

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75)
Metropolitan District
Sailing at Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain Bill Mann
 Fleet Secretary Bill Moe
 Fleet Champion Chris Sprole
 Runner-Up Gary Hurban

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3108	.....	Michael Springsteen
8182	Gotcha	Gary S. & Joan Hurban
8252	Shamrock	Daniel Parietti
8885	Different Drummer	Geroge Conk
9369	.....	William P. Mann
10207	.....	Ronald G. McCormack
10220	.....	Arthur F. Stahl
10261	.....	Marc H. Silvestein
10380	North River	Elliott Carman
11076	Smart Set	Terence Gibbs
11143	.....	Daniel Parietti
11583	.....	Joan & Gary S. Hurban
11688	.....	Dave Reeves
12386	Transfusion	Richard P. Weitzman
12842	.....	Christopher Borghi
13625	Patience	Howard B. Rinehart
13810	Water Music	Tim Reilly
13832	Fat Boys	Chris Sprole
14140	Sensitive New	William G. Cook
14214	Age Guys	Kathryn & Paul Connell
	.....	William L. Moe

It's hard to believe another year of sailing is behind us. By the time you read this article, however, it will probably be time once again to remove the blue tarps and substitute boating days for house chore days each Saturday.

Looking back upon the '92 season, I thought October was the "best" sailing month. The "Last Blast" on October 17th lived up to its name with 20 m.p.h. gusts, bright sunshine, and a few capsizes. The picture perfect day was captured on film by famous fleet photographer, Marc, who shot "only" three rolls of film.

One final blast of the month came on the last racing day of the season. With shifting northwest winds, Gary caught the bow sprit of a very large moored sailboat and a five foot tear in his main sail resulted. Those on shore thought Gary was showing us a new reefing technique. However, ten minutes later, another main was thrown to him at the dock and back into the race he sailed, managing to capture second place, right behind Bill Cook.

The club was well represented in the N.A.'s with Chris, Gary, and Joan in Buffalo, NY. Fleet Champ was Chris Sprole, originally from Buffalo, who continued his winning ways from '91. I think the secret to his winning is getting himself and his crew home on time. If he doesn't, he's not allowed to sail the next week. Fast man, fast crew, fast boat. Maybe we will see Mrs. Sprole in 13832.

We had a nice showing with an average of 8-10 boats on the line every Sunday, and with a few new relocated Lightning skippers joining the fleet in '93, it can only get better. So, if you're in the area on a Sunday and have the urge to go sailing, stop by. It's a big river and visitors are always welcome.



October on the Hudson.

Photo by: Marc Silverstein

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77)
Central New York District
Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, NY

Fleet Captain Lori Foster
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Howard Stickney
 Fleet Champion Dick Hallagan
 Runner-Up Dan Pope

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10096	Sparkle	Allen R. Hamilton
10378	.....	Mark Elli
10406	.....	Brien Gardner
11051	.....	Larry C. Stephens
11074	Kopykat	Howard P. Stickney
11239	.....	William Lindenfelser
11537	The Juice	Peter Hallagan
12313	Droopy Sloopy V	David N. Eckler
12215	.....	Wilmer R. Wright
12240	Fast Company	Glenn Burley
12355	.....	Craig A. Flynn
12400	Windswept	Andrew P. Smith
13080	Misty	James I. McIntosh
13081	"Irish"	Richard Doherty
13082	Stealth	R. Neal Smith
13083	Sea Fever	Barbara Platt
13192	Slicker	Dave Walsh
13287	Hot Tar	Paul M. Nasipak
13329	Aurora	Philip Goldberg
13360	Reunion	Steven C. Sals
13469	Whitecap	Dr. Robert L. & Tammi Jamison
	.....	Richard Leonardo
13651	.....	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
13697	Honky	Alan R. McReynolds
13815	Obsession	James C. Gocker
13913	Hazardous Waste	Barry Gombert
13925	.....	Daniel D. Fien
14001	Piece of Ship	Leland G. Atkinson, III
14185	Comfortably Numb	Richard Hallagan
14255	Shado-Blanco	George Sereno
14277	Spar Trek IV	Mark Sertl
14298	Lucy Too	Lori Foster & Philip Lange
14367	Mambo Wah	John Atkins
14397	Plan B	Dan Pope
14520	.....	Robert Crum
14522	.....

As projected in the 1991 Yearbook, Newport Yacht Club on Irondequoit Bay in Rochester has seen an increase of seven Lightnings in its fleet this year. We proudly welcomed Bob Crum and Jan Weisseger, co-owners of 14522. Lightning 10406 came with Brian Gardner. Co-ownership of 9585 is Fred Folsom and Robert Cummings. Jim Arnold brings 3372, a masterpiece of his and his father's years of restoration efforts. Dale Hamilton joined our club so that 11050 could remain on the Bay after the passing of his mother Bertine Hamilton (a 40-year member at Newport!). Another co-ownership is current members Lori Foster and Phillip Lange who purchased 14367 in October '92.

From the suggestions of several members we launched a new series this year called the Sunday Bay Series. This started in the morning on Irondequoit Bay and finished just about the time the motorboaters came out to enjoy the nice weather (we often hoped for a non-sunny day so we could have the Bay to ourselves). This was quite successful for two reasons: it offered races on the Bay for those who disliked racing on Lake Ontario (which we did on those afternoons); and it gave some skippers a chance to become comfortable with new crew before embarking for the Lake. A bonus was non-racers could watch the races from the shore at the Club ... something you can't do while races are happening on the Lake. But, Lake races provided a nice deviation from the Bay ... steadier winds ... larger courses ... challenges different than dodging the motorboat waves.

Of the 36 Lightning boat owners that belong to NYC, 22 of them participated in this year's races; 16 boats (the highest in a while) raced in our own regatta (31 boats total). Ten of our boats raced in the "Centrals", a multi-class regatta held at Rochester Yacht Club with a total of 35 Lightnings.

Other efforts the fleet (and club) did to promote comradery were: monthly newsletters (uh-huh, gotta have it, Elvis sailed the Central...), periodic fleet meetings (bribes of snacks, beer, cookouts, and freshly baked cookies usually assured a good turn out!), and Karaoke singing as a fleet

(the Newport Trojans sing "Wild Thing" with backup by Fleet Caz') at the Silver Lake Regatta. The club was well represented at all the Central New York regattas. And it was represented by several members at the WJM's and the NA's including: Chad Atkins, John Atkins, Lori Foster, Dick Hallagan, Alan McReynolds, Mark Sertl, Cory Sertl, Eve Smith, and Neal Smith.

Our overall awards are as follows: First Place — Dick Hallagan, Second Place — Dan Pope, Third Place — Landy Atkinson, Fourth Place — Dick Doherty (also Most Improved), and Fifth Place — Mark Elli. Series racing showed these finishers: Landy Atkinson (1st Spring), Dick Hallagan (2nd Spring, 1st Summer, 5th Fall, and 5th Summer Bay), Mark Elli (3rd Spring, 4th Summer), Dick Doherty (3rd Summer, 3rd Fall, 1st Sunday Bay), Bob Crum (5th Summer), Chad Atkins (1st Fall, 2nd Sunday Bay), Howard Stickney (4th Fall), Bill Wright (3rd Sunday Bay), and Allen Hamilton (4th Sunday Bay).

Other awards: Burns-Hanna Trophy went to Neal Smith, Missal Trophy went to Bob Crum, first place Single Handed was Andy Smith, Most Races Sailed were Dan Pope (34), Howard Stickney (31), and Mark Elli (29). The annual Tip-Over Trophy went to Dick Doherty who scored not only the first, but also had two for the season.

Special thanks go to Lori Foster ('92 Fleet Captain), Howard Stickney ('92 Secretary/Treasurer), and Dick Hallagan (Regatta Chairman) for a fine year promoting our fleet. If you're interested in sailing on our waters or if you're moving to the Rochester area, please contact Alan McReynolds, our '93 Fleet Captain (716-248-9002), or Howard Stickney, our Secretary-Treasurer (716-467-2161). We invite you to participate in the Newport Invitational Regatta and club races, both offering challenges on all levels.



Families and racing Lightnings on Irondequoit Bay — Allen Hamilton (80 years old), Sally Atkins (his daughter), and Matt Atkins (his grandson).

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85) Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Gary Davis
Fleet Secretary	Lori Davis
Fleet Treasurer	Karen Vann
Fleet Champion	Dave Peck
Runner-Up	Chris Vann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
11474	Luff Song	Lester O'Brien
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buehler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12069	.....	William A. Sebestyen
12282	.....	Michael Nagel
12786	Somewhat	
	Cavalier	Gary Davis
13030	.....	Art L. Casserberg
13636	.....	Nelson N. Hoffman
13940	Second Wind	David G. & Heidi Dickerson
14055	Joker	Christopher J. Vann
14189	.....	Ward Woodruff
14289	.....	David Peck
14350	Jollymon	Bill Healy
14360	.....	Theresa Parker
14417	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14419	.....	Franz R. Edson
Life Member	.....	David M. Peterson
.....	.....	Tim Healy
.....	.....	Charles Zarembo

1992 was a relatively calm year for Fleet 85, compared to the level of intensity we had as co-hosts of the North Americans last year (remember Bob?).

We started our season with the "Early Bird" at Cedar Point. Theresa Parker and Dave Peck attended that event, with Dave finishing third. The very next weekend was the opening of Niantic Bay Yacht Club's summer series with the Memorial Day Regatta. Dave and Nina Peck won, Don Barrett finished second, and Ward Woodruff, sailing a consistent series, finished third. The next event was the Atlantic Coast Championship, which was held at Niantic Bay by virtue of Tim Healy's win last year. Tim won this event again this year, for an unprecedented third year in a row! This turned into a Niantic Bay sweep as Dave Peck and Bill Healy finished second and third respectively.

The next major event was our Fourth of July series. This was won by Tim Healy, followed by John Oldham (making a guest appearance direct from California, and whipping his crack NA's crew of Chris Vann and Maria White into shape), Nina Peck, and Heidi Dickerson. Immediately following was the District Championships, sailed at Madison Bay Beach Club. The first day was super, with shifty and gusty breezes out of the Northwest. As the day wore on, the breeze abated somewhat with some interesting holes developing. The next day's racing was limited to one race as the breeze petered out. This was a true test of perseverance as the boats that dug in along the shore (and out of the current) made out in the end. Dave Peck won this event with Tim Healy coming in second. Chris Vann won the last race, which resulted in a strong fifth overall. As it turns out, our District sent every boat in its quota to the North Americans.

As usual, the North Americans were the highlight of our season. Tim Healy, Theresa Parker, Bill Healy, Dave Peck, Heidi Dickerson, and Franz Edson all trailered their boats out to Buffalo. In addition, Chris Vann came out to crew for temporarily transplanted Niantic Bay sailor, John Oldham. After the Qualifying series, Tim Healy tied with Greg Fisher for first place, but ended up second on the tie breaker. Bill, Dave and John also qualified for the Championship Fleet. Theresa and Franz weren't too far behind and qualified in the top of the Greens, while Heidi, sailing in her first NA's qualified in the yellow fleet. When the smoke finally cleared after this incredibly competitive NA's, John Oldham finished in seventh place. Bill Healy in eighth, Dave Peck in eleventh and Tim Healy in twelfth. Getting to the Greens, Theresa Parker finished twelfth and Franz Edson (what's the front row?) finished twentieth. Finally, Heidi Dickerson, who came on strong in the waning races of the series, finished thirteenth. All in all, an outstanding showing for Niantic Bay sailors!

In addition to all of these regattas, Niantic Bay sailors were also competing for the Season Series. Dave Peck won it going away, Chris Vann came

in second, and Franz Edson, third. Chris and Franz actually tied for points after the entire summer series, but Chris won on the tie breaker. Theresa Parker finished very close behind in fourth.

Our last season regatta was the Labor Day Series. This year, it was won by Dave and Nina Peck, followed by Don Barrett and Theresa Parker. The next weekend was our famous Governors Cup, which enjoyed its last September outing. Next year, this regatta will move to June, to capitalize on the more consistent late Spring winds. This regatta was the tune up to the upcoming Adams Cup series, and as such, brought the best in female crews. However, Dave Peck was not to be denied. Betsy Gelenitis and Joni Palmer finished second and third in this competitive five race, one throwout series.

Don Barrett was the only Niantic Bay boat to travel to Cedar Point for the Fall Classic. Don sailed well enough to capture the combined trophy for the Northern Circuit (best combined finish for the Governors Cup and the Fall Classic).

Theresa Parker closed out our season with a bang by coming in second at the Adams Cup down in New Jersey. Crewing for Theresa were Barbara Vann and Deb Hopkins.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Greenwood Lake at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Chuck McNear
Fleet Secretary	John (Ron) Wulff
Fleet Champion	James C. Cosmas
Runner-Up	John (Ron) Wulff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7248	Cracklin' Rose	Dan Murphy
10083	.....	Dennis P. Adams
10229	Loose Bolt	George Welkey
10784	Heads Up	John R. Wulff
11983	.....	James C. Cosmas
12045	No Frills	Robert Sengstacken
12923	Dr. Pepper	Charles McNear
13002	.....	Justin D. Mahon, Jr.

1992 was a successful season in that — though we lost one boat and are now down to eight we participated in all the races offered. Some of us also traveled to several class regattas in and out of state but to no avail — no "bringing home the bacon" this year. The top of our local competition was pretty close throughout the season thereby sprinkling our trophies around a bit. This resulted in keeping the interest keen and the honing of all-around skills.

Jim Cosmas became the new Fleet Champion this year but not without a struggle from Bob Sengstacken and Ron Wulff. Jim and Bob each garnered six of the available firsts and Ron took the remaining five. However, Ron's last first place was during the last race of the season as he port tacked across the front of two starboard tacked boats at the finish narrowing the gun for a delirious victory and nailing down the runner-up spots with the most seconds. Those two starboard boats? Jim covering Bob.

Our Whiskerpole Regatta this year was held off Dieber's Castle Tavern and Marina in the middle of our nine-mile lake using the Star boat hoist, and sailing the different courses we were able to set there. Consequently, there was no "home field advantage" and our beautiful trophies went away to three different fleets — Wallenpaupac, Mohawk, and Nyack. We made a deal for lunches and dinners that turned out real great — nothing but compliments from all participants — so even though we couldn't win our own prizes, we did die happy. Wait till next year!

Your boat gathering dust? Come sail with us!

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District

Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain/Secretary	Wendell Harter
Fleet Champion	Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4680	.....	Brent Robke
11373	.....	Mike Boswell
13186	Paddlin' Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
14206	.....	Bruce Yeager

This year the Fleet scheduled several racing and social events. Racing activity as a Fleet has been limited, since two of our five boats have been undergoing repairs this year. Wendell Harter participated in the Olympic Classes Regatta at Alamitos YC, Long Beach, where he won a medal for third place in three days of racing against competitors from San Diego (Fleet 194). He also trailed his boat to San Diego for the California Lightning Circuit and the MBYC Memorial Day Regatta.

Bruce Yeager and Wendell loaned their boats to two women's sailing teams for their use in practicing for the Adams Cup Semi-Finals and helped them get acquainted with the Lightning. In April we held a Fleet potluck dinner meeting at the home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter, and Lightning day sails and barbecues at King Harbor YC in June and July. Mike and Maida Boswell hosted our annual Christmas Party in their home in Long Beach. We have been inviting skippers of unaffiliated boats to these events, and contacting potential skippers from leads provided by David Watt of ILCA.

We are looking forward to a more active sailing season in 1993 when more boats may be sailing with us.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing at Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain	Chris Larsen
Fleet Secretary	Bill Dacosta
Fleet Champion	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
Runner-Up	David Farinetta

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9260	Puck	Donald A. Cooper
9539	Sundance	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
10771	.....	William A. Scott
10988	.....	William Gerold
12957	Elusive	William E. Dacosta
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F. Hoffman
13782	Men At Work	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
13955	.....	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
13965	.....	Chris Larsen

The wind and rain gods were unkind to our Lavallette sailors in 1992. We lost three races due to extremely high winds and or thunder and lightning storms and a fourth when our club hosted the Blue Jay Nationals (the nicest weekend of the year). It boiled down to a total of six races instead of ten. Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, daughter Danielle, and nephew Anthony regained the championship by winning all but one race in very convincing fashion. David Farinetta, brother Tim, and Michael Plosica, sailing in Dr. Ventimiglia's "old boat", placed second in the series. John Applegate, wife Patti, and daughter-in-law Cathy placed third.

Other finishers: 4th - Bob Morrow, George Schreyer and Alan Morrison; 5th - Bob Hoffman, Larry, Tom and Skipper Hoffman; 6th - Ron Totams, Bill Scott, Ed Rapoza and Frank Dimeo; 7th - Bill Dacosta, Walter Krueger and Joan Young; 8th - Chris Larsen, Tom Livelli and Bobbie Schreyer; 9th - Don Cooper, Stan Schreyer and David Cooper; 10th - Bill Gerold, Garry Gerold and Jack Nile; 11th - Charlie Heuschkel, Gene Ventimiglia and Shannon Gallagher; 12th - Chris Malzone, Janet Malzone and Jill Malzone.

We have added two boats to our fleet for 1993 and welcome back Bill Scott as a skipper...Mike Farren just never got his boat finished this year but expressed much enthusiasm for 1993 while painting his trailer after the fall series ended.

Our fall series of five weeks saw much better weather than during the summer and we used the weekly sessions largely for instructional purposes, swapping skippers and crews to afford some help for some of our newer sailors. Our annual picnic held on September 27th after racing is always a very pleasant experience with all of the families, children, and, a small way of thanking our race committee and those who give up their time to patrol. Vice Commodore Ed Morrison, Tony DeLuca, Trudy DeFrancesco and Joyce Johnson on the committee boat set up some very nice courses. We were saddened by the passing of Red Underwood, our long time cannoner and will miss him. Andy Johnson, Warren Law, Tom Grosko and Jack Henderson handled the patrol detail with expertise and Bill Gerold had the dubious honor of winning the "bottoms up" trophy for the first time. His acceptance speech was given at awards night and drew some good laughs.

We look forward to a bigger and better 1993 season.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/Secretary John Dent
Fleet Champion Alan Krauss

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

I'm sure all sailors will agree that the weather in the summer of 1992 was a force to be reckoned with. It altered many agendas and certainly affected the results of many regattas.

Our annual Firecracker Regatta generally kicks off our season in the beginning of July. Our usual contingent of Hobie Cats and Lightnings sailed out from our clubhouse on Treasure Island to the race course anticipating a weekend of good sailing. As the boats sailed from the protected lee of the island it became apparent that it was much windier than anyone had anticipated. Within five minutes every single Hobie Cat had capsized and the Lightnings were struggling to make any ground to weather. The Race Committee quickly postponed racing and everyone attempted to make it back to the club. The wind was so strong, with the accompanying waves, that some Hobie Cats were swept over a mile away to the north shore of the lake where they had to be retrieved the next day. We never did start a race that weekend.

August 1st and 2nd we hosted our annual Invitational Regatta for Lightnings and Hobie Cats. Again, the weather provided quite a challenge and variety for the 18 Lightnings and nine Hobie Cats competing. In the second race on Saturday I arrived at the leeward mark to find three or four capsized leaders littering the course. Some of them never did finish and that scene chased us back to the clubhouse for the day. Sunday brought a little tamer conditions for the remaining three races. The final results were very close: Tom Vickers of Crescent Sail Yacht Club in third place with 20 points, Mark Whatley of Pontiac Yacht Club in second place with 18.75 points, and Dan Norton of Devil's Lake Yacht Club took first place with 18.50 points. I think everyone agreed it was a great weekend of sailing and we look forward to an even bigger and better regatta next year.

Our 1992 season concluded Labor Day weekend with our annual Awards Banquet. John Dent edged Stan Dent in the Labor Day "Match Race" Regatta. Alan Krauss again took home the Commodore's Cup for winning our season series. We are all looking forward to a more "normal" summer in 1993 and we hope to see you at Higgins Lake.

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain John Evans
Fleet Secretary Vicky L. Vannieuwenhoven
Fleet Champions Dave Roznowski/Terry Phelan
Runners-Up Brian Phelan/Charlie Nitka

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
11188	Zulu Warrior	Michael B. Kulkoski
13376	.....	John Evans
13486	.....	Patrick Ford
13568	Wet Dream	Bill Dean
13817	.....	David M. Roznowski
13818	Silent Scream	Brian Phelan
14193	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler

1992 marked the 45th year for the G.B.S.C. and the season began with a fine spring opening party hosted by Bill and Bette Hayes. Other parties followed at the homes of John and Bonnie Evans and Bill and Mary Jo Dean and there were a number of fun after-race parties at the club.

Fleet 112 hosted the annual Evans Regatta in June and the Midwest Districts in July. Both regattas had a day of sailing cancelled due to the wind. However, the wind filled in the following days to challenge skippers and crews alike. Paul Wurtzbaach won both regattas. The standings for the

District's were: Mike Huffmana, second; Steve Lowery, third; Bill Faude, fourth; and Derek Ettie, fifth.

Our race committee of Tom Phelan, Bill Hayes, and Jane Stannard did a great job running the Monday and Thursday night races. About 25 races were sailed and the Fleet Championship was won by co-skippers Dave Roznowski and Terry Phelan.

Our season concluded with the annual Walter Masse Handicap Race. However, this year we preceded the race with a Best-Ball Scramble golf outing. It was a fun day for all "golfers" and an exciting race for tired sailors. Two boats capsized, Bill Dean and Brian Phelan. Bill Dean was able to finish the race, but Brian was not. Dave Roznowski won the Beaumont Pot for first boat across the line and Mike Kulkoski won the Walter Masse Trophy. Doug Olson, Vicky Vannieuwenhoven, and Barb Roznowski won the golf outing. A party followed at John and Bonnie Evans' home with a video of the day's activities. It was a great way to end the season.

As a final note, Charlie Wolter, a long-standing member of the G.B.S.C. passed away this year. He was a dedicated member of the Club and an integral part of our race committee. He is and will continue to be missed.



Looks like Cyrano is alive and well among the sailors at the Green Bay Sailing Club.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York

Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10705	Allegro	John B. Rudd
11175	.....	Michael Kane
13890	Ole Blue	Greg Buckley
13973	Two Windward	Ward Wilday & Skip Wilday
14002	.....	Steve Sellberg

No Report.

HAMILTON BOATING CLUB (118)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

Fleet Secretary Keith MacDonald

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11275	.....	Ronald Barr
11289	This Side Up	Keith MacDonald
11486	Bunch of Weenies	David Wood & Graham Jones
13671	.....	Stan Chambers
14194	Niade	Marty Essig
14476	Chaa Geill	Paul Eichenburg
.....	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.

No Report.

MERRIMAC RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (121)

New England District Sailing at the American Yacht Club Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Secretary Karen Pollastrino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2544	.....	Bill Stasiuk
10479	Phoenix	Russell Crawford
10857	Kaboom	Alfred J. Martin
11416	.....	Patrick McCormack
11560	Sisu	Nancy E. Peace
13540	Nice Guy	Robert & Paula Zimon Clawson
13576	Remedy	Alan P. Lavendar & Steven Fram
14275	.....	John Hughes
Life Member	.....	Leonard Pratt

No Report.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound at Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Edson White
Fleet Secretary Eric Heller
Fleet Champion Gianni Cuccio
Runner-Up Phil Lotz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Uncle Mills	Charles Simonds
10212	Obliv	Brian Hayes
10383	Crescit Eundo	Scott R. Evans
10801	.....	R. Neil Hayes
11097	Cygnus	Gavin Watson
11510	Pride of Yonkers	Thomas Y. Ingram
12852	Blazin Heat	Eric Heller
13708	Dates from Hell	Stephen Nosal & James DeCesare
13792	.....	Thomas Hagan
13871	GTO	Gianni Cuccio
14161	.....	Edson N. White
14217	TNT	C. Dayton Tittsworth
14219	Hot Tub	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
14238	Warp 9	Kjell A. Heitman
14441	.....	Jody Lutz & Ched Proctor
14455	.....	Jim Crane
14484	.....	Fergus Henderson
14525	.....	Phil Lotz
14572	.....	Jim Crane
.....	.....	Robert Warren
.....	.....	David Dellenbaugh

After boasting of the North American and World Champion last year, this year was bound to be a disappointment on the grander scale of things. While some of the regatta results were not up to the form of last year, internally the competition was at its best. Six different people took home silver in the club series events. A new short course, multi-race format, used on three separate days over the summer, was introduced with the help of Phil Lotz. This made for some close, exciting racing as well as a change of pace over the long club races. Edson White particularly seemed to prosper in this race format.

As for regattas, three boats from Cedar Point made the trip down south for the Southern Circuit. Phil Lotz with wife Wendy and Ben Cesare crewing took fifth at St. Pete and second at Miami to place sixth overall. Ched with crew Dave Peck and Katherine Josenhans took a third in the large fleet at St. Pete and fourth in Miami, which was good enough for third overall. Jody Lutz took sixth at both St. Pete and Savannah and then won Miami to wrap up first place overall.

For the rest of us, the season began with the annual Early Bird Regatta at CPYC. Saturday blew hard, and despite those checking the water temperature first hand (I won't mention any named though, Fergus), most enjoyed the exciting reaches. Sunday the wind eased some, but remained cold. Phil Lotz and his Southern Circuit crew, with two bullets on Saturday, maintained their lead to win the event. Jody Lutz was second, Dave Peck from Niantic was third, Brad Read out of Newport, fourth, and Keith Taboda from Metedeconk

River, NJ, fifth. Cedar Pointers Gianni Cuccio was close behind in seventh and Edson White, Fergus Henderson, Bud Tittsworth, and Eric Heller also took part.

Memorial Day weekend contained a plethora of conditions for those who desire variety (myself I like a steady 15 from the south), from a beautiful Saturday, to a cold, legs not happy, survival weather Sunday, to a "I thought we'd never get around 'H mark'" Monday. Dick Thackaberry finished with two seconds and a first to take the series. Phil Lotz was second and Tom Hagan was third.

We had ten boats on the line for the Commodore's Cup, July 4th weekend. It was by far the closest and most exciting racing of the year. Gianni Cuccio won the series with finishes of 1-3-2, Phil Lotz was second with 2-2-4, and Eric Heller was third with 3-5-3.

Jim DeCesare, Stephen Nosal, Tom Ingram, Gianni Cuccio, Ched Proctor, Jody Lutz, and Eric Heller made the trip up I-95 to Madison for the Districts. Unfortunately, let me say the so called "attitude adjustment," a.k.a. cocktail party, was just the thing many of us needed following racing on Saturday. A no wind, lots of current fest on Sunday did not help things either. Ched, however, was able to finish in the money with fourth overall.

Phil Lotz, Ched Proctor, Jody Lutz, Jim DeCesare/Stephen Nosal, and Eric Heller competed in the 36-boat fleet at the Atlantic Coasts in Niantic. Phil Lotz was the sole Cedar Pointer to finish in the money. Two things were learned: 1) there is a clause to the going right rule at Niantic, and 2) find out where your housing is before going drinking (you might wind up sleeping in a three-person tent with four people).

Phil Lotz, Neil Hayes, and Jody Lutz with Ched Proctor as crew tested the waters of Buffalo. Phil with wife Wendy and Paul Donovan finished a respectable ninth in the Championship Division. Jody was back in 16th. Neil with Kjell Heitmann and Stephen Paturel made the President's Division, but had their difficulties afterwards.

Back on the home front, Gianni Cuccio continued his winning ways in the Labor Day weekend, Rear Commodore's Cup. Fergus Henderson, who was sailing fast at the end of the year, ended up second with Dick Thackaberry close behind in third.

Two of us made the Governor's Cup in Niantic, Eric Heller finished back in 11th with moments of brilliance coupled with ugliness and Jim and Steve, too, made some wrong turns.

The annual lobster dinner was served at the Fall Classic at Cedar Point. Unfortunately, the brisk fall breezes did not materialize. Don Barrett from Niantic had bullets in three of the five races to take first and capture the combined Governor's Cup/Fall Classic Trophy. Larry Colantuano was second, Pete Kelley, a new Lightning sailor out of Larchmont, NY, was third, Gianni Cuccio, fourth, and George Deyett, fifth. Also, Cedar Pointers Dick Thackaberry, seventh, Fergus Henderson, eighth, Jim DeCesare, ninth, and Eric Heller was tenth.

The final season results had Gianni Cuccio easily repeating as Club Champion, with an unbelievable 14 firsts. Phil Lotz finished second and Eric Heller finished in third.

On the social front Tom Ingram married crew, Jody Lee, during the summer. Gianni and Amy Cuccio had a baby girl. Dave Smith moved to Atlanta and Rod Radcliffe to Colorado. Steve Wexler got his priorities right and bought Radcliffe's old boat for a song and dance. (He drifted to victory in his first Lightning race, by the way.) The Lightning fleet was runner up in the Club Volleyball Tournament. Overall, the fleet began its rebuilding, setting sights on the 15-20 boats that used to grace the starting line every weekend.



The more we get together

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)

Southeastern District
Sailing on Wilmington River at
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Secretary W. Lee Young, DMD

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

No Report.

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)

Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, CT

Fleet Captain James R. Deephouse
Fleet Secretary Timothy Millhiser
Fleet Champion John Ronshagen
Runner-Up Timothy Millhiser

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

Our sailing got off to an early start with practice races in May as everyone slowly dusted off their boats. The highlight of the season was hosting the Connecticut/Rhode Island Districts for 21 boats. The first day was a shifty wind offshore northerly, 10-15 which mixed the fleet several times. The second day was a dying breeze with a strong current, testing everyone's anchoring tactics. Dave Peck came out with a hard earned first overall.

The rest of the season Sunday races saw a regular seven boats with an occasional eighth when our junior rock-star, Alex Ross, stopped into town to visit his parents. The Ronshagens, John, driving with crew Sue, his wife, and brother Jim were the standard to beat. For second and third, Tim Millhiser and Mike Sulzbach went back and forth all season depending on the party schedule the night before and who they had as crew. Tom Davidson was never far behind with his ace light wind crew, daughter Elizabeth. Jim Deephouse graciously allowed a prospective new Lightning sailor, Les Velte, to skipper his boat. Les showed us how he won his big boat races — that is, as long as Jim's spinnakers did not rip. If Les finds his own Lightning this winter, he and his wife, Dale, will be a tough new addition.

If the New England economy ever gets going again, we may have several other new additions.

The exciting part of this season was the influx of juniors racing: Alex Ross, Josh Gleason, John Sulzbach, Leighton and Josh Lee, Betsy Abbott, Seth Dennet, Nick Millhiser and Elizabeth Davidson.

SEATTLE LIGHTNING FLEET (132)

Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Shilshole Bay at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Secretary Alan Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11636	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Alan F. Hunt
13242	Over Easy	Eric Lindahl
13268	.....	Eric Lindahl
14040	.....	Bruce Deitz
.....	.....	Tom Foulds

No Report.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)

Southern District
Sailing on Mobile Bay
Fairhope, Alabama

Fleet Secretary Bob Borneman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10812	Captain Crunch	Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.
11815	Prosit	L. M. Bohnenkamp
12956	Sunkiss II	Robert Borneman
13060	Bigeminy III	Dr. E. Russell March, Jr.
13200	.....	Nick Blakeney
.....	.....	Jack Bentley

No Report.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)

Michigan District
Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain Bill Weston
Fleet Secretary Thomas Hudson
Fleet Treasurer Gary Fergemann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
14241	.....	James Bowen & Peter Woodruff
14474	.....	David Decker
14500	Be Calm	Thomas Hudson
14505	JuJu V.	Carl Engels

At least one or more Lightnings from Gull Lake group showed up in force at every regatta within the Michigan Area except for the Pontiac race because of a conflict with their club's Fleet Championship Series. Other regattas attended included Indianapolis, Wawasee, Chicago, and the North American Championship at the Buffalo Canoe Club. These road trips gave a lot of the Gull Lakers an opportunity to hone their skills with the vast



Be Calm (BeCalm) before a start at Fleet 137 Gull Lake Regatta.

array of talent in the area. When second year Lightning sailor Greg Smith competed on the road, he was always seen in the front of the pack, if he could resist being too aggressive and avoid having to take a swim.

Some of the Gull Lake's Road Warriors — Chad Coberty, David Decker, Faye Decker, Jerry Decker, Ken Devisser, Barbara Gillespie, Richard Hudson, Thomas Hudson, Mike Hutchison/Jim Bowen/Peter Woodruff, Paul Karl (or is it Karl Paul), Rick Kohl, Jon Riley, Mike Silwa, Gregory Smith, and Michelle Smith.

Lightnings were the chosen yacht for the Gull Lake Yacht Club's Championship Series for 1992. This event included the top fleet skippers from the J-24s, the Stars, the International 210s, the Flying Scots, and the Cruising Class. These fleet champions completed five races on each of the five participating Lightnings. Their crew was a Lightning sailor and a third crew member of their choice. This event turned out to be a great introduction for serious racers to a Lightning.

The beautiful Gull Lake Lightning Regatta turned out to be an event that shouldn't have been missed. The event drew a total of twenty-four boats, which include two of the premier boat builders, Tom Allen and David Nickels. The event also attracted two sail manufacturer's representatives: Shore's Rick Kaiser and North's Colin Park. The wind and weather turned out to be a blessing; the temperature was 70 degrees and the wind was blowing hard and steady all weekend. With some of us wearing our standard sailing garb, we were still welcomed to use of the main formal dining room at the plush Gull Lake Country Club overlooking the turquoise water. A few participants were honored with having the sailing company of the respected Colin Park, who traditionally volunteers to crew on various yachts during these races, introducing us to some of his magic and skills.

Our Spring Banquet hosted Lightning sailor, Terry Hutchinson, with an exciting lecture about the first place finish he attained against world class competition during the Congressional Cup Races against the east coast Big Boats by using the yacht racing rules to his benefit. The year finished up with a Fall Banquet featuring the legendary Buddy Melges (The Wizard from Zenda) who skippered the 1992 America Cup Races with Bill Koch's America Syndicate. Buddy explained how he initially got into sailing as a child, leading up to his experiences with America.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)

New England District

Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Fred Turner
Fleet Secretary Patrick MacQueen
Fleet Champion David Fitch
Fleet Runner-Up Terry Pindell

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

Although there were only periodic fleet races due to the weather, racing was spirited and competitive. It was nice to see not only Bud Hamblet race his new Lightning but also to have Aaron McQueen at the tiller. Kip Hamblet, Lightning Chief Measurer, is now in Florida, and he was missed at Spofford! The Championship series was won by Dave Fitch with his wife Dot and nephew Bill Scott, as crew, second was Terry Pindal, and third was Bud Hamblet.

The Fitch boat travelled to Mallett's Bay for the N.E. Districts: Dave Fitch took second in the Masters on Friday and Tom Fitch did well in Saturday's races. Ray Fitzpatrick, a new member, represented SYC in the Squam Lake Regatta.

The Spofford Regatta in late September was won by Stu Nickerson with his sons, Mark and Ross as crew, plus Shawn and Silas Campbell, among others. Second was Robert Cutting with Michele and Eric, and third was Dave Fitch with Dot and Casey Blust. The Spofford Regatta was dedicated to George Holbrook who died 9/24/92 at age 86, an honorary fleet member and longtime friend of Lightnings.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Ontario at Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Secretary Brian Curtner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8152	.....	Elliot A. Wilson
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11631	.....	Allan Leibel
12246	Splash Gordon	Yvette Willings & Peter Willings
14174	In Lieu	David Sprague
14347	.....	Brian Curtner
14479	.....	Allan Leibel
14483	.....	John Gorrie
Life Member	.....	J.R.G. Bleasby

No Report.

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)

Brazil District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Peter Zacher
Fleet Secretary Peter Zacher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6591	Iris	Romeo Ragusin
11041	Flamingo	Antonio F. Villianeve
11708	Ciranda	Pedro Alberto Seppe Neto
11709	Canarinho	Willi Carlos Tietze
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
12524	Foxfire	Karin Thielemann & Bertel A. Bojlesen
14203	Phreskura	Claudio Bieckarck

No Report.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Secretary Don Walter

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

In the spring we conduct the annual "Rites of Dock Day", and commence the racing competition within the Lightning Fleet and the friendly rivalry with our Flying Scot counterparts.

1992 was a year of growth for our fleet, both in numbers as well as in racing. We grew from two Lightnings in 1991 to seven in 1992. The Lightning Fleet sailed 18 Principal Series races (the Scots sailed 13). The Lightnings had three boats qualify for the Principal Series (the Scots had two). John Simpson was the only skipper in the club that sailed all Principal Series races in 1992. From August 9th to the end of the season, the Lightnings had more boats on the starting line than the Scots, and prior to that date we were always either equal or greater in numbers racing than the Scots.

We were weak as to the Wednesday Evening Series (three races), but that should be a goal to improve on in 1993. (The Scots sailed 11 Wednesday

Evening races.) There were no Sunday A.M. races for either fleet, and this is another correction we should work at in the coming season.

The Lightning Fleet added greatly to the revitalization of the Sailing Club facility at Clearfork Lake. In addition to "showing up" in force for both Dock Days, many individual efforts brought the club grounds back to relative respectability. "We thank you for your support." The real point is that the Lightning Fleet is alive and well and a vital part of the Mansfield Sailing Club. Our intention is to continue our growth in 1993 and forward!

We also can't forget the wonderful Labor Day Spaghetti Dinner put on by Lightning skipper Al Barbone. This event attracted more current and past members of the club than we have had for a number of years. Thanks again, Al, for a great job!

The Wednesday Evening Series was won by John Simpson, followed by Jules/Augie Bales and Bill Woodrow. The Principal Series was won by Bill Woodrow based on the "first tie breaker" over John Simpson. Then came Jules/Augie Bales, Fred Kohler, Don Walter, and Al Barbone. It could have gone either way between Bill and John, for they had many very exciting and close races. There is a feeling that John will be out for revenge next year! Al Barbone and his son Norman and grandson will also be heard from, and with the oncoming Bales' and the Kohlers, it's a possibility that those used to finishing up front will be looking at some transoms next year. If Gerry and Karl Lorenz get serious, they will leave their mark in the standings as well.

We're proud of what has been done in the past year to bring our club and fleet back to the "turn around" point. There is still a lot to be done, but we're on our way!

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB (151) New England District Sailing on Ipswich Bay at Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Allison Peter
Fleet Secretary Georges Peter, M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13886	Mouette	Georges Peter, M.D.
14296	Ghostland	Brad Read

While fleet racing remains dormant, Brad Read represented the fleet well, winning the District Championship. He is the first Champion from Fleet 151 since Georges Peter in the pre-historic days of wooden masts and jumper struts (1973).

The Fleet regrets the death last September (1991) of Senator Benjamin A. Smith. We hold warm memories of a wonderful sailor and a person who for many years was the backbone and premiere sailor in the fleet. A many time Fleet Champion, Ben won the NE Districts twice, and was a friend of many Lightning sailors of an earlier era. Rest in peace, Ben — we won't forget your legacy!

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154) Indiana District Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet Captain Doug Schmahl
Fleet Secretary Dale Fulkerson
Fleet Champion Brad Wagon
Runner-Up John Nixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10428	.....	Blair MacDermid
11181	.....	Dale Fulkerson
12316	.....	William Stucky
12463	.....	Donald Musselman
13721	.....	George E. Buckingham
13851	.....	Virgil L. Snyder
13860	.....	Dave Tranter
13895	Brandywine II	Douglas A. Schmahl
13975	Divine Wind	Alan Fox
14125	Miller's Merry	.....
	Manor	Stephen C. Miller
14187	Wolf Cookie	Edward Bradley Wagon
14475	Why Not	John R. Nixon

Brad Wagon grabbed the lead for the Wawasee Yacht Club Lightning season championship in race two of 31 season races and never relinquished

it, despite constant harassment by co-skippers Craig Cobbum and John Nixon. Cobbum-Nixon had to claw their way around George Buckingham who held on to second through the first 15 races. Going into the final five-race Labor Day series Cobbum-Nixon were six boats behind Wagon. They had drawn even at the end of the third race, but Wagon beat them by one boat apiece in the final two races. Buckingham retained his third position. Doug Schmahl came from a season-long fifth to fourth over Alan Fox in the 23rd race and maintained it until the end. With only 12 points out of 1600 average points separating them going into the Labor Day series, it was anybody's ball game. But Schmahl beat Fox by an average of one boat per race to retain fourth place.

The first season of Junior Training was a great success, despite the later-than-expected delivery of part of our brand new and colorful seven boat Optimist Pram fleet. An average of seventeen kids attended each session.

A Women's Sailing Program, also new this year, the "WawaShes", had a rewarding and enthusiastic season. These programs will help strengthen our Lightning Fleet.

Each season we look forward to hosting the October Hoosier Open regatta for the challenging races, the opportunity to learn, and to party with other Lightning sailors. Two unusual events occurred this year. Before a start, a red-winged blackbird landed on Brad Wagon's boat and then perched on Bill Allen's hand. He stayed long enough to be observed by almost all the other boats. Apparently he couldn't stand Brad's sailing and the excitement of a 20 boat start, so he left; but not before leaving a present. One race had extremely shifting winds that the planned beat to the finish line changed to a spinnaker run. What wasn't unusual was Colin Park, Saginaw Bay, taking first. Dave Wagner, Chicago, was second; Bruce Goldsmith, Devil's Lake, third; Mike Huffman, Chicago, fourth; and Bill Faude, Milwaukee, fifth.

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

Fleet Captain Geoffrey Roth
Fleet Secretary Mark Jenner
Fleet Champion Richard Tuttle
Runner-Up David Bull

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
10370	.....	W. Craig Thayer
10679	Tape Duck	Richard P. Tuttle
10705	Allegro	John B. Rudd
11650	.....	Jonathan Brodock
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey A. Bassin, D.M.D.
12004	.....	Robert Froh
12646	Natty Dread	Nathaniel Dain
12929	Wild Fire	Mark Jenner
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13011	The Ghost	Richard Roth
13179	.....	Scott McBurney
13369	Ceann Saile	Geoffrey Roth
13601	Prince Charming	Michael H. Brock
13675	Manoleta	Federico Meira
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Chip Sinn & Tadd Helmer
14369	No More	.....
	Bullship	David K. Bull
14470	.....	Federico Meira

The Willow Bank Lightning Fleet finished another close season with Dick Tuttle coming out on top this time, narrowly beating Dave Bull. Last year Dick lost to Federico Meira in a tie breaker. This year Federico beat Geoff Roth in a tie for third.

Dick started out his first eight races of the year with six firsts in a best ten race series. Our regatta schedule interrupted this streak, and Dave Bull came back with the hot hand and new crew. Dave with Eric Schnettler stormed back with five bullets, only to have Dave finish it off in the last two weekends of the year.

Next year looks even tougher. Tadd Helmer is back and looking for new sails. Federico has made himself a new set and has plans to reclaim the trophy. There are rumors that hot sailors from Tully will be throwing their boat into the fray, and they all will have to contend with the ever dangerous "Dick Tuttle and Dave Bull Show". Add to this mixture Nat Dain, Mark Jenner, Dave Poorman, Scott McBurney, the Roth Boys and Mr. Fabricraft, Craig Thayer. Any one of twelve boats on the line has a shot at

winning. Who would you cover?

Labor Day Weekend wrapped up the regular sailing season with some special races. The Charter Members Cup was won by Tadd Helmer and the next morning Sandra Helmer won the Crewettes. The Jack Tuttle trophy, rewarding participation and improved racing, went to Scott McBurney who later in the fall accepted the responsibilities of Fleet Captain.

Our club has some other active fleets which boast very strong competition — Flying Dutchman, Finn, Comet, Laser and Sunfish. Our club's handicapped Free-For-Alls therefore present a very special challenge for us Lightning sailors. We won all but one. Dick Tuttle won the six race series on Memorial Day weekend and he won the around the lake race in September. Daughter Leslie came home and won the Fourth of July trophy. Federico Meira picked up a couple of trophies on Labor Day weekend. And Lightning crew extraordinaire Yoly Taylor was presented the club's Sportsmanship Award.

While our home schedule of racing was very active, we found time to go on the road. A dozen of us traveled at one time or another. We participated in all the Central New York District regattas including our Caz Flash Bash in June and the Caz One Day at the end of September (a marvelous seven-race one day regatta). Also we attended ten regattas outside our district. Special ambassador Dave Bull presented his credentials at 15 registration desks! Four of our members — Dave, Dick, Federico and Tadd pulled in some silver.

We have high expectations of even more next year but it'll be a hard act to follow. Outgoing Fleet Captain Geoff Roth receives our warmest thanks and heartiest congratulations for the growth we've realized from his leadership. Now, Geoff, you can concentrate on beating us more often.

HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166) Finland District Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain Kimmo Aromaa
Fleet Secretary Jari Aromaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13560	.....	Tuomo Silenti
14196	.....	Keijo Latrala
14534	Masi V	Terho & Kimmo Aromaa
14559	Minimax	Lauri Hemming
Life	.....	Raimo Aromaa

For the season 1992 the Fleet 166 doubled the number of active boats. The Aromaa brothers got a new boat *Masi V* and Lauri Hemming began to race with his *Minimax*. Our season began again with training and the On the Rocks Regatta, which was sailed in the middle of May at Lake Tuusulanjärvi. This year we had close to survival conditions again and on both days we had to sail in 10+ m/s wind with tricky gusts and on Sunday we also had some hailstorms. Two of the new boats, District Commodore Antero Punttila's *Snow White* and Aromaa brothers *Masi* were thoroughly christened, *Snow White* capsized on Saturday and *Masi* on Sunday. Perhaps we shouldn't start our season so early, because after only two weeks we had the most beautiful summer weather for the first two ranking regattas, which were sailed in Helsinki. In these regattas *Masi* finished very well, second and first.

Next two ranking regattas were sailed on lakes. In the beginning of June we sailed in fine weather in Kuopio, where *Masi* finished in the middle of the fleet and *Minimax* was among the last boats. A week before the European Championships we sailed in awful weather in Valkeakoski. Despite cold weather, heavy winds and rain, 13 boats were present. *Minimax* was among the capsized boats this time. The scores of *Masi* and *Minimax* were on the same level as in Kuopio.

In the middle of June we had the European Championships and also our District Championships in Kuopio. The Championships were planned to be sailed on the Gulf of Finland in Hanko, but because the host club wasn't able to organize the regattas we have to move on short notice to Kuopio. The Championships were extremely well organized. In Kuopio we had all kinds of weather and both the young Italians and Swiss old salts proved to be fast. Best Finnish boats came from Tuusulanjärvi and Jyväskylä. Pertti Pyy with *Amarillo* was fifth, Rainer Korhonen with *Annie Hall* sixth and Samppa Salminen with *Nikea* eighth. These three boats also received medals for the Finnish District Championships. For the boats of our fleet, the magic of the lakes remained, *Masi* was again in the middle of the fleet (14th) and *Minimax* among the last boats (29th).

Next ranking regatta was a 62 nautical mile race from Jyväskylä down to Asikkala. This Pajanneperjehdus Regatta is a very popular tradition. It

was sailed for the twentieth time this year. Usually it is a race for keel boats, but the Lightning is also considered to be large and safe enough to participate. This year eight Lightnings started and five finished, *Minimax* was fourth. In the light weather it took the fastest Lightning a little over 28 hours to finish.

At the end of August we had, for the second time, a "superman" race for really tough sailors. The Big Challenge is a single hand regatta sailed at Tuusulanjärvi. In this regatta all normal racing rules are used, the use of all three sails is allowed, but no special equipment is allowed. This year the regatta had two races, and the first one was sailed upwinds in 8-10 m/s winds and the second one about a half an hour later downwinds in 4 m/s wind. The length of both races was about 2 miles. Some fantastic performances were made, especially when beating with both main and jib and when making a spinnaker gybe (how to manage three sails, tiller and spinnaker pole with two hands, you should be an octopus to make it). Kimmo Aromaa won this time and Lauri Hemming was fifth.

Our last regatta was sailed the end of September. On Saturday we managed to sail only one race due to lack of wind, but on Sunday, again we had a lot more wind than necessary. *Masi* capsized twice in the last race, both times during the spinnaker gybe (a Hellerup course was used). Their three capsizes during the season were made quite accurately, all of them were made the same way, on the same lake and inside a 50m diameter circle. In this regatta *Masi* was fifth and *Minimax* tenth. In our Districts, final ranking *Masi* was fourth and *Minimax* sixteenth. A total of 26 boats got a ranking series result.



Skippers of the second Big Challenge race. From the left: Lauri Hemming (5th), District Champion Pertti Pyy (4th), Hartti Nisonen (3rd), District Commodore Antero Punttila (2nd), and winner Kimmo Aromaa.

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

Fleet Secretary Jean Steffenson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
8520	Maine-Eac	Patrick J. Goff
10232	.....	Charles E. White
11456	Clam Digger	Don L. Johnson
13202	Moxie	Henry L. Strieder
13286	Warp Drive	Reed Doughty
13430	Second Wind	William F. Quaintance
13901	4XO Kazoom	Ken Jensen
13991	Bodacious	Ron Taber
14015	Hot Flash	Michael & Doug Steffenson

No Report.