuit (Midwinters). Jody with a combination of John Schnorr, Will Jeffers, John Rogers, and Will Truslow ended up finishing second overall for the three regatta series. Dave Dellenbaugh with Kip Hamblet and Hale Walcott took first in Savannah, but by not competing in Miami finished 6th overall. Jody went on to take second at the Pan Am trials in Tampa while Phil Lotz finished not far behind in 8th.

The regular season got off to a quick start with the annual Early Bird Regatta at Cedar Point. For those who were able to get their act together (or those who threw their boat in the water anyway) it proved to be a good test of skills — light air to heavy air. With three races sailed, Jim Crane from Norwalk/Noroton took 1st, winning the tie-breaker over Jody Lutz, while Curt Felix from Brookline, MA, took 3rd.

The Vice Commodore's Cup was held Memorial Day weekend with Phil Lotz winning the series, followed by Gianni Cuccio and Tom Ingram, respectively. It was about this time, Fleet Captain, Fergus Henderson finally got his new boat together, learning that drilling all the holes oneself for a new boat does not necessarily save money and certainly not time. (He's a better man than me — I couldn't drill holes in a new boat.) Anyway, ten boats made the line July 4th weekend for the CPYC Commodore's Cup. For the three day series, Tom Ingram took 1st, with Gianni Cuccio in 2nd, and Kjell Heitman in 3rd.

At Lightnings Worlds in Annapolis, Maryland, Dave Dellenbaugh and crew Kip Hamblet and Hale Walcott sailed to victory. With a very consistent series they were able to finish six points ahead of the second place finisher. Also turning in fine performances were Cedar Pointer's Jody Lutz with John Schnorr and Will Jeffers in 13th place and Phil Lotz with wife Wendy and Jeff Beckwith in 28th.

The fleet hosted the Lightning District Championships the weekend of July 13 and 14. The Friday night before was spent measuring in to ease the load for the NA's with hamburgers and hotdogs served. Saturday proved to be a windy day with the Sound putting up at least four foot seas and the lifejacket flag staying up for the duration. Twenty-three boats made it to the line representing clubs in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Those who dared to set chutes got the rides of their lives, a little out of control at times, but a heck of a 'lotta fun. There's nothing like planing on a Lightning. Unfortunately some people took an unplanned swim and for Jim DeCesare and Stephen Nosal they ended up with a mast split into three sections (fortunately they had increased their premium the week before). The evening activities included a fine lobster dinner finished off with the ever popular Hagen-daz ice cream bars. Sunday's weather did not fair as well. While the sun made an appearance the wind made a disappearance. Two races were started, but the second had to be abandoned after the time limit had been reached. Finishing in the silver were Tim Healy from Niantic in 5th, Gianni Cuccio from CPYC in 4th, Jim Crane from Norwalk/Noroton in 3rd, Jody Lutz from CPYC in 2nd, and Dave Peck from Niantic took first.

Cedar Pointer's kept up their presence, nationally with Jody Lutz and crew Ched Proctor and Hale Walcott taking first at Lightning North Americans. Only four boats from Cedar Point participated in the event at Newport where Hurricane Bob certainly made an impression on those who went. Steve Nosal spoke enthusiastically of the storm saying, "Bob made the show!" While some were awed and fascinated by the storm, for others it made for aching muscles after strong winds from the edge of the hurricane caused a number of capsize and dismastings the Sunday prior. Tom Ingram was one of those whom the regatta did not prove kind too. With two broken gudgeons, a broken mast, and a hole in the side of the boat (courtesy of a stink pot) things got a little frustrating. Crew, Jody Lee called it, "The regatta from Hell." Despite the setbacks, Tom with Jody and Jim Nolan crewing and also Tim Naesar with Brian Hayes and Rose Naesar qualified for the blue fleet finishing one point apart from each other. Kjell Heitman with Neil Hayes and Bonnie Foley ended up in the middle of the pink fleet and Jim DeCesare with Steve Nosal and Andrew Dunn were in the middle of the yellow. Congratulations to Jody Lutz and crew for winning the NA's and for a strong showing at the regattas this summer.

Labor Day weekend/Vice Commodore's Cup saw between 5-8 boats make the starting line. Met with a plethora of sailing conditions, Gianni Cuccio

sailed a strong and consistent series for the victory, followed by Tom Ingram, and Eric Heller was able to edge out the Commodore at the end of the last race for third (sorry Bud).

Two boats for Cedar Point ventured up to Niantic, Connecticut for the Governor's Cup. As always Niantic hosted a very nice event with a steak dinner and open bar Saturday night. Tom Ingram with Jody Lee and Eric Heller crewing, came back, after a disappointing first race, to finish fifth in the regatta. Neil Hayes with Lisa Moore and Bonnie Foley ended up a couple boats back in seventh, and Brian Hayes crewed for the fourth place boat, Theresa Parker from Niantic.

Last but not least, CPYC hosted the annual Lightning Fall Classic. Nineteen boats, including eight from Cedar Point competed in what turned out to be a two race series. What happened to those great fall winds? The first race Saturday began in about ten knots of breeze which fizzled to a downwind floater at the finish. Brian Hughes from New Hampshire took the gun followed by Phil Lotz and Gianni Cuccio from CPYC. Things again looked promising at the start of the second race but after numerous lead changes on the first leg (the left side looks good...no now the right side) the race was abandoned and everyone was towed in. Sunday began much the same way with a postponement of the harbor start. With the skies becoming more and more overcast and with a starting deadline of 1:00 things did not look promising. But at around noon the wind started to come in from the East and out we went. The majority of Cedar Pointers went towards the beach after the start, but Brian Hughes was once again out in front by banging the right side. On the downwind leg the wind came in from behind and caused the fleet to compress at the leeward mark. In the process Eric Heller had dropped from sixth to eleventh following a poor rounding by the inside boat. This time, however, he was the only boat to go into the beach. Picking up the usual header coupled with some extra wind he was able to battle back into second place and finally to overtake the leader on an outstanding spinnaker set. It was a nice way to finish the season. The final results were: (1) Brian Hughes/Flip Felex/Laura Milne — New Hampshire, (2) Phil Lotz/Wendy Lotz/John Verelley — CPYC, (3) Gianni Cuccio/David Ruff/Doug Latour/Geoff Birdsall — CPYC, (4) Dave Peck/Diane Peck/Giselle Wagner — NBYC, (5) Eric Heller/Eric Robbins/Bob Wright — CPYC. Also participating from Cedar Point were Edson White (1 1/4 points out in 6th), Tom Ingram, Dick Thackaberry, Fergus Henderson and Jim DeCesare.

The overall season proved to be one of the best, particularly for the last weeks in July and first weeks in August when wind can be fairly scarce, as there was only one needed tow-in. As for the final season standings Gianni Cuccio sailed consistently well all summer to take 1st, Tom Ingram was in 2nd, and Kjell Heitman finished in 3rd.

Fleet 126 should be back in full swing next year, barring any new births and an improved economy. Thanks to all who helped out with regattas, social functions, and other fleet events. Have a great winter and we will see everyone at the Early Bird in the Spring.

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Wilmington River at Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Secretary Sydney Oetgen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13154	John McIntosh, Sr.
13911	John McIntosh, Sr.
.....	Neff Mackintosh
Life Member	J. Wallace Aggett

No Report.

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District

Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, CT

Fleet Captain James R. Deephouse
Fleet Secretary Charles Walz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11207	Early Time	James R. Deephouse
11773	P.F.D.	John Ronshagen
11933	Rosie	J. Michael Sulzbach
13230	Monshine	W. Harmon Leete
13573	.....	Malcolm Ross
14342	.....	Timothy Millhiser

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Tom Anderson
 Fleet Secretary Alan Hunt
 Fleet Champion Bruce Deitz
 Runner-Up Tom Anderson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11457	No Problem	Pam Hsu
11636	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Alan F. Hunt
13242	Over Easy	Eric Lindahl
13268	.....	Eric Lindahl
13299	Hot Chocolate	Tom Anderson
13680	Scarecrow	Tom Foulds
14040	Sail Tough or Go Home	Bruce Deitz
14246	.....	Tom Anderson

Things have been a little slow this year, but we're working on it. Phil Wong and Pam Hsu didn't sail again this year; John Hoffman sold his boat to the enemy (the Hickmans, from Vancouver Lake); Tom Foulds is starting a family; Eric Lindahl studied for his Lieutenant's exam, "the Dunk" works for Boeing on the 777 (we all know what happens to Boemians when they're gearing up for a new model); Tom Anderson went to Europe for the last half of the season; all leaving Alan Hunt and Bruce Deitz to match racing — some people just don't know how to set priorities...

We are trying to get back into the Seattle Boat Show this year — the boat show has been a great source of skippers and crew in the past and we haven't been in the last two shows.

With all our troubles we did manage to pull off one big win — the District Team Races. Actually, we had a little help — Portland lent us two of their finest: John DeBenedetti and Daryll Peck, plus we had a ringer in Mike Johnson, a transplanted Laser and Scyng Flott hotshot who we're hoping to get into a boat next year.

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.
13200	.....	Jack Bentley

We are pleased to welcome Jack Bentley as a new member of the Fleet. He will be here for a tour of duty at the local Coast Guard Station.

Our fleet was represented at both the Southern District and Gulf Yachting Association Championships in July. Bob Borneman took a well deserved 3rd place at the Districts in New Orleans.

We closed out the season with a good turnout of nine boats at the Wadewitz Regatta sailed on Mobile Bay in September. John Bohnenkamp came down from Greenville, SC to visit his family, and took back the 1st place trophy. Warren Buonagura from New Orleans was 2nd, and Robert Bernhardt of Mobile, 3rd. Believe me, it is humiliating when your son whips you in all three races, but wait 'til next year.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)
Michigan District
Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain David Decker
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer David Watt
 Fleet Champion Carl Engels
 Runner-Up David Decker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13640	Tarula	David J. Decker
13879	.....	Gary Fergemann
14241	Simpatico	David H. Watt
14474	.....	David Decker
14500	.....	Thomas Hudson
14505	.....	Carl Engels

The 1991 season was one of rebirth for Fleet 137 and one of excellent competition for all who participated.

From the mid-80's until this year, the Fleet had seen a decline in active members and there were times when skippers had to phone around to make sure there would be at least three boats on the starting line to make it an official race.

But all that changed with the '91 season and it was great to see the renewed enthusiasm and participation. For starters, we began the season with three brand new Lightnings in the Fleet, two for existing Fleet members, Carl Engels and Dave Decker, and 14500 joining the Fleet with a new skipper, Tom Hudson. It is always great to see new boats, but especially when it means that the Fleet is growing. We also welcomed Greg Smith, who purchased Carl's boat, to the Fleet; he comes to the Fleet with a strong racing record in many types of boats, including "hard water" sailing. Greg couldn't participate in every race, but he was always right up front when he sailed.

The Gull Lake Yacht Club has an adult sailing program open to any "adult" who is interested in learning more about the fun of sailing and what makes these things go. This year three Lightning skippers, led by Gary Fergemann, contributed their time and boats twice a week to assist in the program. Besides meeting many really neat people, we benefited from obtaining several very good crew members; and who knows where that can lead.

The season at Gull Lake always concludes with the Annual Invitational Regatta, the last weekend of September. Our regatta is the final one in the Michigan Fall Series and draws a very formidable group of skippers. The scenery is great by that time of the month and the weather usually cooperates. This year we had the pleasure of meeting a Lightning skipper from Lagos, Nigeria who was visiting in Michigan and heard about our regatta. The Lightning fraternity really is worldwide!

We also had the pleasure of having Colin Park share his skills and experience with several of the participants. Instead of competing, Colin crewed each race on a different boat and gave tips on sail trim and boat handling. Everyone appreciated the help and again it shows the type of camaraderie which exists in the Lightning Class.

All of us in Fleet 137 are looking forward to the '92 season and the continued rebuilding of the Fleet. Come visit us if you're in the area.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)
New England District
Sailing on Lake Spofford
at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Fred Turner
 Fleet Secretary Patrick MacQueen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11210	Smurfing Along	Frederick Turner, Jr.
11346	L.I.T.F.L.	Fred H. & Christopher B. Hamblet
12362	.....	Randall Locke
13835	Three Cheers	David H. & Thomas Fitch
14446	.....	Christopher B. Hamblet

No Report.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Lake Ontario at
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain John Gorrie
 Fleet Secretary Brian Curtner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11631	.....	Allan Leibel
12246	Splash Gordon	Yvette Willings & Peter Willings
13048	Bluenose II	Norman F. Clegg
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague
14347	.....	Brian Curtner
14483	.....	John Gorrie
.....	.....	Elliott M. Wilson
Life Member	.....	J.R.G. Bleasby

The Toronto Bay Fleet had a successful year, hosting the Canadian Open in June and the Hurrell Shaker in September. The sailing was excellent for the Open, with steady wind and great competition from 32 boats. With a surprise victory from Jim Cameron of Thunder Bay, the Canadian group settled on the 1992 Open in Thunder Bay.

The Toronto Bay Fleet added three boats this year, the Canadian Star Champion Allan Leibel, bought 11631, John Gorrie reentered the class with 14483, and 11631 upgraded to 14347. We look forward to the 1992 season with much enthusiasm.



The Hurrell Shaker at Toronto — They look happy — did they win?

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 Bieckarek
Runner-Up Dietmar Heydenreich

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3090	.....	Joao De Deus Assis Filho
6591	Iris	Romeo Ragusin
11041	Flamingo	Antonio F. Villianeve
11708	Ciranda	Pedro Alberto Seppe Neto
11709	Canarinho	Willi Carlos Tietze
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
11721	Gojabada	Frederico Perego Costa
12254	Scambau	A. Carlos Richard E. Prado
12407	Perkeo	Francisco Del Re Netto
12524	Foxfire	Karin Thielemann & Bertel A. Bojesen
12657	Perereca	Carlos Bieckarek
13405	Waikiki	Claus Bromberg
13406	Meia Noite IV	George E. B. Sulzbeck
14203	Phreskura	Claudio Bieckarek
14335	.....	Luciano Cesar Grassano Borges

Our Brazilian Championship was won by Claudio Bieckarek, and crew Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo Santos. The Runner-Up was Dietmar Heydenreich with crew Peter Zacher and Mario Gaschke. Twenty-seven boats participated in this Championship, organized by Yacht Club Santo Amaro, and Fleet 147. We were able to complete only four races in three days.

Claudio Bieckarek was third in the Pan American Games, with crew Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo Santos.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain Bernard L. Dillon
Fleet Secretary Don Walter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
9581	Wiki-Wiki	William W. Woodrow
10047	Merrimax	Donald C. Walter
10444	.....	William W. Woodrow
11681	.....	William W. Woodrow

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.
14296	Ghostland	Brad Read

No Report.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)

Indiana District

Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain John Call
Fleet Secretary Dale Fulkerson
Fleet Champion John Nixon/Craig Cobbum
Runner-Up Brad Wagnon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7601	R and R	Larry Rowe, M.D.
8686	.....	Douglas F. Willis
10850	.....	David N. Bumm
11181	.....	Dale Fulkerson
12316	.....	William Stucky
13721	.....	George E. Buckingham
13851	.....	Virgil L. Snyder
13860	.....	Dave Tranter
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas A. Schmahl
13975	Divine Wind	Alan Fox
14125	Miller's Merry Manor	Stephen C. Miller
14187	Wolf Cookie	Edward Bradley Wagnon
14475	Why Not	John R. Nixon & Craig Cobbum

Our fleet was very competitive this year with a lot of lead changes and close finishes. The results of the Holiday Series were: Memorial Day — 1st Brad Wagnon, 2nd John Nixon/Craig Cobbum, 3rd George Buckingham; July 4th — 1st Buckingham, 2nd Alan Fox, 3rd Nixon/Cobbum; Labor Day — 1st Cobbum, 2nd Fox, 3rd Wagnon.

The season's Championship was won by John Nixon/Craig Cobbum/Jim Wellington. Brad Wagnon placed 2nd, George Buckingham 3rd and Alan Fox 4th. The Cynthia Cup was won by John Nixon, Craig Cobbum and Jim Wellington. The Commodore's Cup was won by Steve, Ryan and Betty Miller.

The club hosted the Indiana Districts on June 15-16. The results were Gordon Ettie 1st, Brad Wagnon 2nd, Doug Schmahl 3rd, George Buckingham 4th and Nixon/Cobbum 5th.

The highlight of each season is hosting the annual Hoosier Open on October 5-6. After delaying the races for an hour on Saturday due to high winds and cold weather, seventeen boats from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio braved the elements for some very exciting racing. Only five boats capsized this year versus ten last year. We are getting better! Although the weather was cold, the boats from Chicago were hot. Mike Huffman, Chicago was 1st; Pat Considine, Chicago, 2nd; Dave Decker, Gull Lake, 3rd; Rick Kaiser, Chicago, 4th; and Brad Wagnon, Wawasee, 5th.

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

Fleet Captain Geoffrey Roth
 Fleet Secretary Mark Jenner
 Fleet Champion Federico Meira
 Runner-Up Richard Tuttle

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
10370	.....	W. Craig Thayer
10679	Tape Duck	Richard P. Tuttle
10705	Allegro	John B. Rudd
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey A. Bassin, D.M.D.
12646	Natty Dread	Nathaniel Dain
12929	Wild Fire	Mark Jenner
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13011	The Ghost	Richard Roth
13369	Ceann Saile	Geoffrey Roth
13601	Prince Charming	Michael H. Brock
13675	Manolete	Federico Meira
13755	.....	John M. Sills
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Chip Sinn & Tadd Helmer
14369	No More	.....
	Bullship	David K. Bull
14470	.....	Federico Meira

This was my first sailing season in Lake Cazenovia, far up north from my previous home sailing grounds in Lake Tomine, near Bogota, Colombia. As it always is when you are with Lightning sailors, I found in the friendly Willow Bank YC the familiar welcome and tough competition.

I named my boat *Manolete* (a famous Spanish Bullfighter) to get the early season psychological advantage on *No More Bullship*, Dave Bull's champion boat last year. It worked. After chasing each other around the lake during most of the forty-two point races, fencing it off together with Dick Tuttle's *Duck Tape* and Tadd Helmer's *Trivial Pursuit*, we won the Fleet Championship. Believe me, not an easy task, Dick Tuttle was very close to winning before the last race, but we managed to hold him back in one of the most exciting races I have sailed.

Most of the races were sailed by the whole fleet, some eight to ten boats. At our local Caz Flash Bash Regatta we had twenty-four boats racing in the puffy, but always present winds of Lake Cazenovia. Tom Doran won the regatta with three firsts, followed by Dick Hallagan and Clay Murphy. We managed to win the last race and finished sixth.

During the summer Dave Bull, who also participated in the Southern Circuit, together with Dick Tuttle, Tadd Helmer and Geoff Roth, our Fleet Captain and "Rookie of the Year", travelled to a few regattas, including the Districts in Henderson Harbor, and the NA's in Newport.

We hosted our last regatta in October, the Caz One Day, that turned into various capsizes, abandoned races and a soccer match. The summer puffs became ghostly gusts.

Next year's season promises to be a good one for our fleet, with two or more new boats and everyone eager to jump into the water and race in the icy melting waters of the Lake. That's in May. Do I miss the tropics? No Waaaay!

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	Kesahella	Raimo Aromaa
12914	Vahine II	Kari Maenpaa
13560	.....	Tuomo Silenti
14091	Masi IV	Terho & Kimmo Aromaa
14196	.....	Keijo Latrala
14364	.....	Kari Maenpaa

This season our fleet had only one active boat, *Masi IV*, skippered by Kimmo Aromaa with his brothers Jari and Mika as crew. They sailed only half of the season, because their boat was wrecked in a thunderstorm during the Districts. However, the new boat is already under construction and you will see *Masi V* (most likely) in 1992. The former boat is, according to the latest information, also recycled back to use.

Our season began again with training and the On the Rocks regatta, which was sailed in the middle of May at Lake Tuusulanjarvi. This year we had both survival conditions and glassy calm in the same regatta. On Saturday we had 10+ m/s wind with tricky gusts and on Sunday we had to spend our time mostly waiting for the wind. The famous Aromaa brothers team showed a remarkable piece of show on a reach by trailing the forward crew with windward spinnaker chute and mixing both the crew member and the spinnaker with a fishing net. Despite this trawling they didn't capsize (a knife is sometimes VERY useful), but unfortunately sailors in other boats were too busy with their own sailing and couldn't admire the show. In this regatta, *Masi* was second, but it seems they used up all their luck for this season. Next two ranking regattas were sailed mostly in light air, the first one in Helsinki and the second in Kuopio. In both regattas their result wasn't very good.

Our Districts were sailed at Jyväskylä at the end of June. Also this year we managed to get only the minimum number of boats, twenty, to participate. In the first race *Masi* was seventh, but because the boat was wrecked, the following night, when both anchor and bow lines broke, that was their only result except four DNC's. Terho Aromaa had borrowed a boat and participated in the Districts. He was tenth even though a DNF in the last race.

The European Championships were sailed at Lago di Trasimeno in Italy in early July. This year we had six boats from our most active Lightning fleets, even though Aimo Jokiniemi had to make some fast repairs after the Districts and Aromaa brothers had to borrow a boat. It was difficult to sail acceptable races. The race area was large and this caused problems with light winds or none at all. The social part of the regatta was again well organized with the way the Italians always can manage. As already known, only three races were sailed. Best Finnish boats were *Amarillo*, 4th and *Rexsu*, 6th; Team *Masi*, sailing with the borrowed boat *Tinto*, was in the middle of the fleet, this time 14th.

After the Europeans, boats from our fleet didn't sail for the remaining season. *Masi* was on the ninth place in the ranking series. Next year we will have the forty. European Championships in Hanko in southernmost Finland. We hope to see at least forty boats there.



Waiting for the wind. Crew of Masi IV in Kuopio Ranking Regatta.

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

Fleet Captain Rick Kuebler
 Fleet Secretary Jean Steffenson
 Fleet Champion Ken Jensen
 Runner-Up Bill Quaintance

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
8520	Maine-Eac	Patrick J. Goff
9494	Geilidrel	Rick Kuebler
10232	.....	Charles E. White
11456	Clam Digger	Don L. Johnson
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

Fleet 167's racing schedule depends many times upon the whims of Mother Nature and the "current" condition of our Mississippi River. This year was no exception when extensive rains in May made the river unsafe for sailing until the end of June. With the whims of wind and weather, we sailed only seven of our scheduled sixteen Summer Series races. Ken Jensen was the winner of that series, with Bill Quaintance taking second place and Ron Taber in third. Our alternate Sunday summer races are designated as the Commodore series — won this year by Mike Steffenson. Ken Jensen was second and Bill Quaintance third. We find some of our best racing days in our Fall Series — sailed every Sunday afternoon from Labor Day through the last Sunday in October. Bill Quaintance was our 1991 Fall Series winner, followed by Ken Jensen and Ron Taber. Ken Jensen was the winner of both the 4th of July Series and the Labor Day Series.

The determination of the Fleet Champion for 1991 was the closest it has ever been in our fleet. Ken Jensen won this honor by 0.08 percent over Bill Quaintance!

Our annual Polar Bear Regatta was held on September 7 & 8 in definitely "un-Polar Bear" conditions with warm southerly winds at no more than 12 mph. Eleven boats raced in the five race, two day regatta. Mike Steffenson was the winner with Jon Pohlmann (sailing Reed Doughty's boat) second, Ken Jensen third and Gene Matthews from Lake Geneva taking fourth place.

David Jarrin was a new addition to our fleet this year and raced in a number of races after taking sailing lessons from Mara Doughty. Gary Reab is also a newcomer to the group. He is a former "C" Scow sailor who is getting used to sailing with a jib! The Steffensons report that they plan to sail again on Thanksgiving Day morning — extending this tradition to 22 years of sailing while the turkey roasts. The weather on that last sail of the year has varied from balmy to thunder storms to bitter cold wind that froze the spray on the deck and lines.

We hope to involve more fleet members in our 1992 racing program.

L'équipage "Schmid, Gerber, Baumgartner", n'a pu conserver sa première place à l'issue de la journée de samedi et a dû se contenter de la seconde place.

L'autre équipage du Lac de Morat, "Schär, Schärer, Marnod", pouvait encore espérer la place d'honneur mais n'a pu résister lors des deux dernières manches.

J. Perret et son très jeune team a dû subir l'expérience des aînés.

Venus du Lac de Sempach les "Lüthy, Merz, Briker", n'ont jamais pu, malgré leur grande expérience, se mettre vraiment dans la course.

Nous avons eu le plaisir d'accueillir pour la première fois au sein de notre association M. Bernard Comtesse et son épouse. Ils ont pu se rendre compte des difficultés de navigation à deux équipiers seulement. Lorsque le vent fraîchi ou lors des manœuvres au spi, le troisième équipier peut faire gagner bien des mètres.

REGATE "FONDUE"

La traditionnelle régate "fondue" reprenait simplement les trois dernières manches du championnat de district.

Le classement est resté le même à l'exception de J. Perret qui devance U. Schär.

Après l'assemblée générale du samedi soir, nous nous sommes tous retrouvés au restaurant du Cercle de la Voile pour apprécier la convivialité d'une bonne fondue. Je trouve exceptionnel et peut-être unique que la présence de plus de quarante membres et amis se soient retrouvés un soir d'automne dans le seul but de se rencontrer et fraterniser. Plusieurs anciens membres actifs ne pratiquant plus la compétition ont fait quelques centaines de kilomètres pour se retrouver dans l'ambiance de la Lightning Class.

Merci à chacun et à l'année prochaine.



CERCLE DE LA VOILE DE NEUCHÂTEL

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

Fleet Captain Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Secretary Claude Lambelet

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

RAPPORT ANNUEL DE LA FLOTTE 169 DU LAC DE NEUCHÂTEL POUR 1991

De mémoire, jamais notre flotte n'aura eu aussi peu d'activité sur le plan de la participation aux régates destinées à notre série. Aucun de nos membres n'a participé à des compétitions, aussi bien en Suisse qu'en Italie où les Championnats d'Europe avaient lieu. Notre effectif, formé quant-à-lui d'incorruptibles, n'a que peu changé. Ce dont, je le remercie.

CHAMPIONNAT DE DISTRICT ET REGATE "FONDUE"

Il incombait pour cette année à la Flotte 169 d'organiser le championnat de district conjointement avec la traditionnelle régate "fondue"

Le temps était déjà très perturbé durant la semaine qui a précédé ces joutes, ainsi il n'est pas surprenant que ces régates se soient déroulées avec des vents de force et de direction très variables.

Ces variations climatiques ont permis de nous tenir en haleine puisque nous avons dû attendre la dernière manche afin de connaître le vainqueur.

Des gagnants différents, lors des trois premières manches, prouvent bien l'incertitude qui aura régné durant ce week-end. Après ces trois résultats, tout restait encore possible pour les quatre premiers du classement.

Les deux dernières manches ont démontré, s'il en était encore nécessaire, la suprématie de l'équipe "Dürr, Dürr, Wyler". Celle-ci a terminé par deux fois à la première place, ce qui prouve que sa cinquième place lors de la troisième manche n'était qu'un accident de parcours.

CHAMPIONNAT DE DISTRICT SUISSE LIGHTNINE

Régate Fondue

19/20.10.1991

Championnat de District	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	Pla	Club
1. 13790 G. Dürr, W. Dürr, S. Wyler	1/0	2/3	5/10	1/0	1/0	8	SOM
2. 13692 H.-P. Schmid, L. Gerber, E. Baumgartner	2/3	2/5.7	2/3	2/3	3/5.7	14.7	SOM
3. 13161 U. Schär, S. Schärer, C. Marnod	4/8	1/0	4/8	3/5.7	2/3	16.7	SOM
4. 12951 J. Perret, A. Perret, L. Robert	5/10	4/8	1/0	4/8	4/8	24	CVS
5. 13099 C. Lüthy, S. Merz, H. Briker	3/5.7	5/10	3/5.7	5/10	5/10	31.4	YCSE
6. 12860 Comtesse H. et Mme	18/12.2NF/12/7	6/11.7	6/11.7	6/11.7	6/11.7	47.8	CVS

Régate Fondue

(3 dernières régates)

	1.	2.	3.	Pla	Club
1. 13790 G. Dürr	5/10	1/0	1/0	10	SOM
2. 13692 H.-P. Schmid	2/3	2/3	3/5.7	11.7	SOM
3. 12951 J. Perret	1/0	4/8	4/8	16	CVS
4. 13161 U. Schär	4/8	3/5.7	2/3	16.7	SOM
5. 13099 C. Lüthy	3/5.7	5/10	5/10	25.7	YCSE
6. 12860 Comtesse	6/11.7	6/11.7	6/11.7	31.1	CVS

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Branch Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Glenn Reitingar
Fleet Secretary Carl Reitingar

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	.....	Tom Widmeier
13989	.....	J. Edward Serrill
14059	Skal	David W. Long
14325	Verbal Abuse	Carl & Glenn Reitingar
.....	.....	Bob Seybold

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
10987	BoomBoom	Gay Griffith Means
12839	Knee Deep	Larry D. Pledger
13212	Whoopersnapper	Joseph F. & Joseph P. Hunt
Life Member	.....	Clifford J. Prados

No Report.

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)
Long Island District
Sailing on Great South Bay at
Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain Alan Pearlman
 Fleet Secretary William P. Weiss
 Fleet Champion Bill Weiss
 Runner-Up Al Pearlman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8780	EMWYRSPS	Gary Sortino
9670	.....	Angelo Dimartino
10243	Windblown	W. I. Orchard
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
11774	Aleval	Alan Pearlman
13544	.....	Thomas E. McDonald

The 1991 season was a checkered one for Fleet 178.

We enjoyed our first year of use of the "fleet" boat, 12525, so graciously donated by Tom and Theresa Carr, and applied it almost exclusively to the older students in the Junior Training Program at Narrasketuck Yacht Club. We were unable to find qualified skippers to get the boat to the line for the season's races, however.

The season started with John and Paul Maselli representing us at the Cedar Point Early Bird. Then Betsy Brewer's crew totalled her new chute at the Magnus Pedersen.

Bill Weiss practiced spinnaker-jibe capsize at the Southampton Spring Invitational. He developed quite a knack for it. The annual clinic was well attended, and we hope we reached some new blood, thereby, Weiss recovered from his steep learning curve to win the Babylon (July 4th) Invitational by a quarter point over Al Pearlman, who "would have won if the thunder-squall hadn't caused the fourth race to be abandoned."

The fleet hosted the Districts, and the first days races were blown out. Aggressive committee work by Paul McCann, Cecilia Hunt, Doug Meyhoefer, and Bill Weiss got in four six-legged Olympic courses on Sunday, (phew), which supplied all of the competitors with a full and fair chance to give it away. We sent three boats to the Atlantic Coasts, although none of them covered themselves with glory. John Maselli (again) represented the fleet at the GSBYRA Race Week. Al Pearlman "would have won the fleet championship if the centerboard pennant hadn't slipped off its sheave." Unfortunately, it did slip, and Bill Weiss nipped him, again.

The fleet lost Gary Sortino, a stalwart and the District Measurer, to Southern New Hampshire, owing to a change of job forced by the "recently ended recession," and he will be sorely missed. We are thinking of creating a EMWYRSPS-Memorial plaque for the most creative capsize of the year. All Gary has to do to assure his immortality, is to supply a discarded piece of EMWYRSPS for use in the creation of said award.

At the end of the season, the Koller boat was sold to Otto Krizek, and he has been in touch to express interest in the class, fleet, and club. We are already looking forward to next year with anticipation.

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

Fleet Captain Thomas McFate
 Fleet Secretary Mary Gurney
 Fleet Champion Skip Ragghianti
 Runner-Up R. Duane Good

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10941	.....	Robert C. Asmus
13372	Windwalker	Kenneth Pote
13602	.....	Edward J. Benevent
13711	Hied Aweigh III	R. Duane Good
13735	Ne Pousse Paz	Michael Mercatoris
13899	Stormy	Dr. Stan Gurney
14146	Cool Breeze	Ronald Ragghianti

This was an exceptionally fine year for favorable winds and excellent sailing conditions on our inland lake. Our season commenced on May 19th and continued until September 22nd. The racing schedule was divided into three separate series, the Brass Monkey, Summer Championship, and most interestingly, the Fourth of July America's Cup Series. You guessed it, we had to sail that crazy spinnaker up, spinnaker down, hairpin turn, 180 degree jibe course. Three of our skippers chose not to compete this year so our fleet was limited to nine competitors. I am sure they will be back next year. The Fleet welcomed a new member, Robert Asmus, sailing 10941 purchased last fall from Club Commodore Stan Gurney. Bob finished where most beginners do but, was really coming on strong at the end of the season with a little assistance (hopefully Bob can rescue the tiller from that ex-Fleet Champion and get him back into his own boat next year). The competition was extremely keen this year with five of nine boats finishing first at least once during the season. Gone are the days of a couple boats doing a horizon job on the fleet. As the season progressed things began to take on their natural and usual order with Skip Ragghianti moving to the front. Skip and crew were especially hungry this year wanting to rest the championship from last year's winner Mike Mercatoris. To everyone's surprise when the final tally was taken the Runner-Up this year was the oldest member of the fleet, Dr. R. Duane Good, sailing with his able crewman John Andrews. While we have come to expect this type of performance from Skip the entire fleet congratulates you Duane. There must be magic in that 1972 jib.

Our fleet had three very successful social events, the Spring Picnic hosted by Ken and Jeanne Pote, Fourth of July Picnic hosted by Ed and Chris Benevent, and the Awards Banquet hosted by Doug and Carolyn Sparks. Let's hope next year will be as fun filled.



Serious tuning, Stan Gurney and Robert Asmus.

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

Fleet Captain Chris Graf
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Jon Moulton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13862	Sensation	Eric R. Larson
13994	Silent Movie	Daniel Reichelsdorfer
14007	007	Hans C. & Chris Graf
14142	.....	Richard Bemis
.....	.....	Vytas Kerpeno

No Report.