

# ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF FLEETS

Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.	Name of Fleet	Fleet No.
Acuelo Lake .....	490	Hallwiler/Sempachersee/Greifensee ....	250	Ocean City Y.C. ....	430
Annisquam .....	151	Hamilton Boating Club .....	118	Okanagan .....	368
Atwood Lake .....	212	Harbor Island Y.C. ....	262	Oulu .....	307
Awosting Yacht Sq. ....	95	Helsinki .....	166	Palmetto .....	440
Barnegat Light Y.C. ....	335	Henderson Harbor .....	225	Parthenon .....	286
Bay Head Y.C. ....	3	Hewlett Bay .....	58	Paupack .....	16
Biscayne Bay .....	226	Higgins Lake .....	110	Pointe Claire Y.C. ....	499
Bomoseen Y.C. ....	227	Hoover Y.C. ....	353	Pontiac Y.C. ....	54
Bow Lake .....	493	Hudson .....	376	Port of Oswego .....	485
Brant Beach .....	173	HYC .....	11	Pymatuning Y.C. ....	36
Buckeye Lake .....	43	Indian Lake .....	23	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury .....	70
Buffalo Canoe Club .....	12	Indianapolis S.C. ....	270	Rehoboth .....	325
Burt Lake .....	254	Ithaca .....	484	Riverton .....	228
Carlyle Sailing Association .....	266	Jayhawk .....	60	Rocky River .....	71
Casco Bay .....	471	Jyvaskylan .....	328	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C. ....	215
Cedar .....	478	Kemi .....	310	Rush Creek .....	435
Cedar Point .....	126	Keuka Lake .....	252	Saginaw Bay .....	216
Chautauqua Lake .....	19	Killyleagh Y.C. ....	427	Salamis .....	251
Chelsea Y.C. ....	39	Lake Champlain .....	301	Salinas Y.C. ....	405
Chequesset .....	280	Lake Conroe .....	505	San Francisco Bay .....	372
Chicago Corinthian Y.C. ....	5	Lake Davenport .....	167	Santa Monica Bay .....	102
Chinook .....	229	Lake Delta Y.C. ....	4	Sao Paulo .....	147
Clearwater .....	504	Lake Deschenes .....	188	Sassafras River .....	314
Clarks Hill .....	257	Lake Fenton Y.C. ....	53	Savannah .....	127
Club Nautico Del Muna .....	73	Lake Geneva S.C. ....	345	Seattle .....	132
Club Nautico El Portillo .....	501	Lake Lanier .....	348	Selkirk .....	498
Club Nautico San Pablo .....	447	Lake Mohawk Y.C. ....	25	Severn River .....	329
Columbia .....	283	Lansing S.C. ....	387	Sheboygan .....	187
Conneaut Lake .....	180	Lavallette Y.C. ....	104	Shreveport .....	175
Cowan Lake .....	303	Leatherlips Y.C. ....	27	Silver Lake Y.C. ....	47
Crescent Sail Y.C. ....	51	Little Neck Bay L.F. (Bayside Y.C.) ....	55	Skaneateles .....	1
Cuba Lake .....	115	Macatawa Bay Y.C. ....	204	Southampton Y.C. ....	431
Dallas Corinthian .....	35	Madison Beach .....	129	Spofford Lake .....	145
Decatur .....	74	Mansfield .....	150	Squam Lake .....	332
Devil's Lake .....	31	Maple Bay .....	64	Suncoast Fleet .....	502
Douglas Lake .....	374	Marblehead .....	189	Surf City .....	196
Flotta del Conero .....	466	Marsala .....	449	Susquehanna .....	253
Flotta del Garda .....	249	Massabesic Y.C. ....	273	Swift Creek .....	496
Flotta del Trasimeno .....	453	Memphis .....	274	Temple Reef S.C. ....	279
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel .....	169	Merrimac River .....	121	Tennessee Valley .....	500
Flotte Murtensee .....	358	Metedeconk River .....	34	Tohickon Creek .....	491
Flotte Roma .....	479	Milwaukee .....	69	Toronto Bay .....	146
Fond-Du-Lac .....	442	Mission Bay .....	194	Triad .....	415
Galway Lake .....	338	Mobile Bay .....	135	Turkeyfoot Lake .....	33
Grand Traverse .....	326	New Orleans .....	209	Tuusulanjarvi .....	456
Great South Bay .....	178	Newport Y.C. ....	77	Valkeakoski .....	468
Greater Charleston .....	429	Niagara S.C. ....	59	Valley .....	486
Green Bay .....	112	Niantic Bay .....	85	Waccamaw .....	463
Guanabara .....	401	North Florida .....	461	Wake .....	481
Guarapiranga Lake .....	462	Nyack .....	75	Washington, D.C. ....	50
Gull Lake .....	137			Wawasee Y.C. ....	154
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# Lightning Fleets

## ROSTERS AND REPORTS

### SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB (1) Central New York District Sailing on Skaneateles Lake Skaneateles, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Kirk Reynolds  
Fleet Secretary ..... Mike Yates

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
378	.....	Mike Yates
10242	.....	Doug Tucker
11154	.....	Frank Haas
13330	.....	Skaneateles Country Club
13900	.....	Chris Kuhns
14465	.....	Kirk Reynolds

This Fall saw the reinstatement of Fleet 1 as an active Lightning Fleet. While the fleet got off too late to have a fleet champion, it is hoped that series races can be held in 1993 in conjunction with other ongoing racing series.

The fleet here is composed of everything from modern racers to day sailors and classic wooden Skaneateles hulls. The newest addition being Skaneateles hull number 39, owned by David Penfield.

Fleet members Kirk Reynolds (11267), Mike Yates (378), Doug Tucker (10242), and Frank Haas (11154) did participate in several area regattas, including: the Cazenovia Flash Bash, the Oswego Michelob Classic, and the Skaneateles Sandbagger series.

In addition to the reinstatement of Fleet 1, 1992 saw the rebuilding of the Skaneateles Country Club clubhouse. The historic clubhouse that so many remember from the 40th and 50th anniversary regattas was destroyed by fire on Mother's Day 1991. Fortunately, the club trophies were all out for engraving and firemen were able to rescue our historic fleet charters. The new clubhouse was designed to reflect the character of the old, while incorporating modern space layouts and conveniences. The main floor of the building, incorporating a bar, dining rooms, and banquet facilities, opened July 4th weekend to rave reviews. The ground floor will be finished this winter and will incorporate showers, restrooms, sail locker rooms, and a sailing class and function room.

### CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain ..... Derek Ettie  
Fleet Champion ..... Michael Huffman  
Runner-Up ..... David Stix

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1923	.....	Clyde Knoppe
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessy
10930	.....	Andrew Chaloupka
11446	.....	Jim Colgan
11620	.....	Cliff Schwander
11703	.....	David Fall
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12395	Mjollnir	Bruce Thompson
12755	.....	Garth Gustafson
13613	.....	Scott Draudt
13686	Showtime	John Walter
13976	.....	William B. Kindra & Michael J. Considine
14065	Frolic	Richard W. Hinze
14137	Mystral	William Gibson
14256	.....	Michael Considine, William, Kindra, Brian James
14365	.....	Rick Kaiser
14374	Monkey Business	Michael Huffman
14378	.....	H. Carey Long
14388	.....	David W. Stix
14452	.....	Derek & Gordon Ettie
14466	Fusion	Robert K. Smither
14478	.....	Paul Wurtzebach
14511	Prime	Adrian K. Irving
14555	.....	Rick Kaiser
.....	.....	Adam Bowen
.....	.....	Pat Considine

Lightning Fleet Five was again out in force this year with several new

### BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3) Central Atlantic District

#### Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain ..... Robert Adams  
Fleet Secretary ..... Robert O'Brien, Jr.  
Fleet Champion ..... Robert Adams

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11569	.....	Bay Head Y.C.
14008	Vagabond	Robert R. Adams
.....	.....	Robert B. O'Brien, Jr.

Although Lightning sailing is limited to Junior sailing training at B.H.Y.C., our club was honored to be the host of the U.S. Women's Sailing Championships — the Adams Cup — sailed on Barnegat Bay in Lightnings. The boats were all in number one condition and assembled by Jim Carson. New sails were provided by Shore Sails. The racing was held under near perfect conditions and Jody Swanson of Buffalo Canoe Club was the undisputed winner. Former ILCA president Bob Adams was the event chairman. This is the second time the Adams Cup has been held at Bay Head. In 1968 June Methot of Mautoloking Y.C. was the winner.



Part of the hundreds who came to the Red Flannels.

members and a full program of sailing. We had three series and several in-fleet weekend regattas.

Our Fleet Championship was a full ten race schedule this year on four different weekends with a range of conditions. Mike Huffman, like our own Chicago Bulls, was able to repeat as champion this year with the able help of Meg Huffman and Jim Blair. David Stix and Rick Kaiser were only a point apart for runner-up and third with Adrian Irving and Derek Ettie filling out the fourth and fifth spots. The series was very competitive this year with nineteen boats battling it out.

Our Summer Series, usually scheduled for the home crowd on the out of town regatta weekends, provided a different set of winners. Tom Hennessey showed that even antique, pre-war (perhaps pre-wars?), and very faded-out blue boats can do well by taking this series with three firsts. Close behind in second was Dick Hinze and third was newcomer Andy Chaloupka.

Our Moonbeam series on Wednesday evenings was taken by Barb Fox in David Stix boat, *Total Recall*. The challenge in this series is to cross the finish line before the quickly fading wind fades out totally and leaves you stranded in Lake Michigan. Second was newcomer Bill Gibson.

For the second year we scheduled five weekends as if they were regattas. Whoever had the best finishes for the whole weekend won a beer mug. Somehow, nobody received more than one mug. The winners were Mike Huffman, David Fall, Derek Ettie, Tom Hennessey, and Dick Hinze.

The final trophy was for that boat that put more boats behind them over the whole season in all our races. Our "Boat of the Year" was *Monkey Business*, skippered by Mike Huffman.

The season wrapped up with another great Red Flannels Regatta, the last weekend in September. Rick Kaiser for the second year in a row organized a very competitive and fun event. Unfortunately, our own fleet members were too generous and gave away most of the top spots to out-of-towners. A newcomer to our fleet, Steve Lowery finished first followed by Greg Smith, Colin Park, David Decker, Sean Fidler, Bruce Goldsmith and last year's winner, Bill Faude. Come join us next year for great winds, great blues bars, and lots of trophies.

## NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET (11) Metropolitan District

Fleet Captain ..... Bill Clausen  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Mary Huntsman  
Fleet Champions ..... Jack Huntsman &  
Henry O'Hern

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
14450	.....	Jon Schwartz
14482	.....	John C. Hunstman & Henry O'Hern, III
14492	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr. & Mary Huntsman
14495	Reject	William P. Clausen, III

Sandy had a big birthday with many poems aimed at many outstanding events in his 33 year Lightning career.

For results of sailing we defer to Fleet 70.

## BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12) Lake Erie District Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain ..... Edwin C. Roseberry, Jr.  
Fleet Secretary ..... John Franke  
Fleet Treasurer ..... Tom Allen, Jr.  
Fleet Champion ..... Thomas Allen, Jr.  
Runner-Up ..... Mark Sullivan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
6983	.....	William E. Neal
10356	Spirit	David E. Fretz
10710	Menace	Matt Sanders
11117	Electric Dreams	Paul Niederlander
11768	.....	Ned Roseberry
12445	.....	Ronald Allen Hughes

12770	.....	Clarence O. Jones, Jr.
12802	West Wind II	Thomas M. Ward
13244	Eye Opener	John L. Cosmann
13366	Firecracker	John, Jody & Jill Swanson
13652	.....	John A. Franke, III & John A. Franke, IV
13945	Berry III	Edwin C. Roseberry, Jr.
14112	.....	Richard A. Aubrecht
14194	.....	John W. & Jody Swanson
14266	.....	Russell Short
14286	Donuts, Donuts	Warren Emblidge, III
	Donuts	Thomas Allen, Sr.
14311	Atom	Tom Allen, Jr.
14377	.....	Pascal & Richard J. Buckley, Jr.
14410	.....	Thomas Allen, Sr.
14411	.....	Mark Sullivan
14453	Blue Flame	Thomas Allen, Jr.
14479	.....	Jody & John Swanson
14499	.....	Thomas Ward
14502	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
14567	.....	David Starck
14576	.....	Jim Allen
14580	.....	Anne Allen
Life Member	.....	Larry MacDonald, Sr.
Life Member	.....	Dennis T. Wettlaufer

Fleet 12 sailors had another active racing season, highlighted by the North American Lightning Championship which the BCC hosted in August. Co-Chairmen David Fretz and David Adams, assisted by many BCC members on the various committees, organized a terrific regatta.

The North American Championship was won by Larry MacDonald, with BCC crew Ian Jones and Trevor Born on board. David Starck was runner-up with Kevin Robinson and Tom Starck as crew. Matt Fisher of Columbus, Ohio was third, with crew Ned Roseberry and Joe Starck. The success of our members is a tribute both to the high competitiveness of our Fleet as well as the excellent B.C.C. Junior Sailing Program.

Jody Swanson, Mark Sullivan, Jim Allen and Tom Allen, Jr. also skippered in the North American Championship division. Tom Allen, Sr., who won the North American Masters Championship, and Ed Roseberry, Jr. competed in the President's Cup division. Mike Huffman, the Lightning Class 1992 President, a former Fleet 12 skipper, finished fourth in the President's Cup. Warren Emblidge, Jr. and Bill Neal skippered in the Governor's Cup division.

The Junior North American Championship was won by Warren Emblidge, with crew Pascal Buckley and Amy Tillou. Tom Starck was second, with Guy Adema and Martha Wilson crewing. Steve Roseberry finished fourth with Sean Tigchelaar and Kirsty Agrell. Meredith Bone, Jake Frank, and Brian Short rounded out our strong contingent of B.C.C. Junior North American skippers.

Fleet 12 held an auction in June to help support our two junior crews who competed in the Lightning World Youth Championship in October in Chile. Congratulations to Tom Starck and his crew Guy Adema and Martha Wilson, who won this prestigious regatta. Warren Emblidge, Jr. with Pascal Buckley and Amy Tillou on board also represented the BCC.

We were proud of Jody Swanson's effort in her 470 Olympic campaign. Although she just missed qualifying, she came back strong by winning the Adams Cup, which is the U.S. Women's Championship.

Bill Neal, a new BCC member and veteran Lightning campaigner, won the Lake Erie Districts hosted by the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Tim Hess and Bill Weikert, who both purchased Lightnings recently, sailed in some of the races this season. We hope to see more of them next year.

Sailing on Abino Bay opened with the Eby Series in May, won by Matt Fisher. Ed Roseberry, Jr. won the Thermis and Hussey series. Jim Allen won the Maccubin Series and Dick Aubrecht won the Fleet 12 Series. We had 8-10 boats competing on Wednesday nights with a three short race format. Warren Emblidge won the first Wednesday Series and Tom Starck won the Meyers. Tom Allen, Jr. captured the Fallon Club Championship, sailed over one weekend in conjunction with the Shark Championship.

The Junior Lightning Series included the Sears Cup qualifiers, the Tom Franclemont Friday night series and the Hughes Junior Club Championship which were all won by Steve Roseberry.

My thanks to Secretary John Frank for his timely mailings and Treasurer Tom Allen, Jr. Also many thanks to Fleet Captain Jim Grenauer, Race Committee Chairman Bob Stoner, and Scorekeeper Chairwoman Carol Robinson. Their combined efforts allowed us to enjoy a fun summer of racing.



Fleet 16 — Haul out after the Regatta.

### PAUPACK FLEET (16) Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains at Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain ..... Robert Baron  
Fleet Secretary ..... Franz K. Schneider, Jr.  
Fleet Champion ..... Franz Schneider, Jr.  
Runner-Up ..... George Madel

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10215	Shadow	Joe Feyder
11907	Mach I	George Madel
12167	Acolus	Robert M. Baron
13520	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
14348	Hornet	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.

On Lake Wallenpaupack, our season begins in May with two weekends devoted to dock repair and dock launching. This year we built the final new section for our new dock. Next year we will build a ramp and the first replacement section for our old dock.

After dock launching two weekends are devoted to tune up and "get ready" activities. Our first real test is the COLD DUCK REGATTA sailed on Memorial Day weekend. Fleet Captain, Bob Baron won the much coveted Cold Duck Perpetual Trophy, sailing with Sandi Scull and Cathy Schneider.

Competition for the Folwell Cup began on May 30th. Stan Moldawsky, our resident Jazz pianist, with his crew of Latham Pali and Todd Garring won this one. George Madel was runner up. His crew was the Lewis brothers, DG and Jamie.

For the last two years, the Lake Wallenpaupack Yacht Club has been trying to develop community interest in sailboat racing by sponsoring a series of lake wide handicap races. Twelve boats turned up for the July Fourth event. George Madel, sailing with Latham Pali and Billy Clausen, eked out a close win over Caroline Schneider who was sailing with her sister Susan and her mother Sheila.

The Miller Series ran through most of July. Franz Schneider's *Hornet* won this cup. Crewing was his ever loyal wife Sheila and Pat Vennie. The team on Stan Moldawsky's *Sister Kate* were second.

George Madel won the Club Series sailed in August. The Schneider's were second.

Totalling the season scores gave the Championship to Franz Schneider with George Madel and Stan Moldawsky close behind.

On Labor Day weekend Sheila Schneider won the Crew Trophy while Lincoln Rowley sailed *Mimsy II* to a first in the fourteen boat Handicap event.

We had eighteen Lightnings on the line for the Pennsylvania Governors' Cup Regatta in late September. It was a beautiful clear autumn weekend. State Representative, Edward Stayback, presented first place to Jack Huntsman from the Monmouth Boat Club fleet. Second went to Dick Hallagan, last years winner, from the Newport fleet in Rochester, New

York. Mark Schneider, Landy Atkinson, and Franz Schneider followed in that order.

In addition to our normal fleet activities boats from our fleet participated in regattas on Lake Erie, Lake Mohawk, Greenwood Lake, Barnegat Bay, the Hudson River and the Delaware River.

All in all, 1992 was a successful season. Next summer Chuck Goehringer will be working back in our area again. Mary Ann Feyder will be through with her eye surgery, John Rowley will be back at the helm, and we will have three new boats. So we are looking forward to an even stronger fleet.

1993 Fleet Officers are: Captain, George Madel and Secretary, Stanley Moldawsky.

### CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19) Lake Erie District

#### Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain ..... Henri Kutschke  
Fleet Secretary ..... Virginia Erickson  
Fleet Champion ..... Doug Reid  
Runner-Up ..... Charly Hodges

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9332	Blue Mac's	J. J. McDonnell
10156	.....	Charles Hodges
10273	Duck	Neil Robison
11868	.....	Steve Shiffer
12601	.....	Lyle T. Barkhymer
12614	Fledermaus	Marnie Tolerton
13162	.....	Ken & Doug Reid
13222	.....	Candy Neville
13605	HEK	Henry Kutschke
14311	Kristi	Ralph L. Erickson
14341	Daisy	Gordon Black
14411	.....	Craig Seger

The Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club Lightning Fleet had a fairly active and competitive 1992 sailing season. Aside from our normal Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings competitive sailing we hosted the 28th annual Cornball Regatta held early in June. Fourteen boats from various clubs competed in rather bad sailing conditions — too little cooperation from mother nature — too little wind. However, when everything was said and done, Cal Schmiede and Co. from the Niagara Sailing Club proved to be the best. Congratulations Cal. Was it your youthful crew that moved your boat to victory?

After the races that Saturday evening the majority of the sailors enjoyed a good dinner. Then the group had a great time at the 'Monte Carlo' night along with a Chinese auction. And again this year Keith MacDonald did an



Action at C.L.Y.C. Wednesday evening series.



excellent job as auctioneer getting maximum participation. Thanks again, Keith.

Our fleet has welcomed two new skippers; Craig Seger and Neil Robinson. Craig, an Ex- E-Scow sailor finally saw the "light" and joined our fleet. To both of you a hearty welcome. Gordon Black was not with us on the starting line very often as a skipper this year. He was in the process of moving up to a newer model boat, which in actuality, left him in limbo until he found his 'new' replacement toward the end of the season. Beth Craig and Gordon were active sailors outside home base, as both participated in regattas in the district. Old timers like Jim McDonnell and Henri Kutschke also found the desire to compete away from home, as did the young skipper Doug Reid.

Our fleet sails every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening. To promote sailing and develop more interest among all, we initiated, (for the Wednesday evening series), that the usual skipper **not** be at the helm, rather a crew member or someone else. It worked rather well. This created at least two new young skippers who competed on a regular basis. The Wednesday evening series finished with Ken Reid in first, Pat Kutschke in second, and Sarah Hodges in third.

The Sunday afternoon series had almost the same boat outcome, as the regular skippers had the helm. Doug Reid took first, Charly Hodges was second, and Henry Kutschke, third.

We as a fleet are very optimistic for the coming season: new boats, new skippers, and new enthusiasm.

### INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain ..... Frank Terry  
Fleet Secretary ..... Robert Clover  
Fleet Champions ..... First Round - Bob Curry  
Second Round - Steve Weeber

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12049	.....	Robert Curry
12287	Mellow	Franklin L. Terry
12551	Wind Thief	Robert Clover
13189	Finally Blue	John Collier
13741	.....	John W. Timmermeister
14287	Phoenix	Steve Weeber
Life Members	.....	Jay & Helen Limbaugh

An active year for Fleet 23 during 1992. We started the year with two new Lightning Sailors. The first to join the club was John Dika. John, with his wife, Sandra, and kids, Nick and Katie, had purchased their Lightning in 1991 and sailed on Kiser Lake. They were a welcome addition to our fleet. Unfortunately, John has been transferred to Massachusetts. We will miss their friendship, but we wish them the best. The second to join our fleet was Steve Weeber, his wife, Donna, and father, Bud. They had sailed E-Scows prior to buying their Lightning. It's great to have them on board. They are very good sailors and have increased our level of competition.

Our fiftieth year for the Indian Lake Yacht Club was celebrated this year with a reunion. We had pictures, articles, slides, etc. from days gone by. It was great to see how active a part the Lightning played in the history of the club. It was a very beautiful experience.

We hosted a regatta this year, August 15th and 16th. Nobody could remember the last Lightning regatta held at Indian Lake. We intend to make this an annual affair. We were thrilled at the turnout, sixteen boats. Six came from Cowan Lake, one each from St. Mary's Lake, Atwood, Leatherlips, Columbus, and we had six boats from Indian Lake. The weather co-operated bringing us 8-10 mph winds Saturday morning, 15-18 mph in the afternoon, and Sunday morning the wind was light at 5-8 mph. Saturday evening we had a fantastic lasagne dinner complete with stuffed clams. Everyone gathered around the George Killian Irish Red Ale, told stories, discussed the day's racing, and had a good time. Steve Weeber won the regatta, Bill Young was second, Dick Pugh, third, and Paul Howard, fourth. We gave trophies to the top four finishers and crew trophies to the first two places. A trophy also went to the person who typifies the average Lightning sailor, the sailor who is always there on the line giving it his best. This year's winner was Steve Jolly from Atwood. He sailed with his wife and kids in all but one race, the air was too heavy for them and he wisely decided to come in. This regatta was a new experience for us and we had a great time.

A couple of us traveled this summer. That hasn't been done in some time either. It is great to see our fleet showing life. See you next summer.



*Ooops! A surprise at the Stumpbuster Regatta.*

### LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)

#### Metropolitan District

#### Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary ..... David Drosdick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8761	.....	Hank Hitpas
9984	Cumulo Nimbus	Robert G. Watters
11448	Tomato Sloop	Donald T. Okner
13211	Windfall	Richard Miner
13373	.....	William Beveridge
13381	Dreamer	Perry L. Anderson
13820	.....	Lawrence W. Kenny
13882	Cellular War	David Drosdick
14061	.....	Robert H. Graham
14198	.....	William Warren

No Report.

### LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)

#### Ohio District

#### Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Secretary ..... Caldwell B. Richeson, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8234	.....	Ralph D. Powless
11133	Blew Tornado	P. Thomas Jungjohann
11982	Gone With The Wind	George Hodge
12895	.....	Ralph D. Powless
13979	Afterburner	Thomas H. Varley, Jr.
14104	.....	Carl R. Clipp
14395	.....	Paul Howald

No Report.

# DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB

## CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA



### PREVIOUS WINNERS

1944	C. B. Crittenden
1945	Jack Squires
1946	Walt Swindeman
1947	Dick Krauss
1948	Dick Krauss
1949	George Maludy
1950	Dave Spitznagle
1951	Herm Nickles
1952	Gerald Murphy
1953	Wes Wiedrick
1954	Dick Krauss
1955	Dick Krauss
1956	Wes Wiedrick
1957	Ed & Bill McKinley
1958	Bud Nelson
1959	Herm Nickles
1960	Herm Nickles
1961	Bud Nelson
1962	Bruce Goldsmith
1963	Bruce Goldsmith
1964	Jeff Moehl
1965	Dave Nickles
1966	Bruce Goldsmith
1967	Bill McKinley
1968	Bruce Goldsmith
1969	Bruce Goldsmith
1970	Bruce Goldsmith
1971	Bill McKinley
1972	Bill McKinley
1973	George Nickles
1974	Merrill Bales
1975	Bob Knop
1976	Bill McKinley
1977	Bruce Goldsmith
1978	Bruce Goldsmith
1979	Garry Demarest
1980	Bruce Goldsmith
1981	Bruce Goldsmith
1982	Bruce Goldsmith
1983	Colin Park
1984	Bruce Goldsmith
1985	Colin Park
1986	John McCree
1987	Henry Hodgson
1988	Colin Park
1989	Colin Park
1990	Colin Park
1991	Dan Norton
1992	Colin Park

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**SEPT. 18th and 19th**

## DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

### Michigan District

#### Based on Devil's Lake at Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Randy Sahajdak  
Fleet Secretary ..... Jack Tibbs  
Fleet Champion ..... T. J. Whitehouse  
Runner-Up ..... Dick Elwell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
197	.....	Larry Niswander
9445	.....	William Moburg
9650	Red Carpet	Phillip J. Reynolds
10871	.....	Robert D. Carlisle
11698	.....	S. Maxwell Smith
11951	Go Blue	Peter Paullin
12777	.....	Dennis C. Marsh
13767	.....	Robert E. Doyle
13891	Sorry Charlie	Charles Smith, M.D.
13959	.....	Jeffrey W. Clemes
14054	.....	James Whitehouse
14090	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
14148	.....	Stephen H. Thomas
14249	.....	George Sipel
14250	.....	Dan Norton
14260	.....	David Laidlaw
14301	.....	Jack Tibbs
14318	Taking Care of Business	Hank Hodgson
14449	.....	Bruce Goldsmith
14510	.....	Jeffrey C. Maludy, M.D.
14540	Good Fortune	Richard F. Elwell
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal

In spite of a season of unusual weather, the sailing folks of Fleet 31 enjoyed a summer full of club competition. Beginning with Bruce Goldsmith's famous-by-now SPRING THING, our annual tune-up event, and ending with DLYC's 49th Annual Regatta in September, lots of terrific sailing was sandwiched in between.

The Memorial Day Series featured George Sipel, one of the toughest young sailors on the Lightning circuit, winning the fleet's opening series event. Next up, the holiday Fourth of July Regatta was captured by Lightning Class stalwart Hank Hodgson. The Annual Stay-at-Home series was closely contested with Dick Elwell coming out on top. The Labor Day Regatta was won by Steve Thomas and crew.

The Commodore's Trophy was won by Bill Thomas, another young man to watch when he's at the tiller. Bill, continued to serve as the clubs Jr. Sailing Program Instructor in 1992. Bill's assistant, T. J. Whitehouse, himself a recent grad of the Junior sailing program, was perhaps our steadiest sailor and captured what may have been one of the most closely contested Fleet Championships in DLYC history. Dick Elwell finished in second position and Jack Tibbs a close third.

After a season of sailing these three boats finished within four points of each other. The season's final race decided all three finishing positions.

Other notable Fleet 37 accomplishments included strong DLYC finishes at the Michigan Districts; club boats occupied five of the top ten places. At the Junior Districts, another Thomas family member, this time Mike Thomas, took top honors with crew Andy Paulin and Jason Baroush. The Lake Fenton Team Races formed Devils Lake team B (the Bullets). The winners with Bruce Goldsmith, Steve Thomas and a PYC captain as the successful skippers. Kudos also go out to Hank and Karen Hodgson, 1992 champions in the Rebel National Regatta (their 5th time!).

The 49th Annual Regatta was hugely successful, with the club hosting 34 Lightnings and 21 Sunfish. In standings right at the top, Colin Park edged Terry Hutchinson by 1/4 point! One of our tightest finishes ever! Additionally, the Fleet took pride in honoring one of our own, Chris Tibbs, in front of many of her Lightning Class friends. A trophy in her honor, the "Chris Tibbs First Mate Award" will be awarded each year to the spouse of a fleet member who is the most helpful to the fleet over the course of the year. As many of you know, Chris has officially announced her on-the-water retirement(?) as our weekly race committee — we'll miss her! We hope to coax her out of retirement for our Fleet's Fiftieth Anniversary Regatta. We also hope to host our many Lightning friends at this regatta and promise lots of surprises to Lightning skippers willing to join us as we celebrate this important Fleet 31 milestone.

## TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

### Ohio District

#### Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Secretary ..... Dale Jackson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10425	.....	Charles Suter
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	.....	Jerome Seppelt
12950	.....	Rob Frechette
14075	.....	Dale Jackson

No Report.

## METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

### Central Atlantic District

#### Based on Metedeconk River at Ocean County, N.J.

Fleet Captain ..... Keith Taboada  
Fleet Secretary ..... James G. Carson  
Fleet Champion ..... Joe Buczkowski  
Runner-Up ..... Paul F. Gelenitis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6557	Zig Zag	Carol H. Kern
7082	.....	Robert E. Cowen
9382	.....	Emil Herkert
9852	Club Tub	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas, Jr. & Richard D. Thomas
11739	Rip City Express	Keith Taboada
11894	Love It	David S. Ruiter
11972	Scream Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
13084	.....	Paul F. Gelenitis
13139	.....	Donald H. Brennan
14014	Bluestreak	Djoerd Hoekstra
14029	Thunder	Craig J. Dooren
14180	Hot Fuzzy	James G. Carson
14424	XV2	James G. Carson

1992 saw two welcome themes for the Metedeconk River Lightning Fleet — greater participation in local fleets and excellent competition. In local series championships, no single team repeated victories during the year with the championship open up until the final week of competition in each series. Joe Buczkowski edged the team of Paul Gelenitis and Mike Buczkowski for the Summer Series Championship with Richard Thomas, Billy Bogardus, Stephanie Ruiter following. Paul continued his mastery of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Lightning Championship, but did so in the final week edging out the Jim Carson racing team, Dave Ruiter and Djoerd Hoekstra. The BBYRA Fall Series, held at Metedeconk River annually, saw the largest turnout in years, with eight boats qualifying. Dave Ruiter took the crown, closely followed by the team of Richard Thomas and Chris Krauthaim.

In competitions outside the local series, Metedeconk sailors garnered many distinctions. Keith Taboada had another strong year, winning the Annapolis Frigid Digit Regatta and winning his third consecutive Central Atlantic Districts, held at Brant Beach Yacht Club. Jim Carson and Paul Gelenitis also placed high at the Districts, fourth and fifth respectively. The Buczkowski brothers dominated the New Jersey Junior States, with Mike winning, followed by Joey. Keith was also our leading representative at the North Americans in Buffalo, with a 12th place finish, after the suspense of scarcely qualifying for the Blue Championship flight. Keith also qualified for a berth at the 1993 World's and we wish him success there. Other Metedeconk attendees at the NA's included Paul Gelenitis, Jim Carson, Djoerd Hoekstra and Greg Kinzel. Joe Buczkowski and Gerard Kinzel sailed the Junior NA's with Joe taking sixth while qualifying for the World Youth Championship. At the other end of the Lightning age spectrum, Jim Carson placed sixth in the Seniors, in a "Hall of Fame" fleet which included a number of World's and NA's Championship holders. In other area regattas, Paul Gelenitis took the Spring Tuneup Regatta held at Bay Head while finishing second in the Southampton Regatta. Jim Carson continued his circling of the globe while attending Lightning regattas, gaining many top ten finishes in his travels.

Sounded like a busy year; we look for more of the same in '93. See you on the race course.



**DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET CLUB (35)**  
**Texas District**  
**Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas**

Fleet Secretary ..... Ardis Good  
 Fleet Champion ..... Joel Good  
 Runner-Up ..... Ralph Bilnoski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10211	.....	Ron Keimer
10275	.....	John Davis
10285	.....	Carl Takle
10811	.....	Joel Good
10959	Hardtack	John B. Waskom, III
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
11311	.....	Rodney L. Wallace
12545	Guided Image	Jeff Glass
12975	.....	Wayne Catoe
13223	.....	Ernest Godsey
13341	.....	John Waskom, IV
13428	.....	Bob Wenning
13644	.....	Ignatius Urbanek
13722	.....	Merritt H. Nielsen
.....	.....	Lonny Baugh

Fleet 35 enjoyed a more active year than ever with individual fleet members taking on the leadership role for various events and fleet members joining in to help. It seemed to be a year of "firsts" for fleet activity and events.

A new concept for handling fleet races has proven successful and will most likely be continued in future years — each fleet member was responsible for fleet race duty on a given race day thus spreading the responsibility among members and giving new fleet members experience at setting up and running the races. Thanks to Rodney Wallace and John Waskom IV for keeping scores (we're still double checking the scores with Rodney keeping score and winning the Summer Series!). The 19 race Summer Series started off with a bang the first weekend in April with a blow and one capsized followed by a capsized in the second race the following weekend. Things calmed down after that and by the end of the Summer Series at the end of July, Rodney Wallace finished in first place, Joel Good in second place and Wayne Catoe in third. The 20 race Fall Series got under way September 5th and finished up November 14th as the last two races scheduled for November 21st were cancelled, after we were on the water, due to lightning — yes, lightning in November! Ralph Bilnoski finished first in the Fall Series, followed by Joel Good in second and John Waskom IV in third. Combining the two series for our Fleet Championship Series resulted in Joel Good in first place, Ralph Bilnoski in second and John Waskom IV in third. Participation was good with an average of 6-8 boats competing.

Fleet members travelled to regattas year round — John Waskom IV, John Davis, Ralph Bilnoski, Rodney Wallace, Wayne Catoe and Joel Good (in various boats with various crew configurations) competed in Toys for Tots and Texas A&M Regattas at Lake Conrow, Holiday in Dixie in Shreveport, Louisiana, and Spring and Fall Dinghyfests at Rush Creek. The State Fair Regatta held at our club is becoming a well attended regatta with six boats from Fleet 35 competing with Lightnings from Fleets 435, 505, and 175 for a total of 14 Lightnings in the regatta.

For the first time in more years than most can remember, Texas Districts were hosted by Fleet 35 at White Rock Lake with Joel Good as Regatta Chairman. Seven boats from Fleet 35 of a total 14 boats competed with Wayne Catoe finishing in second and Joel Good in fourth.

Another first for the fleet was hosting the Fireworks Regatta on July 4th for members of Corinthian Sailing Club and other area dinghy boats. Thanks to John Waskom IV for acting as Regatta Chairman and Marti Wallace for social on that event. Turnout was good and it looks like this will probably become an annual event.

Yet another first, Adams Cup competition for TYA and Area F was held at Corinthian Sailing Club with Fleet 35 members loaning boats and providing manpower — a special thanks to John Davis, Joel Good, Ernest Godsey, Ralph Bilnoski, Rodney Wallace, Carl Takle, John Waskom III, John Waskom, IV, and Jeff Glass for loaning boats and spending some long weekends on duty.

And the season continues as fleet members are packing up for the Toys for Tots Regatta again this year.



*Fleet 35 sailors take a break at Holiday in Dixie Regatta.*

## FLEET 35 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

*by John Waskom IV*

Like the cat with the instinct for survival and the fabled nine lives, Lightning Fleet 35 has survived the test of time because of the commitment and dedication of its true believers.

Originally chartered in the early 40's, Fleet 35 was able to withstand the interruption of World War II to make a strong comeback in post war years.

By the time Skipper Emeritus Willis McQueen joined the fleet in 1949, it was in its second life and had grown to eight boats — outgrowing the Corinthian Sailing Club facilities. Willis recalls building original davits #6 and #7 adjacent to the north gazebo to have a place for his new boat.

The fleet continued to prosper until the early 50's when mother nature dealt White Rock Lake a cruel blow and dried up the north end of the lake. Many of the fleet's skippers, tired of waiting for water to return to the lake, lowered their Lightnings from the high and dry davits onto trailers bound for the newly formed Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club on Lake Dallas.

Several devoted skippers remained loyal to Corinthian Sailing Club and White Rock and out waited the drought. When the water returned in '56, the fleet began its third life with Willis McQueen, Milton Price, Harold Boss and Marshall Fagin taking up the challenge of rebuilding.

The late 50's and 60's were good to Fleet 35 with the fleet growing to an unprecedented 39 Lightnings in 1969.

The early 70's brought the winds of change, and the blue of a larger lake lured many of the fleet's skippers to the newly formed Rush Creek Yacht Club at Lake Ray Hubbard where Fleet 435 was formed.

Once again a small contingency of devoted Lightning skippers, Willis McQueen, Al Sather and John Waskom, III, held the fleet together to see better times.

In the 80's, guided by these seasoned veterans and survivors, Fleet 35 began yet another rebuilding and growth period — the fourth life.

The 90's have been a very prosperous period for Fleet 35 yielding a time of constant growth and improvement in the racing program. During 1991 the fleet experienced an unprecedented period of growth welcoming five new owners to the fleet closing out the '91 season with 19 boats, 15 of which are being actively sailed.

In recognition of the increase in membership and participation in Lightning sanctioned activities, the fleet was awarded the coveted "Neal Steketee" Trophy for the "North American fleet who has been outstanding in furthering the purpose of the ILCA in promoting and developing racing."

It is reassuring that as the Lightning celebrates its 54th year as a class and Fleet 35 its 50th, no matter what Mother Nature holds in store for the future of White Rock waters, there are true believers among the members of Fleet 35 that are ready and willing to carry on the Lightning tradition for another five lives.



**PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36)****Ohio District****Based on Pymatuning Lake  
Jamestown, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Secretary ..... Scot Werley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5070	.....	Thomas S. Petroski
6133	Caledonia	Ed & G. Scotland Werley
8635	Big Bird	W. Terry Patrick
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	Edward E. Werley
10024	Desert Skies	David Werley
10210	Layla	Leonard Ciccione
10525	Blue Streak	Phillips Wedemeyer
10527	Changes In Attitudes	Victor Maras
11278	La Biche	Lud Lekson
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe, Jr.
12271	Ol' Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12587	.....	John Kuder
12593	Hall's Hull	Richard F. Hall, Jr.
12884	Purple Moose	Thomas Petroski
12972	.....	David Palmer
12973	.....	Thomas A. Sankey
13240	.....	Janice J. Gamer
13255	Gone with the Wind	James V. Martuccio, D.D.S.
13318	Class Action	Nedra Lewis
13465	Hot Canary IX	Curt & June Maltbie
13608	Spice	Matt Frymier
13771	Grace	Donald P. Courtsal
13905	.....	Johnathan Dean
14020	Smile	Herbert Jestel
14222	.....	Garry P. Condon
14343	.....	William Weihe, Jr.
14422	.....	John Werley
14513	.....	Dr. John P. Borland
14546	.....	Robert G. Ruhlman
Life Member	.....	Jon Ruhlman

No Report.

**CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39)****Metropolitan District****Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York**

Fleet Captain ..... Dave Petelinz  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Dave Petelinz  
 Fleet Champion ..... Richard Owen  
 Runner-Up ..... Dave Petelinz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10796	Irish Mist	Michael B. Pike
11431	New Wave	Dave Petelinz
11578	.....	Edward Garber
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York
12912	Ruptured Duck	Bill Muth
14030	Dixie VI	Richard Owen
.....	.....	Jay H. Anderson

The 1992 sailing season in Chelsea was great as far as wind conditions went but less-than-great as far as number of competitors showing up for the races. This is because we lost Frank Newman, Jerry Cavagnol, Mike Pike, Bill Muth, and Don Williams due to various reasons. This left Dave Petelinz and Richard Owen to duke it out, with Richard winning hands down. In '93 we expect to see Mike Pike and newcomer Jim Zambito, Jr. return to the race course.

**BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43)****Ohio District****Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio**

Fleet Captain ..... George Fisher  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Marty Fisher  
 Fleet Champion ..... George Fisher  
 Fleet Runner-Up ..... Matt Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10956	.....	Karl D. Erickson
13250	Laugh A Minute	Dr. Karl Kumler
14045	Wild Thing	Matt Fisher
14345	.....	George Fisher

No Report.

**SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47)****Lake Erie District****Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York**

Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Mark Humphrey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7949	Just Say No	C. Scott DeGolyer, III
8004	Cirrus II	Roger Slade
9119	Passing Wind	Peter G. Humphrey & Mark O. Humphrey
9739	Hustler	Mark W. Grinder
9845	Hotel California	Peter K. Bone
12788	Sea Serpent	William G. Van Arsdale
12984	.....	Kathryn Thompson
13714	.....	Paul J. Malone, Jr.
13948	The Judge	Mark H. Dadd

No Report.

**WASHINGTON D.C. FLEET (50)****Dixie District****Based on the Potomac River**

Fleet Captain ..... Bob Astrove  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Christy Dillard  
 Fleet Champion ..... Jim Dillard  
 Fleet Runner-Up ..... George Dehney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6351	.....	Mladen Karcic
7294	Windhawk	Timothy W. Rinaman
7996	Lady Joyce	Douglas A. Eagles
10226	.....	George J. Dehney
10475	.....	John R. Marion
10643	Speculation	William Timothy Elam
10800	.....	Edgar "Red" Fehrle
10814	Fast 'n Loose	Dieter Grotheer
10817	Big Green	James H. Dillard
11028	.....	Lester P. Condon
11369	Broom Hilda	S. R. Heller, III
11420	.....	Frank V. Gallagher
12081	Swill Dog	Edgar G. Hunting
12911	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
12962	Rakija	Mladen Karcic
13897	No Excuse	James H. Dillard
13906	Shock Effect	Matthew L. Meyer
13987	.....	Jim Dillard
14019	.....	Robert Astrove
14100	Chute the Works	George J. Dehney
14178	.....	Jonathan R. Barrett
		John R. Butler

Fleet 50 will always remember the 1992 sailing season for this year we lost our beloved Doc Gilbert who passed away April 24, 1992 while racing in the Potomac Cup Regatta. Doc left us with his spinnaker flying, the ONLY



Doc and "Lord Jim" at the 50th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles.

way he'd want to go. At the "Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup" perpetual and keeper trophies will be awarded each year to the highest placed Fleet 50 skipper in honor of his memory. Doc contributed so much character to our fleet, we will miss but remember; his dedication to Lightning racing surpassed by no other; the love of bringing novices into the sport — many times Doc had people racing with him who had neither seen nor heard of a Lightning an hour before the race and yet many, including Mike Arnold, Jim Dillard, and Frank Gallagher went on to buy and race Lightnings; his lending hands when hardware broke or fell into Rehoboth Bay, or when your trailer got a flat tire on the way to the Potomac Cup; his untiring consistency race after race, the stories of his road trips, his energy and spirit of adventure. But most of all his camaraderie, generosity, enthusiasm, encouragement, smiles, hugs, and his undying love of a sport that he passed on to so many of us.

Notwithstanding the loss of our friend, the fleet had a successful year. We had at least five, and as many as nine boats, out every weekend for our spring and fall series. We were joined by John Marion who raced consistently and competitively at home and at out of town regattas. Christy Dillard finished her first year at the helm, but spent most of her time off the river travelling to local regattas, Southern Circuit, Women's and N.A. Championships in Buffalo. Mr. Dillard, who had a share of traveling to the S.C. and N.A.'s swept the fleet championship, winning the Spring and Fall Series, Spring Regatta, Lightning/Thistle Challenge and President's Cup. George Dehney is our runner-up, placing second in both Spring and Fall Series. Congratulations, gentlemen!! Thanks go to our officers, Bob, Christy and Nancy, and everyone else that made 1992 a success! Don't forget, 1993 is a big one. FLEET 50's FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY!!!! Mark your calendar, **May 8-9** Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup & Anniversary Bash sponsored by Beck's Beer!!!! See you on the river!

### CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51) Michigan District Based on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Secretary ..... Rick Kretzschmar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8288	.....	Jeff Bodkin
10799	.....	Paul Revere, III
13388	Michigan Rude	R. Craig Hupp
13488	Emergency Ward	Richard R. Kretzschmar
13819	.....	Eric Swayze & Doug Nickel
14042	.....	David Piech
14415	.....	Dr. Joel Humphrey
14431	Hot Knots	Jack Schulte
14436	Green Side Up	Michael D. Williams
.....	.....	Richard E. Drew
.....	.....	Michael Konon
Life Member	.....	Henry Cawthra

No Report.

### LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53) Michigan District Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain ..... Kevin Nickels  
Fleet Secretary ..... James Reach  
Fleet Champion ..... David Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13808	Lapa Uila	James Reach
13958	Year of the Tiger	Walter Plamondon
14242	.....	Carl Pohly
14448	.....	George Nickels
14531	It's Not Easy	.....
.....	Being Green	David Nickels
14537	No Way	Kevin Nickels

The Lightning fleet at Lake Fenton enjoyed a competitive year of sailing during an unusually wet summer. Kevin Nickels, with his own new boat, added additional competition as he traded victories with his father and grandfather. Bill Barley regularly sailed in the Wednesday night series which resulted in several seven boat races. Al Bauer also returned from a summer of golf to again race his boat. The Nickels family finished the season in the first three positions in both the Sunday and Wednesday series.

The 1992 team race was also a great success with boats visiting from Devil's Lake, Pontiac, Crescent, Bay City, Gull Lake, and Lake Lansing. Seven teams competed and the series was won by Devil's Lake #2, which boats were skippered by Bruce Goldsmith, Steve Thomas, and Keith Shaw (a ringer from Pontiac). Some of the participants are shown in the picture below.

1993 will make the 25th anniversary of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club team races. It is anticipated that special trophies and events will take place at that time. That celebration coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Devil's Lake Regatta. Lightning owners throughout the Michigan District are encouraged to attend these special regattas. The Lake Fenton Sailing Club team races will be held June 12 and 13, 1993. We are hopeful that teams from throughout the district and beyond will attend. If your club is unable to field a full team, please contact race organizers so that additional teams can be assembled.



Michigan team racing, 1992, at Lake Fenton.

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**PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)**  
**Michigan District**  
**Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan**

Fleet Captain ..... Bruce Finsilver  
 Fleet Secretary ..... Joyce von Drehle  
 Fleet Champion ..... Bonnie Nickels  
 Fleet Runner-Up ..... Sean Fidler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4205	Sail On	Alan Suydam
9393	.....	Edward A. Diakow
10803	.....	Dan House
11107	.....	Robert Kramer
11452	.....	Robert J. Miller
11531	Fast Eddy	Richard T. Eddy & Ted Flack
11545	.....	William Roberts
11806	Yellow Bird	
	Too	Jeff Zorn
12612	.....	Gordon Gotberg
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G. Palmer
12756	Melvin	G. Bleitz, Jr.
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12961	.....	Jim Hudson
12977	.....	Robert Kranich
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13031	Fubara	George Fenner
13107	.....	Robert Meyer
13283	.....	William Roberts
13378	.....	J. Michael Mitchell
13391	.....	John Greenstreet
13451	Flash Dance	Ronna Ross
13468	.....	Stephen R. Braski
13594	Cat's Pajamas	Leonard S. Friedman
13606	.....	John Crowther
13730	Evergreen	Salo J. Korn
13789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
13819	Flipper	Doug Nickels
13837	.....	Eric Samuelson & Don Rau
13855	Double Nickel	Louie Nickels
13937	.....	Dennis McCarthy
13985	Cher Chez — la Femme	Bonnie Nickels
13995	Phantasy	Jack F. Ensroth, M.D.
13998	.....	Thomas Klaban
14023	.....	James G. Swan
14031	.....	Robert W. Shaw
14049	.....	Diana Fernando
14097	Banshee	Edward G. Woods
14105	Cutting Edge	Wallace P. Smith
14117	Blitzen	Richard Bergstrom
14144	Quick Silver	Bruce J. Finsilver
14177	Bunz-Out	Glen Gray
14220	.....	Mark Whatley & Leslie Fink
14280	.....	Charles C. Hess
14282	.....	Bruce Henderson, M.D.
14344	.....	James A. Harris, M.D.
14415	.....	Stanley Grandon M.D. & Dr. Joel Humphrey
14439	.....	Sean Fidler & Robert G. Fidler
14477	.....	Edward Dziuba
14490	.....	Bob Mathers
14515	.....	Dr. James McCoy
14531	.....	Phyllis Losert
.....	.....	Richard F. Beaubien
.....	.....	Buzz Brown

The world's largest Lightning Fleet had another great year of sailing on Cass Lake. Michigan experienced one of its coldest summers ever and while the power-boaters and beach-bums complained all year long, the sailboat racers at Fleet 54 had a ball. The usual August doldrums never materialized and the fleet sailed through the season without ever cancelling a race for lack of wind.

Pontiac Yacht Club traditionally begins its season on the first weekend in May with a Bug Out Regatta and continues right through until the third

week in October. While we took time out during the Districts and hosted the Women's and Junior Districts, our members contested Spring, Fall and Summer Series championships on both Wednesdays and Sundays. In late September we still had 25 boats on the starting line on Wednesday nights. On Sundays we hold back-to-back races with an Olympic Course format with typical participation around 15 boats.

The Fleet Committee borrowed an idea from the J-24s and instituted a handicap scoring system this season. All races were scored on both the Cox-Sprague system and a Monthly Variable Performance (MVP) system with all boats receiving a "rolling" handicap. The idea was to increase the competition and fun for those improving sailors who had not yet reached the top of the fleet. Trophies were awarded in every series on both the regular (Cox-Sprague) and handicap (MVP) scoring systems, allowing many more members to earn trophies this year.

The PYC Club Championship was a five race series held on the Fourth of July weekend. It was marked by heavy air and intense competition with first place in doubt until the final race. Sean Fidler and Glen Gray both survived turning turtle, but Bonnie Nickels sailed consistently to claim the Club Championship. Sean Fidler finished second.

Thirty-four captains and crews entered our traditional Whitecap Regatta, held the first weekend after Labor Day. Terry Hutchinson, who is making a name for himself in the national arena in a variety of boats, came in from Traverse City to capture first place. Host club sailors Sean Fidler and Louie Nickels were second and third, while former North American Champion Colin Park settled for fourth. PYC member Charlie Hess was fifth and sixth through tenth place trophies were swept by hosts Bob Mathers, Jim McCoy, Diana Fernando, Joel Humphrey and Wally Smith, respectively.

Commodore Bob Shaw and Vice-Commodore Jim Swan provided strong leadership in another successful year for the Pontiac Yacht Club. We look forward to our continued strong presence in Lightning affairs. If you're in the area, we invite you to stop in and race or crew with our competitive membership.



*Ten Trophy-winning skippers and crews pose at the Pontiac Yacht Club's annual Whitecap Regatta.*

**LITTLE NECK BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (55)**  
**Long Island District**  
**Residing at the Bayside Yacht Club**  
**Bayside, New York**

Fleet Secretary ..... Gary Fischer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5637	Triskel	Stephan Zander
7971	Summer Soldier	Chas. J. Santorelli & William Hoffman

No Report.

**HEWLETT BAY (58)**  
**Long Island District**  
**Sailing on South Shore Long Island**  
**New York, New York**

Fleet Captain/Secretary ..... Gary Silva

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10392	Arcturus	Richard Braverman
12008	Blitz Kreig	Charles Merkle
13829	.....	Peter Neyland
13874	A.M.F.	Thomas Hering

No Report.

**NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)**  
**Lake Erie District**  
**Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, NY**

Fleet Secretary ..... Larissa Higgins  
 Fleet Champion ..... Cal Schmiede  
 Runner-Up ..... Judy Walker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13787	.....	Bob Starck
13944	Sea Porsche	Calvin H. Schmiede
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker

No Report.

**JAYHAWK FLEET (60)**  
**Central States District**  
**Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas**

Fleet Secretary ..... Robert Exon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10682	Woodstock	Arthur D. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
12508	Streaker	William G. Merillat
13016	Mean Machine	Harold "Bud" Hunt
14021	Family Affair	Robert R. & William Pooler

No Report.

**MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)**  
**Pacific Northwest District**  
**Sailing on Maple Bay at**  
**Maple Bay, British Columbia**

Fleet Contact ..... George A. Maggs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11283	Blind Pew	George A. Maggs

The Fleet has been inactive for a number of years. However, as we are, I believe, the oldest fleet in Canada, I asked the Maple Bay Yacht Club if they would, therefore, continue to offer their support by paying the annual Fleet dues (two years). This they were willing to do, but in the future its difficult to predict.

There are now only three or four boats in the Club, all of them noncompetitive and used for family sailing. Although there are more sailboats in the Yacht Club than ever before, the turn out for competition is minimal. The only exceptions to this are a new Star Fleet of six or seven boats, (they are very active) and the Club Lasers which are used for training and racing.

My own Lightning 11283 *Blind Pew* was put to good use by three young ladies from Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Wendy McBride, Louise Anstery, and Karen Palmer, who used it to practice boat handling before they left in the fall to compete in the Adams Cup finals. (They did all right by finishing fifth, I believe.)

**LIGHTNING FLEET (69)**  
**Midwest District**  
**Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Fleet Captain ..... Robert A. Franke  
 Vice Fleet Captain ..... John Dillon  
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Byron Roe  
 Fleet Champion ..... Robert A. Franke  
 Runner-Up ..... John Strassman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11442	Rampage	Dean S. Cady & Dana Blumberg
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
12650	Phantom	Ed & Pat McGuinnis
12863	Synergy	John Dillon
13755	.....	John Sills II
13794	Bluette II	Allen N. Rieselbach
14060	Fishbone	Janice A. Shoman
14162	Mr. Surly	Robert & Peter Mahnke
14204	Rolling Thunder	Robert & Amy Franke
14208	Catch Christy	Walter C. Nickerson
14400	Sans Souci IV	John H. Esser
14481	Flash, Boom, Bang	John Strassman
14530	Former Panamanian	.....
	Strongman	William Faude

The 1992 Season started early this year when new fleet member John Strassman arrived in April with his new Lightning and began practice sailing with Bill Faude. John's crew for the season would be his brother-in-law Paul Dondero and sister-in-law Heidi Gutzwiller.

The annual and official opening of the season began with the Commissioning ceremony for the Milwaukee Yacht Club, which is sponsored by our Lightning Fleet. The weather was beautiful for a Friday evening in May and over two hundred-fifty Milwaukee Yacht Club members and guests were present.

The weather turned late Friday night with the passing of a cold front and associated 25-30 mph winds from the Northeast. Saturday's races were canceled and Sunday's annual Marine Handicap Race was postponed until Monday. The Marine Handicap Race was finally sailed Memorial Day in a bumpy Northeaster, with Bob Franke edging out Dana Blumberg by only two boat lengths. Robert Mahnke finished third.

The Little Mackinaw Race was sailed in a great Southeaster. Dana Blumberg and Dr. John Esser battled it out as the breeze filled in across the Bay. Dana went on to squeeze out John for the win. Amy Simonsen finished third.

The P & T Regatta was held July 11 & 12 with twenty-two boats in attendance. Light and shifty easterlies dominated Saturday's racing. Sunday's races were canceled due to thunderstorms which rumbled through the Milwaukee Bay area all morning. Bill Faude did a great job as Regatta Chairman especially since it was his first time. Paul Wurtzbach and his crew, Karen Johnson and Bob Seigel, won the event, with Mike and Meg Huffman and Amy and Bob Franke finishing second and third respectively.

Congratulations to Bill Faude and his crew, Jared Drake and Perry Lewis, for their second place finish in the President's Cup at this year's North Americans.

The Milwaukee Yacht Club Commodore's regatta was sailed during August in a choppy Southeaster with fog. John Strassman won the regatta with Bob Franke taking second and Dr. John Esser finishing third. John Sills and Dana Blumberg finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Lightning Fleet 69 renewed its annual picnic this year. The picnic was held in South Shore Park during August with over forty people in attendance. The weather was chilly but sunny and a great time was enjoyed by all.

The Labor Day Regatta was also sailed in fog due to Lake Michigan's cool water temperatures. Dana Blumberg sneaked by Bob Franke in the last race to win the race and the Series. Dr. John Esser finished a close third.

The 1992 Milwaukee Yacht Club Lightning Season Series was decided during the Labor Day Regatta with Amy and Bob Franke finishing just in front of John Strassman. Dr. John Esser finished third with Dana Blumberg and Robert Mahnke finishing fourth and fifth respectively.

Congratulations to Paul and Laura Dondero for the addition of "Little" John to the family. Little John although 10 months old, already has enough strength to jibe a Lightning spinnaker pole. Also to Karen and Joe Balistreri for the newest addition to their family, Jena Balistreri.

Fleet 69 is also honored to have had its bid to host the 1993 Lightning North American Championships approved by the ILCA. The event is to take place from August 7-13 with races to be sailed on Lake Michigan. The Women's, Master's and Junior Championships will be hosted by the She-



boygan Yacht Club which is an hour north of Milwaukee, also on Lake Michigan.

An ambitious social calendar is being planned, a large block of very inexpensive rooms has been reserved within ten minutes of the club in Milwaukee and the city's season of summer festivals will be in full swing during the time of the Championships. It has been twenty years since the entire Lightning Class has visited Milwaukee and we certainly hope everyone can make plans to be in Wisconsin next summer, we can't wait to see you!

# **RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY (70)** **Metropolitan District** **Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River** **at Red Bank, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain ..... Henry O'Hern  
Fleet Vice Captain ..... Warren Kaiser  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Mary Huntsman  
Fleet Champion ..... Ralph Wilson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3686	.....	Mary Sue Rogers
10626	Biesk	William Jaeger
11740	.....	Larry Colantuono
11958	Hiccup	Frank Mergenthaler
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin, Patrick E. & Pat F. Corr
14276	.....	Ralph F. Wilson
14450	.....	Jim & Jon Schwartz
14482	.....	Jack Huntsman & Henry O'Hern, III
14492	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr. & Mary Huntsman
14539	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton

As this year is ending, Sandy and I are in Vermont unable to drive to New Jersey because of the raging storm between here and New Jersey. Jack has called to report that the waters of the Navesink River are halfway up the first floor on the Monmouth Boat Club, that our frostbite fleet has disappeared and that Frank Mergenthaler's Lightning is floating on the street, blocking the road, snug in its cover with no trailer. He says that the intensity of the storm is like that of Newport two years ago. Hopefully, a'll will be better than it looks!

Our fleet had a good year with Larry, Brad and Will winning the Long John; Bill, Dave and Tim won the Spring Series; Jack, Mary and Henry the Districts and Jack, Russ and Ted the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup (sorry, Dick!). Sandy, Patrick, Ralph, Pat, Skip and Warren represented the Fleet at home with River Honors. Thank you to Jon for his year as Fleet Captain and Henry and Liz for running the Long John. To those of you who knew Bob Cabeen, he passed away in October but Captain Ahab will always be there in spirit to rescue the capsized!

We look forward to next year. We start in the spring with the Spring Series and the Long John and will be holding either the Districts or the Atlantic Coasts. Red Bank now has a tentative date for Power boats which conflicts with the AC's — hopefully we can make a deal with Wallenpaupack, if necessary, to swap regattas. See you all next year.

# **ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)** **Ohio District** **Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Yachting Club** **Rocky River, Ohio**

Fleet Secretary/Treasurer ..... Walter S. Sellars, M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9653	Grandpa and Me	John Mueller Sr., Jack Mueller, & Bill Buckles
14191	Newfie	Walter Sellars, M.D.

No Report.



*A fine group of Metropolitan District winners.*

# **CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73)** **Colombia District** **Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogata, Colombia**

Fleet Secretary ..... Philippe Jacob

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3041	Ninos	Andres Lisocki
11677	.....	Felipe Andrade
12829	Flying Mustard	Rodolfo Salmang
13410	.....	Oscar Rodriguez
13431	Solitario	Manuel Isaza
13604	Nino's	Andres Lisocki
13971	.....	Hans Streubel
13990	Pituchio	Rafael Esquerra
14085	.....	Jochen Raute
14536	.....	Philippe Jacob
14155	.....	Jorge Uzcatequi

No Report.

# **DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)** **Mississippi Valley District** **Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois**

Fleet Secretary ..... Greg Florian

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5345	.....	James E. Matlock
6446	.....	Britt A. Brown
10100	.....	Daniel Parish
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd R. Irish
11218	.....	Richard Chamblin
12032	.....	Kelly McGinnis
12441	.....	Bill Witts
12974	.....	William T. Eichenauer
13078	"Enterprise"	Roger L. Grohne
13308	D.F.	Greg Florian
14012	.....	Robert Ohlsen & James Lackman
14205	.....	Doug Floyd
.....	.....	Ralph K. Wells

No Report.