

# **COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION (303)**

## **Ohio District**

### **Sailing on Cowan Lake**

Fleet Captain.....Jim Young  
Fleet Secretary.....Ed Neumann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
96	Windsong	John Hayes
787	Bounty	Robert Hastings
7230	.....	Leif Jacobsen
9489	Red Alert	Edward Neumann
10013	Gypsy	Robert Stabb
10272	.....	Robert Japikse
10520	Sailors Delight	Jim Mann
10687	.....	Ron Millard
11368	Blue Thunder	Richard Niemeyer
11507	Entropy	James T. Young
11672	Second Wind	Ted Hardman
11930	Ducktape Express	Tom Wille
12321	.....	Dave Boehm
12412	Mistress	Larry Gruber
13275	.....	Jim Young
13719	Coot	Bill Young
14110	Figment	Dick Pugh
14216	Adrenalin	Kenneth J. Irwin

This was a great year for Fleet 303! We celebrated our 20th Fall-In Regatta and enjoyed a great surge in membership. Seven boats qualified for the Fleet Championship, with Dick Pugh taking the honors (Dick also placed third in the Districts), followed closely by Bill Young, Ken Irwin, Tom Willie, Ted Hardman and Ed Neumann.

The season began with "Thanksgiving"! Clark Shingledecker prepared a smoked turkey and the rest of us brought our appetites.!

*1993 FALL-IN Regatta at Cowan Lake, Ohio*  
*Caught in a mark rounding during the Saturday races*  
*were the eventual regatta winners - in the order that*  
*they finished! 13979, Tom Varley; 14445, Dave Gall*  
*and 14148, Steve Thomas.*

*Photo Credit: Jayne Anderson*

As the year progressed we had a night sail/water fight and party (all done with great dignity). Participation was quite good in all races, you could count on at least seven, to nine, boats in each race. The competition was tight and finishes were often decided on the last leg!

Part of our success this year came from nearly 100% membership in ILCA and the support of the International staff. (A strong class and great facilities sure don't hurt when trying to recruit new members!) We also have a great club in the Cowan Lake Sailing Assn., the holiday regattas and special events are always well planned, fun and never dull!

We are located between Dayton and Cincinnati, outside Wilmington, Ohio. Fleet 303 extends a welcome to all - be it for a day; a regatta; or as a member. Come join us on the water for the 1994 season!

## **OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)**

### **Finland District**

### **Sailing on the Gulf of Bothnia**

### **at Oulu, Finland**

Fleet Captain.....Harry Hammar  
Fleet Secretary.....Simo Koski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9436	Rio-Rita II	Lasse G. Hammar
13505	Rio-Rita IV	Lasse G. Hammar
14269	.....	Markku Paloma

No Report.

## **KEMI FLEET (310)**

### **Finland District**

### **Sailing on the Gulf of Bothnia**

### **at Kemi, Finland**

Fleet Secretary.....Kari Anttila

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12995	Pohjan-akka	Aulis Naykki
13134	Viivi	Jyrki Harikoski

No Report.



**LEGA NAVALE ITALIANA ANZIO (312)**  
**Italian District**  
**Sailing on the Tyrrhenian Sea**  
**at Anzio, Italy**

Fleet Captain.....Mario Mieli  
 Fleet Secretary.....Mario Mieli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9037	.....	Giovanni Cespa
9803	.....	Giovanni Via
13841	.....	Paolo Alvazzi Del Frate

No Report.

**SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)**  
**Dixie District**  
**Based on Sassafas River, Maryland**

Fleet Captain.....Al Mast  
 Fleet Secretary.....Robert B. Horne  
 Fleet Champion.....Al Mast  
 Runner-Up.....Walt Pletcher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9391	Doc's Boat	Robert B. Horne
9412	.....	James Douglas
10246	Glass Slipper III	John Paul Myers
10895	Reject	Robert Regester
12379	.....	Donald B. McKenzie
12381	.....	Robert B. Horne
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred Mast
12694	.....	John D. Farquhar, MD
13043	.....	Howard S. Edson
13740	Grapevine	A. John Gregg
13926	.....	F. Thomas Hopkins, MD
14218	.....	Chuck Harker
14265	.....	Ted & Dr. James V. Ganley, Jr.
14363	.....	Walter Pletcher

This year's races were dominated by Al Mast and Walt Pletcher, as they carried home all first (except one) and second placesilver awarded at the annual banquet. Al squeaked past Walt in the final standings to become the inaugural winner of the James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Award, presented in honor and memory of "Doc" Jim Ganley.

Al won the Early Series, placed second (tie) in the Late Series, finished second in both the Summer and Fall Bay Races, and won two of the four individual fleet trophies: the Walbert and the Buss Neff Cups.

Walt placed second in both the Early and Late (tie) series, while winning both the Summer and Fall Bay Races. He completed the sweep by winning the two remaining fleet trophies: the Skipper's and the Commodore's Cups.

The Gregg family was next in line with (little?) Katie taking third place honors in the Early Series (Who needs

a junior program to race in when you can beat up on the older folks !?) She then allowed Jack (dad) to take over and he went on to win the Late Series .

The only additional silver presented were for the two third place finishes in the Bay Races. Ted Ganley performed one of his usual stunts by taking a break from doctoring long enough to come home, jump in the boat and fly home with another trophy for finishing third in the Summer Bay Race. The Fall Bay Race was sailed in conditions that remind us all that the wind controls us at times and all we can do is play along. Bob Horne did this long enough to watch enough boats flip, swamp, dump, and disappear in front of him to win the third place trophy. (Boy, was it fun! )

The final award of the night is the sometimes, but not always, anticipated Butt Award. There was much scheming going on this year behind the scenes. It seems that the previous winner (two years running) kept "forgetting" to turn the award in, in hopes of presenting it to its very own "keeper", Bob Horne, for his rendition of "Splash Dance". But (no pun intended) the award was safely returned and rightfully presented to Howard Edson for his great disappearing act during the Fall Bay Race. Upon his return, his borrowed boat didn't look quite like it did when it left. Fortunately, nothing that new sails and a mast can't fix. We said it was fun out there.

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

Fleet Captain.....Bernie Hedges  
 Fleet Secretary.....Carol Mertes-Smith  
 Fleet champion.....Fred Mertes  
 Runner-Up.....Bernie Hedges

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7592	Capricorn	Edward Niemann, Jr.
9750	.....	Robert Buzbee
10355	China Doll	Barry W. C. Pierce
11155	.....	Louis Cohen
11899	Pisces	W. David Racine, III
14043	Fleeting Glance	Fred Mertes
14156	Rebecca	Christopher Raubacher
Life Member	.....	Jacob Zimmerman

The 1993 season no sooner got off then it seemed we were all putting away the boats for another winter. The seasons just go by faster and faster with the passing of each year. The RBSA Lightning Fleet started off its 93 season in June with the hosting of the twenty seventh annual Delaware Governors Cup. The turn out was up, with 13 boats on the line. The sailing was non-traditional Rehoboth Bay as the wind never got above 8 knots. In the best 4 of 5 format, Fred Mertes, of Rehoboth and Annapolis (with crew of Carol Mertes Smith and Bucky Buchanan) was able to lock the regatta up in the first four

racers. Fred was followed by Simeon Coxie of Annapolis in second, and Jack Elfman of Surf City, NJ in third.

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

The final 1993 event for Lightning Fleet 325 was the hosting of the Robert Purnell Memorial Regatta. This regatta named for former fleet member and winner of the first Dixie District Championship in 1949. Annapolis sailor Simeon Coxie was first, followed by RBSA/SSA sailor Fred Mertes in second and Ron Grotheer (Annapolis) in third. This event also marked the change of the guard for Fleet 325, the new officers (need some) for the fleet will be selected over the winter months along with a lot of planning to make 1994 the start of a delayed five year rebuilding effort. The old boat has a few leaks (plus some rot) but nothing that can't be fixed.

The fleet championship was determined by counting the three RBSA regattas, Fred Mertes was first with Bernie Hedges in the runner up spot.

See you on the water in 1994.



*RBSA 30th Anniversary Regatta winners:  
The Mertes, Vicky, Fred and Carol*

### **GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB (326)** **Michigan District** **Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay** **at Traverse City, Michigan**

Fleet Secretary.....Paul C. Davis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7007	.....	Michael Fisher
10629	.....	Jim Weckenbrock
11488	.....	Jim Weckenbrock
11884	.....	Jim Weckenbrock
13932	Blue Jay	Paul C. Davis
14460	.....	R. Garrett Demarest III

No Report.

### **JYVÄSKYLÄN LIGHTNING FLEET (328)** **Finland District** **Sailing on Lake Paijanne** **at Jyväskylä, Finland**

Fleet Captain.....Ilkka Lilja  
Fleet Secretary.....Samppa J. Salminen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6838	.....	Timo Lehtinen
12479	.....	Antero Westerlund
14364	.....	Samppa J. Salminen

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Phil Grotheer  
Fleet Secretary.....Fred Mertes  
Fleet Champion.....Simeon Coxie  
Runner-Up.....Fred Mertes

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11087	Swill Dog	Philip Grotheer
11628	.....	Eric Olsen
11754	Harvard Square	Paul I. Grinberg, Jr.
12470	Lightning Bug	E. Joseph Friebele
13312	.....	Doug Huessler
13929	.....	Michael Denning
14043	.....	Fred Mertes
14101	.....	Donald P. Delorme, MD
14156	.....	Michael Beaver
14278	Coyote	David Perry
14433	Yankee Clipper	Eric C. Coffin
14523	.....	Simeon Coxie
14566	.....	Ron Grotheer
14581	.....	Philip Grotheer
Life Member	.....	William H. Buckley

Lightning Fleet 329 saw many changes during the season of 1993. To start things off, a new host of officers were voted in at our annual Fleet meeting/Super Bowl party held in late January. Other main events to occur this season were the addition of five new active boat owners to our account, a new "one-day" format used for our fleet summer series, a veteran Fleet 329 competitor turned into dominator this season with the blink of an eye, and an outburst in activity was found in our always popular Frigid Digit Invitational held in mid-October.

The lack of an early Fall invitational last season forced locals to wait until late May for the first event in Annapolis. The No Gas Regatta previously held early in May had been replaced by the new multi-class Olympic regatta in the past two years, which is a spon-



sored event. Due to a lack of commitment toward this event, while not catering to just Lightnings, lead us to reinstating the legendary No Gas Regatta which will start again in 1994. We must ensure that out of towners be informed of this so as to bring them back. 20 to 30 boats would attend the No Gas in past years as a result of large interest from non locals.

We had a total of four invitational regattas including the Frigid Digit and a summer series which consisted of three one day events to be used in determining Fleet Champion. Competition was tighter than usual in the running for the Championship this year. There are two reasons for this new level of local racing, one being the recent participation of new members, some of which are starters and others veterans to the class. The second reason is that the remaining members who have been here for a while are cashing in on all the time spent on the water over the years. We would like to congratulate Simeon Coxe with crew Kathy Coxe and Jeff Riedle for taking the Fleet Championship as well as several other local invitationals. Simeon has sailed Lightnings in Annapolis for years, and can now display superior bursts of speed and still lead the rest of the fleet to the right side of the course. Runner up in the Fleet was Fred Mertes and third place yours truly, Phil Grotheer. Fred has won countless Fleet and District Championships over the years and deserves great praise for his competitiveness.

For an account of all the others that have added to our depth this year... Mike Denning and Doug Heussler have also been sailing here for a while and are now showing outstanding speed and tactics with a few race winners, some of which were in Rehoboth and Annapolis. Mike Beaver has been a veteran crew for years and now has Chris Raubacher's old boat. From the first day out he has felt right at home as helmsman which I can vouch for because we trailed him in a few races. Ron Grotheer now has a new boat and has already been at the top of the fleet in the few times he's been out. Ted Hardenbergh and Rich Griner are finding out what its like to start out in a new class and have already shown drastic improvement. We're looking forward to seeing them on the course for their second season. New members Jonathan Lange and Eric Coffin are experienced Lightning sailors who have significantly upgraded the level of local competition by frequent participation. Eric Olsen, Dave Perry, and Diane Sullivan have all placed well locally as well as away and deserve much credit for playing a part of our team. Hats off to all of you for making Annapolis the place to sail Lightnings again.

The Frigid Digit was our only big invitational this year and was a great success. Thirty-two boats participated in only one day of sailing due to lack of wind on Saturday. A fabulous social night was had with dinner, band, and beer provided. Top five finishers were: Matt Fisher, Stu Nickerson, Bob Wardwell, Phil Grotheer, and Simeon Coxe. For a complete recap of

this regatta, see the February/March issue of the Lightning Flashes.

The depth of our fleet has increased tremendously and I can't describe how rewarding and frustrating it is to be trailing the leaders in a race and still struggle just to maintain your position. We have much to offer to competitive Lightning racing, and will send a few entrants to compete in the 94' North American Championships in Toronto, Canada and should provide a strong contingent. We would like to invite others to compete with us in the 1994 season in any of our series or invitational regattas and look forward to a full and exciting new year.



*"Starting in a breezy westerly. Cold fronts were a typical occasion for our summer series this season."*

## **SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332)**

### **New England District**

### **Sailing on Big Squam Lake**

### **at Holderness, New Hampshire**

Fleet Captain.....Jack Russell  
Fleet Secretary.....Mark Waks  
Fleet Champion.....Christian Whatley  
Runner-Up.....Dwight Gertz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10212	.....	Tor Brunvano
10320	Mountain Thyme	A. Daniel Kemp
10555	Jumbo	Dwight Gertz
10724	Loon A Sea	Martin J. Riehs
10732	Go Moshun	David D. Closson
12509	Tashidelek	Wallace E. Ackley
12859	.....	Jack Russell
12886	.....	Tim Montgomery
13101	Super Shuttle	Robert Ayotte
13382	Sea Stooges	Mark A. Waks
13620	.....	Ed Michels
14033	"DC"	Christian & Allan Whatley
14111	Intrepid	Theodore Burr

Fleet 332 enjoyed twelve consecutive rainless racing dates. Something truly memorable for the White Mountains. The season started with a bang when Tim Montgomery's mast snapped and another boat capsized. The following week two other boats were unable to stay upright. When the northwest winds behind a strong front come twisting through the mountains, Golden Pond can become quite a challenge. Regretfully, such winds were not there for our regatta July 31 through August 1, won by John Hughes. We could only sail three races in two days, two of which had to be on a shortened course. Ed Michaels of Fleet 481 in North Carolina sailed three weekends with us and finished fifth in the regatta.

Christian and Allan Whatley rejoined the fleet and showed their transom to all by winning the July and August (which went through September 12) series, the Fleet Championship and the Around-the-Lake Race for the benefit of the Loon Preservation Society.

The Closson Cup was won by the constant good sailing at the end of the season of Mark Waks. Tor Brunvano, a new member, improved each week and we expect a real challenge from him this coming season.

### **BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB (335)**

#### **Central Atlantic District**

#### **Sailing at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey**

Fleet Secretary.....Joseph McGinnis, III

Boat No	Boat Name	Skipper
10526	Talisman	Paul B. Wood
11221	.....	David P. Kunz
11550	.....	David P. Kunz
13007	Thunderball	David C. Faus
13876	.....	John Faus
14489	.....	William S. Clarke
14550	.....	David P. Kunz

No Report.

### **GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)**

#### **Central New York District**

#### **Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York**

Fleet Captain.....Jim Dickson  
Fleet Secretary.....James Millard  
Fleet Champion.....Jim Millard  
Runner-Up.....John Korkosz

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7123	Rocky	Harold B. Hansen
12115	.....	James Dickson
12636	.....	John Korkosz
13655	Huggie	R. James Millard

The 1993 season brought generally good weather and a variety of wind conditions to our small lake. Jim Millard took the early lead in brisk July winds while John Korkosz was sailing his Snipe. We then drifted through several light days in midsummer. Fortunately, motor boats are

forbidden on the lake. Otherwise, we'd have had more back and forth momentum from the wakes than from the wind.

In August, with John trying to remember not to steer the Snipe, Dale Brown made a strong showing as he had finally become used to his newly acquired boat. Harold Hansen, owner of our only 'woody', trotted out his spinaker and threw a scare into everyone. Jim Dickson reappeared as both skipper and crew after recovering from some medical problems that kept him ashore last year.

At the end of the season, Jim Millard was able to keep the trophy and Lynn McConchie bought John's Lightning. We all hope John will be back with us next year rather than "Sniping" at us from a distance. "John, buy a new boat!"

### **LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)**

#### **Midwest District**

#### **Sailing on Lake Geneva, at Lake Geneva, WI**

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12822	Spike	Audrey & Jay Matteson

Vicki Matthews still sails an occasional Lightning regatta. Jay sailed in Chicago a few times on weekends he didn't have to work. Audrey is still enjoying sailing regattas around the country as often as she can, and after retirement from teaching in June '94, hopefully more. She is going to celebrate by sailing in the Europeans in Switzerland in July with Jacques Perret, a Swiss she sailed with a few years ago in the Criterium in Sicily. She added some new skippers to her list, but is behind knitting hats for them.

Spike's "update" progressed more in '93. Maybe '94 will see Jay and Audrey challenging you again.

### **LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)**

#### **Southeastern District**

#### **Sailing on Lake Lanier, at Flowery Branch, Georgia**

Fleet Secretary.....David S. Smith

Boat No	Boat Name	Skipper
2620	.....	Ron Sattelle
9420	.....	Marty Headlee
9568	.....	David Y. Pitts
10111	"Lord Jim"	Robert Schindel
12849	En La Bas	Reg Brooks
12935	Lemon Pie	Ken Wallace
13729	Razorback	Thomas W. Wynn
14062	.....	Robert Derrick
14067	.....	David S. Smith
14122	White Shark	Matt Keller
14129	.....	Terry Tyner
14225	.....	Brian Johnstone
14425	.....	Karl Suter

**SPRING SERIES**

1	14425	KARL SUTER
2	13729	TOM WYNN
3	14225	BRIAN JONSTONE

**SUMMER SERIES**

1	14129	TERRY TYNER
2	13729	TOM WYNN
3	14225	BRIAN JONSTONE

**FALL SERIES**

1	14129	TERRY TYNER
2	13729	TOM WYNN
3	14067	DAVID SMITH

The season started on a sour note when Carter Utzig, a regular race participant and all around nice guy, announced he was moving to Charlotte. We missed him on the starting line and especially in the parking lot after the races. Hope to see you around the district in 1994.

On a happier note, Matt Keller has just joined the fleet and Greg Mix has been sailing in fleet races and even our Atlanta Cup Regatta. We're all looking forward to seeing you two and the rest of the fleet on the race course in 1994.

Our annual Atlanta Cup Regatta was a great success. We had a total of 23 boats participating which included 18 from out of town. The breeze was 3 to 8 knots and very fluky. Ray Burke and company did an outstanding job in getting off four of five scheduled races in the challenging conditions. The Atlanta Cup went to Robert Harkrider of Augusta, however, our fleet was represented in the top five by Terry Tyner. Tom Wynn and Dave Smith both scored individual races in the top five during the series and went on to finish in the top ten overall in a very competitive fleet.

**HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)****Ohio District****Sailing on Hoover Reservoir  
at Columbus, Ohio**

Fleet Captain.....Ehmann Miller  
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Jack Kirkpatrick

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7502	.....	Jack Kirkpatrick
10860	.....	Greg Fisher
12015	The Goldie Marie	Ehmann J. Miller
13426	Juice	Donald F. McCusker
13898	.....	Robert French
14045	Wild Thing	Matt Fisher

No Report.

**LIGHTNING FLOTTE MURTENSEE (358)****Switzerland District****Sailing on the Lake of Murten in Switzerland**

Fleet Captain.....Urs Wyler  
Fleet Secretary.....Walter Durr  
Fleet Champion.....Urs Wyler  
Runner-Up.....Jacques Perret

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10899	Damafimo	Daniel Fischlin
12951	Santa Fiamma	Jacques Perret
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler

Unfortunately the date of the European Championship for 1993 was the reason that no boat represented our fleet. In 1994 the European Championship will be in Switzerland so we hope that several boats of our fleet will be there.

Wyler and Perret represented Fleet Murtensee at different starts in Switzerland. Only three boats participated in our District Championship. Once more the winner was *Meltemi* and second *Santa Fiamma*.

**OKANAGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (368)****Pacific Northwest District****Sailing on Okanagan Lake  
at Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada**

Fleet Captain/Secretary.....Bob Bazett  
Fleet Champion.....Bob Bazett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12245	.....	Narry K. Sinclair
13477	White Shadow	Robert Bazett
13511	.....	Neil MacGibbon

Following our 1992 sailing season, which was cut short by low water levels restricting our ability to launch the boats, we prayed for heavy snows in the mountains so that we would not encounter the same problems in 1993. As it turned out we had nothing to fear with his past sailing season, never really having a summer as rains and cool temperatures dominated the weather pattern. Although this provided us with some great wind conditions for racing - sometimes too great! - it was not very conducive to recreational family sailing, and for this our non-racing fleet activity suffered.

Our regular Tuesday night races were bolstered this year by the appearance of two new members who obtained their boats late in the 1992 season. This brought to five the number of Lightnings which were on the start line for most nights. It was great to get some new blood into the fleet, and hopefully their enthusiasm can be used to draw more people into the Lightning Class next year - all we need are some good used boats!



In out of town racing action Lightning activity seemed to be down slightly, possible due to the unsettled weather, however, Bob Bazett managed to bring home hardware from both of the events which he attended - the District Championships (third place) and the Kitsilano Invitational (first place).

The Okanagan fleet looks forward to a warm and sunny 1994 sailing season with a full lake and lots of enthusiastic sailing!



## **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372)**

### **California District**

### **Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California**

Fleet Captain.....Michael Molina  
Fleet Secretary.....Elissa Hall McQuillin

<b>Boat No.</b>	<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>Skipper</b>
6028	.....	Mark Williams
9169	.....	Michael Molina
12337	Elusive	Elissa Hall
13742	.....	Michael Gillum
13783	Peppermint Patty Too	Bruce Arnold
13943	Raggedy Ann 4	Mark D. Patty
14305	.....	Michael Molina

First and foremost we would like to welcome our three new fleet members: Dave Anderson, David Smith and Mike Gillum. Dave inherited his father's boat and hopes to have it back in shape for the regular racing season; David (S.) purchased Paul Descalso's boat and has already had her out for the first midwinter (with Dave A. as crew); and Mike Gillum found a steal of a deal and is getting his boat in shape for the 1994 season.

It's difficult to say when our season starts since we sail year round here, so, for the heck of it, let's say it begins with the Arnolds' annual trek to the California Circuit in San Diego. This year marked Sue Arnold's 20th consecutive Circuit trip.

We all missed the local season opener. Unfortunately it overlapped with the California Circuit so the Arnolds' were out of town, Elissa Hall McQuillin had to work, and Mike Molina didn't want to race by himself. We regrouped in May, sailed the Wednesday Night Beer Can Races and

continued with the balance of our SBRA racing schedule. The Clear Lake regatta was cut short due to lack of wind and inasmuch as the trail home was through wine country, Arlene and Mike Molina, Andy Baxter, Elissa Hall McQuillin and Juli Tracy found a tour through the Mumm Winery most refreshing and the perfect way to end a long, hot, muggy weekend of sailing.

Our next outing was at Island Yacht Club in the Alameda Estuary. Sailing in the estuary always proves to be a challenge. The narrow fluky wind channel with short courses, dockside mark roundings and power boat dodging tests the ability and patience of every sailor. But Bruce and Elissa thought there was not enough excitement in the day of racing and decided to test a new mark rounding drill.

At the last leeward mark of the last race Bruce needed to give an Albacore room. Elissa, who was outside and behind, caught a puff that slingshot her to the mark with the Albacore and Bruce. Bruce told Elissa he needed room for the Albacore; she acknowledged and started to give room. Bruce swung wide, let out his boom and bonked Elissa in the head. Elissa ducked (a little after the fact), shook out the cobwebs and continued with her mark rounding.

But Elissa had somehow become wrapped up in what she thought was her spinnaker sheet, only to discover, none to soon, that the sheet wrapped around her torso did not belong on her boat but was Bruce's mainsheet and he had since begun to head up wind, or so he thought. In the ensuing seconds, (which seemed like minutes), Bruce and Elissa played tug-of-war, as Bruce was determined to get his main trimmed in and Elissa was determined not to be keel-hauled backwards off her boat.

Elissa managed to find a line to hook her foot under and held on for dear life as Bruce continued to pull. Then the boats made contact and Bruce discovered the human block in the main sheet. There were some words (Bruce), an unravelling (Elissa), a sigh of relief (Elissa's crew), and some laughter (Bruce's crew).

Bruce went on to win the race, with Elissa in second. They somehow managed not to lose either of their places to Andy Baxter, who, skippering Mike Molina's boat, was hoping to monopolize on the incident. Back on shore we all had a good laugh from it. It was unfortunate that Mark Patty wasn't there to witness the display; it would become one of the great Fleet 372 tales.

By September we had caught our breaths, healed our skid marks, and repaired our boats to host the PCC's. We had boats from San Diego and Oregon compete on the breezy San Francisco Bay. Mike Molina fixed up his spare boat, "Genie II", for Andy Baxter to skipper, making the count from the local fleet four. We maintained our

hospitality even though we sent the trophies home with the out-of-towners. Nonetheless, a great time was had by all, and we are looking forward to the 1994 PCC's in Klamath.

We wrapped up the season with the final regatta at Richmond Yacht Club in October. No mishaps, no crashes, no capsizes, just good fun sailing. Bruce made a clean sweep of the races, and confirmed his fleet championship for the season. Mike Molina followed in second, with Elissa bringing up the rear. It was a great season ! Bruce was elected commodore of Richmond Yacht Club, despite his attempt at an un-coup (he feigned lack of enthusiasm for the job). Elissa was re-elected as Fleet Captain and Mike Molina is staying on as Secretary. We are working hard at building the fleet up with the three new members and, with the threat that Mark Patty is returning (we've been hearing this for years), the future of the fleet looks bright.

### DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

Michigan District  
Sailing on Douglas Lake  
Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet Secretary/Treasurer....Dr. Howard Eddy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10198	Mer-Sea	John G. Young
12754	Shrub	David O. Peters

No Report.

### LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)

District  
Sailing on Lake Lansing  
at Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....Ron Wilson  
Fleet Secretary.....Terry Kleiman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5935	.....	James Gee
10165	Courageous	Gregory M. Veltema
12888	Do Rite	D. Dennis Dudley
13344	.....	Jack & John Fishbeck
13595	Lady Jane	Robert E. Klimek
14147	Hull Speed	Fred Hull
14250	.....	Chris Marzke
14267	Fubar	Larry Koster
14294	Shabumi	William Davidson
14444	Ace Kicker	Ronald W. Wilson
14468	2C3S	Terrell L. Kleiman

No Report.

### SALINAS YACHT CLUB (405)

Ecuador District  
Sailing on the Pacific Ocean  
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Secretary.....Francisco X. Sola

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

No Report

### HIGH ROCK LIGHTNING FLEET (415)

Southeastern District  
Sailing on High Rock Lake  
at Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary.....Jimmie Nickell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10152	.....	Buddy Hedrick
10354	.....	George Howard
10386	.....	Alfred K. Warren, III
10723	.....	G. Michael Cochran
10728	.....	Nathan Varner
11027	.....	Clayton G. Gray
12336	.....	William Pleasants
12936	.....	Charles Sink
13154	S'nick'r	Nicholas Reid
13460	.....	Charles Tomkinson
13656	.....	William Pfefferkorn
13848	Menage a Trois	Henry & Avis Bridges
13931	.....	Charles P. Kennedy
14044	.....	Gordon P. Kellogg
14248	.....	Frank Mills
14332	.....	Sam L. Boone
14384	.....	Carter Utzig
14432	.....	Richard Simpson

No Report.





**KILLYLEAGH YACHT CLUB (427)****Ireland District****Sailing on Strangford Lough  
at Belfast-County Down, Northern Ireland**

Fleet Secretary.....Raymond Killops

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
.....	.....	Alaw Vaughan
.....	.....	Raymond Killops
.....	.....	Dennis Bennett
.....	.....	Eric Sutherland
.....	.....	Ronnie Barr
.....	.....	William Lindsay
14086	.....	John Scott / Trevor
	.....	Wilson / David Brown

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Lenny Krawcheck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13512	.....	Will Sloger, Jr.
14050	.....	Patrick Hogan
14365	.....	Ann Boyd Farmelo
14519	.....	Leonard Krawcheck
.....	.....	Kenneth Krawcheck

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Steve Constantine

Fleet Secretary.....John Parker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13380	Flower Child	John J. Parker
13824	Magic Carpet	Steven Constantine
13873	Free Booter	Kevin G. Robinson, MD

No Report.

**SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)****Long Island District****Sailing on Shinnecock Bay  
at Southampton, Long Island, New York**

Fleet Commodore.....John V. H. Halsey

Fleet Secretary.....Diane Finnegan

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11071	Windy Too	Hugh Halsey, II, MD
12480	.....	Bruce Hendry
14032	.....	James G. Hull, MD
14074	.....	Robert G. Shewan
14157	.....	Richard Stott
14339	.....	Tim Rumph
14551	.....	John Lewandowski
14560	Relentless	Richard Warren

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.....Paul Harvener

Fleet Secretary.....Elizabeth Harvener

Fleet Champion.....Dr. Sylvan Newman

Runner-Up.....Jenny Eldredge

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10014	.....	Spencer McGowan
11046	.....	Nick Woodbridge
12500	Calico Cat	Arthur M. Wilson
13266	.....	Vernon Goldberg
13311	Pandora	Robert H. Thomas
13622	.....	Glenn Darden
13806	Thin Ice	Paul Harvener
13870	Some Girls	Jenny Gandy Eldredge

Fleet 435 is proud to have new boat owners Spencer and Rhonda McGowan and Nick Woodbridge join our fleet.

Warren Lewis with Kurt Schuler and Scott Anderson started the season off right with a sixth (!) in the Lightning Midwinters in St. Petersburg in March. Kurt Schuler, Art Wilson, and Jenny Eldredge took their boats to the Holiday in Dixie Regatta in Shreveport in April. Paul Harvener crewed with a White Rock boat. Jenny took a second, thanks to top guns Chris Shipman and Scott Moeller (who made her take the boat out for a practice session while sensible folks were on shore waiting for the wind to settle down). Kurt came in third and Art took a fifth.

The multi-class Spring Dinghy Fest was held by our fleet once again this year in May and it blew! Steve and Patty Harris with Bruce Bierlink of the Conroe Yacht Club won the regatta. Kurt Schuler was close behind until he broke his mast on a screaming run. Other participants from the home fleet were Dr. Sylvan Newman, Vernon Goldberg, Art Wilson, Paul Harvener, and Jenny



Eldredge. We were pleased to have Bill Baxter and his Memphis team sail in this regatta.

Warren Lewis and Kurt Schuler attended the Hernando DeSoto Regatta in May in Memphis where Warren got a sixth. Our fleet hosted the Texas Districts this year which was won by Steve Harris, close behind was Warren Lewis. We had a great turnout for the Fall Multi-Class Dinghy Regatta held in August. Dr. Newman and those "fast and sexy" girls (Liz Harvener and daughter Deanna Newman Gronke) gave Steve Harris a run for his money, but wound up a close second to the undefeated Harris clan.

In August, we said a sad goodbye to our fleet captain Kurt Schuler who moved to California. Kurt left his boat in Dallas for crew member Scott Anderson to use for a year or so.

Paul Harvener, Art Wilson, and Jenny Eldredge sailed in the State Fair Regatta on White Rock Lake in September and Scott Anderson, Sylvan Newman, Vernon Goldberg, and Paul Harvener participated in the Commodore's Cup Regatta in Conroe in October. Scott Anderson, Paul Harvener, and Jenny Eldredge (with die hard Christine Corbett who calls puffs in her sleep) had a ton of fun at the Bluenose Regatta in Nashville in November.

For the second year in a row, our Fleet Champions are Dr. Sylvan Newman, Deanna Newman Gronke, and Liz Harvener. This team also won the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series races. Kurt Schuler placed second and Jenny Eldredge third in the Spring Series. Jenny (with the help of Christine Corbett) placed second in the Summer Series and Vernon Goldberg placed third. In the Fall Series, Paul Harvener took a second, and Jenny Eldredge third.

The Warren Lewis, Paul Harvener, and Jenny Eldredge teams are on their way to the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans to celebrate the end of a very successful year for Fleet 435.

## FOND DU LAC LIGHTNING FLEET (442)

### Midwest District

### Sailing on Lake Winnebago at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain.....Gary Zink  
Fleet Secretary.....Michael Elmergreen  
Fleet Champion.....Sue Dorscheid  
Runner-Up.....Gary Zink

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13280	Fam-T-Sea	Tom Drews
13580	Splurge	Jeffrey P. Johnson & Jim Kalmbacher
13617	Escape	Mike Elmergreen & Sue Dorscheid
14130	.....	Gary Zink

The season started with 14 boats racing in the annual Lighthouse Regatta. Paul Wurtzebach was the repeat champion with a crew of Karen Johnson and Bob Segil. Four points behind Paul was Bill Faude of Milwaukee. Bill had longtime crew Jared Drake along and the lovely Jane Lewis. Third place was grabbed by Rick Kaiser of Chicago who had a slow start but a good finish to the five race series. Rick had the usual crew of Martha and Paula doing a fine job on the boat. Fourth place found Dan Reichelsdorfer of Sheboygan with his crew of Jeff Johnson and Mark Wessel. Rounding out the top five was David Stix of Chicago who finished the series with a first and a DSQ. His crew were Barb Fox and Ted Paris.

The Tuesday night series enjoyed great success with a total of eleven races being completed. Sue Dorscheid ran away with first place by winning every race that she started except for the one that she capsized in. Gary Zink sailed well and grabbed second overall. Third place was taken by an E Scow in our Portsmouth handicapped mongrel fleet.

The annual weekend race/cruise to Oshkosh was attended by two Lightnings skippered by Sue Dorscheid and Tryg Jacobson. The light air race up the lake ended in a tie at Oshkosh. The sail home on Sunday was a wonderful 10 to 13 MPH breeze out of the south with shifts up to 30 degrees. Sue worked the oscillations perfectly and put Tryg away while he was looking for the big shift to the west. We are growing as a racing fleet, and are still trying to grow as a Lightning fleet. We remain, eternally optimistic.



*"Pete Chisholm in 359"*

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

Fleet Captain.....Mauricio Martinez

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11365	.....	Dieter & Olaf Dyck
13444	Pinta Brava	Inq. Mauricio Martinez

No Report.

**MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)**  
**Italian District**  
**Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea**  
**at Marsala, Sicily, Italy**

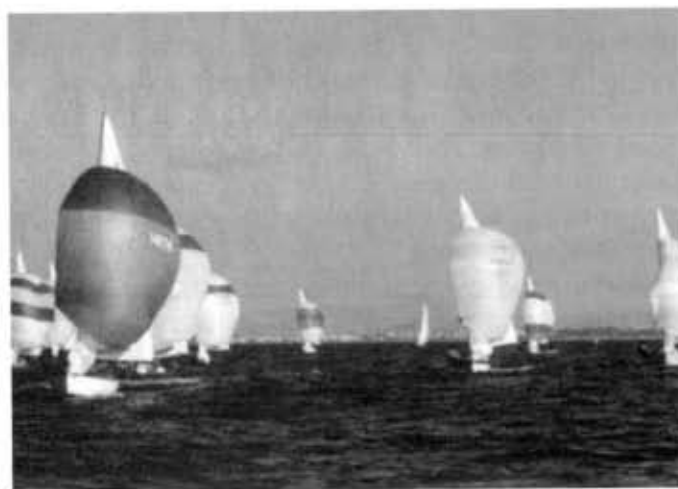
Fleet Captain.....Giovanni Pellegrino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12027	Wanted I	Giovanni Pellegrino (Life)
12537	Luktor	Ranieri Gambina
13345	Trepepe	Guiseppe Valenti
13349	Ho! Hell	Vito Pernice
13402	Rainbow	Antonio Marino
13478	Dove Vai	Stefano Reina
13481	Wanted III	Guiseppe Alagna, Antonio Rallo, Mario Ruggeri & Vito Tripoli
13557	Americaff	Mario Ottoveggio
13706	Lily Bay Tan	Vito Tripoli
14102	.....	Roberto Crucitti
14196	.....	Giovanni Pelligrino (Life)
14361	.....	Mario Noto
.....	.....	Pietro Zerilli

No Report.



*Circolo Velico Marsala, home of Fleet 449, hosts annually to the European Winter Championships, the Winter Criterium, during the last weekend in Dec.*



*Action during the 1992 Winter Criterium December 27-31.*



*Some Fleet 449 sailors having a good time at the European Championships in Athens, Greece.*



*District Commodore Guiseppe Valenti, #13345, and crew, Benesetto Puletto and Foznich, at the Winter Criterium 1992.*



**FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453)**  
**Italian District**  
**Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy**

Fleet Captain.....Paolo Rosi  
 Fleet Secretary.....Sergio Rustichelli

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13715	.....	Eugenio Branca
14228	.....	Sergio Rustichelli
14239	.....	Sauro Scarpochi & Vittorugo Mearini
14245	.....	Eugenio Branca
14316	.....	Camillo Angeli & Francisco de Regis

No Report.

**TUUSULVANJÄRVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)**  
**Finland District**  
**Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjärvi, Finland**

Fleet Captain.....Jaako Herttua  
 Fleet Secretary.....Rainer Korhonen  
 Fleet Champion.....Rainer Korhonen  
 Runner-Up.....Antero Punttila

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5552	.....	Jorma Lehtonen
12757	Merenhuiske	Veijo Meisalo
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hamalainen
13438	.....	Timo Altomaki
13562	Amanda	Hannu Hanskala
14018	.....	Pasi Hannila
14179	.....	Rainer Korhonen, Anne- Marie & Kari Salenius
14271	.....	Hannu Hurskainen
14274	Annie Hall	Leo & Rainer Korhonen
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
.....	.....	Tuomo Kauhanen
.....	.....	Pentti Laitinen

No Report.

**NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)**  
**Florida District**  
**Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida**

Fleet Secretary.....Fisk Hayden

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11205	.....	Michael J. Tighe
13970	Shazam	Steve & Fisk Hayden

No Report.



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

Fleet Secretary.....Per Olov Hornell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6558	GTX	Jens C. Ruschmann
11693	Easy Rider	George Rider
12440	.....	Allan Anderson
12513	Abuela	Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente
12657	.....	Manfred Kaufmann, Jr.
13405	Waikiki	Claus Bromberg
14101	.....	Michael Anthony Norris & Mario Buckup
14071	Xamego II	Nelson Small Schmitt
14329	.....	James Sumner
14335	.....	Luciero C. Grassano Borges
14353	.....	Nelson Small Schmitt
14378	.....	Mario Buckup
14504	.....	Nelson Small Schmitt
14602	.....	Michael Anthony Norris
14633	.....	Nelson Small Schmitt

No Report.

**LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)**  
**Southeastern District**  
**Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, NC**

Fleet Captain.....Vivian Hollinshed  
 Fleet Secretary.....J. M. "Dick" Coburn  
 Fleet Champion.....J. M. "Dick" Coburn  
 Runner-Up.....Vivian Hollinshed

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11898	.....	Neal Turner
14247	.....	Vivian E. Hollinshed, Jr.
14252	Strings Attached	J. M. "Dick" Coburn
14390	.....	James Taylor
14405	.....	Toby Wells
14521	.....	Allen Smith

No Report.