



**SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)**  
**Southeastern District**  
**Sailing on the Wilmington River**  
**at Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia**

Fleet Secretary.....W. Lee Young, DMD

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13154	.....	John McIntosh, Sr.
13911	.....	John McIntosh, Sr.
14622	.....	Neff McIntosh
Life Member	.....	J. Wallace Aggett

No Report.

**MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)**  
**Connecticut-Rhode Island District**  
**Sailing on Long Island Sound**  
**at Madison, Connecticut**

Fleet Captain.....James R. Deephouse  
 Fleet Secretary.....Timothy Millhiser  
 Fleet Champion.....John Sulzbach

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10704	.....	Leighton Lee
11207	Early Time	James R. Deephouse
11773	P.F.D.	John Ronshagen
11933	Rosie	J. Michael Sulzbach
13230	Moonshine	W. Harmon Leete
14342	SS Oshpoodle	Timothy Millhiser

Our boats saw several changes this year. Chris Ronshagen and his father, Jim, substituted most of the season for Jim's brother John, who had worn himself out as our Vice-Commodore and as the coordinator, par excellence, for the Area B Sears Cup eliminations. John Sulzbach pushed his old man up forward this year and did an excellent job skippering. Chuck Poindexter came down off his big boat and got the Ross's boat patched together well enough to make it through the season. He and his crack crew at Sound Rigging are going to give 13573 an overhaul this winter, so next year watch out.

This season was one of the most exciting we have had in several years. The top four positions between Ronshagen, Millhiser, Sulzbach and Poindexter were up for grabs right up to the last day of races. Everyone showed up Labor Day Weekend for the last races except Millhiser who was off wandering around the Gettysburg

Battlefields. The wind was light but enough for two good races. The three leaders and Leighton fought it out for both races, changing positions several times. When the dust settled, Chuck Poindexter took the season with John Sulzbach and Chris Ronshagen right behind. An exciting end to the season.

Next year ought to be better yet with several people talking about getting new boats, and a wave of juniors ready to break out of the Blue Jays.



*Start of a race - Madison Beach club.*

**SEATTLE LIGHTNING FLEET (132)**  
**Pacific Northwest District**  
**Sailing on Shilshole Bay**  
**at Seattle, Washington**

Fleet Secretary.....Alan Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11636	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Alan F. Hunt
13704	Wheaties	Kenneth Dunkelberg
14040	.....	Bruce Deltz

No Report.

# GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137) Michigan District Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary.....Thomas Hudson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13293	.....	Ron Ryan
14241	.....	Peter Woodruff
14474	.....	David Decker
14500	Be Calm	Thomas Hudson
14505	JuJu V.	Carl Engels

The Lightning racing on Gull Lake was light for the 1993 season. Ron Ryan was a new member to the fleet for 1993. He became interested in our fleet after being an outsider viewing the 1992 Gull Lake Regatta in which twenty-three yachts attended.

Gull Lake's fleet was very active on the regatta circuit which includes eleven within the Michigan District, plus Indianapolis, Chicago, Wawasee, and the North Americans. Each of these regattas had up to four Gull Lake vessels in attendance.

We were fortunate enough to host the 1993 Collegiate Sloop Championship in which the Lightning was the chosen yacht. Four members of the fleet were asked to loan their boats for these Championship races, in which they obliged. Teams came from as far away as Hawaii for racing in November which allowed them the ultimate experience of racing with boats that were coated with up to 1/8" of ice.

The 1993 Beautiful Gull Lake Regatta had twenty four participating yachts. Two additional Gull Lake boats did not compete so they could crew on visiting vessels and serve as Race Committee.

We will see you again in the 1994 season.



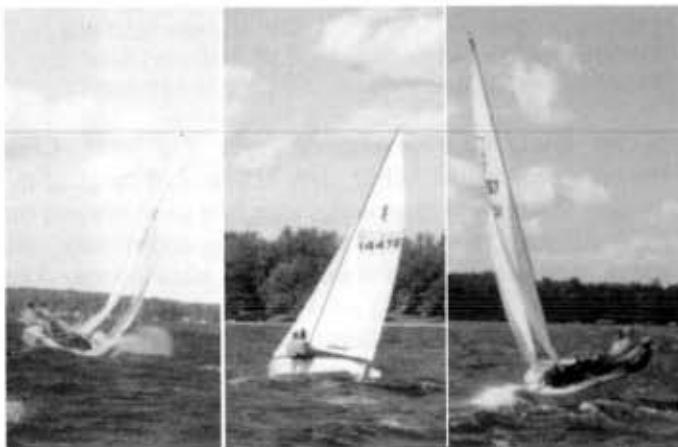
*Chris Jacobson (Bay City, known by the alias "Fast Idiot") bringing the boat onto a plane during the regatta.*



*Sailors from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and New York, (that I can remember) as well as Michigan at the Gull Lake Regatta*



*Is it Bob Mathers (Pontiac) or Larry Koster (Lansing) checking to see if Gull Lake is really 110 feet deep.*



*An unidentified boat at the left making its way through the whitecaps, center is Paul Wurtzbach (Chicago) who couldn't go to Davenport's Polar Bear because of the flood, and right is Colin Park (Saginaw Bay) showing Larry Koster (Lansing) some pointers at the Gull Lake Regatta.*

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**SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)**  
New England District  
Sailing on Lake Spofford  
at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....	Fred Turner
Fleet Secretary.....	Patrick MacQueen
Fleet Champions.....	Randy Locke & Bud Hamblet

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

No Report.

**TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)**  
**Lake Erie District**  
**Sailing on Lake Ontario**  
**at Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Fleet Secretary.....Brian Curtner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11631	.....	Allan Leibel
14174	In lieu	David Sprague
14347	.....	Brian Curtner
14479	.....	Allan Leibel
Life Member	.....	J. R. G. Bleasby

No Report.

SAO PAULO FLEET (147)  
Brazil District  
Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga  
at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain.....Peter Zacher  
Fleet Secretary.....Peter Zacher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11709	Canarinho	Willi Carlos Tietz
11710	Irema	Dietmar Heydenreich
11721	Gojabada	Frederico Perego Costa
12524	Foxfire	Karin Thielemann & Bertel A. Bojlesen
14203	Phreskura	Claudio Bieckarck
14596	.....	Frederico Costa & Ricardo Costa

No Report.

**MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)**  
Ohio District  
Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir  
at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain.....	William Woodrow
Fleet Secretary.....	Don Walter
Fleet Champion.....	William Woodrow
Runner-Up.....	Augie Bales

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
9581	Wiki-Wiki	William W. Woodrow
10047	Merrimax	Donald C. Walter
10444	.....	William W. Woodrow
11681	.....	William W. Woodrow
13485	Close to the Edge	Augustus Bales

1993 was another year of growth for Fleet 150. The fleet sailed more participant races than 1992, and the outcome for the Fleet Championship between Bill Woodrow and Augie Bales was extremely close and competitive. Some of the newcomers to the fleet made the racing very interesting at times, but Augie Bales, who went out and bought a fast Lightning, soon became the scourge of the lake! He won the "Tom McDermott Most Improved " Trophy for his efforts.

We plan an aggressive new membership program for 1994 (which will include attempting to bring back some old timers) and our goal is to add at least five more boats to the fleet. We think all this is "do-able". At this point in time our fleet has a new and enthusiastic core of sailors, and we are on the upswing!!

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

Fleet Captain.....Allison Peter  
Fleet Secretary.....Georges Peter, MD

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12071	Ghostland	Brad Read
13886	Mouette	Georges Peter, MD

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Steve Miller  
Fleet Secretary.....Dale Fulkerson  
Fleet Champion.....John Nixon &  
Craig Cobburn  
Runner-Up.....Alan Fox

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10428	.....	Blair MacDermid
11181	.....	Dale Fulkerson
12463	.....	Donald Musselman
13721	.....	George E. Buckingham
13851	.....	Virgil L. Snyder
13860	.....	Dave Tranter
13895	Brandywine	Douglas A. Schmahl
13910	Golden Harvest	Bill Allen
13975	Divine Wind	Alan Fox
14125	Miller's Merry	
	Manor	Stephen C. Miller
14187	.....	Frank Yaggi
14600	Wolf Cookies	E. Bradley Wagnon

As in past years, Fleet 154's season Championship Series was a hotly contested event. George Buckingham sailed into the lead by winning the first race of the 28 race series, but relinquished the lead to Brad Wagnon in the second race. Wagnon, sailing a new boat (14600), maintained the lead through the tenth race. But with the eleventh race, Wagnon unexpectedly volunteered to instruct the rest of the fleet on "halyard retrievable techniques". He demonstrated how to shimmy up the mast between the warning signal and the preparatory signal to retrieve a loose spinnaker halyard. This was immediately followed by an unintentional capsize between the preparatory signal and the start signal to retrieve a wayward main halyard. With a late start Wagnon returned the series lead back to Buckingham who finished first that race. Skippers Alan Fox, Doug Schmahl and the John Nixon/Craig Cobbum duo were all hiking hard on the leaders with less than one to ten boat places separating them from the series lead. A first place in the thirteenth race moved Nixon/Cobbum into the series lead never to be headed again. Alan Fox sailed to second place, just two boat places out of first, by winning seven out of the last ten races - close or is that close! Buckingham finished third and Wagnon finished fourth. Oh, by the way, Wagnon was not sure everyone understood the main halyard retrieval technique, and re-demonstrated this procedure in the thirteenth race. The Commodore Cup award was won by Virgil Snyder followed closely by Dave Tranter in the runner-up spot. Frank Yaggi was third.

Our season series include three holiday regattas which are also scored as separate regattas. The Memorial Day Regatta was won by Brad Wagnon followed by John Nixon/Craig Cobbum and Doug Schmahl. The 4th of July Regatta winner was Nixon/Cobbum with Alan Fox in second and Schmahl in third. Fox won the Labor Day Regatta with Nixon/Cobbum and George Buckingham knocking at the lead.

For the first time in many years, a WYC member sailed in the Southern Circuit. Alan Fox with crew Ned Merrick and Bill Allen sailed at all three Southern Circuit locations, which included enduring the "storm of the century" at St. Petersburg. Alan finished eighth overall.

Skippers Doug Schmahl, Craig Cobbum and Brad Wagnon hit the road in the spring and fall to sail in various regattas in Michigan, Indiana and Chicago. All three made it to Devil's Lake YC to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary "This One's Just for Fun" regatta. Wagnon represented the Indiana District at the NA's, sailing to a sixth in the Governor's Cup.

The second season for our junior sailing program was a great success. Many of the young sailors are anticipating the graduation to more challenging boats. The women's sailing program, led by Linda Tillman, continues to grow. There is some talk that an additional Lightning may be added to the fleet from the fruits of this program.

The Hoosier Open is usually sailed the first weekend of October. This regatta is the last of four fall series regattas beginning at Pontiac YC followed by regattas at Devil's Lake YC and Gull Lake YC, all in Michigan. With a weather report not too promising, it appeared that the Hoosier Open might not happen this year. But, nine out-of-towners and nine locals registered. Friday night we sat around in shorts in 70 degree weather discussing 'tomorrow's' events only to wake up the next morning to 40 degrees temperatures and 20 mph winds. To quote Colin Park, "This regatta convinces me that the sailing season is really over." Saturday's three races were sailed in the notorious "B" wind; that's "breezy" for you non-sailors. At the end of the day Colin Park (4 1/2), with a first, third and first, led the way followed by Paul Wurtzebach (8), Tom Niles (13), Dave Nickels (14) and Bill Faude (17). Faude led after two races but had the misfortune of introducing his crew to the Lake Wawasee waters in the third race. Sunday, crews were met with a beautiful sunny morning and very little wind. Only one race was sailed. Faude found the wind shifts to score another first with Niles, Park and Nickels rounding out the top four finishers. Final results: Park (7 1/2), Niles (15), Wurtzebach (17), Nickels (18) and Faude (18 1/2). Wawasee Yacht Club promises glorious weather for '94. See you next year.



Brad Wagnon (Wawasee), at the Gull Lake Regatta, trying to figure out if he has his shoes on the proper feet. (Smile, you're on Candid Camera!)



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

Fleet Captain.....Geoffrey Roth

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
10370	.....	W. Craig Thayer
10679	Tape Duck	Richard P. Tuttle
11650	.....	Jonathan Brodock
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey A. Bassin, DMD
12004	.....	Robert Froh
12275	.....	Jonathan Carter
13011	The Ghost	Richard Roth
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13083	Music	Steve Richards
13179	.....	Scott McBurney
13369	Ceann Saile	Geoffrey Roth
13675	Manolete	Federico Meira
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Chip Sinn & Tadd Helmer
14369	No More Bullship	David K. Bull
14418	.....	Clay Murphy & Pamela Tuttle
14465	.....	Dick Tuttle
14470	.....	Federico Meira

Lightning Fleet 164's season started off with a bang with the annual Caz Flash Bash Regatta held on June 12 and 13th. With 21 boats participating, it was a great warm up for the District Regatta sailed on Cayuga lake. Excellent weather promoted some great racing in a six race series which was won by Mark Sertl. Local sailors finishing in the top five were Federico Meira and Dave Bull with his star crew Eric Schnettler. A good time was had by all, eating steak, JRECKS Subs, line dancing and playing pool.

The District Regatta brought several sailors from Willow Bank including Tad Helmer finishing third and Dave Bull finishing fifth. The Willow Bank fleet sailors are very active at other club regattas, promoting the Lightning Class. At any Central New York regatta you can find anywhere from five to ten Willow Bank sailors, well known for their sailing ability, to say nothing of their ability to party and have a good time. Dave Bull traveled to Sheboygan for the Masters Championship and placed third. Fleet #164 sailors can be found at regattas from the Southern Circuit to Toronto and at any regatta in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Jersey, Maryland or any other place where there's Lightning racing and a good time to be had with fellow Lightning sailors.

Fleet racing at Willow Bank proved to be competitive once again with the usual seven to ten Lightnings on the line for most races. Fleet racing at Willow Bank takes place every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from Memorial Day to Labor Day and includes several fleets, Comets, Flying Dutchman, Thistles, Sunfish, Lasers, and Finns. A dedicated race committee allows for competent active racing you can count on and keeps sailboat racing at Willow Bank alive and growing at a very competitive level.

Our Fleet 164 champion for 1993 is Federico Meira with the help of his new bride Cathy as his usual crew. Dave Bull was the runner-up, winning many of the fleet races he participated in, as Dave is the fleet's most active traveling sailor, competing in any regatta within a six hour drive. Close behind is the ever present Dick Tuttle, who retired the historical "Tape Duck," #10679, for a new boat in the middle of the 1993 season. The fleet also held its annual crewettes race in which Pam Tuttle took first place after many years of sailing Lightnings on Cazenovia Lake.

Fleet 164's only newcomer this year is an old friend, Clay Murphy, who brings an added challenge to fleet racing at Willow Bank. Clay also brings opportunity to better the sailing in our fleet through crewing and teaching some of the younger and less experienced sailors in our fleet, as do many of our more experienced and successful racers. Clay achieved a second place finish for the CNY Blue Jacket series, proving to be yet another serious contender in Central New York from the Willow Bank Fleet.

The Caz One Day finished our season of racing at Willow Bank on a beautiful fall day. The winds were light to moderate and shifty as usual on Cazenovia Lake but made for some excellent racing. Fourteen participants sailed in five races, breaking after the third for the traditional lunch of Dave Bull's "Chili Guaranteed to Bring Foul Air." The racing was tight as usual with Bob Cole finishing first and Willow Bank locals, the Murphy/Meira team, Dick Tuttle, and Dave Bull all finishing in the top five.

The 1994 season will bring more challenges within our fleet as the Roth boys, Geoff and Rich, Scott McBurney, Nat Dain, and the recently married team of Mark and Stephanie Jenner, provide an ever increasing threat to take a fleet championship. With the team of "Mr. Fabricraft," Craig Thayer, and champion sailor Federico Meira producing quality inexpensive "PNC" sails, which have been proven effective by champion Dick Hallagan, some of us on restrained budgets may be able to afford high quality new sails instead of the rags we've been using. All in all Fleet 164 looks forward to a successful, competitive, fun filled 1994 sailing season with the International Lightning Class Association.



# **HELSINKI LIGHTNING FLEET (166)** **Finland District** **Sailing on the Gulf of Finland** **at Helsinki, Finland**

Fleet Captain.....Kimmo Aromaa  
 Fleet Secretary.....Jari Aromaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13560	.....	Tuomo Silenti
14093	.....	Turo Nummi
14196	.....	Keijo Latrala
14534	Masi V	Terho & Kimmo Aromaa
14559	Minimax	Lauri Hemming
.....	.....	Kari Mäenpää
Life Member	.....	Raimo Aromaa

During the season 1993 the Fleet 166 had two active boats, *Masi V* and *Minimax*, who sailed almost every ranking regatta. Terho Aromaa participated also in the Worlds in Brazil. Our season began with the On the Rocks Regatta in the middle of May at Lake Tuusulanjärvi. This year we had most beautiful summer weather with good winds. Kimmo Aromaa won, even though he had to sail with his oldest sails and his crew were not the usual one. The best sails and half of the crew were in Brazil. The first two ranking regattas, which were sailed in Helsinki and Kuopio, were both short track regattas, i.e. three 30 minute races per day. Both regattas were sailed close to survival conditions in very cold weather. The first regatta in Helsinki was sailed with windward-leeward courses close to shore. The sailing was extremely difficult and resulted in several crashes and capsizes. In Kuopio we had first heavy winds and then no wind at all. On the first day we used a triangular course and on the second day a slalom course. In these regattas *Masi* finished fifth and second, *Minimax* was tenth and eleventh.

The District Championships were sailed in the beginning of August in Helsinki. First two races were sailed in light winds, two second races in heavy weather with cold rain and the last two races in 6-8 m/s with tricky shifts. On every day *Masi* had one good race and one poor race and was fifth in final results. *Minimax* sailed in the middle of the fleet and was 11th in final results. Leo Korhonen (10 points), Kari Mäenpää (11 points) and Saku Vento (16 points) were the best skippers.

In the end of August we had The Big Challenge, a single hand regatta at Tuusulanjärvi. In this regatta all normal racing rules are used, the use of all three sails is allowed, but no special equipment is allowed. This year a normal Hellerup course was used and because the wind was quite light, all sail combinations and manoeuvres could be used. Hartti Nisonen won the great prize (and a Ferrari) and Kimmo Aromaa was second.

After the Districts we had three ranking regattas, which were all sailed on lakes. In Valkeakoski *Minimax* was

fourth. In Jyväskylä short courses were used and *Masi* was fourth and *Minimax* sixth. In the last regatta at Tuusulanjärvi *Masi* was fifth. In our Districts final ranking series *Masi* was second and *Minimax* tenth, a total of 29 boats got a ranking series result. In the ranking regattas we had usually 10-12 boats and in the Districts 20 boats.

Most of our regattas this year were sailed using other than the usual triangular Olympic courses. Both regattas at Lake Tuusulanjärvi were sailed with a short Hellerup course. Three of the ranking regattas were sailed with short courses. In Helsinki and Jyväskylä windward-leeward courses were used, and in Kuopio a short triangular and a slalom course were used. Some important experiences were that a short courses tend to become too hectic in heavy weather. The slalom course is too difficult even in light weather, because reaches are too short for proper spinnaker work. This course is definitely only for dinghies. A run after the first beat helps the last boats to catch the fleet, so the race is not only following the leading boat through the race area.



*Masi V* at the Finland Districts

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

Fleet Captain.....Rick Kuebler  
 Fleet Secretary.....Jean Steffenson  
 Fleet Champion.....Ron Taber  
 Runner-Up.....Ken Jensen

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

Lightning Fleet 167 that (usually) sails on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa had a very shortened racing season due to the Great Flood of '93. We were unable to sail any races during the spring or summer due to dangerous flood conditions and fast currents. The flood's crest on July 9th put six inches of water over the sea wall. Fortunately, our club house and grounds did not sustain any damage but the flood certainly did put a "damper" on all of our summer activities.

Because of the continued higher than normal water and current levels we decided to cancel our annual Polar Bear Regatta that had been slated for mid-September. The river finally receded enough that we were able to sail ten races in our scheduled Fall Series with two members having enough races to qualify. Ron Taber was declared the winner of the Fall Series and Fleet Champion for 1993. Ken Jensen was runner-up.

We're certainly hoping that Mother Nature has gotten all of the rain and flooding out of her system so that we can resume our regular schedule of activities in 1994.

## LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169) Switzerland District Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain.....Jean-Pierre Monnier  
Fleet Secretary.....Claude Lambelet

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8582	Burza	Bernard Comtesse
11858	Gargantua	Pierre Grandguillaume
12860	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
13840	Chiloe	Gilbert Despland

Cette saison les regateurs de notre flotte n'ont pas été très représentatifs au sein de notre association. Aucun de nous n'a représenté notre flotte aux régates de district et championnats d'Europe. Il est tout de même à relever que notre championnat de flotte des 17 et 18 octobre 1993 s'est déroulé comme de coutume à Neuchâtel et qu'il fait l'objet d'un rapport séparé.

Toutefois, il est reconfortant de relever que deux équipages suisses et de notre flotte ont participé au championnat d'Italie qui a eu lieu du 1er au 5 septembre.

Le groupe suisse s'était donné rendez-vous sur les rives du Lac Bracciano l'avant-veille de la compétition. Ce lac se situe à une vingtaine de Km. au nord de Rome; il a une forme presque circulaire d'environ 8 Km. de diamètre. Les vents dominants à la saison où nous y étions sont des thermiques de force 4 à 5 beaufort. Ils soufflent depuis la mer qui est distante d'une quinzaine de Km. et se lèvent aux environs de 14 h. pour ne s'arrêter qu'à la tombée de la nuit. C'est dire les conditions merveilleuses de navigation que nous avons eues. De plus nous avons bénéficié de soleil durant toute la semaine.

Les équipages suisses ont eu fort à faire contre la cohorte italienne qui chaque année est en progrès. En particulier le groupe sicilien venu en nombre important cette année. L'équipage de Gilbert Despland, composé de Ginette Brunner et Jacques Perret, a réussi au classement général la 14<sup>me</sup> place sur 19 participants avec les résultats suivants dans chaque manche: 10/15/11/11/15<sup>me</sup>. Quant à l'équipage de Claude Lambelet, il était formé de Gorges Ducret et Jean-Pierre Monnier; il a obtenu une 12<sup>me</sup> place au classement final avec les résultats suivants dans chaque manche: 16/11/9/disqualifié pour un départ prématuré/8<sup>me</sup>. On voit d'après ces résultats que la dernière manche a été déterminante dans le classement des suisses engagés. La sixième manche n'a pu être courue le lendemain en raison d'un vent trop violent.

Le retour a permis à chacun de consacrer quelques jours pour visiter la région romaine et la côte ouest avant de regagner la Suisse.

### CHAMPIONNAT DE DISTRICT

Cas très exceptionnel pour l'époque, l'hiver avec le froid, est venu nous apporter un décor de neige. Même le matin quelques petites traces de glace étaient visibles dans les bateaux. Ce temps n'a pas trop gêné le déroulement des compétitions. Seul le manque de vent du samedi a retardé le départ de la première régate. Cette seule manche du premier jour n'a pas bénéficié d'une force de vent très régulière et celui qui se trouvait au bon endroit au bon moment pouvait espérer remporter la manche.

Les deux premières manches du dimanche ont été courues par un vent d'Ouest force variable d'un à trois. Les bords choisis par les concurrents ont eu beaucoup d'importance et le chasse-croisé entre Perret et Wyler a été plein d'incertitude.

Le vent s'étant mis à souffler fortement avant le départ de la dernière manche, l'on pouvait presumer que l'équipage Wyler, plus aguerri, allait faire la différence vis-à-vis de l'équipage Perret dont les deux juniors manquaient d'expérience et de poids. Celui-ci a dû s'incliner même si de force 5 la manche s'est terminée à 3.

### REGATE "FONDUE"

La traditionnelle régate "fondue" reprenait simplement les trois dernières manches du championnat de district. Ce qui fait que seuls les points ont changé mais le classement est resté le même.

En résumé un week-end fort bien réussi. Regrettons, tout de même, que les vacances scolaires aux mêmes dates aient empêché quelques équipages de prendre part à notre championnat.

Après l'assemblée générale du samedi soir, nous nous sommes tous retrouvés au restaurant du Cercle de la Voile pour apprécier la convivialité d'une bonne fondue. Il est à relever que quelques membres actifs ne pra-



tiquant plus la competition ont fait le deplacement pour se retrouver dans l'ambiance de la Lightning Class.

Un grand merci a l'equipe organisatrice emmenee par Jean-Claude duPasquier pour le travail qu'ils ont entrepris a la satisfaction de tous.

Classement final "REGATE FONDUE"						
1993	manche	1	2	3	4	Total
13790	U. Wyler W. Durr / F. Meier	1	1	1	1	0 pt
12951	J. Perret A. Perret/ A. Grovener	2	2	4	3	11.7 pts
13840	C. Despland M. Graf/P. Graf	3	3	3	2	14.4 pts
12860	C. Lambelet T. Monnier/J.P. Monnier	4	4	2	4	19.0 pts
8582	B. Comtesse D. Rottet	5	5	5	5	30.0 pts



**GAROUPA**

*Claude Lambelet, Jean-Pierre Monnier, Martin Lambelet*

## BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173)

**Central Atlantic District  
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor  
at Brant Beach, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain.....Peter Pierce

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11575	.....	James W. Titus
13809	Treachery & Old Age	Peter D. Pierce & Eugene J. Kelly, Jr.
14059	Skal	David W. Long
14325	Verbal Abuse	Carl & Glenn Reiting
.....	.....	J. Edward Serrill & Robert Seybold

No Report.

## SHREVEPORT FLEET (175)

**Southern District  
Sailing on Cross Lake,  
Shreveport, Louisiana**

Fleet Captain.....Joseph P. Hunt  
Fleet Secretary.....Gay Means  
Fleet Champions.....Joe Hunt/Gay Means  
Runner-Up.....Will Bittick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10987	BoomBoom	Gay Griffith Means
12839	Knee Dep	Charles D. Hardey
13212	Whoopersnapper	Joseph F. Hunt
14629	.....	Will Bittick
.....	.....	David McCarey

The first major event of our sailing season was the annual Holiday In Dixie Regatta sailed on Cross Lake on the last weekend of April. Winds were strong and gusty. Nine Lightnings participated in this regatta which was won by Steve Harris of the Lake Conroe fleet. Other out of town sailors were Joel Good, John Waskom from White Rock and Kurt Shuler, Art Wilson, Jennifer Eldridge from Rush Creek. Gay Means, Joe Hunt, and Nathaniel Means teamed together to represent our fleet in this event. Thanks to all of you out of towners for making this a success.

Joe Hunt, Will Bittick, and Gay Means represented Fleet 175 in the Dingyfest Regatta in May. Winds were very gusty but this event was inspirational to Will Bittick to join our fleet.

Joe Hunt, Gay Means, and Nathaniel Means participated in the Hernando DeSoto Regatta in late May sailed on Lake Arkabutla in northern Mississippi near Memphis, Tennessee. This was a really fun event and we enjoyed the sailing and visiting with Lightning sailors at the dinner at Hernando Hills Country Club.

Joe, Gay, and Nathaniel also went to the Southern Districts sailing out of Southern Yacht Club this year. Regrettably participation was very low this year with only five boats sailing. The fun thing about this is that out of five races each sailor won a race. The other participants were Debbie Laland with his two daughters as crew, Buck Ballatin, Larry Frost Jr., and Larry Frost, III. This was won by Larry Frost III. We were glad to see our old Lightning sailing friends from years past- Tommy Allen, Frances Favalaro and "Tootie" Barnette- who came out to do race committee for us.

Joe Hunt, Nathaniel Means, and John Davis sailed in the Texas District Regatta held at Rush Creek Yacht Club on Lake Ray Hubbard in June. Joe Hunt, Amy Hunt, and Joey Hunt sailed in the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville in early November. Joe Hunt and Gay Means participated in the Longview Yacht Club Long Distance Race on Lake of the Pines in mid-November.

The major news is the addition of Will Bittick as a fleet member, and he has purchased a new Nickels boat, Lightning 14629. We will continue to try to bring in new members. Happy sailing to all in 1994. And we welcome Charles O. "Chuck" Hardy, a Lightning sailor since 1946, back into Fleet 175 and appreciate his help and efforts to promote the Lightning as the ideal boat for Cross Lake.



**GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET (178)**  
**Long Island District**  
**Sailing on Great South Bay**  
**at Amityville, New York**

Fleet Captain.....Alan Pearlman  
 Fleet Secretary.....Bill Weiss  
 Fleet Treasurer.....Betsy Brewer  
 Fleet Champion.....Bill Weiss  
 Runner-Up.....Betsy Brewer

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2671	.....	Joseph F. Tripodi
8780	EMWYRSPS	Gary Sortino
9670	.....	Angelo Dimartino
10243	Windblown	W. I. Orchard
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
11774	Alevai	Alan Pearlman

It was a very up-and-down year for the fleet. We were disappointed by the withdrawal of John Maselli and Angelo di Martino from participation, but we were encouraged by Otto Krizek's support, and especially by the aggressive effort of Joe Tripodi to resurrect and campaign #2671. Bill Weiss, Joe Tripodi and Betsy Brewer did more work to improve the fleet boat, *Gypsy Dove*, and Al Pearlman contributed a much newer suit of sails to help make it more competitive.

Our spring clinic drew four boats and crews, and several new juniors from the club junior training program raced with us this year. These included Robbie Shannon and Ryan Sweeney on the Fleet Champion, Al Smith and Jason Cheesman on the Race Week Handicap winner, and Ed Smith with Ryan Sweeney contributing to a third place finish in the Districts.

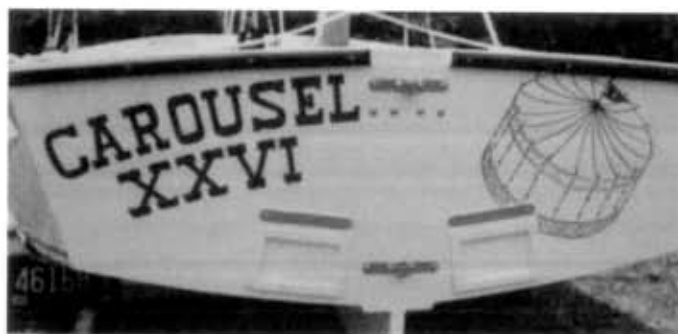
Joe Tripodi had some exhilaration with a win in one of the Race Week races, and some fast moments on the course, but also had to cope with two broken masts on his boat and a snapped halyard on the fleet boat. His craftsmanship in the care and maintenance of *Stardust* ought to be the subject of some *Flashes* articles. His crew stalwart, Aaron Picht, ought to get the ILCA equivalent of a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Al Pearlman won the Fourth of July at Babylon, in Alevai, with Bill Weiss second, and when Al didn't make it to the line for the last two races of the Districts, Bill sneaked ahead of him for third, using the fleet boat, *Gypsy Dove*.

After Joe destroyed this first mast at the Unqua Invitational, he borrowed the *Dove* for Race Week, and he and Betsy Brewer defended the Class honors sailing in the Handicap Division. Betsy, in *BullsHit*, eked out the win by one point, over a Thistle.

At the Fleet Championship, Joe was back on the line, with Betsy in the *Dove*, and Bill Weiss in *BullsHit*, and Bill hung on for the win, despite a capsize when he hung himself over the transom to clean the rudder. Joe developed a rigging problem in the second race, and when the mast came down for repairs, it became the second stick casualty, and retired him for the rest of the season.

We are looking forward to a less traumatic season, next year.



**CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180)**  
**Lake Erie District**  
**Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain.....Chad Waldschmidt  
 Fleet Secretary.....Jean Pote  
 Fleet Champion.....Chad Waldschmidt  
 Runner-Up.....Duane Good

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10941	.....	Robert C. Asmus
11563	.....	Charles Waldschmidt
11747	Hied AweighII	Charles S. Good
13372	Windwalker	Kenneth Pote
13506	.....	Lawrence Levine
13602	.....	Edward J. Benevent
13711	Hied Aweigh III	R. Duane Good
13735	.....	Michael Mercatoris
14146	Cool Breeze	Ronald Ragghianti

Fleet 180 began its season at the traditional pre-season Spring banquet held at the Conneaut Lake Park Hotel.

Two separate series were sailed during 1993. Racing began Memorial Day Weekend with the start of the Holiday Series which combined races from the three summer holiday weekends. Mini regattas highlighted the 4th of July and Labor Day with four races held each day. Although Chad Waldschmidt had the series lead going into Labor Day, Skip Ragghianti won the last four races to win the series. These races proved to be very competitive and a big success and the format will be a part of our schedule for next year.

The Championship Series was built on race results from our weekly Sunday races June through August. Plagued by poor weather and wind conditions throughout much of July and August, the fleet endured, made the best of conditions and managed to have a lot of fun. And when all the results were in, Chad Waldschmidt sailing the old yellow Lippincott, had repeated as Fleet Champion with consistent crewing from Doug Sparks and Ray Eisenbies.

New for the 1993 racing program was the regular socials/meetings of skippers and crew held at the Conneaut Lake Iroquois Boat Club following each day's sailing. These gatherings were well attended providing the sailors an opportunity to share stories of the day and listen to the winners boast of mastering the course using superior strategies and tactics (certainly no luck involved).

Special thanks go out to this year's special events hosts and hostesses: Carol and Doug Sparks for the 4th of July picnic and Joey and Karyn Bunting for the Labor Day Awards picnic. Both events were well attended and great fun.

At Conneaut Lake, we enjoy the fun and competition of racing and strive to increase the competitiveness of the fleet. That's why it is noteworthy when one of our sailors reaches a racing milestone. This year Ken Pote demonstrated steady improvement and won his first fleet race.

The big storm of 93 will certainly be remembered. Fortunately boats were off the lake but heavy wind gusts blew Mike Mercatoris's boat from its rack and ripped the top off the committee boat. Repairs were made to the committee boat but Mike will no doubt need to pay a visit to Nickels Boat Works before next season.

At the Awards Banquet, along with due recognition given to all who sailed the season, several special awards were presented including the annual "Upside Down Award" for the most recent capsize and a special "Sailing Techniques" award for innovative tactics. Due to lack of any heavy air this season, unfortunately for Ken Pote, he retained the "Upside Down" honors earned in 1992. Mike Mercatoris and Dick Rentz won the dubious "Sailing Techniques" award demonstrating flawless spinnaker work while managing to keep a spinnaker ballooned (much to their own disbelief) for most of a run while flying it with halyard attached to clew.

1993 was a great year for Fleet 180 and we are already looking forward to and planning our 1994 season.



*Fleet 180 Champion - Chad Waldschmidt  
with crew Doug Sparks and Ray Eisenbies  
on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania*

## SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187) Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Jon Moulton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12389	Sosumee	Dr. Jonathan Moulton
13565	.....	James Hanson
13862	Sensation	Eric R. Larson
13872	.....	Jay Hogfeldt & Bruce Van Dermden
13930	Pit of Despair	Michou J. Braun & Christine Kronich
13994	Silent Movie	Daniel Reichelsdorfer
14007	007	Hans C. & Chris Graf
14142	.....	Richard Bemis
14234	.....	Vytas Kerpe, MD
14380	.....	Tryg Jacobson & Herbert Kohler

February 1993. As the Lightning sailors of Fleet 187 stared out at the frozen tundra of the harbor, it was hard to start thinking about the NAs. But with so much to do, Championship Chairman Tryg Jacobson pulled us away from the Yacht Club bar and the snowy scene and set us to work.

This year, our fleet hosted the Women's, Junior's and Master's Championships of the Lightning North Americans. The NAs were being sponsored by our friends to the south, Milwaukee. Beer, Brats and Breeze were promised, and if we had anything to do with it, it was going to be delivered. Committees were formed, and volunteers were lined up from the local members and friends of the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Before we knew it, summer was upon us and sailing began.

This year, our fleet had three sailors attend the Southern Circuit in Florida. Skipper Rick Larson took his boat, crewed by Dan Reichelsdorfer and Michou Braun. This was kind of a shake down for the upcoming World Championships in Brazil. Between the "Storm of the Century" and the ravages of Hurricane Andrew in Miami, the sailing was interesting! Rick, Dan and Michou sailed at Ilhabella, an island off the coast of Brazil in May, and finished 23 out of a fleet of 45.

Meanwhile, back at NAs central, Tryg, the Grafs, the Bemis', John Moulton and a cast of thousands plugged ahead with the finalization of the plans for August. Boats were taken out of their cozy winter storage places and readied for the season on the Lakes.

Sheboygan saw a more active Wednesday Night sailing group than last year. It was great to see more boats and more people racing, even though there were quite a few drifters. Our District regattas were well attended too, with 187ers traveling to Fond Du Lac, Green Bay and Milwaukee. Dan Reichelsdorfer in his *Silent Movie* took a top five finish at Fondy, and also at Green Bay. The P&T in Milwaukee saw *Silent Movie* again in the top five, this time skippered by Steve Orlebeke. Rick Larson also had

a top five at the P&T. Districts saw five boats from Fleet 187 qualify for the NAs. Rick Larson, Hans Graf with his parents Jan and Chris, Dan Reichelsdorfer with his crew Steve Orlebeke and Mark Wessel, Chris Kronich sailing Zorch with Michou Braun and Greta Reichelsdorfer, and Jason Bemis got a last minute nod to attend the Championships. By the time the Brotz Regatta, our annual regatta, came around at the last weekend of July, we were ready. **BRING ON THE LIGHTNING SAILORS!**

Flags were fluttering, banners were strung, tents were up and smiling people were everywhere. All of the hard work put in by so many paid off, we hope, with a quality, fun regatta.

Thanks to Tryg, Dick and Chris Bemis, Jan and Chris Graf, Jason Bemis, Hans Graf, Rick Larson, John Moulton, Dan Reichelsdorfer, Rich Reichelsdorfer, the Sheboygan Yacht Club, the cast of thousands, and all of our Sponsors. Also thanks to the Milwaukee fleet for helping us coordinate--great Championship, guys!



The Directors of the show and that "cast of thousands."

### LAKE DESCHENES LIGHTNING FLEET (188) St Lawrence Valley District Sailing on Lake Deschenes at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain.....Terril Scott  
Fleet Sec'y/Treasurer.....Thomas Shenstone

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9666	Electra	Terril D. Scott

No Report.

### MARBLEHEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189) New England District Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain.....Donald R. Humphrey, Jr. CPA

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12706	Fog Horn Leg Horn	Donald Humphrey, Jr. CPA
Life Member		Louis Pocharaski, MD

No Report.

### MISSION BAY FLEET(194) California District Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain.....Thomas Perrine  
Fleet Secretary.....Barry Williams  
Fleet Champion.....John Lyon  
Runner-Up.....Scott Finkboner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10980		Thomas Perrine
11138		Scott Finkboner
11404		Robert Pinkel
11514	Molly	John Harrop
11603	Direct Access	Joel F. & John Vann
11625	New Now	Philip Simpson
11835	Wouldacouldashoulda	Al Poindexter
13411	Cool Change	Fred Grant
13467	Santorini	Warren Gross
13475		Mike Poltorak
13728	Batu	Michael Brewer
13842		Mark Zimmer
13938	Taxi	Richard Amiton
14095	Puddle Glum	Kirk Johnson
14263		Myron C. & John Lyon
14464		Scott Finkboner
14473	Algonquin	Carl Eichenlaub, Jr. J. C. Calhoun
14573		Scott Finkboner

1993 proved to be a good year for sailing in San Diego. One day's racing was lost to fog in October, but other than that every race day was perfect. Once again we sailed 62 club races, including 14 TNTs on 14 beautiful Thursday evenings, six regattas in other waters, and sent one boat to the N.A.s (Mike and Dick Brewer whose third crew was Dick's grandson, Peter, from Wales).

At year's end our trophy winners were: Tom Perrine, TNT Trophy (he sailed every one); John Lyon, Inter-fleet Regatta Trophy; Scott Finkboner, Club Races Trophy; and the Fleet Championship Trophy went to John Lyon, with Finkboner a close runner-up. This trophy is always determined late in the year, and this year was no exception. In fact, there are four more races in December, after this article deadline, but at this point Lyon leads by 19 points; my apologies to Scott if he manages to pull it out.

The California Circuit was one of the high points of the season. Sailed each year during the week before Easter, it offers racing in San Diego Bay, the ocean and mild Mission Bay, as well as great parties, wonderful weather, and time to see why we love San Diego. We'll do it again this year, so make plans to come on out.

We were sorry to see John Buziak leave us, taking his boat to his new assignment in Monterey. On a happier note, Mike Poltorak bought 13475 and joined our fleet; Mike is an excellent Thistle sailor and also belongs to the Thistle fleet, but has been sailing and crewing on Lightnings for several years and finally succumbed to the urge to own one. Look for his name among the winners from now on. Dawn and Mark Zimmer bought what we refer to as "the red boat" after crewing on several kinds of boats at the Yacht Club. The Lightning really does sell itself!





John Lyon won the '93 California Circuit.  
His crew were Kim Hemphill and Myron Lyon.



Sue Arnold (right) presenting the Susan B. Arnold Trophy  
to (the woman (women) who sailed the entire circuit and  
finished highest) Edna Johnson and Connie Perry.

**SURF CITY (196)**  
**Central Atlantic District**  
**Sailing on Manahawkin Bay**  
**at Surf City, New Jersey**

Fleet Secretary.....Rich Warren

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12454	Streak-In	Charles N. Howe
14068	Punch Too	George Schmidt
14131	Triple Threat	Timothy Robinson & Frank Temme
14139	Rip City Express II	Jack Elfman
14300	.....	Randall Swartley & Richard M. Warren
14514	.....	Ralph Messersmith

No Report.



**MACATAWA BAY FLEET (204)**  
**Michigan District**  
**Sailing on Lake Michigan & Lake Macatawa**  
**near Holland, Michigan**

Fleet Secretary.....Eric Ash

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12830	.....	Eric Ash
13531	.....	Marvin S. Hoekstra
13597	.....	James Batts
13640	.....	Thomas Bryant
14087	.....	Roger Gamache, III
14447	.....	Troy Scharlow

No Report.

**NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)**  
**Southern District**  
**Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain**  
**at New Orleans, Louisiana**

Fleet Secretary.....John "Buck" Ballatin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9696	S/B	John A. Ballatin
13784	.....	Terry Passman

No Report.

**ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)**  
**Ohio District**  
**Sailing at Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio**

Fleet Captain.....Bobbie Stowe  
Fleet Secretary.....Dean Caley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9350	Cat's Cradle	James L. Stone
10430	.....	Michael Partridge
10900	Four Winds V	James L. Cooper & Tim McCain
11368	Blue Thunder	David M. Gall
11508	.....	Stephen Jolly
11788	.....	Dr. Stephen Sabo
12184	.....	Dave Huber
12845	Gray Fox	Carl W. Hummer
14420	.....	Nelson Caley
14445	.....	David M. Gall

No Report.

**ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215)**  
**St. Lawrence Valley District**  
**Sailing on Lake St. Louis**  
**at Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

Fleet Captain.....Peter Hall  
Fleet Secretary.....Mark Osterman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11626	Joker	Michel Richard
13927	.....	Jean Francois Simard
14175	Lilliboner	King Hisock
14176	.....	Peter Hall
14354	.....	Scott Collins
14398	Nickels 'n Dimes	Mark Osterman
14421	.....	Nabil Tabet
Life Member	.....	Russell Scrim

No Report.