

**HUDSON LIGHTNING FLEET (376)**  
**St. Lawrence Valley District**  
**Sailing on Lake of Two Mountains near**  
**Montreal, Canada**

Fleet Captain ..... Don MacDuff  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Ross G. Leverette  
 Fleet Champion ..... Ross G. Leverette  
 Runner-Up ..... Don MacDuff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12769	.....	Wally Latchem
13949	.....	Brian Rikely
14134	.....	Ross G. Leverette
14200	.....	Don MacDuff

The local season began officially with Lightnings being recognized in the Club Sailpast. Two boats were sold out of the Club, reducing the local competition, but fun was had travelling to other fleets throughout the District. We hosted the District Championships in early July, eighteen boats competed and Peter Hall, Fleet 215, went away the winner. It was a pleasure to have visitors from Burlington, in addition to our District members, from Ottawa to Sorel.

It is hoped the two missing boats will be replaced by their owners with newer models next year to bring our fleet "up to strength."

**LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)**  
**Michigan District**  
**Sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan**

Fleet Captain ..... Ron Wilson  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Fred Hull  
 Fleet Champion ..... Ron Wilson  
 Runner-Up ..... Larry Koster

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10165	White	
	Lightning	Gregory N. Veltema
12561	Orange Crate	Ronald Seely
12888	Do Rite	D. Dennis Dudley
12894	Silent Fury	John Scott
13595	Lady Jane	Robert E. Klimek
13736	2C3S	Terrell L. Kleiman
13903	Bananas	Jim Fletcher
14147	Hull Speed	Fred Hull
14267	Fubar	Larry Koster
14294	Shabumi	William Davidson
14444	Ace Kicker	Ronald W. Wilson
14468	2C3S	Terrell L. Kleiman

1991 was a great sailing season for Lansing Sailing Club's Lightning Fleet until the late August and September Sunday winds turned out to be "light air" days. The competition was strong for the top five spots.

*Ace Kicker* (14444), with Ron and Bonnie Wilson and Gil Chesbro aboard, is Fleet Champion for 1991. They claimed ten first place finishes and ten runner-up finishes of the twenty races that counted, from a total of thirty-four Sunday races.

Excellent crew work, from midsummer on, by Heidi Hottinger and David Slemmer, The Buckeye Couple, helped *Fubar* (14267) close out the season as the runner-up boat...ten firsts, three seconds and seven 3rd place finishes in thirty-four fleet races.

Fred and Julie Hull, with Bob Hill crewing, had their boat up to *Hull Speed* (14147), finishing five points out of 2nd place and twenty points out of 1st. They sailed in forty races with eight firsts.

Fred also had the dubious distinction of winning the "1st Annual Fubar Old Fart" award...for leading one of the races by a leg and a half...then finishing 4th in that race!!

Terry and Mary Kleiman were very competitive aboard *2C3S* (2 Crabs and 3 Shrimps) - (14468). Except for one September Sunday, they managed to keep the boat upright and Mary stayed out of the water most of the sailing season!! Sailed in thirty-seven club races and got wet once!!

The *Do-Rite* crew (12888) of Dennis Dudley and Ken Zielinski, some-

times with Jim Crain aboard...when he wasn't swept overboard on a sudden jibe...*"Did-It-Right"* most of the time to claim 5th in the Fleet for 1991.

Lansing held its 26th annual 'Tune-Up' Lightning Regatta June 1st and 2nd. Two Bay City boats displayed their transoms to the Lansing Fleet. *Teko* (14022) sailed by John Johnson, daughter Jennifer and Alan Krauss won four of the five races to win the regatta. *Ms. Guided* (14119), Tom Niles, Jill Myerson and Joe De Carli aboard, and with *Lucious Lips* on their transom, claimed the Runner-Up spot. The top local boat, *Bananas* (13903) crewed by Jim and Maribeth Fletcher, along with Margaret De Gruyter, won the "Ye Old Silver Platter" by finishing 3rd in the ten boat regatta.

*Fubar* visited the Bay City, Pontiac and Gull Lake Regattas. The Dudley *Do-Rite* crew and Kleiman *2C3S* crew sailed at the Gull Lake Yacht Club's Regatta.

Alan Becke, Fleet Champion the past three years and without a boat in 1991, skippered a borrowed boat in three races...and got three aces!! Everyone is expecting Alan and his bride, Carol, to show up with a new boat in 1992!!

Our fleet has grown with the addition of three families buying boats from fleet members, two families buying Lightnings and joining our club along with a transfer from the Pontiac Yacht Club, Barbara and John Scott. Two local sailors are considering the Lightning as their next boat for 1992...Fleet 387 continues to grow!!

The Lansing Sailing Club, sailing on Lake Lansing at Haslett, Michigan, is looking forward to the 1992 sailing season. We are located eight miles from the capital city of Lansing. Lightning Fleet 387 invites you to our 'Tune-Up' Regatta May 30 - 31, 1992.



*Between races at the Lansing Sailing Club Fleet 387.*

**GUANABARA (401)**  
**Brazil District**  
**Sailing at Guanabara Bay**

Fleet Captain ..... Mauro Jose Villela Nogueira  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Jose Dos Santos Perozine

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6329	Surprise	Mauro Jose Villela Nogueira
8233	Tiorga X	Silvio Pinheiro Da Silva, Jr.
11713	Xiriana	Sergio Gilaberte
14320	Ibiela Rio II	Mauro Jose Villela Nogueira
14463	Buriba III	Jose Dos Santos Perozine
No Report.		

**SALINAS YACHT CLUB (405)****Ecuador District****Sailing on the Pacific Ocean**

Fleet Secretary ..... Francisco X. Sola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9411	.....	Sr. Camilo Saman
11505	.....	Carlos Lecaro
11263	Monona	Santiago Romero B.
11928	La Maguina	Miguel E. Plaza M. & Juan Santos Garces
12054	.....	Juan Manuel Meira S.
12422	.....	Juan Carlos Plaza P.
12693	Zorro Loco	Enrique Granja
13440	.....	Dr. Ignacio Vidal
14099	.....	Miguel A. Plaza M.
14145	Culilla	Juan Carlos Plaza P.
14150	.....	Francisco X. Sola
14160	.....	Jimmy Pazmino
14163	Co Lo	Ing. Cesar Baguerizo
14379	Saudades	Juan Manuel Meira
14383	.....	Carlos Luis Lecaro
14389	Baccara	Santiago Romero B.
14461	.....	Sr. Alberto Maspons
14541	.....	Francisco Sola Medina

Fleet 405 sailing in the waters of Salinas, Ecuador, had a very intense activity during 1991.

We have been racing every other weekend with attendances of six to eight boats each time. The Class has tried to obtain sponsors for each four-race regatta, in order to have trophies for first, second and third places.

From May to December, the Lightning Class ran the annual "Francisco Sola Franco" Cup. This is a perpetual trophy that is given each year to the boat that wins the Winter Series. We are proud to announce that Carlos Luis Lecaro, Nelson Fabara and Xavier Monge won the 1991 edition of the Cup.

Fleet 405 is thankful with the Salinas Yacht Club for being our host and helping us develop the Class in every way possible.



*Windward leg in Salinas Bay. Qualifiers for the Cup of Champions.*

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

Fleet Captain ..... Samuel Booke

Fleet Secretary ..... Jimmie Nickell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10152	.....	Buddy Hedrick
10354	.....	Charles P. Kennedy
10386	.....	Aldred K. Warren, III

10722	.....	Sea Explorer Post 263
10723	.....	G. Michael Cochran
11027	.....	Clayton G. Gray
12281	.....	Sea Explorer Post 263
12336	.....	William Pleasants
12520	.....	Sea Explorer Post 263
13140	.....	Henry M. Booke
13154	S'nick'r	Nicholas Reid
14210	.....	Carl Gaede
14248	.....	Frank Mills
14332	.....	Sam L. Booke
14432	.....	Richard Simpson
.....	.....	Delbert E. Foster
.....	.....	Gordon P. Kellogg

No Report.

**GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)****Southeastern District****Sailing on Charleston Harbor at  
Charleston, South Carolina**

Fleet Captain ..... Lenny Krawcheck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13512	.....	Will Sloger, Jr.
14328	.....	Leonard & Kenneth Krawcheck
14519	.....	Leonard Krawcheck

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain ..... Pete Murray

Fleet Secretary ..... John Parker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13380	Flower Child	John J. Parker
13824	Magic Carpet	Steven Constantine
13873	Free Booter	Kevin G. Robinson, M.D.

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain ..... Michael G. Irving

Fleet Secretary ..... Richard E. Warren

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7124	.....	Sven Rydberg
11071	Windy Too	Hugh Halsey, II, M.D.
12480	.....	Bruce Hendry
14032	.....	Michael G. & Alexander D. Irving, III
14074	.....	Robert G. Shewan
14138	Relentless	Richard Warren
14157	.....	Richard Stott
14339	.....	Tim Rumph

No Report.

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10014	.....	Paul Harvener
11046	Andros Dos	Vernon R. Goldberg
12500	Calico Cat	Arthur M. Wilson
13311	Pandora	Robert H. Thomas
13622	.....	Glenn Darden
13691	Rage	Greg Hatfield
13806	Making Hay	George R. & Greg Hatfield
13831	Flashdance	Richard C. Guinan, Jr.
13953	.....	Kurt Schuler
14428	.....	Warren Lewis
.....	.....	Bill Lett
Life Member	.....	John Schneider

No Report.

**PALMETTO LIGHTNING FLEET (440)**  
**Southeastern District**  
**Sailing on Lake Murray at**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

Fleet Captain/Secretary ..... Edward M. Colie, III

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11412	.....	Charles Henshaw
11905	Whimsey	Brewer Leggett
12705	Windance	Bill George
12712	.....	Edward M. Colie, III
13123	.....	Kenneth E. Peters

No Report.

**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 ..... Gary Zink

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

The 1991 season started with the annual Lighthouse regatta the first weekend in June. Five fleets were represented among the fourteen boats attending. After a weather delay on Saturday morning, two good races were sailed. The final races were completed on Sunday in shifting medium winds. Paul Wurtzbach sailed a consistent series to win the regatta. Thanks go out to Ed Malone for his excellent job as Race Committee Chairman.

On the local scene we had good news, bad news. We were sad to see Jeff Johnson move out of town but happy to receive an enthusiastic Barb and Gary Zink with their newly purchased Lightning number 14130.

Our Tuesday night Portsmouth handicap fleet saw the Lightnings do well again this year. Sue Dorscheid took first with Gary Zink taking third. An E scow was second and Jeff Johnson's Lightning came in fifth even though he raced only one-third of the season.

The Holiday Series had its first race cancelled by forty plus mile per hour winds. After dropping out after the first three legs, "Big Sue" was head to say, "We didn't think it was that bad out there." Sue was the only Lightning

in the rest of the Holiday Series Portsmouth fleet and she grabbed top honors over an E scow and 470.

We will continue to try to convert and attract more sailors to our Class. With consistent good showings and good boats always available, and Gary and Barb Zink's enthusiasm, we think that 1992 should be a growth year.

**SAN PABLO FLEET (447)**  
**Ecuador District**  
**Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador**

Fleet Captain ..... Mauricio Martinez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11365	.....	Dieter & Olaf Dyck
13444	Pinta Brava	Inq. Mauricio Martinez

No Report.



*Fleet 449 Champion Crew, Mario Noto, Fabio Spano, Antonio Rallo.*

**MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)**  
**Italian District**

Fleet Captain ..... Giovanni Pellegrino  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Giuseppe Valenti  
 Fleet Champion ..... Mario Noto  
 Runner-Up ..... Stefano Reina

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11325	Joker	Angelo Giacalone
12027	.....	Giovanni Pellegrino
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	.....	Giuseppe Alagna, Antonio Rallo, Mario Ruggeri & Vito Tripoli
13557	Americaff	Mario Ottovoglio
13706	.....	Stefano Reina
14102	.....	Robert Crucitti
14361	.....	Marcello Attina & Mario Noto

During the season our fleet carried out an intense activity to prepare for the Italian and European Championships on the Trasimeno Lake. Seven boats, with three junior crews participated in this effort. Junior skippers were: Reina Stefano, Mario Noto, Tramati Giammarco. The lack of wind the last three days did not allow completion of the Championship. So, after three regattas our three crews were in positions one, two, three.

The other regattas we carried out at Marsala are: CAPO BOEO'S CUP, LILYBEUM LIGHTNING CUP, SPRING CUP (twenty races), MASSIMO ATTINA' REGATTA, EUROPEAN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP. The clubs that helped us carry out this intense activity were CIRCOLO VELICO MARSALA, SOCIETA' CANOTTIERI MARSALA.

For 1992 we will win all, because our young crews are the best in Europe, when the wind blows. It will blow, I hope!

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

Fleet Secretary ..... Sarah Bonney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12194	.....	George Place, Jr.
No Report.		

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

Fleet Captain ..... Paolo Rosi  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Sergio Rustichelli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10781	.....	Fabio Cherubini
13062	Winny 2	Paolo Rosi & Mario Forgione
13271	King Furious III	Carlo Musso
13455	.....	Sauro Scarpocchi
13462	Areknames II	Paolo Rosi & 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 Tuusulanjärvi, Finland**

Fleet Captain ..... Hartti Nisonen  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Leena Nisonen  
 Fleet Champion ..... Jaako Herttua  
 Runner-Up ..... Hartti Nisonen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12429	Maruzella	Antero Puntrila
12757	Merenhuiske	Veijo Meisalo
12914	Pikkumusto	Asko Autio
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
13562	Amanda	Hannu Hanskala
14018	.....	Pasi Hannila
14179	Tinto	Tuomo Kauhanen
14274	Annie Hall	Leo Korhonen
14331	Galateia	Pentti Laitinen
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14430	Asterix	Hartti Nisonen

The active sailors of Tuusulanjärvi Fleet achieved good results during the 1991 season. Leo (skipper), Anne-Marie and Rainer Korhonen won the District Championships in Jyväskylä. Jaako Herttua, Pasi Hannila and Niko Lappalainen placed third. Also boats Amarillo in 5th, Pikkumusta 6th, and Galateia 7th showed the strength of our fleet. In the European Championships in Italy, Team Amarillo Pertti, Maija and Leena Pyy, did a good job on a lake of Trasimeno and finished 5th.

Other activities in our fleet operations have been the weekly participation in tune-up races, Tuusulanjärvi Cup races (match-racing) and The Big Challenge sailing, which is a race around Tuusulanjärvi with only one man in the Lightning.

Two boats, Aiolos and Pikkumusta also participated in the long-distance race Pöytäpurjehdus. This race lasts from 18 to 30 hours and is 120 kilometers in length. The Lightning is the smallest boat that is accepted for the race. This year Aiolos won the Lightning Class and Pikkumusta was fourth.

No new boats were registered to our fleet during 1991, but many of the existing ones were active. What we need is more new young sailors, who in a few years will take their place at the top of the fleet. That way we will get more sportsmanship in our Class.



*Skippers Hartti Nisonen and Leo Korhonen from Fleet 456 won the Team Race Championship during the Districts in Jyväskylä.*

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

Fleet Secretary ..... Fisk Hayden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11205	.....	Michael J. Tighe
11335	.....	David Robb
13970	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

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 Backup
13406	Meia Noite VI	Andre Sulzbeck
14101	.....	Michael Anthony Norris & Mario Backup
14071	Xamego II	Nelson Small Schmitt
14167	Star Rider	Christopher Downey
14168	Flying Cloud	Jens C. Ruschmann
14169	Excravel	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 ..... Vivian Hollinshed  
 Fleet Secretary ..... J. M. "Dick" Coburn  
 Fleet Champion ..... J. M. "Dick" Coburn  
 Runner-Up ..... Vivian Hollinshed, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11898	Whiskers	Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.
13653	.....	Allen Smith
14247	.....	Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.
14521	.....	Allen Smith
14252	Strings Attached	J. M. "Dick" Coburn

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain ..... Bruno Roccheggiani  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Renzo Bozzi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani & Remzo Bozzi
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 Jalonon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13760	Sea Horse III	Pertti Jalonon
14352	Sini	Pentti Jarvinen
14403	Janita II	Aimo Jokiniemi

No Report.

**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 Kerr Lake at Raleigh, North Carolina**

Fleet Captain ..... Robert Wilkins  
 Fleet Secretary & Treasurer ..... Michael Rees  
 Fleet Champion ..... Ed Michels  
 Runner-Up ..... Van Lovelace

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
13656	Gunsmoke	Kent R. Mullikin
13709	Sheep Thrills	Robert S. Lamb
13738	Plane Crazy	Robert M. Wilkins
13848	Menage a Trois	Henry Bridgers
13877	.....	Michael S. Rees, M.D.
14376	Hallucination	James E. Nutt, M.D.
14390	.....	Edward J. Vitek, Jr.
14396	Frayed Knot	John W. Pelosi

Fleet 481 looks back on another active racing season. We kicked off the year with a January party at the home of Anne and Michael Rees to elect new officers and plan the upcoming season events. Every February the fleet shows off one of our boats at the North Carolina Boat Show. We feel this gives valuable exposure of the Lightning to the public. This year Henry and Avis Bridgers' spiffy Lightning represented the fleet. Then in March, David Starck of North Sails ably lectured to the fleet on tips on Lightning tuning, with an informative slide show from the Lightning Midwinters.

The sailing got into full swing in April with district and local club races. The usual Fleet Champions ate humble pie this year as they were displaced by newer faces to the top ranks. Ed Michels not only did an outstanding job as club Commodore, but he also grabbed up the honors as Fleet Champion. Vann Lovelace also did a great job and took the Runner-Up spot, with never lower than a third place finish all season. The club offered a new Saturday Only series this year with separate trophies. Vann came away with first place in this series.

Our fleet cosponsored the Southeastern District Championships in Oriental, North Carolina in June, with thirty-two boats in attendance. As usual, the sailing conditions were close to ideal.

Fleet attendance at the district level was strong again this year, with seven fleet members qualifying for district trophies (Pelosi, Rees, Mullikin, Taylor, Bridgers, Wilkins, and Nutt). We feel our competitiveness as a fleet has improved this year, that improvement coming at all levels within the fleet. We suspect high participation at the district level has played a role.

Our Borderline Regatta in late October was again a success with thirty-eight boats representing nine states from New York to Florida. This regatta is always the highlight of our year. We attract top sailors in the Class, so the competition is about as good as it gets. Additionally, we've gained invaluable experience getting some of those top skippers (this year Greg Fisher kindly obliged) to crew on local boats.

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

Fleet Captain ..... David Lansky  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Terry Moore

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10113	Whisper	Jesse W. Miller
11347	Anna T	Terrill M. Moore
11960	Orphan	Peter V. Lent
13422	.....	John Levan
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 ..... Arthur Tirrell  
 Fleet Champions ..... Tom Doran  
 Runner-Up ..... Edward Taverni

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10118	Griffin	Jeff Germain
11010	.....	J. Thomas Doran
11134	Limitless	James Juskula
11379	.....	Clay Murphy
11650	.....	Pamela Tuttle Murphy
13679	.....	Joe McCloskey
13881	"Bill"	Frank Palmer
13939	Rolling Thunder	Fran Watts
14034	.....	Edward Taverni
14070	.....	Mark Purcell
14266	Greenwing	James P. Finn
14303	.....	J. Thomas Doran
14355	.....	Jean & Ronald B. Palm
14418	.....	Clay & Pamela Murphy
14445	.....	Arthur Tirrell
.....	.....	Jeff Germain

Cartoon character Pogo said it best. After a spy mission to the Pentagon he reported, "I have seen the enemy and he is us."

In 1983 after a great summer, we decided on an affirmative action policy; we'd attract new Lightning sailors by promoting sailboat racing in Oswego (a virtual vacuum existed). During the next three summers we planned and executed "Open" sailing races for all comers. Those regattas are today pointed to as the spark that resulted in the formation of Oswego PHRF.

Instead of joining us, just about every KB sailor joined PHRF. That fleet quickly quadrupled ours. Their parties became THE club social event. They were largely incompetent by our standards, but before we knew it we were losing members to them. That's what I mean by saying we became our own worst enemy.

How depressing was our situation by 1991? One of our most solid members, Joe McCloskey, sold his boat in favor of a J-24. Fleet founder Jim Finn followed his brother Robert Finn's lead and disappeared. Fran Watts announced he was selling. Discouraged Art Tirrell hardly touched his Lightning all summer. Tom Doran seemed more interested in his J-24.

IN PHRF the results were predictable; Doran was all-everything. McCloskey was runner-up all-everything. The other "fallen" fleet members? All sailed as crew aboard PHRF boats all summer.

Just when things looked the darkest, some positive things happened. Doran sailed every club race and easily won all three series. A guy named Tom Gregway bought Bill Pirillo's boat and put it back on the starting line with enthusiasm. Joe McCloskey helped John Fitzgibbons get started and then John made most of the fleet races. Second year skipper Nick Canale made for a well rounded, competitive fleet.

At season's end John Jaskula, another new skipper, bought an idle Lightning and was out sailing late in October after most of the other boats were in storage. Lastly, Tirrell got off the fence and made a commitment to the fleet for 1992.

Amid all this turbulence there was some stability. For us it was the guys in 14034. Ed Taverni and his determined crew of Greg Auleta and Dale Scaringi were rewarded with a big payday at October's club awards banquet taking away Fleet Runner-Up honors. Ed's the last of our three fleet founders.

The Michelob Lightning Classic went off well once again. This year was the year we finally learned who is boss. We learned we have it, not the other way around.

I'm exhausted just telling you about it. But by golly there seems to be some energy left in the club after all. We're looking past 1991 toward tomorrow. One of the reasons for our optimism is the fact that several PHRF people are making noises about one-design sailing. Come on over and pay your dues boys.

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7268	.....	Doug Fisher & Steve Hunt
8664	Chaos	C. Graeme Wilson
11701	Old One Eye	Ken H. Token
12136	Thunder	Bryan Uhlmansiek
12891	Sparrow	Leo J. Donovan
13088	Kant Believe It!	Gerald L. Wnorowski
13379	Top Secret	Stephen Wyers
13761	Cygnus	Michael J. Sepp
14005	Summer Madness	Wayne M. Watson
14088	Fascination	Richard Conway
14501	.....	Francis C. Renschen

## **A YEAR AT 'THE VALLEY'**

After a mild winter, (it seemed mild to me) and an early Spring, (warm and dry) I was really looking forward to the harbor opening and sailing again. The first weekend in May came, a large group of members showed up, and we had the best opening that I can remember. The grounds looked great. We were all looking forward to sailing the 'Mighty Miss' again.

What?...A flood is coming down river. Pull out the boats ... Wait ... Sure enough, we had a flood. Wow! Look at all the debris 'Ol Man River' left us. We all got to work and cleaned-up the mess ... Ready to sail again next week, except for a four foot diameter log (tree) that was dumped only a few feet from the pavillion. How are we ever going to get rid of that thing? We're not lumberjacks. Too big to even move with a tractor. I overheard someone suggest, "just leave it there till the next flood washes it away." Okay. Can hardly wait till next week.

What?...Another flood coming? Pull out the boats again. Yes, we had another flood. Yep, the big tree was washed away, and there wasn't as much debris as the first time. Clean-up again — Ready to sail.

I can't believe it! Another flood? It was mid June before we really got to sail. Once we started though, things went pretty good. Competition was keen. Skippers 'honing' crews to razor's edge. Seems everyone wants to be Fleet Champion this year.

We had some '2 days'. You know. Wind a day too early, wind a day too late, too hot, too calm, too much current, but we kept showing up to sail. Practicing for the "Muddy Rudder Regatta."

This year's Muddy Rudder, on September 7 and 8, saw 18 boats on the starting line. Yes, 18! We had more 'out of towners' than ever before. I'm guessing that they'll show up again next year too, 'cause they took home all the trophies. The weather, as usual in Missouri, changed from race-to-race. The starts were crowded, the mark roundings crowded, the finishes close, (at least for some of the fleet, I know 'cause the view is good from way back). As close as things were, we had no protests, just a lot of 'good racing'. Can't wait till next year.

Results were as follows:

Pos.	Name	Races					Tot. Pts.
		1	2	3	4	5	
1	W. Baxter, Memphis	2	1	1	2	1	6 1/4
2	H. Cochrane, Memphis	3	6	2	1	3	14 1/4
3	D. Floyd, Decator	1	4	8	3	5	20 1/4
4	F. Renschen, VSA	6	2	4	10	8	30
5	R. Robbins, Memphis	10	5	3	9	4	31
6	F. Bermel, Memphis	8	7	7	5	7	34

Now the big question. Who's the Fleet Champion? Let's see, Fran Renschen .. Total points 26 1/4, Rick Conaway .. Total points 36 1/2. Well this is a switch. Appears that Fran is the Fleet Champion this year. Congratulations Fran. Next year I'm going to watch him real close. Maybe I can pick-up a few pointers. THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT YEAR!

**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.

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

No Report.

**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 ..... Robert Blalock

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8663	.....	Thomas Gerhard
8690	Arete	Mark Keene
9928	Esprit	Charles S. Shoemaker
11444	.....	Brent W. Benson
13453	.....	Robert Blalock
13720	.....	Joseph J. Rogan

No Report.

**BOW LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (493)****New England District  
Sailing on Bow Lake, New Hampshire**

Fleet Captain ..... William Latham

Fleet Secretary ..... Ned Hinds

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8301	Jessie S.	Dr. Edward A. Sweeney
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 Captain ..... James E. Richards

Fleet Secretary ..... Art Bell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
14072	.....	Art Bell

14292	.....	James E. Richards
14485	.....	Robert C. Wardwell

Fleet 496 had a very active year hosting the Dixie District Championship at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in June. Thanks to Bob Wardwell, who obtained use of this club on the Chesapeake, we were able to draw fifteen boats to the regatta with mostly consistent winds. Bob himself won the closely contested Championship.

Our usual Lightning Invitational Regatta held on our home body of water, Swift Creek Reservoir, was cancelled due to the World Championship in Annapolis on the same weekend. Fleet members Art Bell, Jim Richards and Bob Wardwell made the trip to Annapolis to help measure the forty plus boats entered in the Championship.

Members of the fleet travelled within the District to various regattas: The Potomac Cup, The Borderline, and of course, the District Championship.

We all look forward to next year's sailing season and hope to see some of you at our 1992 Lightning Invitational Regatta the first weekend in June in Richmond, Virginia.

**SELKIRK LIGHTNING FLEET (498)****Central New York District  
Sailing on Lake Ontario at Pulaski, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Michael Johnson

Fleet Secretary ..... Peggy Hodge

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6602	.....	Peggy Hodge
6926	.....	Herbert E. Clark
7961	Cirrus	Emil F. Weisenburger
9424	.....	David Raham
11370	.....	Herbert E. & Donald C. Clark

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11379	Boat On Order	Timothy Harris
13577	Unicorn	Glenn Taylor
13667	Archie	Mort Levy
14240	Bob's Your Uncle	David Browne
14326	Poker Face	Michael Leiter
14438	Duke of York	R. A. (Tony) McBride
14443	Fountain of Youth	Rod Hayes & John Sauter
.....	.....	Michael Fog
.....	.....	James Parkyn

For one heady moment in 1991, fleet 499 reached double figures. At season's end we are back to a total of nine. We welcomed old woody Number 1508 back from the 'boat lost' category as owner Andre Plante painstakingly cobbled her together from two old boats he found buried in some local garages.

Pierre Legault, Mike Leiter, Mark Adams, John Sauter and Rod Hayes brought four new boats into the club. After a bit of shuffling we have settled for a net three boat gain and most owners are coming out racing, while some are actually enjoying themselves.

We visited other clubs, raced around lakes and drove home again. It was a rich and full summer but too short by half and we can hardly wait to get going in '92.

We created a junior coaching program to prepare two crews for the World's selection trials in Hamilton next summer. Our kids are skilled, enthusiastic and a necessary addition to our aging class. Tony McBride, Glenn Taylor and Mike Leiter are loaning their boats and Tony McBride and Tim Harris are coaching.

As part of an ongoing strategy to promote and discuss sailing Lightnings to the uninitiated, we set up a day of five short races with our neighboring club, Beaconsfield Y.C. and five sailors turned out for the event. A seed has

been planted. As part of our year-end summary we can report the back of the fleet is rapidly advancing on the leaders; old boats can be faster than new when pointed in the right direction and the wind blows hard enough even turkeys will fly.

On the District and National circuits this year we observed some truly amazing things, including two boats contending for top five positions in a fleet of 32, coming together and both doing circles rather than making each other's day. Evidence of the spirit of the rules as well as the intent. Bravo guys! On the other hand there were a few incidents involving midway tactics that rotted a few socks and the beat goes on.

Our Fleet Champion is Tony McBride, who won enough Thursday night races to defend his title. Twice. Women skippers featured on one boat 14290 where mother Jan and her two daughters Lisa and Kim take turns in sailing and winning local fleet races using father David as crew. They combined for second spot in the club championships. Now if we can only get them on a boat in the NA Women's Championships! Fleet 499 members look forward to seeing our fiends again in '92.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (500)

### Southeastern District Sailing on Fort Loudon Lake at Knoxville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain ..... Dave Rasmussen  
Fleet Secretary ..... Anne Lyon  
Fleet Champion ..... Jonathan Lange  
Runner-Up ..... Dave Rasmussen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10168	.....	Jonathan I. Lange
10442	Libra II	A. Jackson Woodall & Sharon Boyce
10931	.....	Anne Lyon
12000	.....	David A. Rasmussen
14345	Make It So	Jesse Tremaine
.....	.....	Terry Igoo

This was an exciting year for Fleet 500. The season opened officially March 16 when we held our season opener potluck and annual meeting; a boat turning party followed on April 7. On April 27-28 the fleet hosted the Dutch Treat Invitational Regatta. Over the summer months three new members were welcomed to the fleet—Jessie Tremaine, Thomas S. Baeor, and Stephen Fisher. Several boats changed hands and the fleet expanded from nine to twelve boats.

Participation in club races doubled this year and three members traveled to several Southeastern District regattas with plans to increase next year's participation.

New members and potential recruits were officially welcomed at the Fleet's August Sailing Social held August 18.

Next spring our fleet will host the Southeastern District Championships. This year's club Champion was Jonathan Lange, Dave Rasmussen barely edged out Jessie Tremaine for second place.

## CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO (501)

### Colombia District Sailing on Tomine Lake at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain ..... Jorge Recaman

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 ..... Gail Meyer  
Fleet Secretary ..... Clark Higgs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10744	Owl	Jeffrey R. Stall
11899	.....	David A. Racine
12396	.....	David E. White, III
13285	.....	Clark T. Higgs
14006	Fired-Up	William H. Meyer, III
14209	.....	Earl Mabie

Fleet 502 had a busy April 1991 hosting the Pan Am Trials and the Florida Districts. The Pan Am Qualifier was the first major championship event held in Lightnings at Davis Island Yacht Club, and all agree it was an outstanding regatta. Just about everyone in our small fleet turned out to help, and Fleet 502's own Bikini clad Chris Myers made even sail measurement a pleasure for the competitors. Dave White, District Measurer and Fleet member, was thorough and efficient, and he was assisted by Bill Meyer, Clark Higgs, and David Racine. Gail Meyer did the registration, and collected all the monies.

Fleet 502 congratulates Matt Fisher, and crews for winning the trials and the Championship. The Fisher boat held the race committee and spectators in awe with superb tactics, excellent boat speed, and a knack for being on the right side of every shift. It was simply outstanding sailing. According to DIYC's Senior Race Officer, Henry Moore, the quality of the Lightnings racing in the Trials has never been matched by any class, and Davis Island has hosted many major championship events including the Star Western Hemispheres.

The 27 week daylight savings time Thursday night series was won by Bill Meyer sailing under the Portsmouth rating system. During this series, a few especially severe storms blasted the fleet out on the course. An unfortunate collision with a PHRF boat put Clark's boat out of commission for most of the series. Hurricane Bob missed Tampa, but the effect was the same. The repair people couldn't keep up to the work, and participation suffered.

Fleet 502's Clark Higgs crewed in the NA's on *First Strike* owned by Mike Carrol, and skippered by Bob McCann. Clark and Mike teamed up for 3rd at the Labor Day Regatta in Sarasota. Bill and Gail Meyer placed 3rd at the "Red Lobster" in Sanford, 2nd at the "Fun for Sail" in Melbourne, and 5th in the Florida Triple Crown.

Remember the Thanksgiving weekend regatta at Davis Island. Call 813-886-1962 for Housing and details.

## LOUISVILLE LIGHTNING FLEET (503)

### Mississippi Valley District Sailing on the Ohio River near Louisville, KY

Fleet Secretary ..... Mark Shircliff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13183	.....	Mark Shircliff

No Report.

## CLEARWATER LIGHTNING FLEET (504)

### Florida District Sailing on Gulf of Mexico near Clearwater, FL

Fleet Captain/Secretary ..... Michael C. Carroll

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

No Report.