



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

Fleet Secretary.....Rick Kretzschmar

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12938	.....	John J. Covert-Sisung
13388	Michigan Rude	R. Brower
13488	Emergency Ward	Richard R. Kretzschmar
14038	Ticket	Tom Vickers
14042	.....	David Piech
14415	.....	Dr. Joel Humphrey
14436	Green Side Up	Michael D. Williams
Life Member	.....	Henry Cawthra

No Report.

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13808	Lapa Uila	James Reach
14041	In Between	Alfred Bauer
14242	.....	Carl Pohly
14448	.....	George Nickels
14537	No Way	Kevin Nickels
14631	Being Green	David Nickels

The Lake Fenton Sailing Club enjoyed a slight increase in the number of boats racing during the summer of 1993. This was due in part to better weather and in part to the addition of Suresh Gupta who raced regularly in the Wednesday evening and Sunday fleets. This summer included many races for first place between three Nickels generations: Herman, David and George, and Kevin.

The 25th Anniversary Lake Fenton Sailing Club Team Races were held on June 12 and 13. The first race on Saturday became the deciding race as the first place Devil's Lake team and the second place Goober and the Peas team competed with Devils Lake prevailing. The

winds were light from the east-southeast and variable most of the day. The day was concluded with the cookout and musical festivities which have become a tradition.

Sunday's races were light to medium with wind from the south-southeast. The Gull Lake team defeated the Devil's Lake team which resulted in a tie between Devil's Lake and *Goober and the Peas*. The tie was broken by the team racing rules which gave Devil's Lake the overall win. The winning team was skippered by Dan Norton, Bruce Goldsmith and Steve Thomas.

Lake Fenton Sailing Club is rebuilding a portion of its sea wall and making other improvements to the property during the 1994 sailing season. With approximately 16 Lightnings overall, the Lake Fenton Sailing Club intends to encourage some of its non-member owners to join the ILCA. We look forward to increased participation in the Lake Fenton Sailing Club Team Race tradition as we begin our next twenty-five years.



Lake Fenton's David Nickels (wearing green, of course) looking for his crew during the trophy presentations over at the Gull Lake Regatta.

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

Fleet Captain.....Bruce Finsilver
 Fleet Secretary.....Joyce von Drehe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4205	Sail On	Alan Suydam
8479	.....	Bruce T. Lessien
9393	.....	Edward A. Diakow
10799	.....	Kathleen Grimes
10803	.....	Dan House
11107	.....	Robert Kramer
11452	.....	Ribert J. Miller
11520	Maybe	Joel Thurtell

Pontiac Yacht Club (54) continued

11545	.....	William Roberts
11793	.....	Larry Truba
11806	Yellow Bird Too	Jeff Zorn
12548	.....	Paul Van Oyen
12612	.....	Gordon Gotberg
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G. Palmer
12734	.....	Larry Kohler
12756	Melvin	G. Bleitz, Jr.
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12961	.....	Jim Hudson
12977	.....	Robert Kranich
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13031	Fubara	William Noll
13107	.....	Robert Meyer
13121	.....	Ralph Hashoian
13283	.....	William Roberts
13378	.....	J. Michael Mitchell
13391	.....	John Greenstreet
13451	Flash Dance	Ronna Ross
13468	.....	Stephen R. Braski
13594	Cat's Pajamas	Leonard S. Friedman
13730	Evergreen	Salo J. Korn
13789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
13819	Flipper	Erik Swayze
13837	.....	Don Rau
13855	Double Nickel	Louie Nickels
13937	.....	Dennis McCarthy
13985	Cher Chez - la Femme	Bonnie Nickels
13995	Phantasy	Jack F. Ensroth, MD
14031	.....	Buzz Brown
14049	.....	Diana Fernando
14077	.....	Richard F. Beaubien
14097	Banshee	Edward G. Woods
14117	Blitzen	Richard Bergstrom
14144	Quicksilver	Bruce J. Finsilver
14177	Bunz-Out	Glen Gray
14215	.....	Ted Flack
14220	.....	Mark Whatley & Leslie Fink
14280	.....	Charles C. Hess
14282	.....	Bruce Henderson, MD
14344	.....	James A. Harris, MD
14415	.....	Stanley Grandon, MD & Jeremy Grandon & Dr. Joel Humphrey
14439	.....	Michael Roualet
14451	Hippie Chick	Julee Roth
14457	.....	Robert W. Shaw
14464	.....	Thomas Klaban
14477	.....	Edward Dziuba
14490	.....	Bob Mathers
14515	.....	Dr. James McCoy
14531	.....	Phyllis Losert
14543	My 4th Lady	Jim Cavicchioli
14580	Buffalo Soldier	Jim Allen
14590	.....	Edward Dziuba
14601	Cutting Edge	Wallace P. Smith
.....	.....	William Ziegler

No Report.



Pontiac's Bob Mathers' first experience at the Gull Lake Regatta before he demonstrated the proper righting technique of a turtled boat - more than once.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on the Niagara River
at Grand Island, New York

Fleet Secretary.....Larissa Higgins

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

No Report.

JAYHAWK FLEET (60)

Central States District

Sailing on Lake Shawnee
at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Secretary.....Robert Exon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10682	Woodstock	Arthur D. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
12508	Streaker	William G. Merillat
.....	.....	Harold "Bud" Hunt

No Report.

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Maple Bay at
Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Contact.....George A. Maggs

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

No Report.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69)
Midwest District
Sailing on Lake Michigan
at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain.....Robert A. Franke
 Vice Fleet Captain.....John Dillon
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Byron Roe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7750	.....	Susan Taylor
10310	.....	Clyde Taylor
11442	Rampage	Dean S. Cady & Dana Blumberg
11622	.....	Rob Hamill
11888	Forebord Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
12650	Phantom	John & Andrew Dillon
13255	Goose	Ronald J. Darling
13755	.....	John Sills II
13794	.....	Allen N. Rieselbach
14060	Fishbone	Janice A. Shoman
14122	.....	Steve Cushman
14162	Mr. Surly	Robert & Peter Mahnke
14208	Catch Christy	Walter C. Nickerson
14400	Sans Souci	John H. Esser
14481	Flash, Boom, Bang	John Strassman
14530	Former Panamanian Strongman	William Faude
14555	Rolling Thunder	Robert Franke

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Henry O'Hern
 Fleet Vice-Captain and Long John Chair.....
Warren Kaiser
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Mary Huntsman
 Fleet Champion.....Sandy Huntsman
 Runner-Up.....Ralph Wilson
 Junior Champion.....Dave Clausen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3686	.....	Mary Sue Rogers
10249	.....	Warren Kaiser
10626	Biesk	William Jaeger
11740	.....	Larry Colantuono
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin, Patrick E. & Pat F. Corr
14276	.....	Ralph F. Wilson
14450	.....	Jim & Jon Schwartz
14482	.....	Jack Huntsman & Henry O'Hern, III
14492	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr. & Mary Huntsman
14539	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton
14634	Hiccup	Frank Mergenthaler

1993 was another good year for sailing on the Navesink! Same old shifties but little rain and, most days, wind. We started with the Spring series won by Sandy Huntsman with Patrick Corr and Bill Clausen. The Long John was won by Jack Elfman and also by those who sailed and partied. The fleet dominated in the Club's handicap series and won the Monmouth Museum trophy for best attendance in the fall series - a first for the fleet - those who sail, sail often. Sandy, Ralph, Pat and Warren enjoyed the home series, while Jon, Jack, Frank, Larry and Theresa had some great and some not so great regattas on the road. Jack won the Districts, with Theresa second and Sandy third. Jack and Theresa were second and third in the Atlantic Coasts, Theresa won South Hampton - Jon was seventh at the NA's. Congratulations to all!!!!

My favorite old F is proud of his "trophy" year. His crews were Pat and... Karin, Bobby, Mary, Bill, Margaret and John as in Brewster - he came out looking for planes and found some but not enough.

We miss Rob Held who passed away in March - There will always be a place on the starting line for him in our hearts.



Candids from the Long John Regatta
Jim Carson; David Clausen with fatherly advice from the deck; Bill Faude with Theresa and Larry (Say what?)



Fleet 70 Champions
(l-r) John Brewster, Pat Corr and skipper Sandy Huntsman

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)
Ohio District
Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Y. C.
Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain.....Walter S. Sellars, MD
 Fleet Secretary.....James Cunningham

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

Tempus fugit! This certainly applied to the 1993 Fleet 71 sailing season which seemed to be over before it barely got underway. The vagaries of the weather and conflicting priorities resulted in few race series actually completed. The final standings in the fleet championship were as follows:

- 1st #9653 John Mueller sailed by Paul Campbell
 2nd #14319 James Cunningham
 3rd #11912 May Urso

The most enjoyable sailing event of the season was sailing with our visitors during the C.Y.C. regatta in July. Participants and final standings were:

Earthly Delight	Leatherlips	Skipper Daniel Hertzler	1
Coot	Cowan	Skipper Bill Young	2
Phoenix	Indian	Skipper Stephen Weeber	3
Greased Lightning	Atwood	Skipper Dean Caley	4
None	Atwood	Skipper David Gall	5
After Burner	Leatherlips	Skipper Tom Varley	6
Newfie	CYC	Skipper Walter Sellars	7
Adrenaline	Cowan	Skipper Ken Irwin	8
Game	CYC	Skipper Paul Campbell	9
2 B s	YC	Skipper Jeff Babic	10

The Fleet fall meeting was held at CYC on Nov. 5 preceded by a very pleasant cocktail party and dinner. Officers selected for the 1994 season were:

Fleet Captain.....Walter Sellars
 Fleet Secretary.....James Cunningham

A special award was presented to Paul Campbell for his enthusiastic support, exemplary sailing and good sportsmanship during the 1993 season.

Fleet 71 extends the compliments of the season to the skippers and crews of the ILCA. Looking forward to 1994 we are hopeful that "Pappa John" Mueller will be back at the tiller by that time.



CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUÑA (73)
Colombia District
Sailing on Lake Tomine
at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Secretary.....Phillipe Jacob

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12829	Flying Mustard	Rodolfo Salmang
13389	.....	Alejandro Jacob
13410	.....	Oscar Rodriguez
13990	Pitucho	Rafael Esquerra
14058	.....	Armada Nacional
14085	.....	Jochen Raute
14111	.....	Richard Deeb
14155	.....	Jorge Uzcatequi

No Report

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

Fleet Secretary.....Greg Florian

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5345	.....	James E. Matlock
6446	.....	Britt A. Brown
10100	.....	Daniel Parish
11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd R. Irish
11218	.....	Richard Chamblin
12441	.....	Bill Witts
12974	.....	William T. Eichenauer
13078	"Enterprise"	Roger L. Grohne
13308	D. F.	Greg Florian
14012	Bob's Last Boat III	Robert Ohlsen & James Lackman
14205	.....	Doug Floyd

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Bill Mann
 Fleet Corresponding Secretary.....Dave Reeves
 Fleet Recording Secretary.....Howard Rinehart
 Fleet Treasurer.....Joan Hurban
 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
10207	.....	Ronald G. McCormack
10220	.....	Arthur F. Stahl
10261	.....	Marc H. Silverstein
11143	.....	Daniel Parietti
11583	.....	Joan & Gary S. Hurban
12166	.....	James F. Morris
12386	Transfusion	Richard P. Weitzman
13625	Patience	Howard B. Rinehart
13810	Water Music	Tim Reilly
13832	Fat Boys	Chris Sprole
14073	.....	Gary Hurban
14140	Sensitive New	William G. Cook
14143	.....	Paul Kiernan
14214	Age Guys	Kathryn & Paul Connell
14484	.....	Stephanie Mayo
14565	.....	Art Speilvogel & George McDonnell
.....	.....	William L. Moe
.....	.....	William P. Mann

Fleet 75 was busy during 1993. In January, Robert Weisman was born to Mike and Karen Weisman. In February, Howard Rinehart and his computer produced the best club membership roster in North America. In March, Joan Hurban - with Steve Benjamin - ran a series of racing seminars that helped almost every serious sailor in our club. In April, we outfitted our boats; and Bill and Stephanie Mayo bought a Lightning.

May: We learned that free brunch and lots of races bring a lot of people to the opening day ceremonies; Dick Papp and Tim Reilly skippered their first regatta; Art Spielvogel and George McDonald cooked ten pounds of home fries in 45 minutes; Irwin Kwartler proved you can sail a Lightning with a new hip; Bill Cook won the Memorial Day Regatta; Rich Miner won the Magnus Pederson Lightning Regatta; and Bill Moe returned!

June: Joan Hurban sailed in the Women's International Keelboat Championships, in Newport, in a J-24, in 30-knot winds, with a spinnaker (!); Kathy Connell won the Women's Hudson River Championship in a borrowed J-35; and Alexandria was born to Elizabeth and Bill Munn.

July: Gary Hurban won the 4th of July Regatta, and took a third in the Districts.

August: We spent three Sunday afternoons on the porch, eating, drinking, reading, bragging, and waiting in vain for some wind.

September: Gary Hurban won the Labor Day Regatta, but not before Elliot and Bobbie Carman reminded us of just how fast they can sail; Gary Hurban won the Greenwood Lake Regatta in his new - fiberglass - boat; and Paul Connell's Race Committee gave us the first "reverse" course in recent memory.

October: Sailors came to our "Last Blast Regatta" from a far away as Maine, Pennsylvania and upper New York state, to see just how fast Dick Hallagan can sail a

Lightning (VERY fast); Bill Mann - as crew - finally placed second in a regatta, after four firsts in other regattas; Jim Morris came back to the club - with wife Ann - after 20 years of raising kids; Rod Johnson actually raced a Lightning (he owns two); we saw a lot of great sailing in October on the Hudson River; Bill Cook clinched third, Gary Hurban second, and - with crew Marge Callahan's help - Chris Sprole first overall in the year's Lightning Fleet Racing Series; all Lightnings went home.

December: Art and Rita Stahl organized the club's largest Annual Awards Brunch, ever; and Joan Hurban received the club's Dean Service Award.

ETERNAL TRUTHS: Dave Reeves, Bill Mann and Dan Pareiti can have fun, make mistakes and still win a (mini) regatta; Dick Weitzman can buy twelve dozen eggs and win a race on the same day; Marc Silverstein can buy an Ensign and still keep his Lightning friends; Jim Wolfe can skipper a fast boat with not much practice; Ron McCormack can order food for 175, and still sail a good race; Al Neff proves you don't need to race Lightnings to have fun on them; from Terry Gibbs: you can fly 97,000 miles in one year and still sail well; Ro Hoffee likes to think about sailing; eight sailing seminars in the winter means eight or more Lightnings on the line, on every race day in the summer; Bill Mann led us well; Lightning sailors are even fun to sail against.



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

Fleet Captain.....Larry Stephans
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer....Howard Stickney
 Fleet Champion.....Bob Jamison
 Runner-Up.....Landy Atkinson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10096	Sparkle	Allen R. Hamilton
10378	.....	Mark Elli
10406	.....	Brien Gardner
11050	Quest	Dale Hamilton
11051	.....	Larry C. Stephans
11074	Kopykat	Howard P. Stickney
11239	.....	William Lindenfelser
11537	The Juice	Peter Hallagan
12313	Droopy Sloopy V	David N. Eckler
12215	.....	Wilmer R. Wright
12355	.....	Craig A. Flynn
12400	Windswept	Andrew P. Smith
13080	Misty	James I. McIntosh
13081	"Irish"	Richard Doherty
13082	Stealth	R. Neal Smith
13192	Slicker	Dave Walsh
13287	Hot Tar	Paul M. Nasipak
13329	Aurora	Philip Goldberg
13469	Whitecap	Charles Webster
13651	.....	Richard Leonardo
13697	Honky	Daniel J. Koretz, MD
13815	Obsession	Alan R. McReynolds
13925	.....	Barry Gombert
14001	Piece of Ship	Daniel D. Fien
14185	Comfortably Numb	Leland G. Atkinson, III
14255	Shado-Blanco	Richard Hallagan
14277	Spar Trek IV	George Sereno
14298	Lucy Too	Mark Sertl
14328	One Track Mind	Brad Poulos
14367	Mambo Wah	Lori Foster & Philip Lange
14397	Plan B	John Atkins
14520	.....	Dan Pope
14522	Holy Cow	Robert Crum
14605	White Cap	Dr. Robert L. Jamison

The season started in early March when the fleet had to assemble to chop the ice of Irondequoit Bay away from our docks as the level of Lake Ontario had risen through the winter and threatened to demolish them. The spring of 1993 saw lots of late snow and rain come to Upstate New York leaving high water conditions at our club. Our dock are fixed in height so we could not easily raise them out of harm's way. When the ice went out, we had to weight the docks down with barrels filled with water. That helped protect them from floating off the pilings or having the decking removed by power boat waves.

The water conditions prevented us from putting our boats on our docks until late May instead of the last of

April. We had so much rain that we weren't able to work on the crash boat to prepare them for the season. This made for very nervous and frantic preparations, as our regatta is normally held in late May or early June. The regatta was held as scheduled on June 5th and 6th in conjunction with the Thistle fleet from Rochester Canoe Club. We had plenty of rain and wind and cold water. The Saturday night party was held at RCC with good food, beer, and some dancing. I want to thank all the volunteers that brought hors d'oeuvres and especially Larry Weinstein and his wife for putting together the steak dinner with all the fixings. It was wonderful. I also want to thank Dick Hallagan who served in his 5th or 6th year as regatta chairman. With his attention to the budget we were able to run a fine regatta and stay "in-the-black" even with a smaller attendance than usual; all at a "come-and-race-with-us" price.

Our fleet has five major series that are run for the Lightnings; the Spring Series, Summer Series, Fall Series, Summer Bay Series, and the Overall Champion Series. The Overall Champion Series is a combination of Spring, Summer, and Fall Series scores. The Summer Bay is an early morning Sunday race that is held on the Bay before we head for the lake to race in the afternoon. We had 24 different boats compete in 48 races throughout the summer. We race with anywhere from 3 to 15 boats; with an average in the 7-9 range.

Bob Jamison won 1st place in the Spring, Summer, Summer Bay, and Overall for the year. Congratulations for an outstanding season. Landy Atkinson placed second in the Spring, 5th in the Summer, 3rd in the Fall, and 2nd overall; also a fine season. Bob Crum and his lovely bride Jan placed 5th in the Spring, 2nd in the Summer, 2nd in the Fall, and 3rd overall. Bob and Jan sailed the "Most Races" and were also given the "Most Improved" award. Dick Doherty won 3rd place in the Spring, 4th in the Summer, 4th in the Fall, 2nd in the Summer Bay, and 4th overall. World traveller Dick Hallagan placed 4th in the Spring, 5th in the Fall, and won the Missil trophy (awarded for the Labor Day series). Sixteen year old Chad Atkins won 1st place in the Fall, and 5th Overall in a season filled with travelling. Watch for this kid in the coming years. Howard Stickney won 3rd in the Summer, and 4th in the Summer Bay Series. Allen Hamilton placed 3rd in the Summer Bay Series. Bill Wright placed 5th in the Summer Bay Series. Other awards include Neal and Eva Smith winning the Burns-Hanna trophy, which is a Memorial Day Series. The "Rookie of the Year" award went to Dale Hamilton.

Families are a very important part of the Lightning heritage in our club and all over the country. Dale Hamilton has begun sailing boat 11050 with his daughter as one of his crew. He inherited the boat on the passing of his mother, long-time member Bertine Hamilton. Ernie and Bertine Hamilton were mainstay and active members of the club for many years. God rest their souls. Other racing families include Allen Hamilton who sails 10096 with

daughter Sally Atkins, and grandson Matt Atkins. John Atkins off-times crews for his son Chad. Gordon Wright crews for his father, Bill. There are several others that can be found from time to time on the race course with their small children. Dave Walsh, for one, can be seen on the race course with 2 or 3 of his young sons (ages 7-10). We have relaxed our fleet racing rules to accommodate short- and extra-handed crews. This allows these families to join us.

In the past three years, the fleet, led by Dave Walsh, has helped support an Optimist fleet. If the children develop an early interest in the sport, we hope to bring a lifetime of sailing enjoyment to these kids. We are looking to them to crew, skipper, and grow our fleet in the future. The future for the Lightning class is with the families and the youth.

Our fleet has several boats that make the regatta circuit in and around Central New York. Anywhere from 7 to 9 boats can be found "on the road". Five boats went to the Districts with Lori Foster placing 2nd and was awarded the district "Rookie of the Year" trophy and Uhg (but that's another story). Lori is an outstanding crew for many throughout Central New York, sometimes those crew are deadly when they start to take the tiller. Dick Hallagan did a lot of travelling this year: starting with the Southern Circuit in March, then on to Brazil for the '93 Lightning Worlds in May. Local crew Lori Foster and Bob Bush from Philadelphia shared the adventure where they placed 9th. In June, Dick went to the Europeans Championships in Athens, Greece with son Peter and daughter-in-law Kristen as crew; they placed second. In August, Dick travelled to Sheboygan to race the Masters where he placed 5th. The next week found him in Milwaukee primed for the North Americans. With crew Lori Foster and Brian Hughes (from New England) they won the Qualifier Series. They continued with the magic and finished 3rd in the Championship Series. Congratulations Dick, Lori, and Brian. Alan McReynolds of our club made his first trip to the NA's as skipper with Landy Atkinson and Amy Greenlee as crew. They reported having a lot of fun and laughs, even though they got DFL in the "green fleet". Good Luck next year.

The fleet welcomes new member and proud boat owner Brad Poulos. Brad was guest skipper for Neal and Eva Smith for much of the year. He was so smitten with the boat that he had to get one for himself. (So why don't you think about handing over the tiller to your crew, maybe they will be struck by the Lightning as well.)

I would like to thank Dick Hallagan for being Regatta Chairman over last few years; it has meant a lot to the fleet. I would also like to thank Howard Stickney for again being the Secretary/Treasurer. He really keeps the fleet running smoothly, and I have always enjoyed working with him. I also want to thank Lori Foster, last year's fleet Captainess, for helping me with her many ideas and, of course, the mailings through-out the year. I also want to thank the fleet for showing up to race and have some fun.



Chad Atkins (r) with crew Jim Barnash and Nate Ingerson
5th place overall - Junior NAs.....Photo Credit: Sally Atkins



Dick Hallagan presenting Canadian sailor Allen Leibel
with his share of the "goodies.".....Photo Credit: Peter Lent, Ithaca

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.....Franz Edson
Runner-Up.....David Peck

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
13636	.....	Nelson N. Hoffman
13940	Second Wind	David G. & Heidi Dickerson
14055	Joker	Christopher J. Vann
14189	.....	Ward Woodruff
14360	.....	Theresa Parker
14417	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14419	.....	Franz R. Edson
Life Member	.....	David M. Peterson

The summer of 1993 showed us a low key season series as Theresa Parker was trailering her boat around the Northeast and others were tied up with job, family and other commitments.

Consistent participation is key to series standings, as Franz Edson found out. He won the season series, with Dave Peck second and Bill Sebestyen rounding out the top three.

The Lightning season began as usual with the Early Bird Regatta the weekend before Memorial Day. Dave Peck and Theresa Parker made that trek.

The Memorial Day series opened the sailing season at Niantic Bay. Dave's participation at Cedar Point had him all warmed-up, he won the Memorial Day series, followed by Chris Vann, Franz Edson, and Ward Woodruff, second, third and fourth respectively.

June of 1993 brought a change to our schedule. The Connecticut Governor's Cup Regatta was held the weekend of the 19th and 20th. Traditionally this regatta has been held the weekend after Labor Day, the switch was made to try to increase participation. We placed an advertisement in the Lightning Yearbook, which looked beautiful when it was delivered about the first of July! We only had thirteen boats at the starting line, maybe the publicity could have been better. Six boats traveled in to join Fleet 85, they came from Newport (R.I.), Marblehead (Mass.), Madison Beach, Cedar Point, and, traveling the farthest, Keith Taboada of Brick, New Jersey! When the sailing was done Dave Peck was victorious with Don Barrett, Theresa Parker and Brian Hayes following.

Two weeks after the Governor's Cup was the Fourth of July Series. This is traditionally our best attended Club Series, this year was no exception! Tim Healy (home from college and between 470 Regattas) won the series. Second was Dave Peck with Heidi Dickerson third and Gary Davis fourth.

The Connecticut-Rhode Island District Championships were sailed at Niantic Bay Yacht Club the weekend of July 10 & 11. Saturday morning dawned hot, humid and windless. We met Rick Fastiggi snoozing in his car at 7 the morning of the 10th. He had driven down from Burlington, Vermont in the relative cool of the night to sail with Hannah Swett. He soon realized that sailing would be some time away so Rick pulled his bicycle from the trunk and took off on a tour of the neighborhood. The wind did come up and allowed for two races Saturday and two more Sunday. Overall, the wind was light which seemed to favor the Cedar Point crews. Phil Lotz was first followed by Jim Crane, Ched Proctor, Jody Lutz, and Gianni Cuccio. Niantic boats rounded out the top ten with Theresa Parker, Don Barrett, Dave Peck and Franz Edson in seventh through tenth respectively.

Four Niantic Bay boats traveled to the North Americans in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Don Barrett with wife Donna and Commodore Dave Dickerson were the top Niantic boat with a final position of 22nd in the Championship Fleet. They would have placed higher but were caught over early (along with about a quarter of the fleet) in the first Championship race. They (and eight other boats) were disqualified. Their finishes were PMS, 4, 32, and 9. Theresa Parker was 33rd in the Championship Fleet with fiancé Larry Colantuono and Betsy Allison as crew. Chris Vann and Heidi Dickerson sailed in the President's Fleet and finished 15th and 21st respectively.

As mentioned earlier, Theresa Parker took her program on the road attending regattas from Burlington, VT, to Lake Wallenpaupack, PA, to Milwaukee, WI, to Southampton, L.I., N.Y. She came in second at the Metropolitan districts on Lake Wallenpaupack and won the Fall Classic at Southampton.

Fleet 85's home season ended with the Labor Day Series. Dave Peck won this series with Franz Edson and Chris Vann second and third.

Theresa had another good regatta going at the Cedar Point Fall Classic with a second place position after the first day, sailing Chris Vann's boat. Problem was Chris arrived back from vacation to sail on Sunday. Whoops - final position eleventh. Franz Edson was hot in this regatta with a second place finish.

Theresa rounded out her season crewing on the 6th place boat at the Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship sailed in J/24's. There were forty-four boats from nine countries in the regatta.

Theresa will be missed by Fleet 85 as she has moved to New Jersey and Fleet 70 to marry Larry Colantuono and sail new waters! We wish you the best of luck! Fleet 85 will also miss the Healy boys, Tim and Bill have launched a 470 Olympic Campaign.

See you at the Connecticut Governor's Cup in June.



'93 Governor's Cup - NBYC

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB (90) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on English Bay at Vancouver BC, Canada

Fleet Secretary.....R. H. Pearce
Fleet Champion.....John Telgmann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7606	Clifford Harris
11645	Matthew Henley
12878	Andreas Naumann
13289	Dick Pearce
13685	George McLaughlin

Fleet 90 was reactivated during 1993 after several years in limbo. Three to five boats competed regularly from May through September in our Thursday evening series.

The Kitsilano Regatta held July 11 and 12 attracted six Lightnings including visitors from the Columbia and Okanagan fleets. Robert Bazett of Okanagan took first and John de Benedetti was runner-up.

The Fleet Championship on September 12 was won by John Telgmann, a newcomer to the fleet, sailing Matt Henley's boat.



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
10229	Loose Bolt	George Welkey
10784	Heads Up	John R. Wulff
11958	Instinct	Peter S. Lippe
11983	Duct Tape	James C. Cosmas
12045	No Frills	Robert Sengstacken
12923	Dr. Pepper	Charles McNear
13002	Light 'N Lively	Justin D. Mahon, Jr.

Well, well, well. It's time to close the books again on another great sailing season on ol' Greenwood Lake. It's kinda hard to put such great toys away for six to eight months. It's going to be a LONG winter. We've had a lot of fun sailing, surfing, capsizing and swimming in our great mountain lake playwater (a nine mile long swimming pool).

Those of us who stayed home raced twenty four plus races on weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day plus about a dozen Wednesday evenings Portsmouth style. A good season, weather wise, with two or three cancellations for too little or too much wind. Some of us participated in bigger events - Districts, etc. and regattas nearby.

When we finally stopped to look at the numbers they showed that Jim Cosmas had won the Fleet Championship again while Ron Wulff did the same in the runner-up spot. You had to look hard because Bob Sengstacken and Co. just didn't collect enough races to add to the firsts he took almost every time they raced.

Of course, we always finish our stuff for the year with our Whiskerpole Regatta held in September. If you've read your Flashes the story is there - it was great. If you didn't read about it then let me, right now, invite you to join us in September 1994 when we're gonna outdo ourselves as we present our 25th ANNUAL WHISKERPOLE REGATTA, the first Saturday after Labor Day. Y'all come now - HEAR? Yeah, HERE.

Meanwhile, we're expecting to add to our fleet through the winter (we just signed one already) and if you are just thinking - stop thinking and act. Get in touch with Fleet 95 and we'll help you get in this great sport.

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

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4680	Brent Robke
11373	Mike Boswell
11965	John Carter
13186	Paddlin' Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
14206	Bruce Yeager

This year the Fleet had a relatively light racing year because of conflicts in schedules and a couple of boats in repair. Wendell Harter trailed his boat to San Diego where he participated in several regattas there. The Fleet managed to round up five boats for the annual Hurricane Gulch Regatta at KHYC for two days of racing. The first three finishers were Kirk Johnson (MBYC), Dick Brewer, and Wendell Harter. There was a bit of a problem on the first day in that the fog was in, making it a major challenge to find the committee boat at the starting line. Wendell learned of its general whereabouts by hearing the 5 minute warning gun, and he arrived at the starting line a minute or so after the start, but somehow finished first. There was some conjecture by those who finished that race as to whether we all rounded the reaching mark, since none had actually seen it, but concluded by shore sightings that we must have rounded it on the proper side. The Race Committee canceled the other races scheduled for the first day. The next day the weather was clear and the final two races were held.

We were pleased to see John Carter join us for racing. Dick Brewer and his son Mike, of Mission Bay Yacht Club, usually sails with us in our races at King Harbor Yacht Club. A major event of the year was Bert Winther's getting his boat back in the water and sailing after three years of being laid up for repairs. Perhaps 1994 will be the year Mike Boswell completes repairs on his boat and resumes racing with us again; we also look forward to Brent Robke's being with us again!

Our principal social event of the year was the Lightning Fleet 102 Christmas party held at the home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter in Manhattan Beach.



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

Fleet Captain.....Chris Larsen
 Fleet Secretary.....Bill Dacosta
 Fleet Champion.....Dave Farometta
 Runner-Up.....John Applegate

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
13053	.....	Eugene Ventimiglia
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F. Hoffman
13782	Men At Work	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
13955	.....	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
13965	.....	Chris Larsen
14539	.....	Curt Morton

When we look back a few short years, we had three Lightnings on the club property and only two sailed regularly. A 1993 tour of the boat parking area revealed seventeen rigged and ready to go: a sharp difference and a good sign for the class. Active promotion within the fleet and a willingness to help each other has been responsible for the rapid growth and interest.

Work requirements and family matters always seem to crop up on scheduled sailing days and as the result, our club series found three of our skippers who were unable to sail enough races to qualify in the standings. Fourteen did, however, and that is not bad.

1993 was the first time in many a moon that the wind gods on Barnegat Bay were kind and gave us almost perfect sailing over the entire summer series. It was great to have so many boats competing each week and over the season there were different winners each week.

Team LA5 (from an E scow team), headed by David Farinetta, won the series by percentage points when they squeezed out a first place finish in the final race. John Applegate was second, Curt Morton third. Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, last year's champion, was fourth. Down the line from there, Dr. Bob Morrow, Bob and Larry Hoffman, Bill and Peter Scott, Cathy Heuschke, Bill Dacosta, Chris Larsen, Gene Ventimiglia, Jim Loughman, Bill Gerold and Don Cooper. Chris Malzone, Mike Farren and Charlie Heuschkel were unable to qualify.

To create interest among the newer sailors, Bob and Larry Hoffman devised a handicap system by timing the order of finish for each race and the results of that tabulation disclosed an entirely different and unofficial order of finish. We had invited Jim Loughman, a Flying Scot owner to sail with us as that class did not race in our club this year. He didn't win a race but the handicap trophy was awarded to his boat and his surprised grin was a mile wide when he was presented with the trophy at our annual picnic on September 26th, just about the end of

our season. As nice as the summer was, we had only two out of seven favorable sailing days for our scheduled fall series, won by Bill Scott with son Peter at the helm. After winning, crew John Comer took title to the boat and we welcome him as the new owner and skipper for 1994.

During the winter of 1992-3 Bob Hoffman, Bob Morrow and Tony Ventimiglia devised special "Lightning courses" that were included on the club racing charts as a trial. Vice Commodore Tony DeLuca and Bill Vermiglio implemented those courses which provided better windward legs and spinnaker runs. The committee of three mentioned above are fine tuning some of the charts for the 1994 season. The fleet has grown to a nice size and we are trying to keep the interest in Lightning sailing high. It should be noted here that most of us are three hour a week sailors not in the championship class yet.

Our good friends and advisors, Jim Carson and Paul Gelenitis from Metedeconk have been very helpful to our fleet and always make time to lend a hand where needed.

Andy Johnson, Warren Law and Jack Henderson spent all summer patrolling our races and last but not least, our special thanks go to Joyce Johnson, Lorraine Morrow, Marge Borton, Sue Percello and Trudy DiFrancesco for their tireless efforts on the race committee.

See you all in 94.



HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110)
Michigan District
Sailing on Higgins Lake
at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....John Dent
 Fleet Champion.....Fred Krauss
 Fleet Runner-Up.....Ric Blamer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
9102	Bohica	Peter B. Morley, Jr.
9198	Charles Lee
12104	Stan Dent
12784	John N. Dent
13493	Mike Dow
13999	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
14516	Mike Dow

The racing season usually starts on Higgins Lake in the beginning of July with our annual Firecracker Regatta. Such was the case this year with Hobie Cats and Lightnings competing. Strong, gusty winds created challenging conditions for a good series of races. Stan Dent ended up in third place with John Dent in second place and Pete Morley coming out on top.

Our annual Invitational Regatta was held July 24 & 25 this year with an unfortunate turnout of only nine boats. Those that were there enjoyed friendly competition and beautiful Higgins Lake. A five race series resulted in: Chris Jacobson of Bay City claiming the fifth place trophy, Laser sailor George Nagy in fourth place Tom Hudson of Gull Lake in third place, Tom Niles from Bay City finished in second place and our own Mike Dow from Traverse City took home the first place trophy. We certainly hope to see more of you next year.

Our season wrapped up with the Labor Day Regatta and awards banquet. The racing was very competitive with no place determined until the final race of the series. John Dent wound up in third place. Stan Dent finished in second place with Fred Krauss taking first place honors. Fred Krauss also took home the Commodore's Cup for winning our Season Series. Ric Blamer finished second. So concluded another great season of racing on Higgins Lake, and we hope to see you next year.

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....Terry Phelan/Mari Martin
 Runner-Up.....Bill Dean

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7503	.....	Kevin Hart
9634	Puzzle	James L. Hopkins
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
11188	Zulu Warrior	Michael B. Kulkoski
13376	.....	John Evans
13486	.....	Patrick Ford
13568	.....	Frank A. Wood
13695	.....	Peggy Himmel
13817	.....	Terrance Phelan
13818	.....	Brian Phelan
14193	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler
14582	.....	Bill Dean

1993 Evans Regatta - Race Committee Perspective

Saturday p.m. at 1:30, the last boat came over the finish line. We had just finished three back to back races which had started at 10:00 in the morning. Paul Wurtzeback with crew Karen Johnson and Mike Elmogreen were leading with two firsts and one second. Behind was Brian Phelan with crew Bruce Heida and

Dave Poquette with a first, third and fourth. Rounding out the first five were Jeanne Ehrenberg in third, Rob Hamill fourth and Dan Reichelsdorfer in fifth. Comments from all sailors reflected the most ideal weather conditions one could want with an offshore breeze varying from 8-12 miles per hour and a flat sea. Another cause for comment came from the fact that we had run three races in about 3.5 hours. All were Olympic courses, two of which went the full distance while one finished down wind after five legs.

The reason we can run our races in such optimum time is that we keep a rather short diameter for our fixed buoy system. A fair estimate would put the windward mark at 3/4 mile. To avoid a jam at the first windward however, we extend the first leg to about one and one quarter mile. This worked beautifully and after rounding the first mark no further problems arose on our rather tight triangles, yet the total time of the winning boat was about 45 minutes. From our experience we would like to see other clubs try this combination of a long first windward leg and shorter subsequent windwards with comparable shorter offwind legs.

Sunday brought a second idyllic day with winds slightly increased from 10 to 15 and still offshore giving us very flat seas. Paul continued his winning ways with two firsts followed by Brian with two seconds. Dan Reichelsdorfer had steady four and five to edge him into third place a point ahead of Jeanne Ehrenberg. Rob Hamill held onto his fifth place position.

As usual, all committees carried out their tasks without a hitch under the guidance of Vicki Vannieuwenhoven. Something of its character will be remembered by John Esser's remark after first acknowledging a great regatta with "What are we going to do the rest of the day?" We told him to try Bayfest!



Here they are, the smiling Evans Regatta trophy winners.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Cuba Lake

Fleet Secretary.....Valerie Kane

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

No Report

HAMILTON BOATING CLUB (118)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain.....Keith MacDonald
Fleet Secretary.....J. Paul Eichenberg
Fleet Champion.....Keith MacDonald
Runner-Up.....Susan Rogers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11275	.....	Paul Phillips
11289	This Side Up	Keith MacDonald
13671	.....	Stan Chambers
14194	Niade	Marty Essig
14371	.....	Susan Rogers
14476	Chaa Geill	Paul Eichenberg
14567	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
14599	Bunch of Weenies	David Wood & Graham Jones

Our fleet continues to grow with our best Fleet night start showing 11 boats on the line. This year we again sailed five series over the summer, one night per week, three to seven races per night. Two of our members are vowing returns to the fleet in 1994 with rebuilt boats and there are rumours of two or three more new boats/ members coming out of the woodwork.

Efforts to encourage junior sailors have been very successful again this year and we hope to offer a large local fleet during the Junior NA's.

1993 certainly was a prodigious year for the Beavers as a group; some results are highlighted here:

EVENT	LOCATION	FINISH
Ontario Juniors	Hamilton	Champion - Marty Essig
L.E.D. Juniors	Lake Chautauqua	Champion - Gabe Crowder
L.E.D. Womens	Lake Chautauqua	Champion - Suzie Rogers
Harvest Regatta	Silver Lake	2nd - Marty Essig
Canadian Juniors	Montreal	Champion - Marty Essig
	Qualified for Youth Worlds	
Canadian Open	Montreal	Champion - Marty Essig
		Mid Fleet - Steve Mazza
World Championship	Brazil	4th - Larry MacDonald Jr.
North Americans	Milwaukee	8th - Larry MacDonald Jr.
Deep South Regatta	Savananna	Champion - Larry MacDonald Jr.

Mid-Winters	St. Pete	2nd - Larry MacDonald Jr.
Comball Regatta	Lake Chautauqua	In the Money - Dave Wood
A Lake that starts with "C" or "K"	CNY District	Champion - Dave Wood
NFIR	Buffalo	5th - Keith MacDonald
Some that I forgot	All Over	Real Good Finishes

Milestones in 1993

- Cameron MacDonald Sailed on Every Fleet Boat
- Jeff Schall Dumped on Every Fleet Boat (almost)
- Engagements, Weddings and Babies on the way !!

Ongoing Traditions

- Dave Sprague dumped AGAIN at the Turkey Regatta
- The Hockey Pools are crap shoots
- Grey Cup, Christmas, and Super Bowl Parties

Next Year

Our major regattas are all local next summer; Canadian Championship and District Championship at the Buffalo Canoe Club and the North Americans hosted by our buddies down the road in Toronto.

We are the host fleet for the Junior, Women, and Seniors North American Championships and have started preparations this fall for the event. In true Beaver style we intend to make this Regatta one of the best the Class will see in 1994. We will be including articles in Flashes to fill all those interested (or not) in what to expect in Hamilton.

Marty Essig will be representing Canada in Switzerland at the Lightning World Youth Championship. Just prior to that, one of Marty's crew, Tory Crowder, will represent the Beavers, RHYC, and Canada at the IYRU Youth Laser Championships in Europe.



Fleet 118 logo.



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
11100	.....	Clif Robinson
11150	.....	David Sestini
11416	.....	Patrick McCormack
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.....Eric Heller
Fleet Secretary.....Steve Nosal
Fleet Champion.....Gianni Cuccio
Runner-Up.....Tom Ingram

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6350	Uncle Mills	Charles Simonds
10383	Crescit Eundo	Scott R. Evans
11097	Cygnus	Gavin Watson
11385	Hot Tub	Richard Thackaberry, DVM
11486	.....	Tom Glynn
11504	.....	Whit Batchelor
11510	Pride of Yonkers	Thomas Y. Ingram
12119	.....	Cary Shaw
12852	Blazin Heat	Eric Heller
12853	.....	John H. Stewart
13056	.....	Steven Wexler
13708	Dates from Hell	Stephen Nosal & James DeCesare
13871	GTO	Gianni Cuccio
14161	.....	Edson N. White
14217	TNT	C. Dayton Tittsworth
14238	Warp 9	Kjell A. Heitman
14441	.....	Jody Lutz & Ched Proctor
14525	.....	Phil Lotz
14572	.....	Jim Crane
14591	.....	Charles Proctor
14630	.....	Whit Batchelor
.....	.....	David Dellenbaugh

1993 was a year of rebuilding for Fleet 126. Building on last year's successes, we continued to bring in more participants and got them to participate more often.

The Fleet purchased a boat that is available to all area sailors with an interest in the Lightning so that they can get out on the race course as skipper, and see how much fun it really is. The Fleet also participated in "Sail Awareness Day", a mini Sail Expo to introduce sailboat racing and Cedar Point Yacht Club to people in the area. This was followed up by an Open House at the Club where we took people out for short sails so they could experience sailing a Lightning.

Within the Fleet, we picked up a few new players, notable Tom Glynn, Whit Batchelor and Cary Shaw, although we did lose a few as well. Unfortunately, the Hendersons moved when Fergus was assigned to a new position in Singapore. Fergus, a former Fleet Captain and Secretary, along with his wife, Sarah, were Fleet institutions, always on the starting line, always bringing in new sailors, and always the first to participate in onshore fleet activities & regattas. Edson White's boat suffered a crippling blow from a tree during one of those nasty winter storms we had. Steve & Elysa Wexler were AWOL, Steve trying to complete his medical internship this year. And, late in the season, Tom & Jody Ingram sold their Lightning and bought a Snipe so they wouldn't have to find a third crew anymore.

Nonetheless, we had more boats on the starting lines this year, and almost doubled the number of boats that qualified this season. Part of this increase came from the institution of multi-race days almost every weekend, an idea of Phil Lotz's that was tested last year and really came into its own this year. The concept of 3—4 quick races in one day, usually windward—leeward, got a lot more boats out on the line and made the competition tougher than ever.

Fleet 126 hosted two regattas this year, as we do every year: The Early Bird (the weekend before Memorial Day weekend) and the Fall Classic (two weekends after Labor Day).

The Early Bird attracted 25 boats from as far away as Annapolis, and the weather gods shone upon us with puffy, shifty conditions that tested everyone's early season sailing mettle. An incredible steak dinner topped off Saturday's two races, and of course, the party continued. On Sunday, one race finished up the regatta so folks could travel home. Phil Lotz showed us that practicing at the Mid-Winters helps, and took home the silver. Stu Nickerson was second while Ched Proctor, who was also down in Florida, took third, Jim Crane fourth, David Peck fifth and Gianni Cuccio, sixth.

The Fall Classic attracted 21 boats. Not bad considering that the Sonar NAs had "borrowed" a few Lightning skippers. Saturday the wind was "light & variable," but a challenging, position shifting race was completed before the early cocktail hour and famous lobster dinner. Sunday, a cold front came through and you couldn't ask

for a better breeze as the final two races were completed. Stu Nickerson won this one, followed by Franz Edson and Don Barrett. Gianni Cuccio was the first Fleet 126er in the top 10, with 21 points, and fourth, Whit Batchelor fifth with 21 points also, and then Dick Thackaberry in eighth, with, can you believe it, 22 points. Talk about tie breakers. Needless to say, the racing was competitive and fun. Don Barrett on Niantic Bay won the Northern Circuit trophy again as his third in the Fall Classic combined with his second in the Governor's Cup (at Niantic Bay) gave him the best combined finish in the two regattas.

We also attended away regattas as well. Ched Proctor and Phil Lotz both took boats down to the Mid-Winters, and Ched even came away with a second overall. The Connecticut Governor's Cup, hosted by the Niantic Bay Yacht Club, was moved from September to June, and ran into the June wedding blues. We did manage to send two boats up, though. No comment on finishes.

Back at Niantic Bay in July, Fleet 126 sent 11 boats (out of 25) up to the CT/RI districts. Phil Lotz once again took home the silver. Jim Crane was second. Ched Proctor finished third. Jody Lutz took fourth and Gianni Cuccio grabbed fifth for a Fleet 126 sweep of the top 5 places. Not bad.

Two boats ventured down to the Metedeconk River Yacht Club for the Atlantic Coast Championships and had a great time learning how to river sail. And people say Long Island Sound is difficult.

We sent four boats out to Milwaukee this year for the NAs. Ched Proctor won it (9-1-2-6), Phil Lotz was fourth (3-21-8-8), Jim Crane was ninth (10-9-29-10), and Jody Lutz 26th (pms-15-7-30). Not bad.

Rounding out the road show, two more boats traveled to the Nyack Boat Club for their Last Blast regatta in the middle of October. A one day event with great food, I'm sure we'll be sending boats again, irrelevant of our finishes.

At home, we had races every weekend, and series on the holidays. Attendance was consistently good. Memorial Day weekend's Vice Commodore's Cup saw Saturday blown out, but more than enough fun was had Sunday & Monday to make a weekend out of it. Gianni Cuccio was first, Tom Ingram second, Dick Thackaberry third, Jim DeCesare fourth and Bud Titsworth fifth.

Fourth of July weekend saw more great racing (all three days) in the Commodore's Cup races with nine boats on the starting line. Once again, Gianni Cuccio was first, with the Thackaberrys second and Jim DeCesare third.

We finished up our club season with the Rear Commodore's Cup over Labor Day weekend. Gianni Cuccio, showing amazing consistency, was first, with fleet captain Eric Heller second, and Tom Ingram, in his last club regatta, third.

Overall, for the season, Gianni Cuccio was first, Tom Ingram second, Dick Thackaberry third, Eric Heller fourth and Jim DeCesare fifth.

Dick Price, a regular on the Lightning starting line, was awarded the H. Dayton Titsworth Award, an award

presented by the Lightning fleet to the sailor who best exemplifies Dayton Titsworth's perseverance, character & friendship. On the social front, we had our Spring and Fall pot luck dinners and fleet meetings, two marriages, Steve Nosal in May, Jim DeCesare in September (both at Cedar Point), and at least one birth (I know that Barbara & Edson White did have their second child).

Fleet 126 is moving forward, always in search of new members and good racing. The members are active, and the starting line competitive. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by. And please consider coming to one of our hotly contested regattas in 1994. You won't be sorry. Hope to see you all next year.



(l to r) Dick Price, winner of the Titsworth Award, Sarah & Fergus Henderson, and Bud Titsworth before a heavy air day on the water.

Photo Credit: Stephen Nosal



Fleet Champion Gianni Cucci shows his wining light air form.

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