

Looks like left was the way to go on this leg.
(There were four more immediately upwind to the right.) Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene Oregon.

## FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249) Italian District Sailing on Garda Lake in northern Italy

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Francesco Ferrari
Fleet Secretary. $\qquad$ Diego Mazzola No new information
Boat No
8763 8763

Boat Name
 14623

Skipper Alberto De Amicis \& Giafernando De Amicis Alessandro Brighenti

No Report

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Silvio Merz
Fleet Champion......... Urs Wyler (Fleet 358)
Runner-Up........ Jacques Perret (Fleet 358)

| Boat No. <br> 9132 | Boat Name | Skipper |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 10463 | You Never Know | Hanspeter Huber |
| 12306 | Hhite Star | Jakob K. Stocker Blickenstorfer |
| 12571 | Joy III | Rudolf \& Katherina Herzog |
| 13099 | Domi-Nike | Christoph Lūhy |
| 13161 | Tartaruga | Silvio Merz |
| 13705 | Cezanne | Ernst Beyer |

On March 5th 1994 we lost our life member Hans A. Lüthy (1915). For many years (1953-1979), he was an active and very enthusiastic Lightning sailor. He was owner of the Lightnings 5181, 9503 and 12320 all named Quand-meme (I, II and III). He was a threefold Swiss champion (1961, 1969, 1971) and even a runnerup at the Europeans in 1972. He was also one of the founders of the Swiss Lightning District and founder of our Fleet 250 in 1954, too. In memorial of his death our fleet was celebrating its 40 th year of history.

As usual at the end of April the Fleet Championship was held on the lake of Sempach, where four races could be sailed in very pleasant conditions. Again only two boats of our fleet took part. Two teams came from the lake of Neuchảtel and one from the lake of Murten. Urs Wyler once again won this Fleet 250 championship followed by Jacques Perret, Peter Graf, Alexander Perret and Silvio Merz. Christoph Lüthy was crewing for skipper Peter Graf from the lake of Zurich.

Our goal, to find and to coach a new Fleet 250 team of youngsters for participating at the World Youth Championship at Neuchâtel, we fully missed. On the other hand we found Hanspeter Huber and Eva Christen, new friends from the lake of Zug nearby. So we hope to rename again in near future our fleet 250 into a new "Sempacher-, Hallwiler-, Vierwaldstätter-, Greifen- and Zugersee fleet (250)", which is sailing on the five lakes of Sempach, Hallwil, Luzern, Zug and Greifensee.

We were able to participate with two teams at the European Championship at Yverdon, where Christoph, with his new crew Hanspeter Huber and Constance Fischer, got an enjoyable final 9th place (3rd Swiss). Silvio, with Hanspeter Briker and Marlise Brugger, were the 4th Swiss boat - 16th in the final standing. Notably, the "Tartaruga" team won a great second place in the 5 th race, and only missed the winning boat by a few centimeters. Eva was crewing for our Vice President Gilbert Despland ending 24th. Further, Ernst Beyer's beautiful green wooden "Cezanne" which was skippered by the Brazilian youngster team of Bruno Ruthenberg, got 7th. Thanks to Ernst Beyer and Jakob Blickensdorfer, our fleet was represented, together with "Domi-Nike" and "Tartaruga," by four boats at the World Youth Championship. For which event Christoph had to drive several times from lake to lake towing boats.

Finally, the two still active teams, Christoph/-Hanspeter Huber/Eva and Silvio/Hanspeter Briker/Marlise, participated at the Fondue Regatta at Neuchâtel in late autumn, finishing 6th and 7th overall. So we hope to do somewhat better next year, and we are waiting for a new, enthusiastic, and funny 1995 sailing season. With this comment I can give the tiller to the new fleet captain, Silvio Merz. We wish him much luck and a bit of punch in reactivating the Fleet 250 even more.

## SALAMIS LIGHTNING FLEET (251) Greece District Sailing the Bay of Phaleron Athens, Greece

Fleet Captain. $\qquad$ Anastosios Soulis
Fleet Secretary..................... Nicholas Dimou
No new information

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10037 |  | Antonios Bonas |
| 10966 |  | Christos Bonas |
| 13968 | Renata | Nicholas Dimou |
| .......... | ......................... | Anastasios Soulis |
|  |  | Stefanos Bonas |

KEUKA LAKE FLEET (252)

## Central New York District Sailing on Keuka Lake, Hammondsport, New York


#### Abstract

Fleet Captain.................................. Bob Cole Fleet Secretary.......................... Gisela Smith Fleet Champion...................... Tom Buechner Runner-Up. $\qquad$ BobCole

\section*{Boat No. Boat Name}

10490 12125 12711 12764 12885 14221 14256 14368 14416 14426 

Skipper<br>Vasco Raposo<br>Leon Fontier<br>Barry Brogan<br>Paul R. Jueschke<br>Rollie Stebbins<br>Michael Pallischeck<br>Martin Schad<br>Pete Cunningham<br>Jim Staunton<br>Mike Kalinich<br>Bob Cole<br>Tom Buechner

1994 saw Tom Buechner, Barbara Landon and Brent Gillette take the fleet championship for the sixth time in seven years. Tom and company also placed second in the combined Central New York District/Keuka Champagne regatta, and placed well in the Governor's Cup at the 1993 North Americans. Of Tom and crew we are proud.

Season runner up for the third time in four years was Bob Cole, with crew Marie KcKee and Ron Beyer. Bob and crew were awarded the District Governor's trophy at the Central New York District regatta. Season third place belongs to Jim Staunton and crew, Bob Wilder and Greg Harrington. The race winners came from throughout the fleet in quite an even distribution.

Congratulations to outgoing fleet captain Tom Buechner on a well organized and executed annual regatta which this author as succeeding fleet captain hopes to duplicate.

We look forward to seeing many of you in 1995, especially at the 1995 North American Regatta to be held at Henderson Harbor of our own Central New York District.




A Fleet 252 group photo

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB (253) Dixie District
Sailing on the Susquehanna River at Long Level, Pennsylvania


Fleet 253 had a good year in '94, continuing in our rebuilding mode with relaxed, no-spinnaker Wednesday night races and two in-club, 1-day regattas.

It was also the year for some old-time fleet stalwarts to allow their boats to move along to new, would-be champions. Jon Owens, who raced at SYC in the 60s and then again in the 90s (with time out for some big boating on the Chesapeake and in Florida) sold 9897 to Chuck and Pam Bostic, who already have the racing bug. Then Dick Henle and Clayton Davis, who also have been around off and on since the 60s, sold 9904, a golden oldie named Fort Knox, to Dr. Bill McGuinn, who we hope is anxious to get into racing.

Moving up this year was Ken Kuzdro, from his beloved but leaky wooden 6577 to 13218 . And we were joined by Tom Davis and Jonathan Bigley, who we hope to see out racing in '95, along with Scott "I gotta get my boat back together" Grube.

## BURT LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (254) Michigan District Sailing on Burt Lake

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Bob Garlinghouse Fleet Secretary.

Ann Swayze

Boat No.
11078 11642
13909
13969
14023
14077

Boat Name
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## Skipper

Clark Swayze
Grant Cheney John Beery
Gary Street
Tom Hanson
Don McCormack

The summer of 1994 on Burt Lake again saw exciting Lightning racing with weekly honors rather evenly split. Placing most consistently in the top two, however, was defending fleet champion Clark Swayze who repeated as ' 94 champ by a slim margin.
Our club again sponsored a special Fourth of July Sunfish Regatta, luring many regular Lightning skippers into the smaller hulls in spite of very cold and rainy weather. First place for the second year in a row was awarded to visiting Lightning sailor Eric Swayze. Second was secured by the new fleet captain, Bob Garlinghouse, and third went to local Lightning sailor Guy Cheney.

## CLARK'S HILL LIGHTNING FLEET (257) Southeastern District Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain Robert E. Harkrider, Jr. Fleet Secretary

| Boat No. <br> 2381 | Boat Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 9398 | Fun |
| 9468 | Hot Flash |
| 13190 | Tacky |
| 13643 | Sure Bet |
| 13856 | Ship of Mules |
| 14126 | $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ |

Richard F. Mayne
Skipper
Gilbert L. Klemann, MD
Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.
Nancy Klemann Sproul
Gilbert L. Klemann, MD
T. Bond Calloway, Jr.
Jeff Brault
Gil Samuelson
Richard F. Mayne
Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.
Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.

The Clark's Hill Fleet had little change in the number of fleet boats, and stayed even with last year with participation on the District Circuit. We had two members qualify for the District traveling series. Augusta had two boats at the District Championships, making traveling a Fleet goal to work on in 1995.
Only two ASC boats traveled to the North American at The Boulevard Club in Toronto, Ontario. Bob Harkrider finished sixth in the Presidents' Cup fleet with Tom Schroder and Judah Rubin as teammates, and Beau Samuelson finished fourth in the Juniors with Jenny Watton and Jamie Ewing. Our fleet hosted the second regatta of the 1994 season, April 16-17. with nineteen boats in attendance. The regatta was sailed with light variable air on Saturday, and nearly as testy air on Sunday.
Sadly Lightning club sailing was at an all time low this year, but we are looking to 1995 as a building year. However, the Clark's HIII fleet, sailing out of Augusta Sailing Club, is proud of our own Bob Harkrider, who is ILCA president for 1995.

## HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Mandy Hofmeister
Fleet Secretary................. Joe Cunningham

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9055 |  | Chandler Owen |
| 9211 | Siochain | Joseph Cunningham |
| 10621 |  | Chandler Owen |
| 11480 | Malcolm | Bill Killebrew |
| 11600 |  | Chandler Owen |
| 11737 | Yahoo | Chandler Owen |
| 12511 |  | L. Scott Howard |
| 13769 | Hyperbole | Cully A. Cobb, Jr. MD |
| 13838 | Why Not? | James J. Wert |
| 13875 |  | Bill Killebrew |
| 13914 |  | Chandler Owen |
| 13957 | Airborne | Dr. Robert Cotton |
| 13914 |  | Chandler Owen |
| 14000 | Chance | Bradford Currie |
| 14004 | Sabbatical | Geoffrey Grisham |
| 14116 | Kat's Kradle | Cully Ward |
| 14226 | Moon Children | Scott Howard |
| 14338 | Spirit | Frank L. Kelly, Jr. |
| 14533 | Reprise | Fred \& Anne Beesley |
| 14571 |  | Robert G. Hempel |
| 14588 |  | Donald W. Sherbume, Jr. |
| 14645 |  | Robert Cotton |
| 14680 |  | Bill Killebrew |
| 14706 |  | William Hofmeister |

Well, it is that time or the year when we sit down and reflect upon a season now over. The 1994 season was a very good one characterized by generally very good weather and fair breezes for this area.

We had pretty good attendance for our Sunday fleet races with 6 to 8 boats on the line each weekend. We also saw participation from our growing junior fleet with Kat Ward and Jim Ward, Beau and Peyton Howard, Katie Schmid and Paul Killebrew making several appearances and giving all of us a run for our money! It really was nice having a teen contention out there showing us how it's done. We ran windward-leeward courses with a 3 minute starting sequence and managed to get in several races if weather and breeze permitted. During the series we managed to sail 36 of these type races and the winner of the series was William Hofmeister with his crew Linda Morris and his wife, Mandy.

Our Regatta series was won by Don Sherburne who had a great season winning not only the Masters, but also the Tennessean, Grand Old Open and the McDougal, and placing well in several other regattas. Congratulations, Don!

One just could not write a report from Fleet 262 without mentioning the Bluenose. This year was one of the most memorable due to the fact that we did have breeze (Saturday anyway)! Fleet member Cully Ward wrote an article about the Bluenose that I felt needed to be published. So, I shall say goodby and defer to Cully. Bye!
All of the boats are to bed for the fall. On no one's lips are the words, "There's never any wind at the Bluenose."

There were 59 boats whose average crew weight was 445 lbs . Those beefy and/or competent guerrillas who enjoyed one another's company sufficiently to disregard the traditional promise of light to nihilistic winds were not disappointed. Those meteorological geniuses who knew it would be gusting to 28 on Saturday and thus decided to endure the company of a couple of beefy and/or competent guerrillas regardless of whatever differences might have previously existed between them, were not disappointed either. A few boats capsized -- well -- ten actually, some without positive flotation, resulting in a welcome delay between races while the crash boats hauled the carnage off the course. Most boats sought refuge in a nearby cove, venturing out only upon display of the warning signal. With the wind many expected rain; hence, the meager turnout. But Arthur Merdinian from Carlyle correctly opined that the rain would hold off until late Saturday and the front would pass during the night, sparing us, for the most part, the misery of racing in the rain. He said nothing about the two mile sail back to the club after the races, however, making his prognostication technically correct, but the contestants nonetheless soaked at dockside after three great races.

Sunday the wind had gone to the northwest and was considerably more like what one might expect on a lake in Middle Tennessee surrounded by hills. Before the start the direction kept inching around to the North, favoring the weather end of the line. This gave the race committee, already limited by the channel of a navigable waterway in where to place the leeward end of the line, fits. After two general recalls things settled down and the final race of the regatta was started.

Bill Faude had his worst race of the series, a third, and won the regatta by 17 points. Bill's grandmother recently died and he dedicated the regatta victory to her and her memory. Brian Hayes edged out Dan Moriarty for second. Dan was followed by our supreme leader, Bob Harkrider. Derek Ettie rounded out the top five.

It was great to see so many old friends again and welcome new ones. We did better on the beer this year, we were told. Come back. ya hear ?

# CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois 

Fleet Captain.......................... Rick Bernstein Fleet Champion....................Mark Kniepmann<br>Runner-Up.<br>Gerry Paoli

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2143 |  | B. Richard Berg |
| 2726 |  | Bill Miltenberger |
| 8144 | Chaos | Jerry Valli |
| 8500 | Woodie | Chris Marshall |
| 10105 |  | John Norris |
| 10711 | ................. | William Perozzi |
| 11502 | ....... | Donald E. Henry |
| 11570 | ........................ | Mark A. Vallaca |
| 11580 |  | Frank Hruby |
| 11800 |  | Terry Burke |
| 12169 | White Lightning | Frederick Schmelzer |
| 13273 | I'm Gumby, Dammit | Rob Zerban |
| 13596 |  | Bill Kesler |
| 13892 | Misty Lee | Linus J. Portman |
| 14013 | Hey, Look out! | Ned Sher |
| 14089 | Whitewater | Mark Kniepmann |
| 14114 | To Dad | Rick Bernstein |
| 14118 | G! Men | John G. G'Sell, DDS |
| 14165 | Missing Link | Matthew Burridge |
| 14204 |  | Glenn Grummon |
| 14229 | Buzzard's Luck | Robert Burridge |
| 14233 | Georgia | Dana Ellis |
| 14324 | Claire Boyant | Benjamin Williams |
| 14614 |  | David Jones |
| 14636 | No Problem | Tomas 1. Aquino |
| 14654 | One Ton O'Mayo | Gerry Paoli |

Newsflash: What a season! Carlyle Sailing Association's Fleet 266 has a first time fleet champion, a first time District Champion, a very successful second year spring regatta to shout about, the most competitive fleet racing ever, and three new babies to add to our future crew lists. Here's the scoop:

Despite the spring rains that delayed the opening of CSA last May, the 2nd annual Mid- Continent Regatta went off as planned; it was great, we had the whole club to ourselves. As typical of this time of the year, every imaginable condition was sailed in. The regatta was won by our own Matt Burridge with 5 bullets; A pretty incredible feat considering the competition and his many come-from-behind races. Matt was followed by Gerry Paoli, Paul Wurtzebach, Mark Kniepmann and Rob Zerban.

In mid-June, the Mississippi Valley Districts were held at CSA and again the wide range of wind and weather conditions prevailed. Racing in his dad's 18 year old boat, our own Rob Zerban won his first Districts. The last race saw beats turn to runs, winds here and there, none over there and finally a reach to the finish. But through
it all, Rob sailed consistently to win the regatta. Rob was followed by: Gerry Paoli, Dan Moriarty, Bill Hofmeister and John G'Sell.
Moving to August and the fantastic time in Toronto at the NA's. Rob Zerban, Gerry Paoli and John G'Sell made the journey north. Gerry made out the best of the CSA'ers finishing mid-point in the President's fleet followed closely by Rob. John barely missed the cut and settled for an upper third in the Governor's Cup. Together, a great time was had by all as dictated by the variety of interesting stories from their Canadian adventure.
In September, Matt Burridge, with crew members Moriarty and Arthur Merdinian headed to Chicago and the Red Flannels; an event in which Matt had finished second five times and never won the regatta. This year their luck seemed to have changed as heading into the last race Matt had to beat Paul Wurtzebach by two boats; down the last leg it seemed they had accomplished their task as they went on to win the race. But we all know sailing! Paul worked back to finish right behind Burridge, thus causing a first place tie which Matt lost. Wow, second place number six. Do you think he'll try again in '95? You bet he will! As for the club racing, the word was 12 to 15 on the line every weekend and four different series championships. Tony Burke took the Spring, Rick Bernstein and Arthur Merdinian won the Summer, Jim Sears took the Fall.
Congratulations to first time Fleet Champion Mark Kniepmann. Up until the end it was anybody's series as one through six were separated by as few as four points at one point. In the end, Kniepmann was followed closely by Paoli, Zerban, Bernstein and Merdinian, Moriarty and Burke; all of whom had each won two series races throughout the year. What super competition and a great way to end the club racing season.
Of course we finished out the season with Fleet 262 at Harbor Island. We all had a blast and congratulate Dan Moriarty on placing 3rd out of 59 competitors in mixed conditions on Saturday, heavy and very heavy. They really hung in there for 3-3-10 in breezes puffing to 28 mph .
Hey, don't forget our booming spring regatta and all the fierce competition that goes with it, the MidContinent Regatta; it's the second weekend in May. We have a great sponsor of the event, Pepsi, unique trophies, and a promise to deliver great winds and fun times at the Midwest's finest racing facilities, Carlyle Sailing Association.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270) Indiana District Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana

1994

| Fleet Captain.. |  | Ann Foster |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary. |  | Steve Hayes |
| Fleet Treasurer... |  | .Ed Fineberg |
| Fleet Champion... |  | Joe Lassaux |
|  |  | 1995 |
|  | t Captain | Steve Hayes |
| Fleet Secretary |  | ...Ed Fineberg |
| Fleet Treasurer |  | Andrew Harmon |
| No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|  | Asarte | Burl A. Harmon |
|  |  | Kenneth D. Woods |
|  | Chubasco |  |
|  |  | Walter Tinsley |
|  | Sundance | Anthony Steven Hayes |
|  |  | Michael R. Franceschini |
|  | White Heat | Gregory F. Miles |
|  | Hot Stufff | Dr. Edwin Fineberg |
|  |  | Joseph A. Lassaux |
|  | " MJ " | John L. McNay |
|  | Double Header | Paul Vos |

A few years have passed since we have submitted our annual report for publication in the Lightning Class Yearbook. In this report we will present the important fleet history starting in 1992.
Dr. Ken Wood, a Fleet 270 member who participated in starting the Indiana District, passed away in Dec. of 1992. Ken, in his 70s, was a real fighter who sailed his last few years after a stroke affected his speech. Yet, he never stopped sailing. His spirit and drive will always be an example for us younger Lightning sailors who are trying to determine life's values and importance.
The year 1993 found Fleet 270 performing at its usual steady course. The fleet, being part of the Indianapolis Sailing Club (ISC), starts sailing in early April and ends the last week of October with the club's Long John Regatta.
Our annual Lightning Regatta, the Indiana Open, always comes early - the first weekend in May. Perfect weather conditions welcomed 23 Lightnings to the Indiana Open sailed in May of '93 at the Indianapolis Sailing Club. Ken Woods organized the regatta with John Spenser serving as Race Committee Chairman. Wind speeds between 10 to 15 mph allowed four races on Saturday afternoon.
Although the wind was light on Sunday morning, we sailed two races. Colin Park stated that John Spencer had set one of the best courses he had ever sailed at the Open. The use of an Olympic course with a leeward gate
mark got a thumbs up from all participants. Dan Norton won the Regatta.
On 19 Feb 94 the Fleet met at Bill Lesher's Restaurant to hold its annual meeting to honor the 1993 year's racing winners and pay tribute to Burl Harmon, a thirty-one year sailing veteran of Lightnings who passed away the past year.

Burl was a member of ISC for 30 years. All of us will remember Burl as a quiet reserved sailor who always was willing to give a helping hand. He was the mainstay and primary leader in getting our Lightning docks in shipshape at the beginning of the sailing season.

The racing winners recognized at the meeting for the 1993 season were as follows: Spring Series were Joe Lassaux, 1st place; Anthony Hayes, 2nd place; and Ken Woods, 3rd place. The Fall Series found the same skippers winning the 1st and 2nd place honors and the late Burl Harmon took 3rd place. We were happy to have Burl's son Andrew with us. Andrew intends to sail Burl's boat this coming season. Joe Lassaux with crew Sonja, Michelle and Peter Johnson, was our Fleet Champion. Ann Foster is now Fleet Captain with Steve Hayes, Secretary, and Ed Fineberg, Treasurer.

The 1994 season found young Harmon starting to sail his father's Lightning. The club season, as always, starts early in April. On 30 Apr and 01 May we hosted our regatta now known as the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta.
While the turnout was lighter than normal (19 boats) and the weather wetter for this early season inland lake regatta, those who sailed enjoyed a very competitive weekend.

Five races were sailed, three on Saturday afternoon and two on Sunday morning. After the 11 a.m. skippers' meeting, hosted by regatta chairman Ken Woods, Race Chairman John Spenser set a triangle plus windward-leeward course which he held to throughout the weekend even though the wind direction varied significantly from race to race. The wind speed was 10 to 15 knots on both days and leeward mark gates were used.

The Michigan district visitors dominated, winning the five top positions and all the trophies. Dan Norton in \#14431, the '93 champion from Devils Lake Fleet \#31, successfully defended his title with a very consistent three wins and two 2nd place finishes. He was followed by Colin Park in \#14307 from Fleet \#216 in Saginaw. Third was Craig Gabel in \#14563, fourth Jim Harris in \#14344 from Fleet \#54 in Pontiac, and fifth Tom Niles in \#14119 from Saginaw. Joe Lassaux in \#14359, prior Fleet Captain and past ISC Commodore, led the local boats from Fleet \#270.

At our annual banquet held at our clubhouse on 28 Jan 95 , the following individuals were the racing winners: Spring Series Joe Lassaux Ist; Anthony Hayes 2nd; and John McNay 3rd. The Fall Series was almost a repeat of the Spring Series with again Joe Lassaux 1st and Anthony Hayes 2nd. Walt Tinsley, who is in his 70's and a 40 year sailing veteran of Lightnings, captured 3rd place.

During the banquet, Steve Hayes became Fleet Captain, Ed Fineberg, Secretary and Andrew Harmon was elected Treasurer.


Joe Lassaux, Fleet 270 Champion, had quite a year, winning both the Spring and Fall Series and had the best local finish in the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta.

## MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273) New England District Sailing on Massabesic Lake at Manchester, New Hampshire

| Fleet Captain. |  | Ron Adams |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary.. |  | Gordon Grick |
| Fleet Champion... |  | ..Ron Adams |
| Runner-Up. |  | Nick Mercier |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 9390 |  | Gordon Grick |
| 11160 |  | John P. Morin |
| 11361 | Gust(0) | Drew Gillett |
| 11400 |  | George Deyett |
| 11401 | Sunday Punch | Ronald G. Adams |
| 12455 | Banana Split | John K. Webb |
| 13828 | Quick Silver | Maurice J. L'Heureux, Jr. |
| 14273 |  | Norman G. Deyett |
| 14442 | Amacore | William Berry |

No Report.
(Editor's note: I apologize for the text repetition in your report in last year's book. I just saw it.)

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Arkabutla Lake at Hernando, Mississippi
Fleet Captain........................ Frank Bermel
Fleet Seacretary.............. William Baxter III
Fleet Champion.................... Frank Bermel
Runner-Up..................................... Baxter
Rookie Champion.............. Batton Kennon

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9756 | .......................... | Rick Sparks |
| 9791 | Garfield | Ken Davis |
| 9876 | ........................... | Robert Milner |
| 10049 |  | Girl Scouts (Becky Winsett) |
| 11386 | Janie | George Adams |
| 11496 | Zzipp |  |
|  |  | Crit Currie |
| 11887 | Turnpike Cruiser | Mike Lipari |
| 11999 |  | W. N. Baxter, III |
| 12082 | Metrognome | Richard Ranta |
| 12290 |  | Hugh Teaford |
| 12340 |  | Mark Chesanow |
| 12397 | ** |  |
|  |  | Max Shelton |
| 12505 |  | Batton Kennon |
| 13158 | Leprechaun | Lynn A. Jones |
| 13258 |  | Herbert Cochrane |
| 13483 |  | Maurice Ellis |
| 13648 |  | Raul Fletes |
| 13700 | Quality Time | Broadus Sharpe |
| 13703 | Wild Cherry | Jim Wolfe |
| 13781 |  | Peter McDonnell |
| 13805 | 3 Sheets To The Wind | Colie L. Jenkins |
| 13966 | ............................ | Frank Bermel |
| 14047 |  | MacNeil Ayres |
| 14149 | ........................... | Ralph Gusmus |
| 14171 | Jill E. | Joseph A. Kelly |
| 14230 | No Excuses | Dr. Sergio Acchiardo |
| 14270 | Sho Boat | Roy Robbins |
| 14357 |  | W. N. Baxter |
| 14375 |  | James E. McDonnell |
| 14488 | Too Par | Crit Currie |
| 14666 | Rebel Devil | Crit Currie |

It was another banner year for sailing in Memphis with a lot of activity in fleet races and on the road. We were glad to welcome several new members to the fleet: Batton Kennon (12505), Mike Lipari (11887) and Jere Fones who borrowed (11496).
We sailed roughly sixty-six races this year, with an average of eight boats per race. Since we were able to start sailing in April, we had three series. The standings were as follows:

Spring Series

1. W. N. Baxter
2. Frank Bermel Frank Bermel
3. Harmon Dunathan William Baxter III Roy Robbins

The fall series was the deciding series for the year, and Frank Bermel beat out Bill Baxter for the fleet championship.

The two regattas that we traditionally run, one in the spring and one in the fall, were quite successful. The Hernando de Soto Regatta, held in May, had 27 boats, including skippers from Texas, Nashville, and St. Louis. Crit Currie showed us that forty years of practice does pay off with a win in the regatta. Jenny Eldredge of Dallas was second; Bill Hofmeister of Nashville was third. William Baxter III and his father Bill Baxter rounded out the rest of the top five. Some of the other out of town participants were Steve Harris of Houston, Scott Anderson of Austin, Paul Harvener of Dallas, Rick Conaway of St. Louis, Rob Hempel, Bob Cotton, Bill Killibrew, Brad Currie and Cully Ward of Nashville.

The Cotton Pickin' Regatta had 21 boats and six races. The competition could not get any better. Bill Baxter won the regatta. Don Sherburne of Nashville was second, Bill Hofmeister was third, Bruce Richardson of Nashville was fourth and William Baxter III was fifth. The positions second through sixth were separated by only four points.

In August the Fleet held its third Dead Elvis Regatta. This new regatta takes place on the anniversary of Elvis' death. And this year it happened again, a ghostly apparition appeared floating across the lake during the second race singing "Love Me Tender." The King, however, did not distract William Baxter III, who won, followed closely by Roy Robbins and Frank Bermel.

This year was one of our most active on the road. William Baxter III and Roy Robbins started in early April by going to Dallas for the Dinghyfest. Baxter managed a second and Robbins got a fifth. Baxter III also traveled to the Mid-Continent Regatta in Carlyle, the District, the Red Flannels, and the Bluenose. Crit Currie was also on the road, three times to Nashville for the Tennessean, the Bluenose, and the McDougal, where he pulled a second. He also sailed in the Masters and the North Americans. Bill Baxter and Frank Bermel traveled to the Muddy Rudder in St. Louis. Frank won the regatta and Baxter merely had a good time! Then the fleet sent eight boats to the Bluenose to round out the year.

This year saw the resurrection of the rookie fleet. The rookie fleet is for sailors in their first year of sailing in the club. A young sailor by the name of Batton Kennon handily won the rookie fleet. By the end of the season he was giving the big boys in the fleet a run for the money. Mike Lipari was second, and he is starting to put things together and move up in the fleet. Third place went to a new recruit from big boat sailing, Jere Fones. Jere does not own a boat, but borrowed one of Crit's many extras.

Our sailing season starts in April and ends in October. We sail Saturday and Sunday every possible weekend; so if you are passing through, please come and sail with us.


TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279) Central Canada District Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Ontario

| Commodore. | B |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Captain. | Jim Cameron |
| Fleet Treasurer | Kurt Broll |
| Fleet Secretar | na Sutherla |
| Quartermast | Brian Cox |
| leet Champ | Mark Sandberg |

Boat No.

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Boat Name

|  | Jim Coquhoun |
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|  | Cec Cranton |
|  | Dennis Battigelif |
|  | Bob Cunningham |
|  | Louis Walsh |
| . | Don Ellard |
|  | Charles Bryan |
|  | Greg Lawrie |
|  | Jim Mikulinski |
|  | Don Willson |
|  | Van Bailey |
|  | Mark Sandberg |
| Sundance | Charles Spence |
|  | Barb Jokela |
|  | Andre Saj |
|  | Nels Cart |
|  | Bob Maki |
| Frenzy Free | Kurt Broll |
| Blue Max | William Evans |
|  | Wayne Mills |
| ... | Bert Blaauw |
|  | Mitch Bailey |
| UBU-II | Geoff Hall |
|  | Lorrie Rydholm |
| Zugzwang | Innes Martin |
|  | David Tamblyn |
| The Bonbo | Bob Walsh |
|  | Jim Cameron |
| Sparkie | Ross Bailey | Jim Coquhoun Cec Cranton Dennis Battigelli Bob Cunningham Louis Walsh Don Ellard Charles Bryan Greg Lawrie Jim Mikulinski Don Willson Van Baley Mark Sandberg Charles Spence Barb Jokela Andre Saj Nels Carl Bob Maki Kurt Broll William Evans Wayne Mills Bert Blaauw Balley Lorrie Rydholm Innes Martin David Tamblyn Bob Walsh Ross Bailey

Fleet 279 has enjoyed an active season in 1994, with good participation and several boat ownership changes. We would like to welcome Lightning owners Don Willson - \#10321, Andre Saj - \#12969, Mitch Bailey - \#13584, and Lorrie Rydholm - \#13587. Some of these new fleet members have long sailing histories and some are just getting started. We look forward to sailing with them, their families and crew in 1995.

Our season started with the first Thursday night races on May 12 for which we had six boats on the line. These Thursday night races continued through the Summer until the last race on September 29. Mark Sandberg was able to open up a nice point lead in the late summer which let him take the season's high point trophy home without too much difficulty. Mark has completely refinished his Lightning to make it a beautiful looking and well rigged boat, which obviously pays off on the race course.

The first weekend regatta is always the Kam River Slush Cup which has seen everything from blizzards to 80 degree
weather. This year after a week's postponement due to lack of wind, we enjoyed a day of pleasant winds and sunny weather. Bob Maki sailed very well to win his first Lightning trophy ever, with some help from his hot shot crew Steve Cranton and Porter Bailey. This one day fun regatta was originally sailed at the juncture of the Kaministiquia and Mission Rivers, a few miles before they empty into Lake Superior, but the last several years, it has been sailed inside the Thunder Bay harbor breakwall. Plans are being made to move back onto the Kam River for 1995 to give us the excitement of tricky winds, current, and mostly, warm "inland" sailing conditions early in the year.

Ross Bailey and crew. Don Willson and Russell Gordon, along with each of their families, attended the Falcon Lake Open Regatta just inside Manitoba early in June. They were able to emerge overall winners to show the mixed fleet how fast a Lightning really is. Interest in Lightning sailing is reawakening in Manitoba and we look forward to traveling back and forth to well attended regattas one day soon, as was the case in the '60's and '70's.
We all traveled to Red Rocks, sixty miles east of Thunder Bay, for the Districts where Jim Cameron showed us all how to do it and won comfortably. However, new Lightning owner from Dryden, Tim Maenpaa, sailed very well to come in second, promising great things to come. This is the first time in several years that the Districts have been held outside of Thunder Bay and Red Rock proved to be an excellent choice. Tim has invited us to hold the Districts in Dryden in 1995 so we had all better put on our fast hats to see if we can keep up with him in his home waters.

The Temple Reef Sailing Club is named after a pinna-cle-like reef about 20 miles east of the city in Thunder Bay proper, and every year for the last 21 years, we have held a cruising race from town, around Temple Reef and into Amethyst Harbour. This year we modified the course slightly to keep everyone closer to shore, partly for safety, and also so that everyone could enjoy the scenery on the way. This seemed to work out quite well but it's a question as to how much scenery any of these "cruisers" saw, as the whole fleet finished within a few minutes of each other.
Loon Lake provided us with very stiff winds the first day and damp, light breezes the second but the lake itself provides such tricky winds that you can't help but enjoy this regatta. You never know if you are first or last until you literally cross the finish line making for quite an exciting time. Each year the Walshes host a great party on Saturday night so even in you have missed the odd wind shift, you can tell everyone how it should be done long into the night. Ross Bailey was able to squeak out a win over Willie Evans but as this was the only sailing Willie did all year, we are a little worried about how well he will do in 1995 when his house building is done.

Innes Martin is certainly the best breakfast cook any of us know of in all of Black Bay and proved it once more this year during a truly relaxing time at his camp on Squaw Bay, Black Bay, Lake Superior. We had some
great racing with nice breezes and good committee work, and then had lots of time ashore to discuss how to make the boat go a little faster next time. This is a relaxed event which is just perfect for those of us who would like to keep the racing from becoming too all consuming and will continue to grow if only for this reason.
The Season wrapped up with the Snow Bowl on the October 1st weekend at the Sandberg camp on Surprise Lake. If you can survive Saturday night, then the windshifts that jump at you on Sunday are no problem at all. Mark Sandberg, along with his drawn-for crew was the smartest match racer, to take the win, or was it just local knowledge that helped him around the course. In any event, this was a nice way for Mark to finish up the season, along with his season's high points win, and repays some of the hard work he has put into his boat and the fleet.
The Canadian Opens will be hosted by the Central Canadian District in 1996, and with the ' 97 Worlds being held in Montreal, this Canadian qualifying event will be a lively time. We have begun organizing already so come race in our great sailing waters.

## CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280) New England District Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor at Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ No new information

| Boat No. | Boat Name |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6899 |  |
| 9714 | Winds Will |
| 10765 | Yasu |
| 11096 | Nike II |
| 11136 |  |
| 11249 |  |
| 11751 | Scruples |
| 12275 | .............. |
| 13239 |  |
| 13888 | Psyche |
| 13947 |  |
| 14190 |  |
| 14310 |  |

Skipper Judith Dalmas Eric O. Cutting Anne Tredick Stafford Frazier W. Stuart Nickerson Christine Jones Albert Preston Moore Jamie Currier W. Robert Felix, Jr. Curtis Felix \&

Robert L. Pratt
William Currier
Charles B. Currier, III
Eric \& Robert Cutting

No Report.

## COLUMBIA FLEET (283)

Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and on the Columbia River, Portland, OR

| Fleet Cap | Sandy Neuburger |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | John DeBenedetti |
| Fleet Champion | Jerry Neuberger |
| Runner-Up. | John DeBenedetti |


| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 2426 | Loki | Lee B. Winner |
| 8497 | An' Son | John A. Sanford |


| 9690 | Thunder |
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| 13896 | Foam Heads |
| 13961 | Sly |
| 14079 |  |
| 14288 | humaukuuku |

Jim McAllister
Michael A. Hemel James K. Okawa Dick Williams
Dave Webber
Gerald L. Neuburger John De Benedetti
Terry Busby
David Hickman
Philip F. \&
Philip P. Parshley
"It was a year" for the Columbia Lightning Fleet 283. Winds were fierce, fluky, or non-existent. Fleet participation included a full race schedule at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club and regattas through-out the Pacific NW District. Jerry and Sandy Neuburger and John DeBenedetti made their annual trek to Fleet $194^{\prime}$ s California Circuit where there was excellent racing, gocarts, and karaoke.
Even though 1994 saw Jerry Neuburger kelped in San Diego and enduring a flaming sack on his own doorstep, he managed to become the Champion of the Fleet, of the District, and the Circuit for the year.

Fleet Champion Runner-up, John DeBenedetti's constant and fierce optimism kept him on the line and in front of or just behind Lightning 13788. He narrowly missed getting the "Broken Rudder" Award, not because of his spectacular capsize at the Memorial Day Regatta, but for his boast four days before, "I haven't capsized for twelve years." John was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Fleet this year when he received the Mary Kay DeBenedetti Award.

Terry Busby showed flashes of genius at the Memorial Day Regatta in Eugene and the race series at VLSC but the high point of his year had to be his walking off with the Fleet's prestigious "Broken Rudder" Award. The Award came his way for various "terrors" during the year but mostly for just being "Terry." He also earned the "Most Improved" Award for improving upon his overall finishes from last year when compared to the rest of the Fleet.
The Lightning Crew of the Year Award will be shared this year by Roger Orteg and Sandy Neuburger. Rogers enthusiasm for racing/sailing and Sandy's near perfect attendance were the key to their success. This year saw many new people willing to crew and showing interest in racing and Lightnings. Lois Parshley added to the enthusiasm of the Parshley clan when she stepped on Humahumaukuakaapua'a. Karl Kuzis and Tim Miller were instrumental in helping Jim McAllister move up in the Fleet and enjoy having a consistent crew.

Fleet 283 thanks John and Mary Kay DeBenedetti for inspiring us and bringing us together as a Fleet.

# PARTHENON LIGHTNING FLEET (286) Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay at Piraeus, Greece 

Fleet Contact.... Yacht Racing Club of Athens

No new information

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| 13981 |  |
| 14264 |  |
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| Life Membe |  |

Skipper<br>George Andreadis<br>Yacht Racing Club of Athens<br>Yacht Racing Club of Athens<br>Yacht Racing Club of Athens<br>George Andreadis<br>George Andreadis<br>George Andreadis<br>Dr. Philip Joannides

No Report.

## CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (301) New England District Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain Colchester, Vermont <br> Fleet Captain Dick Fastiggi <br> Fleet Secretary. Ann Brush <br> Fleet Champion <br> Fleet Runner-Up Don Brush

Boat No.
7829
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14584
14628
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14658

| Boat Name <br> Wind Harp |
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| Syncronicity |
| Rainbow Rider |
| Nightmare II |
| Zoom |
| Caio |
| Lil White Dove |
| Wild Goose |
| Apple |

## Skipper

Peter Tourin
William Fastiggi
Thomas Moody
Todd Cox
Stanford White
Robert Turnau
Andrew Horton
Edward Ziemer
Richard Fastiggi
Janice Lange
David Gorman Hannah Swett Bill Fastiggi Donald Brush Kurt Kling
Fleet 301 had another great year of sailing, partying, regatta hosting and national and international recognition. To top this off, the ILCA Executive Committee has awarded the 1995 North American Masters', Juniors' and Women's Championships to the Malletts Bay Boat Club. For those of you who have never sailed here you are in for a treat to be sailing on beautiful Lake Champlain where the water is fresh, the winds are fair, and the scenery is breathtaking. Join us in August for a great week in the Champlain Valley. Only $41 / 2$ hours from Henderson Harbor.
Four of our skippers started out the season with new boats, Don Brush, Bill Fastiggi, Kurt Kling and Bob Turnau. Don and Kurt parlayed this into the fleet champion and runner-up positions.

Our season started on Memorial Day with a good turnout in spite of 50 degree water. The weather was
mild and the wind was kind to us with no capsizes (which has not always been the case in May). On June 4 and 5, we sponsored our annual Lake Champlain Spring Regatta with 28 boats from the Northeast and Canada. Stuart Nickerson was the winner with Kurt Kling second.
In preparation for the NA's in Toronto we provided a tune-up series by hosting the Atlantic Coast Championships. We had a great 37 boat turnout! Stuart Nickerson from Wellfleet won this regatta also, which gave him that extra edge to become the 1994 North American Championship Runner-Up. Congratulations to Stuart, Lisa Brauer and Brian Hughes! Don and Ann Brush and Sean Carroll placed second in the Atlantic Coasts.

Six fleet members did really well in the NA's. Andy Horton, Joe Dayton and Tobi Heisler won the Junior Championship in Hamilton for the second consecutive year. They then finished 14th in the Blue Fleet, also winning the Thermis Trophy. Earlier in July they were 4th in the World Youth Championships in Switzerland. Congratulations Andy, Joe and Tobi, what a great year!

Also at the Junior NA's. Sean Carroll, Katie Dutton and Jeff Schwartz were 8th. Dave Gorman, Dick Spurlock and Julie Weaver sailed to a 16 th in the Masters.

In Toronto, Bill Fastiggi, Jo Ann Jones and Holly Schwartz finished 18th in the Blue Fleet, Don and Ann Brush and Sean Carroll won the President's Cup and Kurt Kling, Jamie Carroll and Katie Dutton finished 5th in the Governor's Cup.

Back at home on Malletts Bay. Ed Ziemer won the Club's Thursday night summer series. He's been untouchable in this series for a zillion years. In addition to campaigning his Lightning, Dave Gorman finished 3rd in the J-35 North Americans in Toronto with his boat "Mohawk Warrior". Nice going, Ed and Dave.
Did you know that our Hannah Swett, the 1993 North American Women's Champion, was selected for the allwoman America ${ }^{3}$ crew? Way to go, Hannah!

Don't forget the NA Masters', Juniors' and Women's Championships to be held here next summer. Look for details in upcoming Flashes. It will be a regatta to remember!


Andy and crew getting an excellent committee boat start in Neuchâtel.

Photo: Joel Von Allmen


Andy Horton raising the flag for the United States at the opening ceremonies at the World Youths' in Switzerland Photo: Audrey Matteson

COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION (303) Ohio District Sailing on Cowan Lake at Cincinnati, Onio
Fleet Captain. $\qquad$ Jim Young Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ Ted Hardman

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11672
11930
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12321
12412
13236
13275

Boat Name
Windsong
Bounty
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French Kiss Red Alert Gypsy

Sailors Delight


## Skipper

John Hayes
Robert Hastings Jeff Raasch Richard Robles Ron Ferguson Robert Stabb Robert Japikse Jim Mann Ron Millard Richard Niemeyer James T. Young Ted Hardman Tom Wille Ethan Parker Dave Boehm Larry Gruber Chris Mercer Bill Landis

Clark Shingledecker
Mike Kemp
Bill Young
Dick Pugh
Ken Irwin
Steve Weeber

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We have six teenage sailors who are improving at a awesome rate. John Hardman and Luke Shingledecker are both regular skippers in fleet races and have sailed some local regattas. David and Doug Young raced in three man J-22's, Jeff Pugh raced a Laser, and Ryan Tuck competed in 420's at the US Sailing Jr Championship Semi-Final Regatta held in early August at Youngstown, NY. The Young boys then crewed for their father Bill (alias Capt. Flip) in the Canadian Open Regatta. David, Doug and Jeff then teamed up for the Lightning Jr NA's and had a fantastic time at their first taste of competition at that level. It's really great to see these guys getting involved in this sport, knowing that they can still be competitive $50+$ years from now.
Fleet 303 hosted the Ohio District Championship Regatta this year with 19 boats participating in sailing conditions that were exceptionally good for this small lake. This regatta was organized for the benefit of Goodwill Industries. At least eighteen companies and the Governor of Ohio donated goods, money or services to support this event and allowed Fleet 303 to give Goodwill Industries a check for over $\$ 600$ after all accounts were settled. The end result was a better regatta at a lower cost to the participants, and a nice benefit for those less fortunate than us.... Not a bad deal. Matt Fisher finished first, followed by George Fisher and John Werley.
The 21st annual Fall-In Regatta closed out the season. Twenty boats enjoyed a beautiful mid-October weekend. Mike Thomas finished first, followed b y David Nickels and Dick Pugh. Thanks to everyone who supported fleet 303's activities in 1994. We look forward to an even better year in 1995.
OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)
Finland District
Sailing on the Gulf of Bothnia
at Oulu, Finland
Fleet Captain.........................imo Koski Hammar
Fleet Secretary.........
No new information

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

No Report.

KEMI FLEET (310)<br>Finland District<br>Sailing on the Gulf of Bothnia at Kemi, Finland

Fleet Secretary.............................Kari Anttila No new information

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

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

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

Boat No. 9037 9803 13841

## Skipper

Giovanni Cespa
Giovanni Via
Paolo Alvazzi Del Frate

## No Report

## SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314) Dixie District Based on Sassafras River, Maryland

| Fleet Cap | Howard Edson |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary. | ...Dave Horne |
| Fleet Champion | ...Jack Gregg |
| Runner-Up. | Howard Edson |


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

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Fleet Secretary.............................Kari Anttila No new information

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12995 | Pohjan-akka | Aulis Naykki |
| 13134 | Viivi | Jyrki Harikoski |
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Giovanni Via
Paolo Alvazzi Del Frate

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The Summer Bay race was won by Bob Horne, who was able to stay in the lead from the starting line while being chased and dogged by AI Mast (second) and Walt Pletcher (third) the entire way. A lot of anxious sweating was done that day.

Since Al Mast only finished in third place in the early series he decided to not be outdone, and showed up with a new boat for the late series. It didn't work. But we sure will miss him in the "ugly" Bald Bullet, although it has been threatened that his son Jeff will take control of it next year. Let's hope for a more imaginative name on the boat.

Howard Edson found Ganley's boat quite accommodating in the late series as he won four of seven races to take first place. Jack Gregg once again finished second and Tom Hopkins got dialed in to take third. Al Mast won the Skipper's Cup and Howard Edson won the Commodore's Trophy.

The Fall Bay race was won by resident visiting doctor Ted Ganley, with two other boats in second and third place, followed by a bunch more.

Jack Gregg and his consistent second place finishes let him squeeze in under Howard Edson for the Fleet Champion Ganley Trophy.
Last but not least, Al Mast finally got not only what he deserved, but apparently what he has coveted over the years. Not only did he christen Tom Hopkin's new boat, but when he got his own new boat and put it in the water, it flipped. But worse than that, nobody was in the boat and it was only in three feet of water.

Fleet 314 also hosted its bi-annual (and once again Olympic year, thanks to the winter/summer split) Invitational Regatta. Not only did Mark Schneider come back and win for the umpteenth time, but his father and sister took second and third place trophies home. One of these years we will make good on our threat and forget to invite the Schneider clan.

| REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION (325) |  |  |
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| Dixie District |  |  |
| Sailing on Rehoboth Bay |  |  |
| at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware |  |  |
| Fleet Secretary ..............Carol Mertes-Smith |  |  |
| Fleet Champion.......................Fred Mertes |  |  |
| Runner-Up............................. Bob Buzbee |  |  |
| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| 7592 | Capricorn | Edward Niemann, Jr. |
| 9750 |  | Robert Buzbee |
| 14043 | Fleeting Glance | Fred Mertes |
| Life Member |  | Jacob Zimmerman |

The 1994 season opened with the hosting of the twenty eighth Delaware Governors Cup on July 9 and 10. Sixteen Lightnings completed from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, DC and Virginia. Jon Schwartz from Red Bank. New Jersey captured the event with Bob Wardwell of Richmond, Virginia in second and Jack Elfman of Doylestown, Pennsylvania in third.

The second and final 1994 event for Lightning Fleet 325 was the hosting of the Robert Purnell Memorial Regatta. This regatta named for former fleet member and winner of the first Dixie District Championship in 1949. Of the twelve Lightnings on the line, Annapolis sailor Phil Grotheer was first, followed by RBSA/SSA sailor Fred Mertes in second and Ron Grotheer (Arlington, VA) in third.
The two open regattas counted towards the club championship with the only two active fleet members, Fred Mertes taking 1st and Bob Buzbee in second. We look forward to 1995 and RBSA continuing to host the two Lightning regattas and hope you and your families can make it to enjoy the beach and fine summer sailing on Rehoboth Bay.

See you on the water in 1995.

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

Fleet Secretary........................Paul C. Davis No new information

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

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain............................Ilkka Lilija Fleet Secretary........Samppa J. Salminen No new information
Boat No.
6838
12479
14364

Boat Name


Skipper
Timo Lehtinen
Antero Westerlund
Samppa J. Salminen

No Report

| Boat No. | Boat Name | Skipper |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9665 |  | Jim Bielefeld |
| 10168 |  | Jonathan Lange |
| 11011 |  | Rick Paullin |
| 11628 | Fission Chips | Eric Olsen |
| 11754 | Harvard Square | Paul I. Grinberg, Jr. |
| 12812 |  | Diane Sullivan |
| 13312 | Homets Nest | Doug Huessler |
| 14043 |  | Fred Mertes |
| 14156 |  | Mike Beaver |
| 14217 | TNT | Joe Frieble |
| 14278 | Coyote | David Perry |
| 14433 | Yankee Clipper | Eric Cofflin |
| 14523 |  | Simeon Coxe |
| 14566 |  | Ron Grotheer |
| 14581 | Captain America | Philip Grotheer |
| Life Member |  | Dr. Don Delorme |
| Life Member |  | William H. Buckley |
| Life Member |  | Steve Bachmann |
| Life Member |  | Paul I. Grinberg. Jr. |

For the Severn Sailing Lightning Fleet 329, 1994 was a great year. The officers of the fleet, Severn Sailing Association (the host club), and expert race management kept all functions at the club running smoothly. The weather was unusually generous to Annapolis this year. Even for the summer series, when we would typically be plagued with the shake and bake series (better known as the east-westerly series), which was not seen in 1994! The entire year proved to be full of great sailing, competition, and weather. With the terrific breezes, Fleet 329 enjoyed one of its most successful years yet!
The season was kicked off at the annual Superbowl party/fleet meeting where officers were elected, business was held and great fun was had.
In addition to the standard invitational regattas, Fleet 329 hosted the Dixie District Championships. Also, multiple race one day summer series were used this year due to its success in previous years. All invitational and series events combined were used to determine the fleet champion. With Phil Grotheer missing many series races traveling to the North Americans, and Simeon Coxe out of town on business, Fred Mertes easily won the fleet championship. Phil Grotheer and Ron Grotheer finished second and third respectively.
The "No Gas" Regatta, which was reinstated in 1993, drew eleven boats this year and was held on Memorial Day weekend. Five races were sailed in light to medium conditions on the choppy Chesapeake Bay. Phil Grotheer edged out Doug Heussler for the title with finishes of $3,2,2,1,2$. Doug sailed a great regatta with finishes of 2,1,1,2,6 for a close second place. Fred Mertes finished third with race finishes of $1,3,3,3,4$ and just in front of Simeon Coxe and Bob Wardwell in fourth and fifth.

The second main event of the year was the Dixie District Championships held on the 25th and 26th of June. Lightnings and Thistles sailed together, each sailing its own district championships. Twenty five boats from all over the district turned up to make this heavy air show-down, and the event turned out to be one of the
best districts in recent years! 25 to 30 knot breezes claimed many casualties. Mike Beaver and Ted Hunting both suffered broken masts and torn sails. Mike Beaver and crew spent hours in rough waters untangling the mess. Many other breakdowns were noted such as the keel on Jim Dillard's boat, in addition to broken booms, etc. Lightnings were not the only class with claims. One Thistle was observed on shore after being towed in half submerged which had literally "blown apart". The high winds caused enormous stresses on the hull where a side of the hull was missing, a section approximately three feet by eight feet long was dislodged. Bob Wardwell and his enormous crew captured first place edging out Fred Mertes with finishes of 1,2,1,3,1. Fred sailed consistently for second with finishes of $2,1,2,2,6$. Simeon Coxe finished third with finishes $6,3,5,1,3$. Phil Grotheer resulted in a fourth with finishes of $3,5,6,5,2$, and Doug Heussler finished fifth with $9,4,3,6$, and 4 . Congratulations to all who sailed a great regatta! Hopefully, after all the tangles, Mike Beaver and Ted Hunting got all gear in order for this year's events.
The Maryland Governor's Cup was held this year on Labor Day weekend when eleven boats participated for a fantastic weekend. Great weather and medium breezes allowed three races and ended with Fred Mertes at the top of the charts with 1,3,1 finishes. Fred just edged out Phil Grotheer in second with 2,1,2 finishes, and Doug Heussler scored third with $4,2,3$ finishes. Joe Frieble in his new boat grabbed fourth (great job) with finishes of 5,4,5.
Once again the Frigid Digit drew 26 boats from all over the east coast including Ontario, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Again the heavy winds prevailed and forced the race committee to postpone on Saturday which allowed every body to get prepared and get a good hot breakfast and/or a Bloody Mary. The race committee finally sent the Lightnings out for a fantastic day of sailing, followed by a good meal, a band, and lots of beer! After all five races were completed David Starck easily showed everybody how it was done, finishing first with unbeatable finishes of 1,2,1,1,1. Theresa Colantuono sailed superbly to secure second with finishes of $2,1,2,4,5$. The god(!) Tom Allen Sr. sailed consistently and finished third with $3,6,4,3,3$ finishes. J. Buczkowski finished fourth with 6,4,6,5,10 finishes, and Jack Jones finished fifth with $9,5,8,9,2$. The Frigid Digit/Borderline double header combined regatta was held on consecutive weekends and this year's winners were Tom Allen Sr., Jim Carson, and Phil Grotheer.
The 1994 summer series races proved to be the most fun of the year with great breezes and weather. Eleven boats competed in three days and three races each day for the event. In the end, the Simeon Coxe/Jeff Riedle contingent took first place with consistent races, Fred Mertes took second, and Ron Grotheer took third.
We missed Simeon Coxe who was out of town almost the entire year on business. We hope to see him all year in '95. We were happy to see Joe Frieble in his new boat "TNT" (we are all still looking for him in old yellow

Lightning Bug), and Doug Heussler, who showed us how much he needs to sail to show us his transom! Great job! We're also sorry to hear about Ted and Molly Hardenbergh leaving the area. Keep in touch and hope to see you soon.

All in all, it was a great year. The competition was terrific, and the weather cooperated. See you on the water in '95.


Approaching the weather mark in a typical north-westerly at the Frigid Digit

## SQUAM LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (332) New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake at Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.<br>.....Bill Gorwood

Fleet Secretary............................................... Wark Waks Fleet Champion........................Chris Whatley Runner-Up.. Dave Closson

## Boat No. Boat Name Skipper

10212 Snowy Owl Tor Brunvano
10320 Mountain Thyme
10555 Jumbo
10724 Loon A Sea
10732 Go Moshun
12509 Tashidelek
12859
12886
13101
13382
13620
14033
14111 Intrepid

Bob Sengstacken Dwight Gertz Martin J. Riehs David D. Closson Wallace E. Ackley Jack Russell Tim Montgomery Robert Ayotte Mark A. Waks Ed Michels Christian \& Allan Whatley Theodore Burr

With new members, up and down winds and a new commodore, Fleet 332 ended the 1994 season on a lift. Most races for this season had a good turnout, some had a lot of boats battling in consistent breezes. Some of the highlights of the season were new member Bob Sengstaken (10320) with his "all family crew" (wife and two small children) finally flying a spinnaker in the regatta and showing his transom to many. Peter Adams falling off Tor Brunvand's boat while trying to quiet the spinnaker and somehow hanging on and climbing in to still finish

2nd, a windless first day of the regatta (won by Jolus Hughes) and a gale during the round-the-lake race that sent most boats heading for the shore of Moon Island.

Tor Brunvand's boat did, as promised in the 1993 yearbook, improve to take second in the July series with Chris Whatley winning The July and August series as well as the season.

We were all treated to a great end of the season party. again hosted by Jack and Betty Russell and a presentation at the party of a video produced of the the fleet by Event Video Productions of Campton, NH.
Next year look for Bob S. to move forward in the standings and for possibly some new boats. It is rumored that Tor Brunvand is going to shell out the cash for a new boat. We will just have to wait and see.

## BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB (335) Central Atlantic District Sailing at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

| Fleet Captain.. |  | John Faus |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Bill Clarke |
| Fleet Champion. |  | Dave Kunz |
|  |  | John Faus |
| o. | Boat Name | Skipper |
|  | Talisman | Paul B. Wood |
|  |  | David P. Kunz |
|  |  | David P. Kunz |
|  | Thunderball | David C. Faus |
|  |  | John Faus |
|  |  | William S. Clarke |
|  |  | David P. Kunz |

Fleet 335 is happy to report that it will be hosting the 1995 District Championships. The event will be held July 7 through 9 and sailed on the north course which is actually the southern tip of Barnegat Bay, just east of Barnegat, New Jersey. There the sailing conditions are terrific. It's a very wide expanse of water with no center board worries. While typically there is a sea breeze from the south building up from around 12:30 p.m. there is a limited build-up of waves because the course is just north of a body of land.

The 1994 Fleet Champion was Dave Kunz with a steady crew of Alex Klein and Gary Hofing. Second place went to John Faus with his crew of Mac DeTuro and Hal Pote. Third place was taken by Bill Clarke with Joe McGinnis and Justin Monnig. Skippers John Demming, Paul Wood and Nick Iwasko were active and tough competitors. Paul is particularly awesome when his southern crew contingent arrives. With up to seven boats competing in the Summer Weekly series, it was good fun.

Another boat or two would be welcome additions and Fleet Captain John Faus promises us that he is working on that. He has assured me he will deliver two more boats in 1995.

