## SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145) <br> New England District Sailing on Lake Spofford at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.<br>$\qquad$ Fred Turner<br>Fleet Secretary<br>$\qquad$ Patrick MacQueen Fleet Champions<br>$\qquad$ David Fitch

## SÃO PAULO FLEET (147) Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at Sāo Paulo, Brazil

| Fleet Captain Runner-Up.... |  | Peter Zacher Claudio Bieckarck |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 11709 | Canarinho | Wili Carlos Tietz |
| 11710 | Irema | Dietmar Heydenreich |
| 11721 | Gojabada | Frederico Perego Costa |
| 12524 | Foxfire | Karin Thielemann \& Bertel A. Bojlesen |
| 14203 | Phreskura | Claudio Bieckarck |
| 14596 |  |  |
|  |  | Ricardo Costa |

Our fleet is sailing in llhabela, 200 km from Lake Guarapiranga, because we do not have any water in our lake. It has not rained for four months in São Paulo, and our lake is the source of the drinking water for the people of our big city.
Now we are preparing to sail the South American Championships in Argentina which are also the qualifiers for the PanAmerican Games.

I hope next year will be better for sailing in our lake.

## MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150) Ohio District <br> Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

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

## Boat No

6944
7785
8235
9581
10047
10444
11161
13485
13907
13929

| Boat Name | Skipper <br> Chandler Stevens |
| :--- | :--- |
| Blew By You | Rick Fox <br> Mark Shaw |
| Wiki-Wiki | Wirliam Woodrow <br> Monald Walter |
| Merrimax | Donal <br> William Woodrow |
| Patience Too | Lark Bales <br> Close to the Edge <br> Augustus Bales <br> Albert Barbone <br> Quazi Ahmed |

1994 showed Fleet \#150 continuing in a growth mode. Three new boats came into the fleet, and we had more race participation than in any year since 1989. Bill Woodrow won the fleet Championship by a slim margin over Angie Bales with Al and Eric Barbone a close third.

However, Augie Bales won the overall Mansfield Sailing Club Championship in a Sail-Off which traditionally pits the top three skippers in each of our Lightning and Flying Scot fleets against each other in a six race series.
New Lightning skippers Quazi Ahmed, Rick Fox and Mark Shaw represent a great part of the future of our fleet. We think each of them will add a new and more
competitive side to Fleet 150 which heads into its 42nd year in 1995.

Our club and fleet is initiating an annual reunion which has been met with enthusiasm from both our current members and our alumni. These reunions are seen as a way to engender and keep alive the traditions of our fleet while maintaining contacts with old friends and competitors.

In general, our rebuilding program is moving ahead (in 1990 we had two active Lightnings in the fleet) and we have every confidence that Fleet 150 will continue to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

(l-r) Rose Mary Woodrow (crew), Bill Woodrow (skipper), Susan Baker (crew), Augie Bales (skipper)

Fleet 150 Champions and Runners-Up

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

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Fleet Captain <br> $\qquad$ <br> Allison Peter Fleet Secretary. <br> $\qquad$ Georges Peter, MD No new information <br> | Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12071 | Ghostland | Brad Read |
| 13886 | Mouette | Georges Peter, MD |

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No Report.

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

Fleet Captain.

David Tranter
Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ Bill Allen Fleet Champion... John Nixon/Craig Cobbum Runner-Up.

Boat No.

Boat Name
Big Red
$\qquad$
............................. Yellow Bellied Sapsucker

## Skipper

T. J. Curfman Blair MacDermid Dale Fulkerson

Ray Gans

12316
12586
13721
13851
13860
13895
13910
13975
14125
14187
14475
14600
14647

| Deacon Blues | William Stucky |
| :--- | :--- |
| Joe Bisplk | George Medlock Buckingham |
| Late Edition | Virgil L. Snyder |
| Brandywine | Dave Tranter |
| Golden Harvest | Bill Allen |
| Divine Wind | Alan Fox |
| Miller's Merry Manor | Stephen Miller |
| Wolf Cookie | Frank Yaggi |
| Why Not | John Nixon |
| Wolf Cookies | E. Bradley Wagnon |
| Three Bald Men |  |
|  |  |
|  | Marty Kaplan |

Two new boats joined the fleet this year. Bill Allen, a six year crew veteran for Brad Wagnon, turned skipper when he purchased one of the former Evergreen boats (13910). A new boat (14647) was added to the fleet by the "Three Bald Men"; the co-owners are Ed Weber, Marty Kaplan and Tom Galliher.
Unlike last year, first place in our championship series was never in question by mid season. Co-skippers John Nixon and Craig Cobbum sailed away in the sunset leaving the remainder of the fleet competing for second place. With five races left, only 65 points on a scale of 1700 separated the second place Doug Schmahl boat and the fifth place Bill Allen boat. Alan Fox and Brad Wagnon was sandwiched in between these two. The final standings for the Championship Series had Nixon/Cobbum first, followed by Fox, Schmahl, Wagnon and Allen. The Commodore Cup was awarded to George Buckingham. Virgil Snyder was the runner-up.
After Alan Fox and Dave Tranter demonstrated that ever famous "turtle" position on the same day, the race chairman, Bill Allen, thought it would be appropriate to make a slide-the-weight-down-the-backstay rescuing device for the committee boat. The next week, Bill explained the rescuing technique to the race committee personnel. Little did he know that he would personally give them an opportunity to practice this procedure that same day. Could it have been destiny? - the weight was painted the same color as Bill's boat, green.
Our season Championship Series includes three holiday regattas which are also scored as separate regattas. The Memorial Day Regatta was won by co-skippers John Nixon/Craig Cobbum (13) followed by Bill Allen (15) and Alan Fox (17). The Independence Day Regatta winner was Alan Fox (10) with Steve Miller (16) in second and Nixon/Cobbum (17) in third. Nixon/Cobbum (3) won the Labor Day Regatta trailed by Fox (6) and George Buckingham (10).

WYC is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of sailors that participate in the racing program. WYC averaged nine starters per race out of eleven actively raced yachts. And with the junior sailing program in its third year, we are beginning to see the results that should improve the above statistics. Some of the graduates are now looking for crew positions in our Lightning and E-Scow fleets.

The Hoosier Open was sailed the second weekend in October. This regatta is the last to be sailed of a four regatta series that begins in Pontiac, Michigan. That regatta is followed by Devils Lake YC and Gull Lake YC, both in Michigan. Similar to last year, the weather report was not too promising. But, we had ideal winds with mild temperatures - great sailing. Eleven out-of-towners showed to join eight locals. After three races on Saturday, Tom Niles led the way with 6.5 points followed closely by Skip Dieball (8), Colin Park (9) and Bruce Goldsmith (9.75). Niles held on to his lead by finishing third and first on Sunday. Bruce moved into second by finishing with two seconds. Skip dropped to third followed by Colin. Casey Call, a local E-Scow sailor, scored a win in the first race Sunday to move him into fifth place. After several years of placing near the top, a very deserving Tom Niles finally won his first regatta. Tom, Congratulations!!
See you all next year.

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

Fleet Captain. No new information

| 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 |

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

Fleet Captain.<br>.Kimmo Aromaa

Fleet Secretary.

| 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 Mäenpảä |
| Life Memb | ....... | Raimo Aromaa |

The number of active boats in Fleet 166 increased again this year. Olli Muroke, Erkki Lempiäinen and Tuomas Pinkala decided to run for the Worlds 1995 and bought a new Lightboats boat. The guys all had a lot of experience in keel boats, but were tired of the different handicap systems and wanted to try a true one-design class. All three boats, Masi V, Minmax, and the new Gamma sailed every ranking regatta. The ranking regattas and District Championships were used as qualification series for the World Championships in Kuopio.
Our season began traditionally with the On the Rocks regatta in the middle of May at Lake Tuusulanjärvi. This year we had most beautiful summer weather with very light winds. The first ranking regatta was sailed off Helsinki at the 1971 Worlds race area. On the first day weather was close to survival conditions. The keel boats had no problems, but one Lightning capsized. Due to the lack of crash boats, the boat was badly damaged in the heavy sea. Leo Korhonen won with Olli Lähteinen second and Kimmo Aromaa third. The new Gamma was seventh and Minmax eighth. The next regatta was sailed at Tampere a week later. The weather varied again between beautiful sunshine and rainstorm. In this regatta Masi finished second, Minmax again eighth but Gamma was only eleventh.
After these regattas it was time to pack our boats and drive down to Switzerland for the European Championships. Seven Finnish boats participated in the European Championships, including all three boats from the Helsinki Fleet. The weather was fine, but winds were light to very light. In a Swiss lake the light winds are extremely tricky and experience on the local conditions is important. Our results were not so good; Minmax was 13., Masi 15. and Gamma 17.

The third ranking regatta and the District Championships were sailed on the two first weekends of August in Kuopio. In the Districts all races were sailed in a fine medium northeast wind. The race area was the '92 European Championships area and it is also planned to be used for the 1995 World Championships. The race area is quite small, so spotting the wind shifts is important. The race was extremely tight. Before the last race only Pertti Pyy and Leo Korhonen (both from the Tuusulanjärvi Fleet) had chances to win. When the boats turned for the last leg, Pertti had a few boat lengths lead. After some thirty or forty tacks Pertti crossed the finishing line first. Perti Pyy ( 15 points), Leo Korhonen ( 15 points) and Juha Hämäläinen from the local yacht club (26 points) were the best skippers. Gamma sailed also well and was fourth. Masi was fifth, but Minmax was not very successful and was 17.
After the Districts we had two ranking regattas, which were sailed on lakes. In Jyväskylä short courses were used and Minmax was sixth, Gamma ninth and Masi eleventh. In Valkeakoski Masi won, Gamma was fifth and Minmax ninth. In our Districts final ranking series Masi was second, Gamma was sixth and Minmax seventh, a total of 20 boats got a ranking series result. In the rank-
ing regattas we had usually $15-20$ boats and in the District Championships 22 boats.
In the beginning of September we had again the traditional Big Challenge, a single hand regatta at Lake Tuusulanjärvi. In this regatta all normal racing rules are used, the use of all three sails is allowed, but no special equipment is allowed. The way to handle the boat is to trim the jib while tacking and then hike and ease the main sheet when necessary. Two races were sailed. This year windward-leeward course was used because the wind was $6-8 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ before the first race. Kimmo Aromaa won the first race and Antero Punttila was second. The wind was lighter in the second race. Kimmo was leading when the boats turned for the last leeward leg. Antero's only chance was to try the spinnaker and to match this, Kimmo also hoisted the spinnaker. The wind increased and Antero took the spinnaker down, but Kimmo continued. When Kimmo began to drop the spinnaker, the boat broached and capsized. So Antero won the great prize this year and Kimmo was second. It is now proved that 85 kilograms is enough to raise a turtled Lightning in smooth water. When Kimmo had removed the spinnaker entangled in the mast, he raised the boat without any assistance and continued sailing.
Some match-racing was also tried in the end of October at Tuusulanjärvi, but due to the late season only four boats participated. From the Helsinki Fleet Minmax and Gamma were there. Freddy Merkelin had given some lessons on the rules and tactics on the previous week and judges were arranged from the club HSK in Helsinki. The weather forecast was $16 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, but fortunately it was only a half of it. The match-races were found to be much more aggressive than the normal fleet races. Gentlemanly behaviour seems to be forgotten. Match-racing was found to be good for practising tactics, rules and close quarters. The Minmax was best in our first match-race and more of it is planned for the coming season.


Physical training at the European Championships
The Minmax crew and friends show you how we had to do it.

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

Fleet Captain<br>Rick Kuebler<br>Fleet Secretary.................... Jean Steffenson<br>Fleet Champion<br>$\qquad$<br>Runner-Up.<br>$\qquad$ Ron Taber

Boat No.
6033
8520
10232
11456
13202
13286
13430
13901
13991
14015

## Boat Name

Kasara
Maine-Eac
Clam Digger
Moxie
Warp Drive
Second Wind
4XO Kazoom Bodacious Hot Flash

## Skipper

Wesley L. Johnson
Patrick J. Goff
Charles E. White
Don L. Johnson
Henry L. Strieder
Reed Doughty
William F. Quaintance
Ken Jensen
Ron Taber
Michael \& Doug Steffenson

Fleet 167 welcomed the 1994 sailing season with open arms at the end of May. Everyone was ready to get back on the Mississippi River for some sailing action after our 1993 season was effectively "washed out" due to the high water and swift currents brought about by that summer's prolonged flood,
Mike Steffenson won the Summer Series and Ken Jensen was the Commodore Series champion while Ron Taber and Rick Kuebler were in close pursuit throughout the summer months. Our Fall Series of races were sailed from Labor Day through the end of October. Lack of wind or too much wind were the reasons for only three races sailed during that period. Ken Jensen was declared the Fall Series champion with Ron Taber taking second and Rick Kuebler third,
Our Polar Bear Regatta was held on September 17 and 18 in light wind conditions. We were disappointed that we didn't have more out of town boats in attendance but were pleased to show Chicago's Paul Wurtzebach the difference between river and lake sailing. Paul repaid the favor by winning the regatta, beating Mike Steffenson by just 1/4 points.
The number of active Fleet 167 racers seem to decrease a bit with the passing years. At the end of the summer Bill Quaintance announced his retirement from racing and day sailing. We'll miss seeing "Second Wind" on the race course but know that he'll be cheering for us from the shore.

## LAC DE NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169) Switzerland District Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

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

| Boat No. | Boat Name <br> 8582 |
| :---: | :--- |
| Burza |  |
| 11858 | Gargantua |
| 12860 | Garoupa |
| 13840 | Chiloe |

## Skipper

Bernard Comtesse
Pierre Grandguillaume
Claude Lambelet
Gilbert Despland

It was a wonderful season for our fleet as the European and the Junior World Championships were sailed on our beautiful Lac de Neuchảtel.
Our Fleet 169 entered the Europeans with four boats. The best was our Swiss Commodore Jacques Perret with Audrey Matteson and Thierry Monnier as crew. They finished 6th of 27 boats.
Our youth crew, Alexandre Perret, Ludovic Robert and Sebastien Girod, participated in the Europeans also (22/27) for more practice before the Youth Worlds (12/17).
This spring the old campaigner crew of Claude Lambelet, Jean-Pierre Monnier and Gilbert Despland, 185 years old together, went from Neuchâtel to Reggio di Calabria, in the south of Italy, to participate at the 1995 Italian Lightning Championship. They even finished 7th of 11 boats, winning one race.
Gilbert Despland also went racing on some other Swiss Lakes.


Our youth crew: $(1-r)$
Ludovic Robert, Alexandre Perret, skipper, and Sébastien Girod


Hard working fleet members enjoy a pleasant dinner at the club at the end of the day.

All of our fleet members were involved in the organization of the 9th Junior World Championship sailed in front of Port du Nid-du-Crō. At all ages, it was a great experience for all of us.
In autumn we also organized our Swiss Fleet Championnat and our traditional "Regate Fondue".
Here are the results:

|  |  | 1. | 2. |  |  |
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| 1. 13790 | U. Wyler | 1/0 | 1/0 | 1/0 | 0 |
| 2. 13840 | G. Despland | d $2 / 3$ | 3/5,7 | 3/5,7 | 14,4 |
| 3. 12951 | J. Perret | 3/5,7 | 4,8 | 2,3 | 16,7 |
| 4. 14664 | P. Graf | 5/10 | 2/3 | 5/10 | 23 |
| 5. 12860 | C. Lambelet | t $4 / 86$ | 11,7 | 4,8 | 27,7 |
| 6. 13099 | C. Lüthy | 6/11,6 | 5/10 | /11,7 | 33,4 |
| 7. 13161 | S. Merz | 8/14 | 7/13 | 7/13 | 40 |
| 8. 12951 | . Marc-Martin | tin7/13 | 8/1 | /15 | 42 |



Alexandre, Ludovic, and Sebastien crossing the finish line fourth in the first race in the World Youth Championships.


Recognition for more hardworking fleet members at the prize giving ceremonies.

# BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Brant Beach, New Jersey 

Fleet Captain. $\qquad$ Peter Pierce
No new information

| 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 Reitinger |
|  |  |  <br> Robert Seybold |
| No Repor |  |  |

## SHREVEPORT FLEET (175) Southern District Sailing on Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana

| Fleet Capta | Will Bittick |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary., | Gay Means |
| Fleet Champions | 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 |

Fleet 175's major event this year was the annual Holiday In Dixie Regatta sailed at the end of April. The Regatta was won by Steve Harris of the Lake Conroe fleet. Larry Frost III of Southern Yacht Club placed second, and Jennifer Eldredge of Rush Creek placed third. Other participants were John Waskom from White Rock, Jim Tschirhart from Rush Creek, and Gay Means from Shreveport.

Fleet 175 has had some changes. We all miss Joe Hunt, who has moved to Old Hickory Reservoir in Nashville, but wish him the best. We also wish Happy Sailing to Will Bittick who has acquired 14629.


| 10243 | Windblown <br> BullsHit | W. I. Orchard <br>  <br> William Weiss |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Alan Peariman |
| 11774 | Alevai | Thomas E. McDonald |
| 13544 | ...........................$~$ | That |

It has been a consolidation year for the fleet. The fleet's boat, Gypsy Dove, was found to have some structural problems which kept it upside down all season. As a result, only the Brewer-Weiss and Tripodi boats saw any action this year.

Our clinic was smaller than usual, and we are looking for ways to improve participation next year.

Joe Tripodi was our standard bearer for the year, making it to all the regattas, and honing his crew. At Babylon, Betsy Brewer was under the weather, and lent the boat to the Kollers who kept her in the chase with a second on Saturday, and when she returned to the helm on Sunday, she gave it her all but came up a point short, taking second for the regatta. The Districts at Southampton were short of Race committee, so Weiss \& Brewer ran the committee boat while Joe raced. The fleet championship was held in heavy weather and Betsy and Joe split it. Joe made all of Race Week, which included a couple of blowouts, and finished third. Betsy had to skip the first two days, and that put her too far behind to be anything but a spoiler. At Bayshore only two drifters were sailed, and that wasn't Joe's weather. When it blew stink on Sunday the committee cancelled so he never got to show his form. At the "all comers" Queen of the Bay, Joe was one of seven finishers out of thirty starters, in another gearbuster. It really was...he broke his spinnaker mounting, but his superbly scarfed mast survived all of the weather and the steppings.

On to bigger and better doings next year.

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

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Boat
10941
11563
11747
13372
13506
13602
13711
14041
14146

Fleet Captain................................. Ken Pote Fleet Secretary.............. Carole Waldschmidt Fleet Champion................Chad Waldschmidt Runner-Up........................... Skip Ragghianti

Our traditional early season banquet was hosted by CLYC Commodore Ken Pote and our Fleet secretary Jeannie Pote at the Conneaut Lake Park Hotel where final preparations were made for the season.

Weekend racing at Conneaut Lake during 1994 was certainly a more pleasant experience compared to 1993
and we have the "Wind Gods" to thank. The Championship Series, consisting of regularly scheduled races in June, July and August, resulted in the completion of seventeen races with an average of six boats per race. The competition was keen as Skip Ragghianti and his crew returned to their winning ways resulting in one of the closest final results tabulations ever recorded at Conneaut Lake. Chad Waldschmidt inched out Skip by less than a point to repeat as Fleet Champion. Ed Benevent, in finishing third overall, sailed consistently with excellent support from his new-found crew; better known to the rest of the fleet as "the Ringers".
Again in 1994 we raced a mini-Holiday series, in addition to the Championship Series, consisting of four races completed over the 4th of July and Labor Day weekends. Chad won this series with Skip second and Ed third.

A couple of milestones occurred during 1994. Duane Good turned 80 years young and remains as spry as ever at the helm. Mike Mercatoris purchased Lightning 14041 and may not change the color just to confuse spectators on shore. The boat looks fast as Mike recorded late series finishes of a 1st, a 2nd and three 3rds.

The season concluded with the annual Labor Day picnic and awards presentation held this year at the Iroquois Boat Club. A couple of special awards were presented including the "Upside Down Trophy" which went to Chad and the "Creative Navigations Plaque" presented to Skip for his new approach to sailing the Modified Olympic course. As the skippers reflected on 1994 and began to look ahead to next season, they could be heard saying:

> Bob Asmus: "Less fishing, more sailing."
> Ed Benevent: "The crew makes the difference."
> Chuck Good: "Oh, for a 14000 series boat."
> Duane Good: "My best racing is yet to come."
> Ken Pote: "Really, Commodore is less work than Captain."
Mike Mercatoris: "Blue is beautiful."
Skip Ragghianti: "Chad will need a new boat to beat me." Chad Waldschmidt: "I need a new boat."

One of the goals of our Yacht Club is to promote Lightning sailing on Conneaut Lake. Next season we plan to host events aimed at introducing more people to our sport to expand participation and hopefully add boats to the fleet.


Conneaut Lake sailors take a lunch break from racing on the 4 th.

## SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187)

 Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, WisconsinFleet Captain.................. Dan Reichelsdorfer Secretary/Treas.......... Bruce VanDommelen Fleet Champion.......... Bruce VanDommelen

Boat No. Boat Name
12389 Sosumee
13565
13862
13872
13930
13994
14007
14142
14234
14380

## Skipper

Dr. Jonathan Moulton James Hanson Eric R. Larson Jay Hogleldt \&

Bruce Van Dermden Michou J. Braun \& Christine Kronich Daniel Reichelsdorfer Hans C. \& Chris Graf Richard Bemis Vytas Kerpe, MD
Tryg Jacobson \&
Herbert Kohler

Sheboygan's Lightning fleet enjoyed another great summer of sailing on Lake Michigan. Wednesday night racing saw an average of $4-6$ boats per week. Dr. Bruce VanDommelen had a great season, doing lots of winning and becoming our Fleet Champion. Ric Larson got his son Eric involved in sailing, and they raced Wednesday nights, as well as traveled to many district regattas, doing quite well. Ric and Eric hope to go to the NA's next year. Many other Sheboygan sailors traveled to district regattas. Hans Graf and crew, which sometimes included Jan and Chris Graf, as well as Chris Kronich, Dan Reichelsdorfer and crew, Michou Braun and Peter Orlebeke, and Ric and Eric sailed at Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Milwaukee and other places throughout the summer, doing well and in the hardware at most regattas.
Sheboygan hosted the '94 District Championship this year also. Eighteen boats sailed Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 16-18 to decide the District Champion, as well as vie for North American berths. The Sheboygan Yacht Club provided excellent regatta facilities, and the Race Committee, headed by Rich Reichelsdorfer, worked very hard to provide lots of good races.
The Brotz Regatta saw lighter than usual participation, as many district boats went up to Canada in preparation for the Toronto NA's. Al McReynolds from Rochester came out and sailed with Mike and Sue Elmergreen from Fond du Lac and won the regatta! Thanks to Al for coming so far to sail with us! Chris Graf and crew Jan Graf and Michou Braun sailed at Hamilton in the stormy Masters. Dan Reichelsdorfer, who had thought he was just along for the ride, ended up sailing with Tom Allen, Sr., who won the 2nd race! Peter Orlebeke and crew Jen Debaker and Nicole Scmpf sailed Dan's boat in the Junior. Dan and crew, Michou and Peter went on to sail in Toronto at the North Americans, and qualified 2nd from the top of the Green Fleet (next time, Blue!). Dan and his
usual crew went to New Orleans New Year's weekend, along with Steve Orlebeke and crew, Mark Wessel and Dawn Bronson, sailing another Sheboygan boat.
Sheboygan hopes to come up with new ways to improve participation, and hopefully make our fleet grow.

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

Fleet Captain<br>$\qquad$<br>Terril Scott<br>Fleet Sec'y/Treasurer..... Thomas Shenstone No new information

| 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
No new information

| Boat No. Boat Name Skipper <br> 12766 Fog Horn Leg Horn Donald Humphrey, Jr. CPA <br> Life Member   <br> No Report.   |  |
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## MISSION BAY FLEET(194) California District Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

|  | Fleet Captain $\qquad$ <br> Fleet Secretary. $\qquad$ <br> Fleet Champion. $\qquad$ <br> Runner-Up. $\qquad$ | $\qquad$ Mike Poltorak $\qquad$ Edna Johnson John Lyon Kirk Johnson |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
| 13467 | Santorini | Warren Gross |
| 13475 |  | Mike Poltorak |
| 13728 | Batu | Michael Brewer |
| 13819 | Flipper | Eric Swayze |
| 13842 |  | Mark Zimmer |
| 13938 | Taxi | Aichard Amiton |
| 14095 | Puddleglum | Kirk Johnson |
| 14263 |  | Myron C. \& John Lyon |
| 14464 |  | Scott Finkboner |
| 14473 | Algonquin C. Calhoun | Carl Eichenlaub, Jr. |
| 14573 |  | Scott Finkboner |

Boat No.
10980
11138
11404
11514
11603
11625
11835
13467
13475
13819
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14095
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1464
14573

Our sailing calendar began on January 8 with two ocean races, and ended on December 11 with three races in Mission Bay. In between we participated in nine regattas, including the NA's (Scott), and the Canadian Open (Carl). 17 Thursday Night Things, and about 50 club races.
The seven regattas attended by Fleet 194 skippers were won by Fleet 194 skippers: Big Bear Lake Regatta Warren Gross; Pacific Coast Championships - Scott Finkboner: SCYA Midwinters, Lake Cachuma Regatta, and the California Circuit - John Lyon; the California Districts and the Bowen Memorial - Kirk Johnson.
At the end of each year we add up all the scores and give out trophies of our own. This year the TNT trophy went to Warren Gross for sailing 16 of the 17 Thursday Night Things, winning three of them and finishing 2nd or 3rd in most of the others. The Club Races trophy went to newcomer Mark Zimmer (as a further reward he gets to be fleet secretary next year). The Inter-Fleet Regatta trophy went to John Lyon, who scored so many points in the Circuit nobody could catch him.
We were interested to see an article by Dick Rose in the November issue of Sailing World ("Adding Up the Score"), which describes a system of scoring we've been using for several years to determine our fleet champion. We choose one series a month that counts toward the championship and score it with the high-point percentage scoring system. With so many sailing days every year, and so many conflicting activities in America's finest city, we felt it would increase participation if we chose a limited number of race days and tried to get everybody out on those days. We then count $80 \%$ of each skipper's best races. This year we chose series that would have amounted to 39 races; because of cancellations or conflicts, we were able to sail 30 races, and we counted each skipper's 24 best scores. Posting the scores on the sign-up board at the club kept interest high and reminded skippers of the important races. At the end of the year, John Lyon had won, with Kirk Johnson coming in second.
We welcomed Eric and Carolyn Swayze at the beginning of the year, and baby Thomas Edward Swayze at the end of the year. We were sorry to see John Vann move back east, but Joel and the boat are still here for visiting purposes.
We sail all year. We welcome visitors. Come on out, drop by the Mission Bay Yacht Club and ask someone in the office where the Lightning action is.

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

Fleet Secretary
Rich Warren
Boat No.
12454
14068
14131
14139
14300

14514

Boat Name
Streak-In
Punch Too
Triple Threat
Rip City Express II

Skipper
Charles N. Howe
George Schmidt
Timothy Robinson \&
Frank Temme
Jack Elfman
Randall Swartley \&
Richard M. Warren
Ralph Messersmith

No Report.

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

| Fleet Secretary................... Marv Hoekstra |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Boat No. $\quad$ Boat Name | Skipper |  |
| 12939 |  |  |
| 14531 | It's Not Easy | Brian Huckabee |
| Mary Hoekstra |  |  |

The year 1994 was one of regrouping for Fleet 204. Five skippers sold their lightnings, three for the more sedate world of keel boating in Etchells E-22's, and the other to devote time to new fatherhood. Even so an exciting Michigan District Championship was held at Macatawa on July 8, 9 and 10 at Macatawa Bay, with Colin Park of Bay City YC taking the trophy. The two skippers remaining in the fleet finished out the season with match racing and travelling to weekend regattas around Michigan.

## 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 |

No Report.

## ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212) Ohio District

 Sailing at Atwood Lake at Dellroy, OhioFleet Captain. $\qquad$ Steve Jolly Fleet Secretary............................. Mary Jolly

Boat No. 9350
10430
10900
11508
11788
12184
12845
13883
14420
14445

## Skipper

James L. Stone
Michael Partridge Tom McCain/James Cooper Steve Jolly
Dr. Stephen Sabo Dave Huber Carl W. Hummer Dennis Kleidon Nelson Caley David M. Gall

Fleet 212 is always looking for new ways to involve people in sailing. For our 1993 season, Steve Jolly really came through. Steve had just finished work on his PhD in Polymer Science at the University of Akron. During "the winter that would not end" he found a number of eager potential sailors among his fellow grad students in his department at the university. They showed up at the club en masse the week before the racing season started, ready to learn. Before long they were all trimming sails and jibing spinnaker poles under the able instruction of David Gall. It didn't take long for he rest of us to see the potential here. Good crew is hard to find and we had just hit the mother lode. There were about a dozen students altogether. A list of their names and phone numbers was made available to the fleet members.

Suddenly lack of crew would not be an excuse anymore. The active fleet members really enjoyed working with them over the summer. One student, Orawan Taikum from Thailand, became Jim Stone's regular crew member for the season and an excellent spinnaker trimmer.

Results of fleet races were as follows: David Gall first in the spring, Commodore, and Championship series and second in the summer and fall series; Jim Stone first in the summer and fall series and second in the spring, Commodore and Championship series; Steve Jolly third in the spring, summer, Championship, and fall series; and David Huber third in the Commodore series.
In addition to local fleet races, two of our fleet members were seen around the regatta circuit quite a bit. David Gall sailed in eight regattas within the Ohio District plus three more outside the district, including the NA's which he placed tenth in the Governor's Cup fleet. In the process he won the Ohio Governor's Trophy for the second year in a row. Jim Stone also sailed in seven regattas during the season.
We are looking forward to sailing in 1995 with our seasoned crew and hopefully teaching more young people the joy of sailing.


Fleet 212 Grad Students Back row: Joe Deitzel, Steve Jolly, Joe Kulig Front row: Orawan Taikum, Lorraine Lauder, Troy Holland, Hong Wu

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


Boat No.
11626
13927
14175
14176
14354
14398
14421
Life Member $\qquad$
No Report.

## Skipper

Michel Richard Jean Francois Simard King Hisock Peter Hall Scott Collins Mark Osterman Nabil Tabet Russell Scrim

# SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216) Michigan District Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan 

| Fleet Captain.. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary......................Chris Jacob |  |  |
| Fleet Champion............................ Tom Niles |  |  |
| Runner-Up...............................John McC |  |  |
| No. | Baot Name | Skipper |
|  | Megs | Stephen M. Ascherl |
|  | Shuss Bommer | James J. Schofield |
|  | Halycon | James Peters |
|  | Scars and Scrapes | Matt Princing |
|  | Hartbeat | Terry Hart |
|  | Teko | John E. Johnson |
|  |  | Blair \& Guy Moulthrop |
|  | Greased Lightning | Clark Howell, Jr. |
|  | MS Guided | Tom Niles |
|  | Fast Idiots | Chris Jacobson |
|  | Sleeper | John McCree |
|  | Race Car | Robert K. Hafford |
|  |  | George Peet |
|  |  | Colin Park |
|  | Carousel XXVI | Joe Dissette |
|  |  | Cap Pinkerton |

Boat No.
7153
12731
13385
13807
14009
14022

## 14048

14087
14103
14119
14133
14323
14333
14503
14553
14603
14616

## Skipper

Stephen M. Ascherl James J. Schofield James Peters Matt Princing Terry Hart John E. Johnson Blair \& Guy Mouthrop Clark Howell, Jr. Tom Niles Chris Jacobson John McCree Robert K. Hafford George Peet Joe Dissette Cap Pinkerton

It was great! Saginaw Bay as usual brewed up quite a variety of weather situations; breezy, blustery, near calm, and even a spectacular thunderstorm that literally chased us into the dock with little time to put the boats away before lightning bolts began descending from all directions
Even with the exciting weather extremes, Fleet 216 was able to get in 36 races over the summer on Wednesday evenings for the "Dissette Series". An average of 10-12 boats participated each week. Our fleet gained two new and eager skippers in 1994. John Waechter crewed for years with our own Jim Schofield and this year decided to sail his own boat, (isn't that how many of us started out). The other "newbee" is "Cap" Pinkerton who came from the big boats to race one-designs with his two sons, Andy and Steve. Both skippers should prove to be some serious competition next year after their shakedown in ' 94.

The fleet racing was furious this year with Tom Niles running away with first place after a fantastic season. Tom managed to take first place in 19 out of 28 races he sailed. In second place, putting constant pressure on Tom, was John McCree, who dazzled us again with his wind wizardry. There was a season long battle between Jim Schofield and Terry Hart for third place with Jim edging past Terry in the second half to capture third. Chris Jacobson (the 'Fast Idiots") took 5th place in the series. It was noted by several fleet members that this year's level of competition was especially high as our fleet is improving as a whole.

Other awards presented included: Most Improved Tom Niles for his awesome season. The annual "Clamso Capsize" award for the most spectacular tipover went to Chris Princing who skippered his brother Matt's boat and drove it into a "submerged turtle state".

A late night salvage operation concluded with the boat towed in with mud on the mast and the wet spinnaker in a $6^{" 1}$ ball at the spreaders. Joe Dissette was presented with a bottle of Dish beer to entice him to stay here to sail instead of going all the way to Ireland to sail.

The Saginaw Bay fleet once again hosted a regatta in early June with 19 boats on the starting line. Saturday brought heavy air with sizable waves and it was a bit calmer on Sunday. After four races Colin Park commanded the first place trophy with ease at just 14 points. Tom Niles finished second with 22 points, just one point ahead of Dan Norton who took third. The highlight of the weekend was consuming over 25 pizzas at a party hosted by Tom Niles.
A new event was featured with our fleet this year "The Hooter's Cup". Six of our boats were towed up river, past two draw bridges into downtown Bay City where we held a "casual" Sunday afternoon regatta, purely for P.R. purposes. We were there to show off one-design racing, our colorful spinnakers and sportsmanship, but boy, did we have fun! It took place off the dock at the local Hooter's restaurant. The committee (Jim Schofield \& Kim Shotwell) were at the dock using the entire width of the river as a start/finish line (not a real wide river, mind you), hazards included staying out of the way of the power boaters, who own that part of the river. With a cooperating wind we were able to set up a short triangular course and have three exciting races. Needless to say, the 45 min . tow back was somewhat more jolly with water fights and other "shenanigans". Afterwards we had a lunch of buffalo wings and a beer or two followed by a wild game of volleyball. Next years "Hooter's Cup" is already being planned.

Another year in Bay City proves that a growing fleet, good friends, competitive racing, and a variety of sailing conditions is what makes Fleet 216 in Saginaw Bay truly one of the best!


In the lower photo: at the left is Chris Jacobson, "Fast Idiots"; center is Matt Princing, "Scars and Scrapes," and on the right is Clark Howell, "Greased Lightning."

## HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay Henderson Harbor, New York <br> Fleet Captain <br> $\qquad$ Dick Grissinger <br> Fleet Secretary. <br> $\qquad$ John Treadwell Fleet Champion. <br> $\qquad$ Jack Jones Runner-Up. John Treadwell <br> Boat No. <br> 10707 10712 <br> 13232 13353 13834 14094 14192 14254 <br> Boat Name <br> Vikingen <br> May Day May Day <br> Skipper <br> David J. Parker Leonard A. Montague Jack \& Jay Jones Gerald A. Bezner, D.V.M. Thomas E. Boxberger Irwin K. Stone, M.D. John H. Treadwell, II Richard Grissinger

Another busy year for us and it all began in a stiff breeze in June with the Apple Blossom race. The antics of the day were provided by the Matareses, who screamed for joy after filling their spinnaker, then donned their snorkles and fins and played Turtle! Special awards go to Tom Boxberger and Sara Treadwell - both of whom took the plunge to assist. Ever try to hoist a presumably bailed Lightning, only to discover the self-rescuing tanks are full? It doesn't work!
Thankfully the remainder of the season went smoother. We did add a new sailor - hello to Canaan Leonard, having purchased Ciliberti's boat. Canaan sailed more nautical miles than the rest of us put together. And a fond farewell to Vince Ciliberti and his sailing family - Lightning sailors since the 1950's - and whose record five Sunday Series Championships in a row - still remains intact after 32 years.

Our season's racing results:
Apple Blossom: 1. John Treadwell 2. Jerry
Bezner 3. Tom Boxberger/Dick Grissinger
Spring Series: 1. J. Treadwell 2. J. Bezner 3. Irwin Stone

Barnes Memorial: 1. J. Treadwell 2. Jack Jones 3. J. Bezner

Commodore's Cup 1. J. Jones 2. Leonard Montague 3. T. Boxberger
Pickslay Ramble: 1. Jay Jones 2. J. Treadwell 3. T. Boxberger

Thursday Series: 1. John Boxberger
2. Jay Jones 3. Canaan Leonard 4. Hal Lyness
5. Allison Stevens

Sunday Series: 1. J. Jones 2. J. Treadwell
3. J. Bezner 4. D. Grissinger
5. T. Boxberger

Stoney Island: 1. T. Boxberger 2. D. Grissinger 3. A. Stevens

Fall Series:

1. J. Treadwell 2. T. Boxberger
2. I. Stone

Frostbite: 1. J. Treadwell 2. J. Jones 3. D. Grissinger

May Robinson Trophy1. J. Treadwell 2. D. Grissinger 3. I. Stone 4. T. Boxberger 5. J. Jones

Somewhere amongst the above, we hosted our annual "Eastern" Regatta - 30 boats. And as if we haven't learned our lesson, have begun to mobilize and co-ordinate for hosting the '95 Lightning North Americans! Can you believe that!?

"I knew I should have gone before getting on the boat."
BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226) Florida District Sailing on Biscayne Bay at Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida
Fleet Captain. $\qquad$ Eamonn deLisser Fleet Secretary. Fay Regan
Fleet Treasurer. $\qquad$ . Alix Shaw Fleet Champion................ Eamonn deLisser Runner-up. Eamonn deLisser

Boat No. 2342 9144 9240 9421 9975
10338
10623
10700
10815
10944
11017
11171
11205
11584
11702
11981
12050
12064
12555
12606
12640
12971
13010

| Boat Name | Skipper <br> Monk Terry |
| :--- | :--- |
| Peter Nicholson |  |.



GoodFood, Good Friends, Good Sailing! Biscayne Bay Fleet 226 enjoys year 'round fun! Give us a try at our annual Southern Circuit Party in March!


## Biscayne Bay Fleet 226 continued

| 13109 | Moonshine | Robert H. Warren |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13307 | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | Dan Boyar |
| 13377 | Sazarac | A.Faraco \& J.Owen |
| 13466 | Jalapeño | Ben Sadler |
| 13545 | Scremin' Blew | Robert Shaw |
| 13779 |  | D.Brayer \& J.Katzen |
| 13858 | Olivia | Carol Stout |
| 13861 | High Voltagge | Randy Clee |
| 13983 | Rum Runner | Onofre Torres |
| 14037 | Boit | Antonio R. Vidal |
| 14066 | Silent Runner | Bill Mauk |
| 14098 | Main Squeeze | Eamonn DeLisser |
| 14178 | M...................... | Walter Cooper |
| 14182 | Top Gun | Clive Mayo |
| 14212 | Steam Driven | Alix \& Jeff Shaw |
| 14322 | Fat Freddie's Kat | Frank Atkinson1 |
| 14374 | Free Beer Yesterday | Jon Ewing |
|  | 'Owner not in contact with fleet. |  |

This year's highlight was the debut of the International Lightning Class at the prestigious Miami International Boat Show where fleet volunteers manned our display. Once again, thanks to V.P. George Andreadis for letting us show his state-of-the-art boat. Plans are already in the works to exhibit again next year!

The Miami Midwinters cookout and party was a great mixer, as usual, although for the first time in recent memory the racing was "shifty and drifty". Don't let that discourage you from coming back, though.....it'll be Beautiful Biscayne Bay once again'!

The "Road Warrior" this year was undoubtedly our rookie, Bill Mauk, who sailed the Southern Circuit, the North Americans and the Pan Am Trials all in his first year as a Lightning sailor, and all the while getting smarter and faster. You haven't seen the last of him yet!

Returning to the fleet after their Lightning "hiatus", Jon Ewing and Frank Atkinson, Jr. are sailing our two newest boats and travelling, too. They are joined by new owners George and Ann Seigle from the Laser fleet, Dan Boyar from the PHRF group., Reid Hutchinson, a 25 year Lightning sailor and first time owner, former local Opti sailor Ben Sadler now in college, and Alberto Padilla, who we're hoping will join the racing soon. All of these sailors are helping us build our reputation as the active and fun group to play with on Biscayne Bay.

Our Juniors made their first Lightning road trip this fall for the Florida District Triple Crown series and we're hoping to pick up more young sailors in the coming season (12 months here in Miamil) in anticipation of the 1995 Sears Cup competition.
And who could know that over the summer we would lose not one, but two of our Lightning crew to the America3 campaign Sisters Katie and Debbie Pettibone are working hard in San Diego with their teammates and we (enviously) wish them good luck!

Can parties help regatta attendance? You bet! When the fleet gets together a couple nights before the rave, skip-
pers who are "on the fence", perhaps with crew problems, can connect with crews who haven't found a ride yet, and the end result is more boats on the line.
Jon Ewing hosted one such party this year, with the juniors entertaining the pre-schoolers with games, sodas and pizza, while the adults talked hardware and sailing tricks. As a result of this gathering four persons found crew spots and two more boats showed up for the weekend's races. One set of crew ended up with their own Lightning a few weeks later.
Not to be outdone, Cameron Carlin threw a swim party and feeding frenzy that once again brought out the fleet. The pool was enjoyed by the little ones with parents close at hand, while Cameron donned his chef hat and whipped up enough barbecue stuff to keep even the juniors happy and fed!
Our annual "cruise to a sandbar" keeps getting better and better. This summer's event included water-skiing, kneeboarding, and an intense softball game in knee deep water with the twenty-something crowd hammering "the rest of us," who were reluctant to bowl over the first baseman or slide headfirst into second (noseplugs engaged!) Plenty of food and refreshments were at hand, ant it was nearly sunset when the last Lightning set sail for home.
We're all looking forward to seeing you in this far corner of the country for the Miami Midwinter Regatta in March. See you then!

# BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET (227) New England District Sailing on Lake Bomoseen, Vermont 

Fleet Captain. 1994.......... Bruce Atkinson<br>Fleet Captain..1995................ Ethan Abatiell

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11153 |  | Bruce Atkinson |
| 13484 | Si Ergo | Hans Malz |
| 13497 | ..................... | Fred Bagley |
| 13732 | .................... | Anthony Abatiell |
| 13859 | ..................... | William Cohen |
| 14056 | .................. |  |
|  |  | Raymond P. Harrington, Jr.. |

Once the snows melted and the ice went off Lake Bomoseen, people were eager to get their boats out and start the new season. We began our summer sailing with our Memorial Day Series. Although the turnout was light, the racing was close on both days.
One of our big events for the summer was the annual Maple Leaf Regatta. This year's regatta was well attended. We had boats from NY (upstate), Long Island, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire as well as our own "local" Vermont boats. Saturday turned out to be a great day for swimming and water skiing but not much for sailing. (We owe a special thanks to all of our crash boats who doubled as water skiing boats!) Sunday was the complete opposite of Saturday...we had all the wind we wanted and then some. Since people came to sail, we
got everyone out on the water. We were able to get two races completed before we had to call it a day. Some boats that capsized were having difficulty righting themselves. George Deyett won the regatta handily with his wife, Sharon, and his 200+1b second crew, John Hackett.

On July 8-10 we hosted the New England District Championships. Friday was light and fluky - perfect for the Masters', Women's and Juniors'. Between all three groups, we had over 14 boats participate. Saturday and Sunday were the regular championships. There was no clear winner until the final race. Throughout the regatta, the standings changed with each race. We had 28 boats show up for the regatta and we were pleased with the turnout.
Most of the summer was uneventful. We held races every other Sunday and participation varied from one boat to seven boats. We hope that next season will be better. On the positive side of things, we've added two new members to the fleet. Charles Freeman purchased a boat from Ray Harrington and Stefan Sargent purchased a boat that Bruce Atkinson found for him. We were able to get Charles and Stefan out at least once before we called it a season.
We held our awards dinner in November and began plotting for 1995. Our new fleet captain is Ethan Abatiell. There was talk of new boats, replacement sails and what can I do to make my boat go faster next year... We also dedicated the new Bellerose Trophy which was donated by longtime supporter, Gertrude Bellerose. Her husband was one of the founding members of our fleet. She retired the original bowl to her home with all of its timeless memories.
Thanks to all of our members who made this year what it was. Good luck Ethan, we know you'll do a great job!

## RIVERTON LIGHTNING FLEET (228) <br> Central Atlantic District Sailing on the Delaware River at Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet Captain................................John Haiges Fleet Secretary............................. Allan Crew Fleet Treasurer.....................Hugh Hutchinson Fleet Champion.....................Mark Schneider

Boat No.
8616
8690
9628
10494
11519
11753
Schneider
11771
12140
12727
13624
13792
14025
14028
14214
14340
14628

| Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: |
| Enterprise | Hugh Hutchison |
|  | Mark Keene |
|  | Paul Alberti |
|  | John Haiges |
| Smidge | Maury Benbow |
|  | Caroline |
| Kathy's Horse | Gary Swangler |
| Daisy | Mark Schneider |
| Special K | Allan Crew |
|  | Henry Weinfeld |
|  | Richard Moyer |
|  | Bob Bush |
| Ultimate Pressure | Peter Denton |
|  | Hugh Hutchinson |
| Airborn | Mark Schneider |
|  | Henry Weinfeld |

# CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir at Eugene, Oregon 

Fleet Captain.<br>$\qquad$<br>John Mahoney<br>Fleet Secretary.<br>Ken Emmes<br>Fleet Champion.<br>Ken Emmes

## Boat No

6061
6725
11429
13707
13811
13956
Boat Name
New Caledonia
Rip Vanwinkle
Taxi
Black Boat
3 Sheets to the Wind
Crash

## Skipper

Wally Jones
Kenneth Emmes
Michael Gerot
Bill Auty
Verson Pandian
John J. Mahoney

The Chinook Fleet continues to survive with a core group of dedicated Lightning sailors. Our season kicks off with the Memorial Day Regatta, hosted by the Eugene Yacht Club. This regatta is well attended by a number of one design classes, Lightnings, Thistles, Geary 18's, Santana 20's, Day Sailers and the madrid of Portsmouth and PHRF boats. All total we have about 250 boats on the line, and have a great weekend. We can usually count on about 8 to 12 competitive Lightnings, so get our own start. Racing is usually tight, and conditions vary from winter-like spring storms out of the south to sum-mer-like drifters from the north and west. Tight competitive racing is the best part but the club puts on great dinners and the after hours entertainment left to your own imagination. Most sailors have great imaginations! Boats come from as far south as San Diego and as far north as Vancouver, BC. just for the racing and to renew old acquaintances. Definitely a good time, and not to be missed if you are in the area.

Fern Ridge Reservoir and our sailing season is controlled by the Army Corps. of Engineers so the bulk of our sailing happens between May and November. The Club has great racing on every Thursday night and on the occasional weekend with special regattas scheduled often.

The Chinook Fleet has probably the oldest regularly raced Lightning on the west coast, (1957 Lippincott with original paint) which joined with some of the Portland fleet and traveled to the Pacific Coast Championships at Richmond Yacht Club last fall. Sailing on San Francisco Bay was definitely the highlight of the past year for this Lightning.

We are hoping to join the many S. California sailors on the Easter week circuit this year. Hope to see you there or at Eugene Yacht Club next summer.

