

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Maple Bay at
Maple Bay, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Contact.....George A. Maggs
 No new information

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
 No new information

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.....Ralph Wilson
 Chair of Long John.....Dennis Nitka
 Secretary/Treasurer.....Mary Huntsman
 Fleet Champion.....Ralph Wilson &
Sandy Huntsman
 Junior Fleet Champion.....David Clausen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10249	is For Sale, Call Sandy	
10458	Sunshine	Ed & Judy Landis
10626	Biesk	William Jaeger

11007	.....	Bill Paladeau
11007	.....	Brian Welch
12499	Idgid Itch	Bob Hutchinson
12783	.....	Mike Nei
13386	Silver Spoon	Pat F. Corr
14276	Thunder and...	Ralph F. Wilson
14450	Superu	Jim & Jon Schwartz
14482	Joker	Jack Huntsman &
14482	Joker	Henry O'Hern, III
14492	Charming	Dennis Nitka
14539	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton
14624	.....	Ed Provini & Paul Jeka
14634	Hiccup	Frank Mergenthaler &
14634	Hiccup	Bill Mergenthaler
144692	Grand Cru	Sandy Huntsman

1994 was a year of many different types of sailing for our Fleet. We start with the Spring Series, won by Frank and Bill Mergenthaler followed by the Long John, won again by Dick Hallagan. Dick has been coming every year, as have a few others, like Jim Carson, 34 years! The Districts were sailed in one day in June. Five good races with the result: Jack Huntsman First, Frank Mergenthaler Second, Sandy Huntsman third, Gary Hurban Fourth and Jon Schwartz Fifth. Fortunately we didn't have to use Sunday to finish the series as Geraldo Rivera had a swim for charity which blocked access to the race course. Yes, they say the River is that clean. Some of the members went to the Atlantic Coasts - Jack finished third. Then onto the Masters, Juniors and Women's. Sandy, crew Jack and Bill Clausen, tied for first and were second. Jon and Jack sailed the NA's, and sailed in the blue fleet (Jack won THE watch).

Meanwhile, at home, we had the best attendance at the Club in most of the series. The Tuesday night series has become a happening with a barbecue following three or four short races. Really short when the U course is used. Denis Farley has been trying new courses, finding ways to make the races efficient to get in as many as possible. However, the scorers go nuts as this is a handicap series and the boats all finish in a very short time. The Fleet dominated these series as well as the Down River series. Our annual Haul Out dinner found Sandy and Ralph as top winners, with each winning 22 MBC shirts apiece. All of Sandy's crews were there to stand up and be counted: Pat Corr, Bill Clausen, Meaghan Nitka, Dennis Nitka for brother Mike, Dan and Jen Vought, and John Brewster. Thanks guys! We gained some new members, Dennis Nitka, Mike Nei, and Bill and Brian, and Ed Provini. Welcome! We are looking forward to next season, and will start out with the Spring Series, Long John and the Jersey States (which was canceled last year due to NO wind. We are all to be thanked for the work/fun we put in. We do get it back as a FUN time.



Long John Lunch



Photos: Mary Huntsman

Sandy after Jack at the Metro Districts.

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

Fleet Captain.....Wally Sellars
Fleet Secretary.....Jim Cunningham
Fleet Champion.....Wally Sellars
Runner-Up.....Jim Cunningham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedie Too	Chaluoka/Horton
9653	Game	Mueller/Campbell
11912	Varbut	May Urso
12594	Bump & Grind	Wm. Danielson
14191	Newfie	Walter Sellars, MD
14319	Anime	Jim Cunningham

All Fleet 71 activities were overshadowed this year by the passing of our leader and mentor "Papa" John Mueller.

John W. Mueller Sr., was born in Columbus, Ohio July 28, 1918. He graduated from Ohio State University with Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Metallurgical Engineering. He became an associate professor at the University and for some years did research in metallurgical engineering.

He moved to Cleveland in 1952 and established his Topex Company. His expertise in engineering soon became focused on improving the Lightning. He was one of the pioneers in the development of the self-bailing and self-rescuing features that we enjoy in our Lightning today.

He participated extensively in competitive sailboat racing, but particularly in the Lightning. He sailed in Lightning World Championships in Peru, Finland, Italy, Argentina and Canada. He was elected a vice-president of the International Lightning Class Association.

He sailed with consummate skill, but the one unforgettable characteristic of this skipper was his infectious optimism and a feeling of comradeship that he seemed to impart so spontaneously whether on the race course, in the dry-sail area, or fleet meeting. This paternalistic, affable and non-abrasive characteristic resulted in his being known throughout the ILCA as "Papa" John.

He was proud of our CYC Fleet 71 and was instrumental in bringing three National Championship events to CYC. In 1960, he was presented CYC's highest honor, "The Sailor of the Year Rapprich Trophy."

His closing years were made very difficult by chronic progressive pulmonary emphysema, but he never complained. With each relapse, he seemed to regain strength with the hope that this time he would be able to get back on the race course.

On his couch at home, where through a window he had a full view of the CYC race course which had been a source of so much pleasure for him over the years, he passed quietly away. It was July 4th.

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

Fleet Secretary.....Phillipe Jacob

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12829	Flying Mustard	Rodolfo Salmang
13389	.....	Alejandro Jacob
13410	.....	Oscar Rodriguez
13990	Pituchio	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

No new information

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

Fleet Captain..... Dave Reeves

Fleet Treasurer.....Joan Hurban

Fleet Recording Secretary.....Howie Rinehart

Fleet Corresponding Secretary.....Jim Morris

Fleet Champion..... Gary Hurban

Runner-Up.....Bill Cook

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8182	.....	Geary Ahern
10220	.....	Arthur F. Stahl
10224	.....	James P. Wolfe
10261	.....	Marc H. Silverstein
10270	.....	Ronald McCormack
10380	North River	Elliott H. Carman
10620	.....	Jan Crittenden
10620	.....	Larry Decker
11076	.....	Terence Gibbs
11143	.....	Daniel Parietti
11688	.....	David Reeves
12166	.....	James F. Morris
12386	Transfusion	Richard P. Weitzman
12642	Sound Mind	Geri Raichel
13625	Corvette	Howard B. Rinehart
13810	In The Pink	Timothy Reilly
13832	.....	Bill Moe
14073	Gotcha	Gary Hurban
14140	Fat Chance	William G. Cook
14143	Rigmarole	Paul Kiernan
14384	.....	Mike Shasho
14482	.....	Joan Hurban
14484	Special Effects	Stephanie & Bill Mayo
14565	White Lightning	Arthur Spielvogel
.....	.....	Hans Birkolz
.....	.....	Brian R. Callahan
.....	.....	Kathryn & Paul Connell

Howard Kocmond

Irwin E. Kwartler

William P. Mann

William Munn

Richard Papp

Christopher Sprole

1994 activities at Nyack Boat Club got under way in January with an ice skating party as ice covered the Hudson River from shore to shore. At our organizational meeting Dave Reeves was elected fleet captain and activities for the upcoming season were planned. During the cold months of March and April Joan Hurban ran a series of weekly racing seminars which included a very informative session on tactics by guest speaker Dave Perry. As the weather broke and the ice finally melted, the docks were repaired and the season got started with tune up races on May 1st and the opening day ceremonies and first race on May 8th. Steve Benjamin came to our club during the months of May and June to conduct weekly, on the water training sessions to help everyone get their boats tuned and sharpen their sailing skills and tactics.

This was a very active season for our growing fleet. We averaged 8 to 10 boats on the line every Sunday from May 1st through the end of October. The season is broken into a spring, summer and a fall series. Wednesday evening racing proved to be more popular than ever and we also hosted two very successful regattas. Our first regatta of the year was the Magnus Pederson which was held on June 11th and 12th. This yearly event attracting several boats from neighboring clubs is held in honor of Magnus Pederson, who 49 years ago, organized Lightning Fleet 75 and obtained our charter. Gary Hurban took first place, Bill Cook second place and Joan Hurban third place in this two day regatta. Our second regatta and yearly finale was our Last Blast which is held every year in the middle of October. This year 21 boats and crews from all over the northeast participated in four very exciting races. Jack Elfman took first place, Dick Hallagan second and Ray Harrington third.

Our fleet's activities also extended well beyond our home waters. We had three boats participate in the Districts at Red Bank, two at the NA's, one at the Women's Championships and three at the Atlantic Coast Championships. Locally, we sent five boats to Greenwood Lake, five to Southampton and three to Cedar Point. Our boats were quite successful at all these regattas. At the Women's Joan finished fourth and at the NAs Gary missed the blue fleet by just one point.

Other high-lights of the season include: The introduction of new members Geary Ahern, Jan Crittenden and Larry Decker, Mike Shasho and his brother Dave and Howard Kocmond. As if Chris Sprole, Joan Hurban and Kathy Connell were not fast enough they all had to go and buy new boats. Stephanie and Bill Mayo had another fine season in the gray boat. Gary Hurban finished the season with one of the lowest scores ever. George McDonnell and Art Spielvogel are going to remember to bring their sails home after the next regatta. Fleet horse

trader Bill Moe has changed boats again. Hans Birkolz and Howie Rinehart practiced capsizing.

To help get the season started, Dave Reeves organized and ran the best opening day brunch ever serving some 150 people. Art Stahl and his wife Rita ran the club's awards brunch at West Point to close out the season. Marge Callahan did a fine job with the scoring of the spring, summer and fall series. Bill Cook proved you can compost leaves in a Lightning over the winter and still have a fast boat. Ron McCormack had a great summer series. Jim Morris won his first race and Dan Parietti found even more adventurous ways to get around the race course. Elliot Carman played an important part in our Wednesday night racing by serving on the race committee. Tim Reilly and Dick Papp had to leave the fleet. Both will be missed very much. Marc Silverstein took some great pictures during our regattas for our picture trophies. Terry Gibbs took the training wheels off his sail board.

Next year will prove to be one of our best seasons ever. Nyack Boat Club's Lightning Fleet 75 will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1995. To honor this event we will host the Metropolitan Districts, the Atlantic Coast Championships and of course the Last Blast regatta. Our official anniversary celebration will take place on the weekend of July 29th and 30th. This celebration will take the form of a huge regatta incorporating the Magnus Pederson into the Atlantic Coasts. Please keep these regattas in mind, come enjoy some great sailing on the Hudson River and help us celebrate our 50th.



An example of the great sailing on the Hudson River.

Photo: Marc Silverstein

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

Fleet Captain..... Brad Poulos
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer... Howard Stickney
Fleet Champion..... Dan Pope
Runner-Up..... Dr. Robert L. Jamison

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	Cookie Boat	Howard P. Stickney

11239	.....	William Lindenfelser
11537	The Juice	Peter Hallagan
12313	Droopy Sloop 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
13313	.....	Todd Schumacher
13329	Aurora	Philip Goldberg
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	.....	Richard Hallagan
14277	Spar Trek IV	George Sereno
14298	Lucy Too	Mark Serti
14328	One Track Mind	Brad Poulos &
14328	One-Track Mind	Richard Leonardo
14367	Mambo Wa	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 summer was a typically fantastic Upstate New York sailing summer. We sailed 32 races in a season that started in mid-May and ended in mid-October. We have the best of both worlds at Newport since we can race on Lake Ontario or on the Bay. Our protected Bay affords good sailing on weekends when Lake Ontario weather is too rough, and, on summer days when the Lake is flat, the thermal comes in nicely, making Bay sailing conditions ideal.

One of our newer members, Dan Pope took the Fleet Championship, beating out a couple of old hands at Bay sailing, Bob Jamison in second place and Dick Doherty in third. They all had a lot of competition with a very active Fleet in '94. During the summer 19 boats qualified in the racing program.

Our Newport Invitational Regatta was held the end of August this year with weather conditions that tested a full range of skills. Brad Poulos did a marvelous job of organization and execution as our Regatta Chairman and the Race Committee put together a weekend of Lightning racing that was fun, exciting and safe. Everyone appeared to have a great time both racing and partying.

If you are interested in racing with a Fleet dedicated to competitive Lightning racing that has the ability to put a lot of boats on the line, come on down to Newport.



Sailors from Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, NY (Fleet 77) perform well in the Women's Masters, and Juniors at Hamilton. (l-r) Chad Atkins, Tammi Jamison, Lori Foster, Sandy Schrader, Dick Hallagan



Skipper Chad Atkins on Irondequoit Bay - Fleet 77's NYC Invitational Regatta, August '94.

Photos: Sally Atkins

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

Fleet Captain	Chris Vann
Fleet Secretary	Franz Edson
Fleet Treasurer	Karen Vann
Fleet Champion	David Peck
Runner-Up	Franz Edson

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. Sebestyn
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

Fleet 85 continues to be blessed with above average talent in the form of Dave Peck, Don Barrett, Franz Edson and Chris Vann. Our weekly participation is low however. A number of Saturdays and Sundays the requisite three boats could not be mustered to start a race.

We lost one boat as a participant this year as Les O'Brien was transferred to the Midwest. We thought Les was going to be replaced by long-time inactive sailor Gary O'Brien (no relation) when Gary's boat showed up in the dry sail lot early in the season. It didn't happen. He towed the boat home in October without having stepped the mast. Gary did, however, crew for Barry Buehler a few times.

At our March 1994 winter meeting Franz Edson volunteered to solicit the local high school for potential crew. This seemed like it might be a way to alleviate the immediate "no crew" problem. Additionally it would expose some teenagers to the class and might produce some future boat owners. This effort produced two individuals, one a thirteen year old, Jim Condon and the other a sixteen year old, Ben Bardwell. Jim crewed diligently two or three times and then one week was an extra and the Woodruff's 13 year old son needed Blue Jay crew and Jim was gone. He has since joined the Junior sailing program and bought a Blue Jay, he may be a Lightning owner one of these days. Ben crewed frequently for Franz Edson and maybe he'll be back next year.

Our season on Niantic Bay began as usual on Memorial Day Weekend. On Saturday, after the Lightning Fleet prepared and served breakfast for the club membership, it was off to the races in beautiful sunshine and a shifty southwesterly. Sunday and Monday were also beautiful with Sunday's breeze being some-

what unpredictable. Brian Hayes made a guest appearance on Saturday. His boat was sailed by Coast Guard Officer Jay Vann the following two days. Jay subsequently left for "boat people" duty in the Caribbean. The order of finish for the series was Dave Peck, Franz Edson and Gary Davis. On the weekend of June 18 and 19 we hosted our annual Connecticut Governor's Cup Regatta. Fourteen boats participated. Five were from Cedar Point. Theresa and Larry Colantuono came over from Newport and Mike Vann skippered Brian Hayes's boat. After the fog cleared on Saturday the regatta got underway, five races were held over the two days. Dave Peck won for the umpteenth time, second was Don Barrett, third was Dave Peck's brother-in-law John Cuccio from Cedar Point, fourth was Theresa Colantuono, fifth Franz Edson, sixth and seventh were Chris Vann and Michael Vann (in Brian Hayes boat) kind of an interesting father-son regatta of their own!

Our Fourth of July series results were Dave Peck, Franz Edson and Bill Sebestyn.

At N.B.Y.C. we have a perpetual trophy called the Miller Trophy; it rotates between the fleets of Atlantics, Lightnings and Blue Jays. It was Lightnings year to compete for this club trophy. Dave Peck was out of town and Ward Woodruff was the only skipper at the starting line on time. With a five minute headstart and an overloaded boat (four people) Woodruff managed to win in light air and strong current. None of the skippers had checked the schedule and didn't realize it was a special event in progress until the race committee chairman announced it over the P.A. after the finish gun was fired.

Three Fleet 85 boats made the trip to the North American's. Dave Peck was our top performer, in first place with one race to go. When it was over he took fifth for the series. Don Barrett also sailed in the Blue Fleet and Franz Edson sailed in the President's fleet. Chris Vann also attended the N.A.'s crewing for Brian Hayes.

Labor Day finished the Lightning racing at Niantic Bay for the season. Dave Peck won the series. Bill Sebestyn was in second place through Sunday, but was unable to race on Monday. Chris Vann eventually finished second nudging out Ward Woodruff on a tie breaker. Woodruff wondered who his third crew would be each day, he hadn't made proper plans. His crew situation worked out each day at the last minute. Former Lightning skipper Matt Dowd was pressed into service on Saturday. Michael Nagle, formerly local, but now of New Jersey, made his sole appearance of 1994 one-half hour before launch time on Sunday and was happy to be the third. On Monday, Jim Stremper, new to the club, having recently married into N.B.Y.C. and never having been other than a passenger on a sailboat, agreed to give racing a try, it was relatively heavy air. A conservative start paid off, as the other boats had to return to make a proper start. Woodruff almost flipped on the last reach but held on to take third. New crew Stremper said he'd do it again.

See you in June at the Governor's Cup.

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

Fleet Captain	Matthew Henley
Fleet Secretary	R. H. Pearce
Fleet Champion	Matthew Henley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6090	.....	Colin Halliwell
7606	Panique	Clifford Harris
8465	Ipsus	Bill Rimmer
11645	Rocket	Matthew Henley
12878	Cobbers	Andreas Naumann
13289	.....	R. H. Pearce
13685	.....	George McLaughlin

It's been a good season for us here in Vancouver. Better weather than we have had in a number of years produced larger racing and cruising fleets everywhere in the bay, and an upsurge in sail training enrollments.

We were more active as well. Thursday evenings continued to be our main focus. This year, the club hired professional race committee and whaler operators, who were able, breeze permitting, to get two races off almost every week. Usually we would have three or four boats out, but on a few days there were (count 'em) six on the line. Afterwards, we would retire to the club veranda for a sumptuous dinner and drinks with the other fleets.

Our big events this year were held on back to back weekends in July. First was the club's Kitsilano Invitational Regatta, and we followed with the Pacific Northwest Districts. The weather was great - hot, sunny, with light to moderate air - and we were perfect hosts, letting visitors take home all the hardware!

Longtime member Bill Rimmer and newcomer Andreas Naumann spent considerable time and effort refurbishing their boats and rigs. Bill also sprang for new sails, which gave him a most impressive turn of speed. Meanwhile, Watt Henley refaired *Rocket's* bottom and finally got around to installing a compass, and discovered the sense of direction he'd been missing all these years.

Our fleet champion, decided by a combination of evening and weekend standings, is Matthew Henley. John Telgmann took Pratt's place in the club championships - and won! Chris Popham topped the Thursday Evening Series.

Our other big winner was Andreas Naumann, the first Lightning sailor in memory to receive KYC's coveted Sandbar Trophy, for the best faux-pas of the year. It seems he forgot how to tie up the boat and ended having to dog paddle back to the float with the bow line in his teeth. This happened not once, but twice in one day, and of course he was fully dressed each time. Quite a sight I'm told!

Fleet 90 also wishes to congratulate fellow English Bay sailor and all around nice guy Ross MacDonald, who with his crew Eric Jespersen, won the '94 Star Worlds. Well done, Rosco!

1994 PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS
KITSILANO YACHT CLUB, VANCOUVER, B.C.



Dock talk.



Launching



The Committee Boat - Thank you, Bob Matthews!



Prizegiving with some of the District participants.



John Telgmann shows off Panique's new three piece mast.



Packing up.

Photos: Matthew Henley

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)
Metropolitan District
Sailing on Greenwood Lake
at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain..... Dan Murphy
 Fleet Secretary..... Jim Cosmas
 Fleet Champion..... Bob Sengstacken
 Runner-Up..... John (Ron) Wulff

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7248	Cracklin' Rose	Dan Murphy
Unknown	Infinity	John Ranella
8032	The Watery Tart	Tom & Jane Clark
9465	.....	Karl Hoeverman
10229	Loose Bolt	George Welkey
10784	Timex	John R. Wulff
11958	Instinct	Peter S. Lippe
11983	Duct Tape	James C. Cosmas
12045	No Frills	Robert Sengstacken
12923	Dr. Pepper	Charles McNear
.....	.....	Marge Liddle

The 1994 season was a contest between Bob Sengstacken and Ron Wulff, other skippers participated at the start but not at the finish line.

Bob and Ron demonstrated their seamanship and winning technique by holding two on-the-water seminars for the rest of the fleet. In July, Bob Sengstacken demonstrated how to right a capsized Lightning while only losing 5 places in a six boat race.

In August Ron Wulff demonstrated the versatility of the Lightning spinnaker by using it first as an efficient sail and after jibing--as an efficient sea anchor.

A new slate of officers was elected this year and we would like to thank the departing fleet captain, Chuck McNear and Secretary - Treasurer, Ron Wulff for building our fleet treasury. The new regime promises to deplete it.

We are looking forward to 1995 as our membership will be increasing by 3-5 boats. At least three of the new members have wooden boats, so we may be going to an A & B fleet.

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

Fleet Captain..... Wendell Harter
 Fleet Secretary..... Mike Boswell
 Fleet Champion..... Wendell Harter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
4680	.....	Brent Robke
11373	.....	Mike Boswell
11965	.....	John Carter
13117	Well Greased	Bert Winther
13186	Paddlin' Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
14206	.....	Bruce Yeager

Our fleet had a relatively light participation in scheduled races this season for a variety of reasons, which we will not bother to detail. The good news is that Bert Winther finally got his boat into racing condition and will be ready to participate in 1995. Wendell Harter was the most active - the California Lightning Circuit (San Diego), the Big Bear Lake Regatta, the Lightning Pacific Coast Championships (Klamath Falls, Oregon), our KHYC Summer Regatta, the Lake Cachuma Lightning Regatta, the Bowen Memorial Regatta (San Diego), and the Hurricane Gulch Regatta (KHYC).

The last event, the Hurricane Gulch Regatta, may be worth talking about, simply because of the out of the ordinary series of events which occurred. The weather was initially blowing around 12 - 15 knots and building; the race committee had been on station about a half hour before the two Lightnings (Wendell Harter and John Carter) showed at the line. No other classes showed. The windward mark, an inflatable buoy, had drifted toward the committee boat so that the weather leg of the course was something like a third of a mile, but we went ahead and completed the course. Before the start of the next race, the race committee asked Wendell to move the inflatable buoy which was, by then, adjacent to the committee boat. We later learned that the crew of the committee boat was somewhat indisposed (seasick) from the rough water. It was also noticed about that time that John Carter had lowered his main, indicating a problem. He had no rudder control--the lower gudgeon had broken. We told the race committee (much to their relief) that we were not planning to race any more that day. They asked Wendell and his crew if they could pick up the inflatable buoy and take care of the disabled boat, which we did. We tossed John and his crew a line and began towing their boat toward the harbor. The wind had picked up by then, so there was plenty of power available for the tow. In the meantime, the Coast Guard had been notified that there was a disabled sailboat on the water, and they came charging out to meet us while we were still outside the harbor. They circled us, asking if we were okay, and were assured that we were. They then took off, leaving a wake which dumped about five gallons of water into our boat, drenching one of our crew in the process. We made it to the dock. We attempted to let the excess water drain from the boat before hoisting the boat completely out of the water. Unfortunately, as the boat was subsequently hoisted up to the dock, without anyone's noticing, until too late, that the top of the mast was resting under the upper cap of the hoist I-beam. The mast bowed under compression and snapped. So ended our sailing season.

We had a great Christmas party hosted by John and Carolyn Carter at their home in Huntington Beach in December.

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

Fleet Captain..... Chris Larsen
 Fleet Secretary..... Bill Dacosta
 Fleet Champion..... Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
 Runner-Up..... Curt Morton

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9250	Puck	Dr. Donald Cooper
9539	.....	Michael Plosica
10771	.....	John Comer
10988	.....	William Gerold
11792	.....	Cathy Heuschkel
12055	.....	Charles Heuschkel
12957	Elusive	William E. Dacosta
12965	.....	Frank DiMeo
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F. Hoffman
13782	Men At Work	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
13897	.....	Ron Kiss
13955	.....	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
13965	.....	Chris Larsen
14539	.....	Curt Morton
14635	4 Carat Diamond	William A. Scott

As perfect as the 1993 season was, 1994 turned out to be another story. Gusty winds, rain and thunderstorms reduced our ten week summer series down to six races. However, since our fleet has grown so well, enthusiasm for the series found sixteen boats in just about every race. It was interesting and exciting to see the number of lead changes during some of the races. Wind shifts, gusts, and spinnaker problems all lent a hand in the results.

Also of note was the fact that there was a different winner in almost every race. Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, brother Eugene and daughter Lauren finished in the first five in all but one race to win the series by a good margin. Curt Morton sailed into the second spot and Bob Morrow finished third. The remaining order of finish was: Bill Scott, Michael Plosica, Frank DiMeo, Ron Kiss, Cathy Heuschkel, Bob Hoffman, Charles Heuschkel, Chris Larsen, Bill Dacosta, Bill Gerold, Jim Loughman (Flying Scot) Don Cooper and John Comer. Jim Loughman has sailed with the fleet for the second year (we'll get him in a Lightning yet). While he won the "handicap" trophy last year, Larry Hoffman's 1994 figures wound up in favor of first year skipper John Comer. We had a four week fall series with a smaller turnout except for the annual picnic date where over 80 happy sailors and guests had a gala day sailing two races and munching on goodies for the rest of the day. Roberta Schreyer, Marie Dacosta and Peggy Larsen headed the picnic committee and everybody pitched in to make sure we had a good time. The weather cooperated fully. Our fleet owes a debt of gratitude to Vice Commodore Tony DeLuca and Rear Commodore Bill Vermiglio who headed the race committee of Marge Borton, Sue Percello, Joyce Johnson, Bobbie Brown and Jackie Reformato.

Radio Communications were handled by Sue Davis, Mary Ann Zeigler and Joan Sauvigne. Last, but by no means least, our stalwart patrol people, Andy Johnson, Warren Law, Jack Henderson, Rene Bertrand and Ken Malle were out for every race. It takes a lot of people willing to forego sailing to support the activities of our fleet and they truly deserve much more than a mere mention in this report. Till next season, Fleet 104 is now officially in hibernation.

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

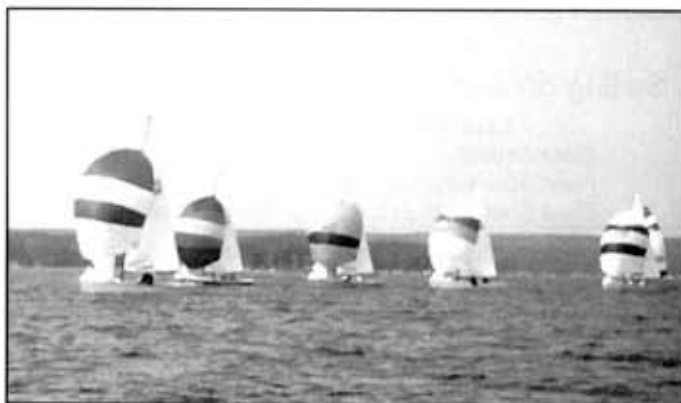
Fleet Captain/Secretary..... John Dent

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	Scott Carman &
2138	Steven E. Randall
9102	Bohica	Peter B. Morley, Jr.
9198	Charles Lee
11185	Peter B. Morley, Jr.
12104	Stan Dent
12784	John N. Dent
13493	Mike Dow
13999	Scott Carman &
13999	Steven E. Randall
14516	Mike Dow

The racing season got underway July 2nd at Higgins Lake with our annual Firecracker Regatta. Pete Morley edged out Fred Krauss to take top honors in this series.

On the weekend of July 23 and 24 our annual Invitational Regatta was held. Fourteen Lightnings and eight Hobie Cats sailed on this beautiful Higgins Lake weekend. After a five race series, the top finishers were Chris Jacobson of the Bay City Yacht Club, Steve Harris from Lake Conroe Lightning Association in Texas, Tom Niles and Colin Park from Bay City, and Dan Norton from Devils Lake Yacht Club. This is a good spirited, competitive regatta and we hope to see even more of you next year.

Our season concluded on Labor Day weekend with the Higgins Lake Property Owners Regatta. John Dent finished ahead of Stan Dent to win the Lightning Class Trophy, as well as the Overall Handicapped Trophy.



First reach at the Higgins Lake Boat Club Invitational

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112)

Midwest District

Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain..... Bill Dean
Fleet Secretary..... John Evans
Fleet Champions.... Terry Phelan/Mari Martin
Runner-Up..... Jim Hopkins

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	.....	Jim Hertel
14582	.....	Bill Dean

The weather was atypical this summer. We had more canceled races this summer than ever before - 9 races. Three consecutive canceled races resulted in a week and a half of no racing! The unpredictable weather pattern disrupted our usual evening southeasterlies but provided some exciting sailing all the same. The outcome of the Evans Regatta, however has become very predictable.

In light of his reign of four consecutive, or is it five, Evans Regatta Championships, Paul Wurtzebach should be referred to as Neptune of the North. Paul may kid us about the icebergs and igloos way up north here in Green Bay but at least we haven't resorted to vaseline to extend our season!

In fleet racing Terry Phelan again captured the Fleet Championship. Jim Hopkins, Doug Olson, and Bill Dean finished from 2nd to 4th respectively.

The annual end of the year sailboat race and golf outing was once again a smashing success. The day began early on a clear September morning at the Shorewood golf course - conveniently located a block away from the sailing club. After a refreshing (frustrating?) nine holes we enjoyed a brief respite before heading out to the race course.

The goals for the day's race were two honors. The Walter Masse Trophy is bestowed upon the winner of the best adjusted time based on the season's accumulated handicap. The newly inaugurated Hayes-Phelan Award replaces the Beaumont Cup and goes to the first boat to finish. After 47 years as an award in our club, a grandson of Walter Masse competed to win the family name-sake. By a very slim margin John Evans' handicap was enough to deny Pat Masse.

As with any new trophy everyone is eager to have their name be the first on the Hayes-Phelan Award. None were more ardent in pursuit of this goal than the Phelan boys. Brian came out of semi-retirement to ensure or at least double the odds of a Phelan victory. Brian figured out the oscillating winds and rounded the windward mark

first followed closely by John Evans and Jim Hopkins. Terry worked his way back to finish second, but Brian has the privilege of displaying the silver award on his mantle.

No article is ever complete without thanking the many volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible or nearly as enjoyable. We are very fortunate to have a very dedicated and knowledgeable race committee in Tom Phelan, Bill Hayes, and Jane Stannard. Their constant monitoring of the wind and ability to adjust to changing conditions to ensure fair racing is truly professional.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Cuba Lake, Cuba, New York

Fleet Secretary..... Valerie Kane
No new information

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

No Report

FLYING BEAVER CLUB (118)

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Hamilton Bay, at 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 Eichenburg
14567	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
14599	Bunch of Weenies	David Wood &

Graham Jones

1994 was a landmark year for the Beavers. We proudly have within our fleet the reigning Junior World Champions, the Women's North American Champions, and a member of the Masters North American Champion team. In addition, the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, in association with the Flying Beavers, hosted one of the most successful Juniors, Masters and Women's North American Championships in the history of the class. This regatta took place August second thru the fifth and was blessed with great weather (no it does not normally blow out of the northeast at fifty knots; what local knowledge?). We even had the "Bay Watch" rescue team come out on the third day to lend a hand. For further details, ask anyone who was there.

Here is a list of the Flying beaver credits for 1994:

- 1st** Savannah Deep South - Larry MacDonald, Jr.,
Jody Swanson and Trevor Born
- 1st** Junior World Championship - Marty Essig,
Tory Crowder and Todd Fedyszyn
- 1st** Women's North American - Sue Rogers,
Alison Jones and Cheryl Day
- 1st** Masters North American team member -
John Rogers
- 2nd** Canadian Open - Larry MacDonald, Jr.,
Ian Jones and Trevor Born
- 1st** Hurrell Shaker - Dave wood,
Densmore/Bardon and Kirstie Agrell



Marty (r), Tory and Todd at the end of the heavy air day
at the World Youth Championships in Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Photo: Audrey Matteson

MERRIMAC RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (121) New England District Sailing at the American Yacht Club Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Secretary.....Karen Pollastrino
No new information

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
No new information

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 Titsworth
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

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

Fleet Captain John McIntosh, Sr.
Fleet Secretary Kathryn O. McIntosh
Fleet Treasurer Neff McIntosh
Fleet Champion John McIntosh, Sr..
Runner-Up Neff McIntosh

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

1994 has been an extremely busy year for the two
Lightning sailors of Savannah. The club hosted the very
successful Deep South Regatta in March and our annual
Lightning Invitational in July.

The Club Championship scheduled for late June, had to be postponed as John McIntosh was laid up for shoulder repair. When he was able to return in September, a hotly contested series between John and the only other fleet member, his balding son Neff, was held on the angular waters of the Wilmington River. After 16 grueling races the score was tied 8-8, and a tie breaker was ordered by the Commodore. John, Sr., prevailed once again and reigns as Club Champion for yet another year.

The club has gone to extreme lengths to improve all of the power boat docking facilities with the result being power boat docks similar to those of the best south Florida marinas. The two Lightning sailors of Fleet 127 have some hope that the club will rehabilitate the sailing docks in like manner before too very long.

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

1994-1995

Fleet Captain..... James R. Deephouse

Fleet Secretary..... Timothy McG. Millhiser

1994

Fleet Champion..... John Ronshagen

Runner-Up..... Chuck Poindexter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10689	Laurie	Charles Waltz
10704	.....	Leighton Lee
11113	COD	Thomas Davidson &
11113	COD	Nancy Young
11207	Early Time	James R. Deephouse
11773	P.F.D.	John Ronshagen
11933	Rosie	J. Michael Sulzbach
13230	Moonshine	W. Harmon Leete
13573	.....	Malcolm & Alex Ross
14342	SS Oshpoodle	Timothy Millhiser

We had a good season with seven to nine boats at the starting line every Sunday. This was in good part because of a lot of interest from juniors who want to skipper and crew. Most notably Tom Abbott did a great job skippering Jim Deephouse's boat and even won the Pape Race where skippers draw another boat out of a hat.

Otherwise the races were quite close with any of three or four boats in contention on any day. Consistency paid off and John Ronshagen won the series on the last day.

The other news is Steve Adkins has one of the new Intermountain boats. Each week doing a little better than the week before as he figured out his new toy. Leighton Lee sold his boat to the Howards, one of our rising juniors, and is now looking for a new boat.

Everyone is looking forward to hosting the '95 Districts, July 8 & 9.

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

Fleet Secretary..... Alan Hunt

No new information

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

No Report.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135) Southern District Sailing on Mobile Bay at Mobile, Alabama

Fleet Secretary..... L. M. Bohnenkamp

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10812	Captain Crunch	Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.
12056	Sunkiss II	Robert Borneman
13060	Bigeminy III	Dr. E. Russell March, Jr.
13200	.....	Nick Blakeney, Jr.
14136	Bohdacious	L. Mitchell Bohnenkamp

While 1994 was a slow year for the fleet, we did send three boats to the Southern Districts in Pensacola. Bernhardt took a first and Mitch Bohnenkamp a third. We also had two boats attend the Gulf Yachting Championship in Long Beach, Mississippi, where we took second and third.

We have a couple of prospects for next year and expect to be more active as a fleet. Come on Barney, we need you.

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

Fleet Secretary..... Thomas Hudson

No new information

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

GULL LAKE REGATTA FLEET 137 RICHLAND, MICHIGAN

Photos: Tom Hudson



First Place
Dave Stix, Barb Fox, Steve Cushman



Second Place
"The Family Team" - Jeff, Doug, Judy Schmahf



Third Place
Craig Cobbum, Steve Miller (Audrey must be camera shy)



Fourth Place
Jim McCoy, Pontiac Yacht Club



Fifth Place
(l-r) Bill Allen, Dave Wisler, Chad Tranter



Tim Jordan, Lake Lansing, in front of his pride and joy,
known as the "University of Cincinnati."