## KEMI FLEET (310) <br> Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi, Finland
Fleet Secretary +.................. Kari Anttila

Boat No.
12995
13134
No Report.

## Skipper

Aulis Naykki
Jyrki Harikoski

## SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314) Dixie District Based on Sassafras River, Maryland

Fleet Secretary ............... . Robert B. Horne Fleet Champion ............................ Al Mast Runner-Up . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Too Close to Call

| Boat No. <br> 9391 | Boat Name <br> 9412 | Doc's Boat |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | | Skipper |
| :--- |
| Robert B. Horne |

The 1992 sailing season saw a couple of new faces place in the money, as well as seeing some familiar names. Al Mast again needed his truck to cart home his take of silver from the annual awards banquet. He won both the Early and Late Series as well as three of the four individual trophies: Walbert Cup, Buss Neff Cup and the Skippers Cup.

Doctors Jim and Ted Ganley sailed to second place in the Early Series followed by Jack Gregg in third. Tom Hopkins and Walt Pletcher placed second and third in the Late Series, respectively.

The Summer Bay Race was won by Jack Gregg followed by Jim Douglass. Jim Hopkins won the closely fought Fall Bay Race with Ted Ganley and Al Mast finishing second and third, with the rest of the fleet in hot pursuit.

Tom Hopkins also took the Commodore's Trophy with consistent racing in the second half of the Late Series. And let's not forget the dreaded Butt Award. Walt Pletcher received the most sought after award for the second year in a row. This year, he showed us how clean the bottom of his boat was, TWICE! (Seems that he keeps forgetting that these "small" boats don't have weighted keels).

Fleet 314 also hosted its sometimes bi-annual / sometimes Olympic year


Dr. James Ganley (center) surrounded by friends and crew at the Dixie District Regatta, 1992.

Invitational Regatta. Once again, outsider Mark Schneider took first place bonors, with locals Ted Ganley in second and AI Mast in third. Maybe next time we'll forget to "invite" Mark.

This year also saw the passing of one of our own. Dr. James "Doc Jim" Ganley this fall. He is remembered, among other things, as a friend, a father, a teacher, and a sailor. Some of our last memories are of Jim out on the water this summer racing along side his family. Our Summers just won't be the same.


Fleet 325 Champion and Crew with Fleet Captain Dave Racine.

## REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325) Dixie District Sailing on Rehoboth Bay at Rehoboth Bay, Delaware

| Fleet Captains . Dave Racine \& Chris Raubacher |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flect | Secretary | Carol Mertes-Smith |
| Fleet Champion . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Fred Mertes |  |  |
| Runn | $\mathrm{er}-\mathrm{Up}$ | Bernic Hedges |
| . | Boat Name | Skipper |
|  | Capricorn | Edward Niemann, Jr. |
|  |  | Robert Buzbee |
|  | China Doll | Barry W.C. Pierce |
|  |  | Louis Cohen |
|  | Pisces | W. David Racine, III |
|  | Flecting Glance | Fred Mertes |
|  | Rebecca | Christopher Raubacher |
| ber |  | Jacob Zimmerman |

The 1992 season got off to a bang in June with the hosting of the forty-fourth annual Dixie District Championship and the twenty sixth annual Delaware Governors Cup, these two events were combined in 1992 to encourage attendance. The turnout was up, at 22 boats, the best showing in four years. The sailing was very competitive with the top four boats fighting it out for the top spot right up to the last leg of the final race. Fred Mertes of Reboboth and Arnapolis (with crew of Carol Mertes-Smith and Bucky Buchanan) was first. Howard Edson of Sassafras second, Bob Wardwell of Richmond third, Don Delorme of Annapolis fourth, and Jim Richards of Richmond fifth. RBSA sailors: Chris Raubacher was 10th, Pam Racine 21st and Bob Buzbee 22nd.

RBSA also hosted the Woman's District Regatta in July, five boats competed, Pam Racine with team of Dave Racine and Turtle Marshall taking first, Chris Dillard was second and Dianne Sullivan third.

The next event was the hosting of the "Yachting" portion of the First

State Games. This eveil was sailed in Lightnings with RBSA sailors Bernie Hedges taking the silver and Pam Racine the gold.

In August of each year RBSA hosts the Club's 25th Anniversary Regatta. This event is held each year to celebrate RBSA's birthday and it's involvement with Lightning Class sailing. This was the fifth year for this regatta and RBSA's Fred Mertes and crew of Carol and Gary Smith were first with Bernie Hedges second.

The final 1992 event for Lightning Fleet 325 was the hosting of the Robert Purnell Memorial Regatta. This regatta named for former fleet member and winner of the first Dixic District Championship in 1949 Twelve boats competed with RBSA sailors Bernic Hedges taking 12th. Pam Racine fourth and Fred Mertes in first for the fifth time in as many years. Second place went to Phil Grotheer of Beltsville, Maryland and third to Mike Denning of Annapolis. This event also marked the change of the guard for Fleet 325, the new offieers for the fleet will be selected over the winter months along with a lot of planning to make 1993 the start of a five year rebuilding effort. The old boat has a few leaks, but nothing that can't be fixed.

The Fleet Championship was determined by counting the four regattas held at RBSA, Fred Mertes was Ist, Bernie Hedges 2nd and Chris Raubacher 3rd. Bernic finally got past third - congratulations!!

See you on the water in 1993.

## JYVASKYLAN LIGHTNING FLEET (328) Finland District Sailing on Lake Paiijanne at Jyvaskyla, Finland

Flect Captain ......... Ilkka Lilja Fleet Secretary

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| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12479 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Antero Westerlund |
| 12908 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Ari Kokko \& Vesa Purokuru |
| 12918 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Vesa Purokuru |
| 13734 | $\cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Ilkku Lilja |
| 14364 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Samppa J. Salminen |

No Report.

## SEVERN RIVER FLEET (329) Dixie District Sailing on Chesapeake Bay at Annapolis, Maryland

|  | Fleet Captain <br> Fleet Leutenant <br> Fleet Treasurer <br> Fleet Champion | ... Bucky Buchanan ...... Robin Turner .... Dianne Sullivan ....... Fred Mertes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 11036 |  | Ronald D. Grotheer |
| 11087 | Swill Dog | Philip Grotheer |
| 11628 |  | Eric Olsen |
| 11754 | Harvard Square | Paul 1. Grinberg, Jr. |
| 11792 | III | John W. Richardson |
| 12470 | Lightning Bug | E. Joseph Friebele |
| 12772 | Clarrissa Maric | H. Warren Cooper |
| 12812 |  | Dianne Sullivan |
| 13312 |  | Doug Heussler |
| 13929 |  | Michael Denning |
| 14043 |  | Fred Mertes |
| 14101 |  | Donald P. Delorme, M.D. |
| 14207 |  | Donald P. Delorme, M.D. |
| 14278 | Coyote | David Perry |
| 14581 |  | Philip Grotheer |
|  | . - .....t+ + + . + | Robin Turner |
|  | . $\cdot$. | William (Bucky) Buchanan |
| Life Memb | ber | William H. Buckley |

Fleet 329 began 1992 with our traditional fleet meeting/Super Bowl Party. There was plenty of food, good cheer and warm company. And, there was something to cheer about - the home team Redskins won the Super Bowl!!!!

The 1992 season saw the continued changing of the guard with increasing participation and threats from the younger sailors, a more limited, but still menacing presence from the veterans, and a reluctant post on the sidelines for some of the old salts. There was an average of ten boats on the line for each of our five local events and 21 boats for the Frigid Digit.

The 1992 Fleet 329 sailing scason opened with ten boats racing in the CBYRA Olympic Regatta, sailed from SSA. Bob Wardwell of Richmond took first place honors, followed by Fleet 329 racers, Fred Mertes and Phil Grotheer in second and third, respectively. At the SSA Spring Regatta, Joe Frieble continued to show that he still is a force to be reckoned with when he topped the fleet of 12 boats. Chris Raubacher and Fred Mertes of Rehoboth followed in second and third places. Doug Heussler managed to come down from the skies and stay on the water long enough to take first place at the SSA Annual Regatta in his only Lightning appearance on the SSA starting line this year, In the 12 boat fleet, Fred Mertes took second place; Phil Grotheer took third place. The annual Women's Dixie District was sailed at Rehoboth with stiff competition provided from Fleet 329's Kathy Coxe and Robin Turner sailing with Christy Dillard, and by the 329 Team of Dianne Sullivan and MaryAnna Portner. The Dillard Coxe Turner team travelled to foreign lands, i.e., the Buffalo Canoe Club in Ontario, Canada, to compete admirably with the women "rock" stars in the 1992 Womer's North Americans. Phil Grotheer also travelled with Mike Beaver to this foreign land for the 1992 North Americans.

The extremely windy SSA Fall Regatta saw only fout out of ten boats survive to complete the two races of the one-day event. Fred Mertes convincingly won with two first place finishes, followed by Phil Grotheer's solid second place showing, with Mike Denning in third. and Jim Bielefeld in fourth. Seven boats participated in the Maryland Governor's Cup Regatta on Labor Day weekend with the top three places held by Fred Mertes, Ron Grotheer, and Joe Frieble. Twenty-one boats braved the cold and windy storm front to drive to, and sail in, the annual Frigid Digit. While the trophy positions were captured by out-of-towners. Keith Taboada, David Starck and Bram Palm (with local crew, Robin Turner), locals Phil Grotheer and Fred Mertes provided a strongshowing for eighth and ninth places, respectively,

While, in most cases, only the names of the winning skippers have been listed, this is a team sport. Since those skippers surely appreciate that they could not have done well without the nameless crews, we salute the crews for a job well done!!! A number of other young competitors. Dave Perry. Eric Olsen, Rick Paullin. Dianne Sullivan, and Pat \& Jackic Hasson, as well as other veterans, Coxe Team (Simeon \& Kathy) and Delorme Team (Don \& Wanda, and often Jamic Gireen) made the competition challenging. In the end, fleet champion honors were captured by Fred Mertes with crew Bucky Buchanan. We look forward to a new season - competition should be even more intense now that Simeon \& Kathy Coxe and Phil Grothecr each have new self-rescuing boats. Watch out Fred!!! So join us for good sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Finally, we note our sadness at the loss of our friend. Doc Gilbert. His love for the sport of competitive Lightning racing will live on in our fond memories and Doc stories. Doc, we will miss you.

## SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332) New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

| Fleet Captain | Dan Kemp |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Theodore Burr |
| Fleet Champion | Martin J. Richs |
| Runner-Up | Mark Waks |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10320 | Mountain Thyme | A. Daniel Kemp |
| 10555 | Jumbo | Dwight Gertz |
| 10724 | Loon A Seat | Martin J. Richs |
| 10732 | Go Moshun | David D. Closson |
| 12509 | Tashidelek | Wallace E. Ackley |
| 12859 | Wup............ | Jack Russell |
| 13101 | Super Shuttle | Robert Ayotte |
| 13382 | Sea Stooges | Mark A. Waks |
| 14111 | Intrepid | Theodore Burr |

With membership at an all-time high for recent years, the fleet gathered at the spring business meeting to plan a nine-weekend sailing season. This
year we would have two separate series, one in July and one in August, each with an individual championship, with the overall fleet championship going to the boat with the best combined score for the season.

The July series offered a variety of weather conditions, including a ferocious lightning storm that left the fleet huddled on a distant shore after the first race. Marty Riehs and his Hawailan-shirted family crew dominated the racing, and claimed the newly established Richardson Blair Award. Named for fleet founder and long-time friend Dick Blair, the Blair Award will be given each year to the top finisher in the July season. At the end of the July series, the fleet gathered at Jack and Betty Russell's lakeside house to celebrate and present awards.

Once again, the fleet sponsored the "Around the Lake Race". This race is open to sailing craft of all kinds, and the entry fees are donated to the Loon Preservation Committee of the New Hampshire Audubon Society. Jack Russell organized the race and Marty Richs hosted the event at the Squam Lakes Sailing Center. With the race scored under the Portsmouth handicap, Dwight Gertz narrowly beat Marty Riehs to win the racing sailboat division, and receive the Custance Cup as the first Lightning in the race. Sailboarder Brian Whatley beat brother Chris's Laser to take a first in uncorrected and corrected time and first in the recreational sailboat division.

The Annual Squam Regatta was held on August 22 and 23 with a strong off-the-lake turnout. Boats arrived from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. John and Judy Ingeroski served as tough and efficient race committec. Marty Riehs made his Olde Colonial Eagle Motel and Squam Lakes Sailing Center available for boat launching, overnight stoage, and pre- and post-race activities, while Susan Kemp and Laura Livingston provided post-race refreshments. Winds were light, but competition heavy. Continuing an all-too-familiar pattern, our southern New Hampshire neighbors dominated the racing, with Moe L'Heureux taking first place, and Ken Deyett, George Deyett. John Hughes, and Norm Deyett taking places two through five.

Labor Day weekend arrived with the August Series Championship, the Closson Cup, and the overall Fleet Championship to be decided. Dwight Gertz had a strong finish to become August Series Champion. Dave Closson claimed the Closson Cup as top finisher in the last three races of the season. Marty Richs continued his winning ways to become the overall Fleet Champion. New skipper Mark Waks continued his remarkably consistent pattern of fast sailing to finish as Runner-Up. Overall third, fourth. and fifth places went to Dave Closson, Dwight Gertz, and Wally Ackley respectively.

To cap the season, the fleet gat hered for the traditional year-end party at Wally and Chick Ackley's hilltop house. It was a wonderful party, with a pot-luck supper and the presentation of awards. Most important, the fleet elected a new Fleet Captain, Jack Russell.

The fleet thanks the many loyal crew members who made our sailing possible. We are especially grateful to those friends like John Bennett who are willing to serve as race committee so the rest of us can sail. We especially thank Ken and Irene Fauser, our "Samurai Race Committec", who kept us sailing week after week, in sunshine and rain.

## BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB (335) LIGHTNING FLEET Central Atlantic District Sailing at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

Fleet Secretary ........... Joseph McGinnis, III
Boat No.
10526
11550
13007
13772
13876
14489
14550

| Boat Name <br> Talisman | Skipper <br> Paul B, Wood <br> David P. Kunz |
| :--- | :--- |
| Thunderball | David C. Faus |
| $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | John Demming |
| $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | John Faus |
| $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | William S. Clarke |
| $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | David P. Kunz |

## GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338) Central New York District Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

| Fleet Captain | Jim Dickson |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | James Millard |
| Fleet Champion | Jim Millard |
|  |  |


| Boat No. <br> 7123 | Boat Name <br> Rocky | Skipper <br> Harold B. Hansen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11519 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Dale H. Brown |
| 12115 | $\cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | James Dickson |
| 12130 | $\cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | John Korkosz |
| 12636 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Dale H. Brown |
| 13655 | Huggie | R. James Millard |

In his second year after moving up from a Snipe to a Lightning, John Korkosz swept the July 4th Series.
John and Jim Millard battled back and forth all year for the lead in the regular season series. It wasn't decided until the final weekend when, despite losing Nell over the side briefly, Jim was able to come back and take the trophy.

Dale Brown struggled through the first half of the year trying to make his new boat go, but then beat both the leaders during the last two weekends.

We hope that Jim Dickson and Ken Buhrmaster will return from illness and injury to put the heat on all of us next year.

## LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain .................... Gene Matthews
Fleet Secretary ............... Gene Matthews

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12822 | Spikc | Audrey Matteson |
| 13941 | "Mr. Wonderful" | Genc Matthews |

No Report.
LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Lanier,
Lanier Sailing Club at Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Tom Wynn

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9420 |  | Marty Headlec |
| 10111 | "Lord Jim" | Robert Schindel |
| 12849 | En La Bas | Reg Brooks |
| 12935 | Lemon Pic | Ken Wallace |
| 13729 | Razorback | Thomas W. Wynn |
| 14062 |  | Robert Derrick |
| 14225 |  | Brian Johnstone |
| 14425 |  | Karl Suter |
| No Report. |  |  |

## HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

## Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir, Columbus, Ohio
Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ehmann Miller
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . . Jack Kirkpatrick
Boat No.
7502
12015
13426
13898
14045
14345

| Boat Name | Skipper <br> Jack Kirkpatrick |
| :--- | :--- |
| The Goldie Maric | Ehmann J. Miller |
| Juice | Donald F. McCusker |
| Wobert French |  |
| Wild Thing | Matt Fisher |
| $\ldots . . . \ldots \ldots . . .$Greg Fisher |  |

No Report.

Michigan, began their 1992 sailing season on May 10th and closed out the activities on October 11th.

Dennis Dudley began the season by winning the first two races. Our 1991 Fleet Champion Ron Wilson won several races, but Terry Kleiman was most consistent throughout the season. Having a regular crew paid off for these three boats.
Lansing Sailing Club has a new Fleet Champion for 1992. Terry and Mary Kleiman aboard 2C3S (14468) with Alan Becke, sometimes with Mike Moody, sailed 28 races. We score the top 20 races...Terry, as skipper, claimed eleven first and nine second place finishes to edge out the Dudley crew in several closely contested races.

Dennis Dudley and his Do-Rite (12888) crew of Ken Zielinski and Jim Crain, later with Blaine Severin, Did-1t-Rite most of the time to claim the "runner-up" position. They sailed 31 races out of a possible 40 races, with eight first place and 12 second place finishes.

In third place, our Fleet Captain, Ron Wilson, with wife Bonnie and with regular crew Gil Chesbro, had Ace Kicker (14444) moving quite well to get ten first place finishes, one second and four thirds.
The Fubar (14267) autumn crew of Larry Foster, Daniel Bazin (A Fireball sailor from France, in U.S.A. for a nuclear physics research project at Michigan State University) and Kathy Walden, sometimes Paul Caterino, placed fourth in the fleet standings. This crew had eight good Sunday races in September and October...the two firsts on October 1lth helped Fubur vault from sixth overall to fourth for the season.
The fifth place trophy went to Gil Chesbro, skippering Ace Kicker with owners, Ron and Bonnic Witson as his crew, (at Lansing Sailing Club, to qualify for the season end trophics each skipper must sail at least 14 races. Ron sailed 18 races and Gil skippered 14 races. This is probably a first for the Lansing Sailing Club....one boat with two skippers...and both qualify.)
John Biernbaum, sailing his Mimwahsin (14024), was the recipient of the "2nd Annual Fubar Old Fart" award. John had fourth place, more or less, all wrapped up...but did not sail the two October I lth races and fell to sixth place for the season.
New to the Lightning fleet, John Fishbeck with daughter, Jennifer sometimes Jane Wagner, had SPS (13344) sail in 21 races and took seventh place. Keep an eye on John in 1993.
The Graves brothers, Jim and Page with Lisa and Amy, enjoyed their second year of sailing aboard Dead Ahead (11394). Their father. David, crewed with them a number of times for their eighth place standings.
Also in his second year of sailing. Greg Veltema and son, Jack, aboard Courageous (10165) displayed a lot of enthusiasm for the sport to take ninth place.
Closing out the top ten, Jim Gee with son, Chris, and Michael Zack participated in 16 races. (His wooden Lightning was built in the Netherlands.)

Five visitor boats came to Lansing Sailing Club's Lightning Regatta June 6th and 7th. Mark Whatley of Pontiac Yacht Club edged out Colin Park of Bay City by one point. Terry Kleiman was the top local skipper and won the "Ye Olde Silver Platter".

Dennis Dudley and Terry Kleiman with their crews participated at the Higgins Lake Boat Club Regatta in early August. Fubar ventured over to the Macatawa Yacht Club, Pontiac Yacht Club and Gull Lake Yacht Club regattas.

Lansing Sailing Club will celebrate their 30th anniversary in 1993. Join us for our 28th annual Lightning Regatta, June 5th and 6th.


Lansing Fleet 387 heading for the windward mark.

## GUANABARA (401) Brazil District Sailing at Guanabara Bay Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Mauro Jose Villela Nogueira Fleet Secretary Jose Dos Santos Perozine

## Boat No.

6329
7866
8233
8329
11706
11713
14320
14463
14561
14564

## Skipper

Mauro Jose Villela Nogucira
Elizabeth A. Chaves
Silvio Pinheiro Da Silva, Jr.
Renato Pinheira Da Silva
Alzir De Castro, Je.
Sergio Gilaberte
Mauro Jose Villela Nogucira
Jose Dos Santos Perozine
Marcelo Gilberti
Mauro J. Villela Nogueira

No Report.

# SALINAS YACHT CLUB (405) Ecuador District Sailing on the Pacific Ocean Guayaquil, Ecuador 

Fleet Secretary ............. Francisco X. Sola

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9411 |  | Sr. Camilo Saman |
| 11505 |  | Carlos Lecaro |
| 11263 | Monona | Santiago Romero B. |
| 11928 | La Maguina | Miguel E. Plaza M. \& Juan Santos Garces |
| 12054 |  | Juan Manuel Meira S. |
| 12422 |  | Juan Carlos Plaza P. |
| 12693 | Zorro Loco | Enrique Granja |
| 13440 |  | Dr. Ignacio Vidal |
| 14099 |  | Miguel A. Plaza M. |
| 14145 | Culilla | Juan Carlos Plaza P. |
| 14150 |  | Francisco X. Sola |
| 14160 |  | Jimmy Pazmino |
| 14163 | Co Lo | Ing. Cesar Baguerizo |
| 14379 | Saudades | Juan Manuel Meira |
| 14383 |  | Carlos Luis Lecaro |
| 14389 | Baccara | Santiago Romero B. |
| 14461 |  | Sr , Alberto Maspons |
| 14541 |  | Francisco Medina Sola |
| 14558 |  | Xavier Monge |

No Report.

## HIGH ROCK LIGHTNING FLEET (415) Southeastern District Sailing on High Rock Lake at Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary
Boat No
9303
10152
10354
10386
10722
10723
10728
11027
12281
12336
12520
12936
13140
13154
13656


Carl Gaede
...........
Sam 1. Booke
Richard Simpson
Gordon P. Kellogg

# KILLYLEAGH YACHT CLUB (427) Ireland District <br> Sailing on Strangford Lough Belfast-County Down, Northern Ireland 

Fleet Secretary

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ............ | Alaw Vaughan |
| ...... | . . . . . . . . | Gordon Moore |
|  | +.......... | R. Bolton |
|  |  | Don Bridges |
| , |  | Raymond Killops |
| ... | +., $\cdot$........ | Dennis Bennett |
|  | , ......... | Eric Sutherland |
|  | .......... | Ronnie Bart |
|  |  | Alister Morrison |
|  |  | Wm. Lindsay |
| 11439 |  | Clive Bridges |
| 14086 |  | John Scott/Trevor Wilson/ |

Killyleagh Lightning Fleet is based at Killyleagh Yacht Club, on the shores of Strangford Lough, a very beautiful tidal area which is fed by the Irish Sea. We have a fleet of nine boats racing regularly, with another six which are "out of commission" for the moment. Our sailing season lasts from the beginning of May through to the end of September. Although we do not suffer extremes of climate in this part of the world, the weather is anything but predictable. This year, during the first half of the season we had very little wind and, in the second half, we were nearly blown out of the water!

This year we managed to extend our season through to the end of October. Each Saturday throughout the month we held three or four short races. As these were not for any series, they were treated as practice sessions, or simply fun! We tried sailing each others boats, with less than predictable results, and attempted a few "gate starts" which proved interesting, to say the least!

Two seasons ago, three of our fleet members decided to import a two year old fibre glass boat from the U.S.A. Its arrival was awaited with great interest. When she did arrive, we soon realized how far technology has advanced in the Lightning class. Many of the things taken for granted in most fleets were innovations to us. We have adapted some of them to suit our older boats and sailing conditions.

With the exception of this one recent addition, all the boats are of wooden construction, and, as many of the hulls are quite elderly, much work had to be carried out during the winter to try to improve their condition. Some of the original boats were of "planked \& caulked" construction, causing more than a few headaches for those crewmen entrusted with the bailing bucket (an essential piece of equipment!). These boats were stripped, and the joints splined. The hulls were then coated in epoxy resin, in an attempt to prevent the boats becoming waterlogged and too heavy. This seems to have been quite successful. In addition to this work we have introduced aluminum masts (most of the boats in the fleet had timber masts), and are starting to import sails from the U.S.A.

In a further attempt to keep the boats light, the fleet tried out "dry sailing" this year for the first time. Thanks must go to David Brown and William McCloy who finished most racing nights up to their necks in water, helping to retrieve the boats!

We are proud to say that there has been a Lightning Class sailing at Killyleagh Yacht Club since 1944. Not only does the present fleet contain some of the earliest boats built, but several second and third generation Lightning sailors - descendants of our founding members.

This year, we tried the introduction of the principle of "gold" and "silver" fleets to encourage those with older boats or less experience. Its not certain how successful this experiment was and it has been dropped for next season. However, following the arrival of the first fibre glass boat in the
fleet, we are anxious that those members who own the older, and heavier boats are not left behind. Any experiences from other fleets who have successfully overcome this problem would be most welcome. We are also keen to make contact with any Lightning sailors still racing wooden boats -any tips that might keep us competitive would be great!

One of the highlights of our 1992 season was the visit of Joc and Ann Dissette, reported in the September issue of Flashes. They were both very welcome and proved to be great ambassadors! Joe brought much welcome experience of current competitive racing tactics and some tuning tips,

We are looking forward to the 1993 season with hopes that our numbers will continue to grow. A meeting was held recently to try to encourage those non-participating members to relaunch their boats next year. We are compiling a history of Lightning sailing in Killyleagh, and are confident that we will be able to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 1994 with a membership that is stronger than ever.

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

Fleet Captain

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper <br> Will Sloger, Jr. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13512 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Patrick Hogan |
| 14050 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Leonard \& Kenneth Krawcheck |
| 14328 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Leonard Krawcheck |
| 14519 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ |  |

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

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

No Report.

## Long Island District Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton, Long Island, New York

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)

| Fleet Commodorc | John V H. Halscy |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | .. Diane Finnegan |
| Fleet Champion | Timothy A. Rumph |
| Fleet Runner-Up | John V. H. Halsey |


| Boat No. Boat Name | Skipper <br> 7124 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11071 | Windy Too | Sven Rydberg <br> Hugh Halsey, II, M.D. <br> 12480 |
| 14032 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Bruce Hendry |
| 14074 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | James G. Hull, M.D. |
| 14157 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Robert G. Shewan |
| 14339 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Richard Stott |
| 14560 | Relentless | Tim Rumph |
| $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Richard Waren |  |
| Michacl Irving |  |  |

Fleet 431 sailing out of Southampton Yacht Club is the most easterly Lightning Fleet on Long Island, Shinnecock Bay provides excellent race
conditions for Lightnings, with steady southwesterly breeres off the Atlantic ocean.

Fleet 431 started the sailing season with the annual flag-raising ceremony on May 30th. Throughout most of the season, seven to eight made it to the starting line for the Saturday Championship Series, with eight to nine boats participating in the Wednesday Night Special Series. The usual group of enthusiastic sailors kept the sailing competitive and exciting throughout the summer. Following the Wednesday Night races, a pot-luck dinner was served at the clubhouse. giving all a chance to compare notes on that evening's race.

Timothy Rumph, sailing Seaforse (14339), demonstrated his sailing skills throughout the 1992 scason, taking first place for the Saturday Championship Series, John Halsey, in Windy Too (10071), kept Tim and the rest of the fleet on our toes, and took the runner-up sport. During the Wednesday Night Series, the fleet chased but never managed to catch John Halsey, where he took first place with his consistent sailing. Tim Rumph took the runner-up position. The Early Scason Trophy was won by Richard Warren (14560) and the Late Scason Trophy by Bruce Hendry (12480).

Two new Lightning skippers joined Southampton Yacht Club this season: John Lewandowski (14551) and James Hull (14132). While John had an unfortunate carly scason mishap at Cedar Point, his perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the season has shown that he will be a force to be reckoned with in 1993. For his efforts, John won the Time Allowance Trophy for 1992.

Jim Hull got a late start during the 1992 season, however, he has shown interest and promise for 1993. He also purchased a Laser, and has been frostbiting with a group of sailors at Southampton Yacht Club, honing his skills. It is expected that Jim will also be mixing it up with the rest of the fleet next summer.

Southampton Yacht Club hosted two invitational regattas: the Southhampton Spring Regatta (June 13-14) and the Fall Classic (October 3-4). While we had a small turnout tor the Spring Regatta (thirteen boats), the Fall Classic had twenty-three boats, and a lot of excitement. While sunny. the first day of racing brought 30 knot winds. swamped boats and a broken boom. With the racing canceled, the barbecue started early, the taps flowed, and everyone waited for dark, when Tim Rumph lit the Indian Clam Roast (a tradition at SYC not to be missed!). The second day brought lighter breezes, stiff competition and a lot of fun.

One of the highlights of the Fall Classic came from Scott Dobriner (SYC's official "Brewmeister"). who provided a special libation for all to enjoy - the Fall Classic Lager.

The Southampton Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program continued to expand during 1992, with much of the credit going to Ellen Irving and Betsy Culeman, Co-Chairs for this committee. With approximately forty youngsters learning to sail in Optimists. Sunfish and Bluejays. As they get older we hope to have a growing Lightning fleet in the coming years.

If you can add Southampton Yacht Club Spring or Fall Regatta to your list of places to go, I am sure you will be glad you did! Those who have experienced Shinnecock Bay and the quiet charm of SYC return again and again. We hope to sec you in 1993.

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

| Flee Captain | Kurt Schuler |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Elizabeth Harvener |
| Fleet Champion | Sylvan Newman |
| Runner-Up | Kurt Schuler |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10014 |  | Paul Harvener |
| 10190 |  | Patricia A. Manning |
| 11046 | Andros Dos | Vernon R. Goldberg |
| 12500 | Calico Cat | Arthur M. Wilson |
| 13228 | .......... | Vernon R. Goldberg |
| 13622 |  | Glenn Darden |
| 13691 | Rage | George R. Hatfield |
| 13806 | Making Hay | George R. Hatfield |
| 13831 | Flashdance | Richard C. Guinan, Jr. |
| 13953 |  | Kurt Schuler |
| 14428 | ........... | Warren Lewis |
|  |  | Craig Anderson |
| Life Member | . . . . . . . | John Schneider |

The sailing season had a great March start with four Sundays of great
winds (not too much) and no rain. The April Shreveport Holiday In Dixie Regatta was a fair fight: three Texas boats and three Louisiana boats with the final standings being settled with a third party protest, and the oddest protest committee decision. Kurt Schuler won, followed by Larry Frost, III and Joe Hunt.

The multi-class May Spring DinghyFest was hosted by our fleet and attended by eleven Lightnings. The weekend was a blowout with over half the fleet staying ashore. Steve Harris, of Conroc Yacht Club, won the regatta, Sylvan Newman second, and Vernon Goldberg third. Wayne Catoc from White Rock flipped and lost his mast. Robert Mitchell, found that an 8,000 series hull does oil-can in $20+$ puffs. Paul Harvener enjoyed a long downwind sail when his forestay broke. John Waskom luckily had their anchor on-board when their rudder failed.

In June, the Districts were held at White Rock for the first time in 20 years. The weather was typical June, light, then lighter, then non-existant, then re-building, with a $100+$ degree shift. Sylvan Newman's 3 rd place was the best RCYC finish.

RCYC's team of Jennifer Eldredge, Lir Harvener, and Deanna Gronke won the Adams Cup Texas quaifiers at White Rock. Jennifer, Richard Guinan's stalwart crew, enjoyed helming so much that she quickly bought a Lightning. The ladies, unfortunately, were eliminated in the Area F qualifiers.

July and August brought hot weather, little racing, and one spectacular regatta, the Fall Dinghfest. Seven RCYC members, plus visitors John Waskom, Joe Hunt, James Stewid and Steve Harris made up the 11 boat fleet. The regatta's short courses are a lot more fun, and a lot less follow-theleader racing. Warren Lewis dominated the eight race regatta with four firsts, two seconds, a fourth, and a third with 10 total points. Steve Harris finished 2.5 points behind the Sylvan Newman third, followed by Joe Hunt of Shreveport in fourth.

The fall month's moderate temperatures made possible a lot of nice Sunday afternoon races, and some road trips. The Conroe regatta was attended by Kurt Schuler, Paul Harvener and Jenny Eldredge. Paul Harvener, Craig A nderson and Jenny Eldredge made the trip across town to the White Rock State Fair Regatta. Bill Draheim, a local sailmaker, attended the Bluenose. The last racing Sunday, November 15th, was a spectacular day with temperatures in the 70 s and winds at 10 to 15 mph from the south.
Series standings - Spring: Sylvan Newman first, Kurt Schuler second and Vernon Goldberg third. Summer: Warren Lewis first, Sylvan Newman second, Kurt Schuler third. Fall series: Kurt Schuler first. Warren Lewis 2nd. Jenny Eldredge third.

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

Fleet Captain/Secretary . Edward M. Colic, III

| Boat No. | Boat Name <br> Whimsey | Skipper <br> Dennis Koopman |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11905 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Edward M. Colic, III |
| 12712 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | Kenneth E. Peters |
| 13123 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ |  |

No Report.

## FOND DU LAC LIGHTNING FLEET (442) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Winnebago at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin



| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13280 | Fan-T-Sea | Tom Drews |
| 13580 | Splurge |  |
|  |  | Jim Kalmbacher |
| 13617 | Escape |  |
|  |  | Sue Dorscheid |

Even though it was our coldest summer since records were kept, the '92


Gary Zink at the Lighthouse Regana.
season was a pretty good year for racing and crusing. The year started with the annual Lighthouse Regatta. The weather cooperated for the 16 competitors that showed up from around the district. Paul Wurtzebach finished first in two of the five races and won the regatta by 6 points. His erew from Chicago were Bob Seigal and Karen Johnson, In second was another famous. Windy City sailor. Mike Huffman, with his crew, Meg Huffman and Jim Blair. From Sheboygan, in third place was Rick Larson with his crew, Mary Reid and Peter Orlebeke. Bill Faude edged out his new boss, Tryg Jacobson, on a tie breaker for fourth and fifth place. Bill had his rock star crew of Jared Drake and Rob Hamill while Tryg had brat squad erew members Dave Coulter and Sue Dorscheid.

The highlight of the regatta was young Dean Cady giving lessons in veterinary medicine with Paul Wurtzebach's dog. We welcome everyone back for the regatta next year for more thrilts and spills. We are sad to report that Ed Malone, our famous race committee chairperson is retiring after this year.

The Tuesday night series had the most races completed ever in a single season. Of the fifteen scheduled races, only one had to be cancelled. In our mixed Portsmouth fleet, Lightnings did extremely well. The two fiberglass boats took first and second while 359, sailed by Pete Chisholm was fifth. Big Sue edged out Gary Zink for the top honor with an E-scow in third and a 470 in fourth.

The annual cruise to Oshkosh was attended by one boat this year. Mike and Sue withanother couple set a record pace with a power reach spinnaker ride all the way in brisk south winds. About four miles into the beat back on Sunday, the south breeze was even stronger. With about fifteen miles to go, the main was dropped, and we enjoyed a power reach back to the dock on just the jib! It's a good thing that Lightnings are so casy to trailer.

We are still trying to generate interest in the class in our area. We have a new Lightning in our area, Phil Kerch in 8999. To the cause, we remain eternally optimistic!

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

Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mauricio Martinez

Boat No.
11365
13444

## Boat Name

No Report.

## Skipper

Dieter \& Olaf Dyck Inq. Mauricio Martiner.

## MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449) Italian District

| Fleet Captain | Giovanni Pellegrino |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | ... Giuseppe Valenti |
| Fleet Champion | .... Mario Noto |
| Runner-Ups . . | All Skippers of Fleet |
| Boat Name | Skipper |
| Wanted I | Giovanni Pellegrino (Life) |
| Luktor | Ranieri Gambina |
| Trepepe | Giuseppe Valenti |
| Ho! Hell | Vito Pernice |
| Rainbow | Antonio Marino |
| Dove Vai | Stefano Reina |
| Wanted III | Guiseppe Alagna, Antonio |
|  |  |
|  | Vito Tripoli |
| Americaff | Mario Ottoveggio |
| L, ily Bay Tan | Vito Tripoli |
|  | Roberto Crucitti |
| *, +....... | Mario Noto |

During the season our fleet carricd out an intense activity to prepare for the Italian, European and World Youth Championships. The most important success has been the victory at the European Championship in Finland on Kuopio's lake, our Fleet Champion Mario Noto and crew Francesco Parrinello and Spano Fabio. Completing the success of our fleet, in the third position was Vito Tripoli with crew Prinzivalli and Di Benedetto, In the Italian Championship which was at Anzio near Rome, we have obtained the second position with Valenti, Puletto and Paxia; and the third position with Pernice, Fornich, Lima. Giammarco Tramati, Salvatore Montalto, Pasquale Prinzivalli participated in the World Youth Championship in Chile. They have obtained only the seventh position.

Our fleet will conclude the season with the Winter Championship at Marsala, 28-31 December 1992. The clubs that help us to do this intense activitiy arc: Circolo Velico Marsala and Societa, Canottieri Marsala.


Crew Velenti-Poxie-Puletto during the Italian District Championship,

## FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453) <br> Italian District Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy

Fleet Captain ........................... Paolo Rosi
Fleet Secretary

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13462 | Areknames II | Paolo Rosi |
| 13715 |  | Eugenio Branca |
| 14228 |  | Sergio Rustichelli |
| 14239 |  | Sauro Scarpochi \& Vittorugo Mearini |
| 14245 |  | Eugenio Branca |
| 14316 |  |  |

No Report.

## TUUSULANJARVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456) Finland District

 Sailing on Lake Tuusulvanjarvi, FinlandFleet Captain ................. Jaako Herttua Fleet Secretry . ................ Rainer Korhonen Fleet Champion ............ Rainer Korhonen Runner-Up .................... Antero Punttila

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5552 |  | Jorma Lehtonen |
| 12757 | Merenhuiske | Veijo Meisalo |
| 12914 | Pikkumusto | Asko Autio |
| 12995 |  | Harti Nisonen |
| 13098 | Vipunen | Lauri Hamalainen |
| 13562 | Amanda | Hannu Hanskala |
| 14018 |  | Pasi Hannila |
| 14179 | Tinto | Tuomo Kauhanen |
| 14271 |  | Hannu Hurskainen |
| 14274 | Annic Hall | Leo \& Rainer Korhonen |
| 14331 | Galateia | Pentti Laitinen |
| 14406 | Amarillo | Pertii Pyy |
| 14430 | Asterix | Harti Nisonen |
| 14494 |  | Juha Hamalainen |
| 14533 | Snow White | Antero Punttila |

The year 1992 was very successful for our fleet. We had three boats among the first ten at the European Championships and the top two at the Finland District Champoinships.
At the very top this year in Finland was Pertti Pyy, who won the Finnish Championships in Kuopio with his daughters Leena and Maija. Also they were the best boat from our district when they finished fifth at the European Championships, which were held together with our nationals in Kuopio. Congratulations!
During the Europeans and the nationals in Kuopio, the wind was stable and the weather was fine even if we had some hard rain. The events were very well organised, and we remember the nice evenings we spent at the club house. Our fleet was the biggest fleet in Kuopio: seven boats from Lake Tuusulanjarvi were there and Pertii Pyy's success was followed by others. For example, Rainer Korhonen, Leo Korhonen and Kari Salonius finished sixth at the Europeans and second at the Finnish Championships; they ensured our fleet's double win at the nationals. Jaakko Hertua, Niko Lappalainen and Pasi Hannila took fourth at the nationals and tenthat the Europeans.

The annual series of eight "ranking" competitions in Finland lasted from May to September. All the events were organizsed by different sailing elubs, at the sea and at several lakes. Tuusulanjarvi Lightning Fleet showed its guts again: Rainer Korhonen, Leo Korhonen and Kari Salonius had captured the first place before the last race called "Autumn Competition" that was held at our lake.

The final of the Tuusulanjarvi Cup match racing was held at the end of October in sunshine and smooth southern wind between two members of our fleet: Jaakko Herttua challenged the Cup defender Pertti Pyy.

According to our rules, the Cup winner is the one who first gains two victories over the other. The race was extremely exciting. Even though Jaakko Herttua, Pasi Hannila and Niko Lappalainen were victoriousafter only two races, the winner was not decided until the finish line. The boats were fighting very aggressively against each other all the time, because the distance between them was only some boat lengths.

Even if we had a lot of success in competitions, our own Tuesday Race Series was quite quiet last summer. Only a few of our boats gathered at our lake on Tuesday evenings while most of the Lightnings stayed at the beach. Hopefully we'll see more boats sailing on Tuesdays next summer.
Also during the Tuusulanjarvi Fleet Championships in July we had only a few boats participating. But the races were exciting. The competition was extremely hard between Rainer Korhonen and Antero Punttila and the winner wasn't decided before the last race.

On the whole, last season proved to be one of the best for our fleet. Now, late October, when I am writing this report, the sailing season is over for the winter. But the year is not finished yet: before Christmas our fleet will have a traditional dinner and celebration party. According to the Finnish tradition, we call it "Little Christmas". However, this year our meal won't be Finnish but Swiss raclette with fine white wine...
More good news: a new boat joined our fleet last summer. We are pleased to welcome, Olli, Ville, Antti and Martti Lahteinen as new members of our fleet.
We're looking forward to another succesful year in 1993

# NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461) Florida District Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida <br> Fleet Secretary .................. Fisk Hayden 

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11138 |  | Fisk Hayden |
| 11205 |  | Michael J. Tighe |
| 13970 | Shazam | Steve Hayden |

Fleet 461 did not enjoy fleet racing this year as it has in the past. Steve and Fisk Hayden did participate in most of the Florida District events as well as the Atlanta Cup Regatta and the Southern Circuit. Steve represented our fleet at the North Americans in Buffalo and won the Presidents' Cup. There is a rumor that Fisk has finally gotten himself organized and is planning to attend the Masters and N.A:'s in Milwaukee, along with Steve, this August. Fleet racing is being planned for 1993. The future is bright.

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462) Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary ........................ Per Oloy Hornell

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6558 | GTX | Jens C. Ruschmann |
| 11693 | Easy Rider | George Rider |
| 12513 | Abuclo | Per Olov Hornell |
| 12526 | Gringo VII | Alberto M. Torres \& Hugo Barrosa Uelze |
| 12657 |  | Manfred Kaufmann, Jr. |
| 13405 | Waikiki | Claus Bromberg |
| 13406 | Meia Noite VI | Bruno Ruthenburg |
| 14101 |  | Michael Anthony Norris \& Mario Buckup |
| 14071 | Xamego II | Nelson Small Schmitt |
| 14168 | Flying Cloud | Jens C. Ruschmann |
| 14170 | Gatao | Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente |
| 14329 |  | James Sumner |
| 14335 |  | Luciero Cesar Grassano Borges |
| 14353 |  | Nelson Small Schmitt |
| 14504 |  | Nelson Small Schmitt |

Exciting year for our fleet with Districts 400 kms away, qualifiers for the ' 93 Worlds 700 sms away, plus 15 weekend regattas in Sao Paulo to keep us sailing hard.
Michael Norris, with wife Christina and Tom Kirsten placed an excellent third in the Brazilian Championships held in Rio de Janeiro by Fleet 401.
Claus Bromberg took the best honors in our State Championship placing sixth overall in a tic breaker with Michacl Norris - 7th.

The most disputed Championship was our South Central Championship held in Florianopolis for qualifiers for the Worlds in Ilhabela. This championship had a weight of fifty percent on points for the Worlds. Again, Michael and Christina Norris and Tom Kirsten sailed splendidly taking a third overall. George Rider, John Jansen, and Andre Schiez with the Easy Rider placed sixth. Per Olov Hornell, Andrea Ruschman and Leonidas do Valle with the Abuelo finished seventh overall.

## LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

|  | Flet Captain | Vivan Hollinshed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fleet Secretary | J. M. "Dick" Coburn |
|  | Fleet Champion | ., Vivian Hollinshed |
|  | Runner-Up | J. M. "Dick" Coburn |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 11898 | Whiskers | Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr. |



Alien Smith 14521 1452 ! No Report

| Fleet Captain . ......................... Perti Jalonen JokiniemiFlect Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 12481 | Tempus Fugit | Juha Sarlin |
| 13760 | Sea Horse III | Pertti Jalonen |
| 14352 | Sini | Pentti Jarvinen |
| 14403 | Janita II | Aimo Jokiniemi |
| Valkeakoski had the Mallasvesi Regatta on the 4th and Sth of July 1992. |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Leena Pyy with Amarillo from Tuusula. Pentti Jarvinen was seventh with |  |  |
| Sini and Aimo Jokiniemi was eighth with Janita /I. Pekka Siren was I1th with Nitsu and Juha Sarlin 13th with Tempus Fugit. |  |  |
| The European Championship and Finland Championship races were |  |  |
| held in Kuopio on the 12-17 July. Pentti Jarvinen, Lassi Jarvinen and |  |  |
| Mikko Hellman were 18th with Sini in the European Championship. They took tenth place in the Finland Championship. Aimo Jokiniemi, Tuula and |  |  |

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

|  | Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . Bruno Roccheggiani |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Secretary | . . . . Renzo Bozzi |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 13346 | Bibir | Bruno Roccheggani \& Remzo Bozzi |
| 13414 |  | Roberto Brugia |



Mallasvesi Regatha, July 4-5, 1992, Valkeakoski, Finland.

## VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468) <br> Finland District <br> Sailing on Lakes Mallavesi and Vanajavesi, Valkeakoski, Finland

Fleet Captain
kippe
13346 Bibir Bruno Roccheggiani \& Remzo Bozzi

No Report. Fleet Captain
Fleet Sccretary Boat No
$\begin{array}{ll}12481 & \text { Tempus Fugit } \\ 13760 & \text { Sea Horse III }\end{array}$ Sini
Janita II
Pertti Jalonen
Pentti Jarvinen
Aimo Jokiniemi

Valkeakoski had the Mallasvesi Regatta on the 4th and 5th of July 1992 There were 13 boats participating and the winner was Pertti Pyy, Majia and Leena Pyy with Amarillo from Tuusula. Pentti Jarvinen was seventh with Simi and Aimo Jokiniemi was eighth with Janird II. Pekka Siren was Ith with Nitsu and Juha Sarlin 13th with Tempus Fugit.
The Europcan Championship and Fioland Chin Mikko Hellman were 18th with Sim in the European Championship. They took tenth place in the Finland Championship. Aimo Jokiniemi, Tuula and

Tanja Jokiniemi were 27th with Janita II in the European Championship. They were 26th in the Finland Championship.

Finland's biggest inland water race, Paijanne Regatta, were held on Lake Paijanne on the 25-26 July. The race course is about 120 kilometres (about 75 miles) long. There were 230 participants from different classes. Sini was second in the Lightning Class and Janita // third. Tempues Fugit discontinued the race when the time expired. The race lasted about 28 hours and the winds were slack

# CASCO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (471) New England District Sailing on Casco Bay at Portland, ME 

| Fleet Secretary |  | . Tom Toohey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 6191 |  | Todd Lalumiere |
| 7127 | *.......... | Tom Toohey |
| 8990 |  | Todd Lalumiere |
| Life Member |  | Dave White |
| No Report, |  |  |

## CEDAR LIGHTNING FLEET (478) Florida District Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River Fort Myers, Florida

|  | Captain | .. Steve Ewing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Secretary | . Ralph Suhm |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 13822 | -r | Steven R. Ewing |
| 14408 | Rocket II | Liz Lombardo |
| 14412 | Second Childhood | "ET" Tim Fisher |
| 14427 | Lethal | Mark Bryant |

We have no report at present. The fleet was reactivated in 1992 but we have to do some more sailing and then we'll do some talking.

WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481) Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Kerr at Raleigh, North Carolina
Fleet Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Dean Marbury Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ed Vitek Fleet Champion . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ed Michels Runner-Up . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vann L.ovelace

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11204 |  | G. Dean Marbury |
| 11738 | Tabasco | William Boyd Dixon |
| 11900 |  | Douglas King |
| 12730 | White Lightning | Robert V. Lovelace |
| 12773 |  | Worth Lutz. III |
| 13178 | Frog | James E. Nutt, M.D. |
| 13490 | Subject to Revision | R. Grant Wolslagel |
| 13620 |  | Ed Michels |
| 13709 | Sheep Thrills | Robert S. Lamb |
| 13738 | Plane Crazy | Robert M. Wilkins |
| 13848 | Menage a Trois | Henry \& Avis Bridgers |
| 13877 |  | Michael S. Rees, M.D. |
| 14376 | Hallucination | James E. Nutt, M.D. |
| 14396 | Frayed Knot | John W. Pelosi |
|  |  | Kent R. Mullikin |
|  |  | Edward 1. Vitek, Jr. |

[^0]regattas a season. District races attract from 10 to 24 boats, with an average of 18 boats on the starting line, so it's keen sailing and you can sail against the best in the Southeast, some of whom are the best in the class. Our own fleet had seven boats at each of three regattas, five at three others, and from one to four of us at each of the other regattas.

To qualify for the overall District Championship, a skipper has to sail in six of eleven regattas, Avis Bridgers, Michael Rees, Bob Wilkins and John Pelosi qualified, with Pelosi and Rees placing fifth and eighth, respectively. Ned Nutt, Doug King, Ed Michels, and Vann Lovelace sailed in two or more. Four of us were in the top five eight times in six regattas, and in the top ten twelve times in seven regattas.

Ned won his first district trophy this year by placing fourth at High Rock. Michael Rees may have been in the silver, but after winning the first race by doing a horizon job on the other 17 boats, he capsized in a little puff in the second race. Later that day he held a seminar about: "Two live crew on the bow - Not", Michael's team went on to take second place at our Governor's Cup (one of the district races). Avis Bridgers and Doug King showed great speed at times throughout the season, finishing high in several races. Henry, Avis's husband, is great on foredeck, and tries to keep Avis away from Wilkins and King, who are in contention for our "Most- Time-inProtest Room" award. Commodore Emeritus Ed Michels finished second at the LMSC Regatta. Ed consistently gets good starts and frequently sails at the top of the fleet, but sometimes his crew likes to fly the spinnaker far enough from the boat so that Ed gets to see how dry it can be sitting on the hull of a Lightning.

Our season concludes with the Borderline Regatta which we hold at Kerr Lake the fourth weekend in October. It was highly suceessful again this year, with 35 boats from up and down the eastern part of the country. The long list of sailing notables includes Walt Brown, President of Layline, who sponsors the event, Bob Wardwell, Jim Carson, Tom Allen, Sr, and Tom Allen, Jr., Dick Hallagan, Simeon Coxe and Christy Dillard. Brian Hayes. from North Sails East, won it, with Lenny Krawcheck and Bob Harkrider close behind. Brian's win combined with co-skipper Ched Proctor's finish at the Frigid-Digit to take first place in the Frigit Digit: Borderline Double Header.

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

| Fleet Captain | John W. Levan |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | ... Jesse Miller |
| Fleet Champion | Jesse Miller |
| Runner-Up | Rick Eckstrom |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10113 | Whisper | Jesse W. Miller |
| 11347 | Anna 'T | Terrill M. Moore |
| 11960 | Orphan | Peter V. Lent |
| 13422 | Bat Boat | John LeVan |
| 13934 | Hot Flash | Jesse W. Miller |

1992 was a wet summer. Rain was more often than not the forecast for our summer sailing. This dampened our ability to increase participation in the fleet.

We got 1992 off to an carly start with a Pot Luck dinner and organizational meeting in April. We set our schedule, planned an event designed to attract new members to the fleet and decided upon rules and races for our Summer Series Championship.

The dinner meeting was promising. New and enthusiastic crew were found who wanted to learn about competitive sailing. Tom Carson, a young member at the yacht club, demonstrated an interst in getting more involved. We were sure that this was the year we would hit "critical mass", and our fleet would start to grow.

But, bad weather, busy schedules and growing families kept all but the faithful away from the race course. Eckstrom, LeVan and Miller were regularly there with enthusiastic crews. Miller and Eckstrom traded wins with LeVan consistently bringing up the rear. But. LeVan improved as the year progressed and will be tougher competition in ${ }^{*} 93$.

The fleet is looking forward to growing in 1993. Several factors will contribute to our growth: (1) hosting the Central New York District Championships - will demonstrate a high level of activity in the local district. (2) hosting an exchange program with the Keuka Lake Fleet - will look like there are more of us on the race course. (3) our host yacht club wants to increase One Design Sailing - they can help us promote the fleet (4) local economy is slow - people may want to get involved in smaller boats with
lower operating costs.
We think that we need five boats to sail consistently in order to hit "eritical mass" and begin to enlarge our fleet.

If you have any ideas for promoting Lightnings, our district and our fleet. please drop us a note and let us know.

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

| et Captain | ni |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Tom Gregway |
| Fleet Champions | Tom Doran |
| Runner-Up | ward Taverni |

Boat No
Boat Name
11010
Limitless
"Bill"
Stay Tuned
13679
13881
14034
14303
14355
14418
14445
The Port of Oswego Fleet 485 started the 92 season with its kickoff series called the Mayors Cup. This race showed signs of things to come. Tom Doran was the winner and Ed Taverni was runner-up.
With the belp of the Oswego Yacht Club membership acting as race committee the Lightnings managed 37 Fleet races including a three crew series. That series was won by John Germain sailing I1010. Dale Scaringi (14034) and Ken Rookey ( 11728 ) finished second and third respectively.

The Spring Series had Tom Doran again leading the way with Art Tirrell finishing in the runner-up spot. The Summer and Fall Series found Tom in the top spot with Ed Taverni second and Tom Gregway finishing third.

The Fleet hosted the Michelob Lightning Classic in carly August with a strong 36 boat field competing. L.ocal sailor Jean Palm crewed on 14355 which was steered by Paul Coleman to take the first place trophy. Rounding out the top ten were Mark Sertl (14298). Tito Gonzales (11011), Kirk Reynolds (14465), Jon Swartz (14450), Bob Wardwell (14485), Tom Doran (11010), and Scott Finkboner (14573), Bram Palm provided outstanding race committee work and judgement by starting the races on day one later in the afternoon after the $25+$ knot gusts dropped off. Racers were provided safe sailing and were introduced to the "gate" mark roundings in keeping with Oswego's reputation as always proding the exciting and new.

In a year of rebuilding Oswego says goodbye to Art Tirrell who sold 14445 to pursue cycling. We will miss his barteringat the club and his antics at C.N.Y. regattas. However, two promising Lightaing owners spent the Fall and Summer Series getting their feet wet crewing. Jim Jaskula and Chris Abner are already making plans for their '93 campaigns. We'll be looking for you on the water.

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




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ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (488)
U.S. at Large District

Sailing in Colorado \& Nebraska
Flect Captain . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Bob Stoller

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9809 | Arrogantly Shabby | Larry Arbuthnot |
| 13478 |  | Bub Stoller |
| $13 \times 57$ | *................ | Martin Mulhern |

$13 \times 57$
No Report,

## ACULEO LAKE FLEET (490) Chile District

 Sailing at Aculeo Lake, Champa, PaineBoat No.<br>11011<br>11099<br>13226<br>13282<br>13650<br>14232<br>14235<br>14293<br>14295<br>14387<br>14459<br>14307<br>No Report.<br>\section*{Boat Name}<br>Ojo De I ince<br>Pixic<br>Quebec<br>............................<br>$\qquad$ ...................... Juan Pablo del Solar ................ Francisco Perer .................. Javier de Vincente Mingo .................. Jose Manuel Ugarte H. . .................. Manuel Gonzalez B. ................. Manuel Gonzalez M<br>\section*{Skipper}<br>Alberto Gonzalez Mas Pable Amunategui Leonardo Eduardo Witting Pablo Ramirez M. Rufino Melero Christobol Molina

Fleet Captain
Manuel Gonzalez B.
Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . Manuel Gonzalez M.

|  | Secretary Champion r-Up ... | Bob Blalock John Williams Brent Benson |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 508.3 | Nip N Tuck | James C. Lenahan, III |
| 8663 |  | Thomas Gerhard |
| 8690 | Arete | Mark Keene |
| 9928 | Esprit | Charles S. Shoemaker |
| 10420 | . ..... | John H. Williams |
| 11444 |  | Brent W. Benson |
| 13453 |  | Robert Blalock |
| 13720 |  | Joseph J. Rogan |

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

Alton Lake is formed by lock and dam \#26 on the Mississippi River, Visitors may find Valley Sailing Association by driving east of Portage Des Stoux on Highway 94. River sailing is unique in that the occasional current, like the tide in a bay, requires good seamanship and sailing skill to overcome. We have a beautiful location on the lake with seenic bluffs and trees changing colors in the fall. Visitors are welcome on any Sunday afternoon.

1992 was a great year for sailing at Valley. We opened in early April and elosed the harbor in late November. Mother Nature was kind by keeping floodwaters away, minimizing the current and providing winds for almost every race, Our Spring series consisted of 13 races; Rick Conaway finished first, followed by Wayne Watson and Steve Wyers. The Summer series of It races was won by Waywe Watson, followed by Rick Conaway and then Bryan Uhlmansiek. The Fall series is still underway but we expect the same set of names to be involved. On Wednesdays we race in the evenings against the other one-designs. Bryan Uhlmansick finished in first place with Rick Conaway second. The Fleet Championship Series was once again won by Rick Conaway.

For the first time a Lightning won the annual July 4th "Round the Islands Race." This race has all one-designs racingagainst a handicap, Ken and Carole Token showed their island hopping skill as they performed a horizon job on the fleet. We hope that this establishes a pattern for future races.

The 1992 Muddy Rudder Regatta was raced in carly September. A heavy weather system upstream created the season's peak current. The starts were unusual because the current was pushing the fleet across the line early and almost every race had a general recall. Fortunately the winds were adequate for six races and Linus Portman of Carlyle was the winner. Fran Renschen was second and Bob Ohlsen of Decatur was third. Roy Robbins of Memphis and John Folwell from Carlyle also joined us for the fun. Next year's regatta will be held the weekend after Labor Day.

The 44th annual Governor's Cup was held in October. In light, fluky air Jerry Wnorowski won his first Cup. Rick Conaway was second with Graeme Wikon third. Next year we expect an average bet ween 91's heavy gusts and 92 s heavy lulls.

Doug Fisher's Rhapsody in Blue, wins the most improved boat award. Doug and Steve Hunt havespend many hours making their old fixer/upper seaworthy again. A little struct ual feinforeement, some fiberglass and paint worked wonders.

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No Report.
Boat No
5083
866.

8690
10420
11444
13453

# SWIFT CREEK FLEET (496) <br> Dixie District <br> Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir in Chesterfield County 

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ James E. Richards Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Art Bell

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14072 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Art Bell |
| 14292 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | James E. Richards |
| 14485 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Robert C. Wardwell |

1992 was a busy year for the members of Fleet 496. Jim Richards travelled with Art Bell to the Potomac Cup Regatta in early May where they had a respectable showing. After working the kinks out at the Fishing Bay Spring Regatta on Chesapeake Bay, members of the fleet, Bob Wardwell, Jim Richards, and Art Bell ventured up to Rehobeth Beach for the Dixie District Championships in June. The winds were variable and the weather was nasty, but Bob Wardwell, finished third and Jim Richards and Art Bell finished fifth. Bob represented the fleet once again at the North Americans and Jim and Bob plan to travel to the Border Line Regatta in North Carolina at the end of October. We all look forward to next year's sailing season and seeing other members of the Association at the various regattas up and down the east coast.

## SELKIRK LIGHTNING FLEET (498) <br> Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Pulaski, New York

| Fleet Captaia | Michael Johnson |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | Herbert S. Clark |


| Boat No. Boat Name | Skipper <br> 6602 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6926 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Peggy Hodge <br> Herbert E Clark |
| 11370 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | Herbert E \& Donald C. Clark |
| No Report. |  |  |

## POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB (499) St. Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lake St. Louis in Quebec, Canada

Flect Captain . ................... David Browne Fleet Secretary . ................. Timothy Harris Fleet Champion ..... David Browne, Jan \& Lisa
Boat No.
11331

| Boat Name <br> Don't Come the | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- |
| Raw Prawn | Timothy Harris |
| $\ldots . . . \ldots \ldots . .$. | Jan Browne |
| Was Bob's | David Browne |
| Poker Face Michael Leiter <br> Fergie's Revenge R. A. (Tony) McBride <br> Walk This Way Rod Hayes \& John Sauter <br> $\ldots . . . . . . . . .$. Kim Browne |  |

[^1]It was a rare honour in recognition of the fleet's efforts to direct a constant flow of juniors to take up Lightning sailing. The effort was part of an overall fleet strategy to "grow our fleet". It seems to be working, slowly and surely.

Late in the year 11331 was purchased from down the river bringing our roster by year's end to a total of nine. Three partners have taken up the task of replacing everything and fairing the hull with the intention of joining the active list in "93.

On the Road: This year only Tony McBride from Flect 499 made the trip to Thunder Bay for our National Championships and World's qualifier. Larry MacDonald sailing a new Allen at "warp" speed, won handily over past World Champion Peter Hall and David Sprague who was third. From all reports Thunder Bay is a great place to sail and Tony and crew really enjoyed the 18 hours drive over the top of Lake "Gitchigoomee" and then back again.

Rod Hayes and John Sauter sailed in Oswego and loved the experience although the rain was almost as cold as the beer. The District's were hosted by Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa and the whole show was organised by Bob Yuile and Terrill Scott who did a fabulous job of care and feeding a pretty hungry mob from Lac St. Louis in Montreal. The new District Champion is J.F. Simard from Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club who casily won.

At Home: Fleet 499 Awards - Fastest Boat, 14240, "The green boat xailed by the Brownes won all the silver", Best Guest Speaker - Brad Dellenbaugh, "300 thumbs up". Keenest Crew - Derek Kendrick. "Needa crew, mate'". Worst job on the boat Rethreading spi-halyard. "Over or under this thing's. Best job on the boat Helming. "Pass me a beer. willya'?". Longest Commute John Sauter, "I'd walk from Foronto to sail a Lightning."

## TENNESSEE VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (500) Southeastern District Sailing on Fort Loudon Lake at Knoxville, Tennessee

| Fleet Secretary | - Anne Lyon |
| :---: | :---: |
| Flect Champion | Jonathan Lange |
| Runner-Up | Dave Rasmussen |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2854 |  | Thomas E. Baer |
| 10061 |  | Stephen E. Fisher |
| 10442 | Libra II | A. Jackson Woodall \& Sharon Boyce |
| 10931 |  | Anne Lyon |
| 12000 | +.t. + ..... | David A. Rasmussen |
| 13105 |  | Thomas E Baer |
| 13856 |  | Lee E. "Bert" Toney |
| 14345 | Make It So | Jesse Tremaine |
| No Report. |  |  | CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO (501)

Colombia District
Sailing on Tomine Lake at Bogota, Colombia
Fleet Captain .................. Alfonso Espinosa
Fleet Champion . . . . . . . . . . . . . Fernando Venegas
Runner-Up ...............

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 000 | Pecas | Santiago Douat |
| 7452 | Cingara | Alvaro Sanjines |
| 11660 |  | Alvaro Acosta |
| 13216 | Acuarius | Leopoldo Gonzalez |
| 13427 | Ginga II | Andres Iriarte |
| 13428 |  | Fernando Plazas |
| 13429 | Sirius | Rafael Gutierrez. |
| 13447 | Chequerete | Alfonso Espinosaa |
| 14011 |  | Jose Lopoldo Gonzalez |
| 14057 | ........... | Hernan Salcedo |
| 14132 |  | Jorge Recaman |
| 14135 |  | Carlos Villa |
| 14183 |  | Richard Deeb |
| 14538 | , ... | Jose Manuel Acosta |

During the 1992 season the fleet was quite active indeed. Around Easter


Some of the sailhoats belonging to Fleet 501: mumber 14132 of Jorge Recaman (21), 14538 of Manolo Acosta (14) and 14011 of Jose Leopoldo Gonzalez (06).
we participated in the Salinas-Tomine Cup and in the South America Championship in Salinas, Ecuador. Although the results were not spectacular, plenty of experience was brought back home.

Later on in the year, the fleet was in charge of the organization of the District's Championship. Two fleets account for the District: ours and number 73 of Club Nautico El muna. Everyone was very enthusiasticand it was good experience for those of us who are new at both organizing regattas and racing them.

Our participation in the National Championship, a hit of fleet 73 due to their excellent organization, was our best, with Richard Deeb's second place.

The celebration of the arrival of Columbus to this wonderful continent was commemorated by our fleet with a regatta open to all different types of sailboats. A complete success, with more than seventy sailboats and four clubs involved.

Finally, the sons of two of our members, participated during October in the Youth World Championship in Villa del Mar, Chile. Although sailing conditions seem to be harsh during spring in the southern hemisphere, our youngsters were placed fourteenth amid twenty boats. Too bad Jose Pablo and Miguel could not go out the last race due to the third crew member's sickness. Since none of the five races could be discarded, this set back meant dropping off from ninth place.

A final word about our fleet. We may not be placed where we would always like to be (and the newcomers, me included, hope to change that), but we sure have willingness to participate. Of the seventeen boats which make up the fleet, twelve have been active during this season. And if some did not participate, it was due to a chronic shortage of crew members.

## THE SUNCOAST FLEET (502) Florida District <br> Sailing out of Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Clearwater Yacht Club and Lake Tarpon

Boat No.
10744
11899
12396
12991
13285
14006
14084

| Fleet Captain | Bill Meyer |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Seeretary | ark Taylor |
| Flect Champion | Doug Fisher |

The 1992 sailing year was a good one for our struggling young Suncoast Fleet 502. The additions of Doug Fisher, sailmaker: Mark Taylor, a nationally ranked "top ten" Sunfish sailor; and Kevin Stinette, veteran large boat campaigner, to our ranks has strengthened the competition, and has
created much local interest in the Lightning Class.
Doug Fisher placed second in the Florida Districts, and qualified for the Blue Fleet in the North Americans. Mark Taylor has erewed with Steve Hayden in the last two North Americans, and Mark has demonstrated some top finishes in his own boat in individual races in tough competition. Clark Higgs also crewed in the North Americans for the 6th consecutive year.

Doug Fisher won the Thanksgiving Regatta at Davis Island Yacht Club. followed by Steve Hayden, Bob Harkrider. Mark Taylor, and Fisk Hayden. The highlight of our year was the labor day regatta at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron with five Lightnings from Flect 502 on the starting line. Steve Hayden won, followed by Bill Meyer. Mark Taylor, Clark Higgs. Alyson Utter, and Kevin Stinette.

In the 27 race Thursday night competiton at Davis Island. Alyson Utter. sailing with Gail Meyer and Cherry Jones won the overall one design competition. Dave White, saiting with Dave Willowby and Clark Higes placed second overall. The series is based on the Portsmouth rating system, and the variety of one designs sailing in the same competiton ranges from Sunfish to E-Scows.

The Thanksgiving Regatta hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club is open to all who may want to join us, work off the holiday food and drink. The first race starts at $12: 30$ on Saturday, so you will have plenty of time to travel. Call Bill Meyer at 813-886-1962 for information (allow 2 rings only). Camping on grounds is permitted, and although the place is beautiful, the club is never formal. Bring your bathing suits, tee-shirts, and flip-flops.

## LAKE CONROE LIGHTNING ASSOCIATION (505) Texas District Sailing on Lake Conroe, Conroe, Texas

Fleet Captain ........................... Steve Harris
Fleet Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . .

Boat No.
8024
13384
13717

Boat Name
Asylum
Kwitchersnavlen

Skipper
Robert S. Mitchell
Billy S. Bennett Steve Harris

Our fleet was just approved at the NA's in Buffalo this year so we're obviously very young. We hold three regattas a year and have plans for series races on Lake Conroe which is just north of Houston off 1-45. We've tagged onto the Conroe Yacht Club's racing program which has been in existence for several years. Our first Lightning start was in the Toys for Tots Regatta in December of 1991. The weather was a beautiful $70^{\circ}$ and with the help of three boats from Dallas, we stormed the line with five boats. Our numbers were up in February for the A\&M Regatta. Weamassed six boats for the weekend and again had great weather. As you might have guessed by now, we have an 'in' with the weather gods so we are able to guarantee good weather to out of town boats. Our third regatta was in September, the Commodore's Cup, was $100 \%$ represented by our fleet, three boats, three boats from Dallas and one from Baton Rouge,

Ingenuously, our focus for 1993 is on fleet development. One strategy has been to encourage out of town boats to come without a full crew so we can get more local peopic on a boat. A thanks is in order to Fleets 35 and 435 for their participation and support at our regattas. We look forward to a growing year in 1993.


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[^0]:    Our fleet sails in the Southeastern Lightning District which holds eleven

[^1]:    After eight years we have a new fleet champion in the personages of the Browne family, David, Jan and daughter Lisa plus son Jamie. All took turns at the helm so no one is really sure to whom should go the credit. Suffice it to say that the victory was hard-fought and well-carned.

    This year three boat owners were missing from our fleet. Mort Levy has had a recurrence of an old back injury and had to take it easy this year. Mark Adams was transferred to San Francisco, but kindly left his boat behind for the use of our Junior coaching program. Tony McBride also loaned his boat, his time and his patience to developing our Juniors. Pierre Legault was missing in action and we only hope to see him soon. Glenn Taylor, Rod Hayes and Mike Leiter were also kind beneficiaries, loaning boats and time to ensure that the Juniors had boats and crewing jobs all summer. This program has worked well for a handful of juniors in '92 and we plan to make it even more suecessful this year with full fleet participation.

    As a result of the selfless assistance to the juniors, the executive committee of the Pointe Claire Yacht Club awarded the O'Well Memorial Trophy to Fleet 499 for "Services Rendered To The Sport Of Yachting".

