

GALWAY LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (338)

Central New York District Sailing on Galway Lake at Galway, New York

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

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

We experienced a mixture of wind conditions on Galway Lake this year. It would often be strong enough to require wearing life jackets before the race, then slow to a few light zephyrs. The upshot was many a sweaty race.

Jim Millard was able to retain the trophy while Maury Gardner, who migrates east from California each summer, took second. The Dunkin' Donuts a moldy old styrofoam ring with a scroll of "winners" on a toilet paper role and a thimble for bailing is "awarded" each year to those who dump their boats. This year our "woody," Harold Hansen, turned over for the first time. Having sailed for decades without such a mishap, Harold had no buckets aboard. At the annual banquet, previous winner Jim Dickson joyously awarded the Donut while pointing out that fleet champion Jim Millard's name appeared on the scroll of infamy more than anyone else's.

To close the year, several of us traded boats and crews each race of Labor Day weekend. In the last race, octogenarian Jim Dickson used Jim Millard's boat, wife, and visiting brother in law to score a resounding victory. Many thanks to the McConchie family, new Lightning sailors this year, who start the races, handle the treasury and print and deliver the weekly results.

LAKE GENEVA SAILING CLUB (345)

Midwest District Sailing on Lake Geneva, at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

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

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

Vickie Mathews is still sailing but we don't know any details. Jay sailed three days a week on "big boats" in Chicago the whole '94 season and is now working as a sail consultant for Doyle-Stearns Sailmakers in Chicago. Audrey is enjoying her retirement, too busy to do everything. She didn't miss many regattas, sailed with some of her previous skippers and also some new ones, and finished in the top ten or "in the money" often. One of the highlights was sailing in the European Championship with Jacques Perret and Thierry Monnier. They were excellent to sail with and the 6/27 finish was good. She stayed to

help with the World Youths, and "covered" both regattas for the yearbook. The young people were outstanding, and all the Europeans were friendly and fun. The entire experience, especially seeing "old friends" from Europe and making some "new friends" from every country, adding Ireland, Ecuador and Chile, was totally wonderful. Guiseppe Valenti and Gianni Pellegrino, Marsala, Sicily, are sending her one of their prototypes of their experimental "Rudder 2000" (so named because the Lightning keeps us young for our years - and Audrey is the living proof), which she will take to the many districts where she sails (six in '94 - more planned in '95) so that a broad cross section of sailors can see it, use it and evaluate it. She'll be sailing with Jacques and Thierry again in the '95 Europeans and Worlds in Finland.

Spike is coming out of mothballs in '95, to be updated and sailed by any aspiring skipper or loaned to a junior from Waukegan Yacht Club who is making a campaign for the Sears Cup. Who will lend *Spike* some decent sails from the 90's?

LAKE LANIER LIGHTNING FLEET (348)

Southeastern District Sailing on Lake Lanier, at Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet Secretary.....David S. Smith

No new information

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

No Report

HOOVER YACHT CLUB (353)

Ohio District Sailing on Hoover Reservoir at Columbus, Ohio

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

No new information

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

No Report

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

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

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10899	Damafimo	Daniel Fischlin
11108	Baribor	Roland Baumgartner
12951	Santa Fiamma	Jacques Perret
13257	.....	Hans Spinnler
13692	Milan	Hans-Peter Schmid
13790	Meltemi	Urs Wyler
14664	Karhu	Peter Graf

Die Saison 1994 stand ganz eindeutig im Zeichen der Europameisterschaft in Yverdon und der Junioren-Weltmeisterschaft in Neuenburg. An der EM nahmen 2 Boote unserer Flotte teil, *MELTEMI* und *SANTA FIAMMA*. *MELTEMI* konnte nach ausgezeichnetem Beginn mit 3 Laufsiegen seinen 3 Europameistertitel nach Hause segeln, im gleichen Gewässer, in dem er 1976 seinen ersten Titel erringen konnte. Mit einer neuen Mannschaft, Thierry Monnier und Audrey Matteson, von United States, erreichte *SANTA FIAMMA* nach einem schlechten ersten Lauf den guten sechsten Gesamtrang und war damit zweitbestes Schweizerboot.

An unserer Flottenmeisterschaft nahmen einmal mehr nur gerade 3 Boote teil. Es ist sehr schade, dass uns die anderen beiden Flotten der Schweiz nicht besser unterstützen, den Regattaplatz Murten als dritte Region innerhalb der Schweiz zu erhalten. Wir werden diese Regatta auch nächstes Jahr wieder durchführen und hoffen sehr auf eine bessere Beteiligung.

The highlight of the 1994 season definitely was the European Championship in Yverdon and the Junior World Championship in Neuchâtel. Two of the boats from our fleet, *Meltemi* and *Santa Fiamma*, took part in the European Championship. *Meltemi* could sail home after an excellent beginning by winning the first three races and his third European title, on the same body of water where he had been able to get his first title in 1976. With a new crew, Thierry Monnier and Audrey Matteson, from the United States, *Santa Fiamma*, after a bad first race, was able to achieve the good sixth total rank and thus was the second-best Swiss boat.

At our fleet championship, once more only three boats participated. It is a pity that the other two fleets of Switzerland do not support us better in the effort to retain the Murten regatta site as the third region within Switzerland. We will again run this regatta next year and hope very much for better participation.



Meltemi, sailed by Urs Wyler, Walter and Gilbert Dürr on the Lac du Neuchâtel, Yverdon, as they win the European Championship for the third time.

CATAWBA YACHT CLUB (365)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Wylie
Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary.....Tom Smiley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11897	William C. Campbell III
13838	Tom Smiley
14620	R. Carr Boyd, Jr.

This was a year for major race format changes at the Catawba Yacht Club (CYC). A larger committee boat was borrowed and new 5 ft. inflatable race marks were purchased and put to use by CYC Fleet Captain Reneau Van Landingham. These changes made practical the adoption of the triangular race course format which is standard for most sailboat races. The Club membership committee started to actively recruit new members and especially sailors. One of the main parts of the recruitment program was setting up a CYC booth at the Lake Norman sailboat show. The main attraction of the show was a Lightning. The first successes in this process were Lynn and Joe Neff who purchased one of Tom Smiley's Lightnings and have been actively participating in the race schedule.

The Catawba Yacht Club has two Lightning racing seasons, spring and fall. Summer winds are too light and power boats dominate the Lake Wylie. Winner of both seasons was Tom Smiley. Temporarily lost from the starting line was Bill Campbell III who is attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a year. His father and regular crew, Bill Campbell II, stepped in to become a regular participant. Dan and Hat Thompson, as

always, dominated in light air races. They found the wind when the rest of us were sitting still and watching in amazement. Tom Smiley and his regular crew, Grady Burgin, had a very strong year with consistent performance. Grady, who recently joined the Club will be buying a different class boat but may continue sailing with Tom. Chip Arnett, who was moving up in last year's standings, was out for the entire year due to boat repair problems. Carr Boyd, probably our best Lightning sailor, is still away at college so did not participate regularly.

1995 promises to be a very good year on Lake Wylie. Chip should be getting his boat back in the water, Bill will be coming back and we have two prospective members who are interested in Lightnings.

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

Fleet Captain/Secretary..... Bob Bazett

Fleet Champion..... Bob Bazett

No new information

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

No Report

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET (372) **California District** **Sailing on San Francisco Bay, California**

Fleet Captain..... Elissa Hall McQuillin

Fleet Secretary..... Mike Molina

Fleet Champion..... Mike Molina

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

Twenty years ago, Stan Starkey was Fleet Champion, for the third straight year, Bruce Arnold joined the fleet with his pink boat *Peppermint Patty*, *Genie II* was owned by Bill Hole, Mark Patty was sailing *Raggedy Ann 2* and the fleet membership was at nine.

The more things change the more they stay the same. Stan Starkey is still a topic of conversation, Bruce now owns *Peppermint Patty Too*, which is not pink, *Genie II* is owned by Mike Molina, Billy Hole crewed for Mike on Mike's other boat at the PCC's, Mark Patty is holding *Raggedy Ann 4* hostage and the fleet membership is at nine.

We have two new members this year, David Anderson and Mark Williams. David Anderson (as opposed to

Dave Anderson), managed to sneak in for the last mid-winter in March but had been unable to sail with us for the balance of the season. He plans to participate more in 1995. Mark Williams may be new to the fleet, but is not new to the sport. Mark comes to us with hundreds of hours (or is it years) of sailing experience. After a year of restoring/rebuilding Carl Eichenlaub's first Lightning, Mark joined us for several races this year and even won the final regatta of the year.

The Midwinter series at Richmond Yacht Club with over 200 boats from 20 different classes is nothing less than exciting. The light winds, mild weather, short courses and numerous races bring out the timorous of sailors. The leeward mark roundings with fifty Lasers, and barely any wind, leaves much to be desired by any Lightning sailor, but having the fleet videographer on the nearby crash boat one tends to bite one's tongue. The standings changed with each race and the final race decided the victor - Bruce Arnold.

Bruce, Sue, Mike, Arlene, Andy and Janice travelled to San Diego for the California Circuit in April. As always, a great time was had by all. Mike started what would become a tradition for him this year and broke the first of several spinnaker poles.

We were one short on the first day of the Richmond Opener while Bruce sailed in, and won, the Bay Area's Commodore Cup Regatta. Bruce sailed the Lightning on Sunday, but had little chance of winning this event since Mike won all the previous day's races and was beating the Thistles to the weather mark on Sunday. The Thistles kept asking, "Who was that white Lightning?" Mike flabbergasted the Thistles so much they sailed the wrong course and finished on the wrong side of the committee boat. Elissa had guest skipper, Rand Arnold, who normally sails an I-14. Rand thought Lightning sailing was too dry for his liking, faked a hiking strap breaking, and went for a swim. His years of sailing an I-14 had him well trained for a speedy recovery. He was back on the boat before Elissa and Andy knew he was gone.

Our local sailing was light from May to August, so "Trail and Sail" became the norm. Elissa attempted - and a good attempt it was - to sail in the Districts at Mission Bay. Sixteen hours and 700 miles later Elissa found herself at home without boat and without car. Lack of sleep, bagels, chocolate chip cookies, a cellular phone and good friends, kept an otherwise horrible trip from becoming ugly. This was only the beginning. The boat needed to be retrieved from the Grapevine and the car was being repaired in Bakersfield. The priority - the boat. So, Elissa and Andy did a déjà vu on Saturday to retrieve the boat. The car was another trip the following Thursday. In total 1,600 miles and 38 hours and no sailing.

The next outing was the Pacific Coast Championship at Klamath Falls, Oregon. Needless to say Elissa was not allowed to tow the boat with her car. Something to do with the third transmission in two months and a regatta to get to. Mike and Arlene also made the trip. Mike got Billy Hole out of hibernation and went to town. Mike somehow

ended up in an unbreakable tie at the finish of the fifth race and took home third place conceding second to the home fleet.

Back at home Mark Williams sailed in the Portsmouth fleet at Clearlake and found out how fast a Lightning goes, even with an old 5-0-5 spinnaker.

Richmond was the host for the summer's end regatta in late August. Bruce almost made a clean sweep of all five races to win the regatta, followed by Mike in second.

Mike and Arlene and Mark Songey; Elissa, Andy and Geoff Baxter; and, Mark, Debra & Robert Williams travelled to Lake Cachuma for the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta in early September. This was Elissa's and Mark's first experience with Lake Cachuma, while Mike was the old salt. Mike and Arlene planned four Incredible meals for our group, all we had to do was help with the cooking. Next year we are charging admission to our culinary exhibition.

The sailing was the best lake sailing anyone could ask for. A steady 18 knots settled in just after noon and fades away at sundown. Mark decided to check the flotation of his boat at the end of the second race and was unable to complete the regatta due to a broken tiller, which he donated to that evening's bonfire. In the meantime, Mike went one round with his boom at the windward mark and had developed quite a shiner by Sunday afternoon. Nothing compared to how it looked the following week, from what I hear. Elissa was not without incident; only an hour into the trip, the trailer fell off the car. No damage; just a loose bolt on the trailer coupler. The transmission stayed intact this time around.

One last regatta near home, at Treasure Island Yacht Club. Formerly run by the Navy, it is now in the hands of John Q. Public. Primarily sheltered in the cove, it's compact sailing, mark roundings at dockside, with offwind legs through the mooring area where 50 feet of scope is the requirement. Mark brought in a ringer, (his accountant, so he said), and won the regatta. His sailing was flawless, it was the backward half-gainer with a twist that his son Robert took off the boat, that only got a 9.5, that cost Mark some points.

Elissa teamed up with Bruce while her boat was in the shop. Some could say she got even for the Island Yacht Club incident of 1994, or it's just bad luck when she crews for an Arnold, but Bruce, Elissa and Gail went for a swim in the cove. This was Bruce's first capsize in Peppermint Patty Too, and his first capsize in ten years. Once we got the top six feet of mast out of the mud, it was your normal capsize rescue. And once back on shore the volunteer Coast Guard observer called off the search and rescue team he radioed for. I guess after picking up El Toros, Sunfishes and Lasers all day they would need back up for something as large as the Lightning?

Elissa was re-elected as Fleet Captain and Mike was permanently elected as Secretary/Treasurer. With Mark Williams on board, we need to get much more serious. Dave "Larz" Anderson will be crewing until his boat is finished, then he'll be out here teaching us a thing or two.

We sail year round in San Francisco, so if you are ever in the neighborhood, look us up.

P.S. With one month left, it is safe to say that Bruce has survived his year as Commodore of Richmond Yacht Club.

DOUGLAS LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (374)

Michigan District

Sailing on Douglas Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

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

No new information

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

No Report

LANSING SAILING CLUB FLEET (387)

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Lansing Haslett, Michigan

Fleet Captain.....Ron Wilson

Fleet Secretary.....Terry Kleiman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12561	.....	Ron Wilson
12888	Do Rite	Dennis Dudley
13344	.....	Jack & John Fishbeck
14147	Hull Speed	Fred Hull
14267	Fubar	Larry Koster
14294	Shabumi	Bill Davidson
14444	Ace Kicker	Ron Wilson
14468	2C3S	Terry Kleiman
.....	.....	John Biernbaum
.....	.....	Walt Byington
.....	.....	Jim Graves
.....	.....	John Penn
.....	.....	Chris Thomas

Fleet #387 sailing in Lake Lansing enjoyed the most competitive year of racing in some time. Sixteen different boats competed in racing during the season. Thirty nine regular club races were held. There is no question that many of the fleet's skippers are showing improvement as the top seven scorers all won at least one race in 1994. Ron Wilson in "Ace Kicker" repeated as fleet champ edging out Terry Kleiman in "2C3S" by six close points. The "Fubar" skipper, Larry Koster, placed third, only thirty four points behind second place. This was the tightest top three totals in many years for the Lansing Sail Club. Fourth and fifth place were tied in points with fourth going to Dennis Dudley and fifth to the tenacious John Fishbeck. The tie was broken by a method the fleet scorer has not divulged as yet. Fred and Julie Hull's "Hull Speed" placed sixth in the standings and John Biernbaum finished up the qualifiers in seventh with his "Minwasin".

The annual "Tune-up Regatta" held annually in early June at Lake Lansing saw a Lansing sailor win for the second straight year. Larry Koster took top prize with Diana Fernando from the Pontiac Yacht Club finishing second, only one half point back. Terry Kleiman from LSC grabbed third for the second straight year. Kevin Nickels placed fourth in a beautiful new boat and a borrowed crew. The 1993 winner, Chris Marzke, finished fifth giving LSC three of the top five places. This was the best showing for Fleet 387 in some time.

The season ended with the promise of at least two new boats and skippers ready to race for 1995. If the competition in 1994 was any indication, it will be tight sailing on the challenging Lake Lansing water this coming year.



*Regatta action at Lake Lansing,
George Peet (14503) of Saginaw, Larry Koster (14267)
of Lansing and Chris Marzke (14250) of St. Joseph
Photo courtesy Terry Kleiman*

SALINAS YACHT CLUB (405) Ecuador District Sailing on the Pacific Ocean Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Secretary.....Francisco X. Sola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8513	El Abuelo	Roberto Campoverde
9411	Sea Breeze	Camilo Saman
11928	La Ratonera	Miguel Plaza Menendez
12054	Ganso Salvaie	Samuel Infante
12693	.....	Enrique Granja
13440	.....	Ignacio Vidal
14099	Desencuentro	Miguel Plaza Merino
14145	Culilla	Juan Carlos Plaza
14150	.....	Francisco Sola Medina
14160	Alegato	Estaban Meira
14163	Co Lo	Cesar Baquerizo
14370	La Maquina	Justus Klemperer
14379	Saudades	Juan Manuel Meira
14383	Don't Worry...	Juan Andres Tamariz
14541	Zorro Loco II	Francisco Sola Tanca
14556	.....	Escuela Naval
14557	.....	Escuela Naval

14558	.....	Xavier Monge
14671	Magia	Juan Santos
14676	Garufa	Carlos Luis Lecaro
14673	Pepto Bismol	Santiago Romero
14674	Marraqueta	Jaime Santacruz

We are very proud to have among our fleet members the current Junior Worlds Runner-Ups in the team of Miguel Plaza Jr., Jose Manuel Gonzales and Juan Andres Baquerizo. These guys did a superb job on Lake Neuchâtel, Switzerland, as they have also done locally. Besides the Worlds, Miguel and crew won this year's Districts for the second time in a row. Also they became the first Junior South American Champions when they finished third in the 1994 South Americans. We expect a lot more from these guys in the future.

Also great news from our fleet is the fact that we acquired four brand new boats, making our fleet grow to 22 Lightnings, out of which approximately 18 are actively racing (and have paid their dues too!).

Fleet 405 changed its sailing waters for a short season to the Chongon Dam, just 20 minutes from Guayaquil. (A picture of the marina is shown). This experience gave us the feeling of lake sailing which we don't know much about. We experienced great winds, strange shifts and some nice parties.

In November 1994 The Federacion Ecuatoriana de Yachting held the National Championships for all its affiliated classes. Lightnings went back to Salinas to race in a 22 boat local-boat fleet, something we haven't seen in decades! We even had three boats from Fleet 411 of Lake San Pablo. The absolute winner was the team of Juan Santos, Oscar Viteri and Werner Moeller with straight wins. Runner up was Juan Carlos Plaza, third was Miguel Plaza Jr. Juan Santos and crew will represent Ecuador in the PanAm Games in Argentina. By the way, Juan Santos went on to win the J-24 and Laser Nationals too; titles that make him the most qualified sailor to represent us in the PanAms.

We expect a very active 1995 for Fleet 405, and hopefully an additional growth of at least three competitive boats.



*The marina at the Chongon Dam
where Fleet 405 experienced lake sailing.
Photo: Melba Plaza*



Miguel Plaza, Jr. (c), Jose Manuel Gonzales and Juan Andres Baquerizo after accepting the second place trophy at the World Youth Championship in Switzerland.
Photo: Audrey Matteson

HIGH ROCK LIGHTNING FLEET (415)

Southeastern District

Sailing on High Rock Lake at Lexington, North Carolina

Fleet Secretary.....Jimmie Nickell
No new information

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

No Report

KILLYLEAGH YACHT CLUB (427)

Ireland District

Sailing on Strangford Lough at Belfast-County Down, Northern Ireland

Fleet Secretary.....Raymond Killops

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
29	Top Gun	Raymond Killops
77	Mean Machine	Dennis Bennett
	Cheers	Ronnie Barr
	Rainbow II	Willie Lindsay
14086	Stars & Stripes	John Scott / Trevor Wilson / David Brown
	Doris D	Don Bridges
	Swift	Ladja Moucka/Paul Cromie
	Hysteria	Gordon Moore

1994 has been a very eventful year for the Strangford Lough Lightning Fleet. As reported previously in Flashes, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary this year. All the other Clubs on the Lough were invited to join us in a special regatta to mark this milestone. We were fortunate in having good weather after an unpromising start to the day. There was a good turn-out of boats, with many different classes taking part. The Lightning class was won by Denis Bennett in his boat, Mean Machine. We were delighted to welcome back Ann and Joe Dissette. Joe was in his usual good sailing form and finished 2nd, sailing Stars & Stripes. Every boat owner taking part was given a memento of the occasion. We are all looking forward to celebrating our 100th!

In July the fleet sent a representative crew to the World Youth Championships in Switzerland. Andrew Killops, Barry Bridges & Colin Martin found this a very valuable experience. Raymond Killops, Fleet Secretary, who accompanied the team, offered Killyleagh as a venue for future European Championships. We hope to continue this European connection by sending a team to Finland for the European Championship in 1995.

Closer to home, club racing was most enjoyable for all competitors. The season runs from May to September, with a very varied range of sailing conditions. On average, the fleet would consist of eight boats taking part in racing three times a week. Fleet numbers are remaining stable with a new boat being built, by Willie Lindsay, for next season. This will be another wooden boat. As our Fleet consists mainly of older, wooden boats, we would be very keen to make contact with other members of the "Woodie Division"!

The Lightning Fleet at Killyleagh would like to wish all our fellow Lightning sailors the very best Mother Nature has to offer wherever you sail.



Andrew Killops, Colin Martin and Barry Bridges during the awards ceremony at the Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel
Photo: Audrey Matteson

GREATER CHARLESTON LIGHTNING FLEET (429)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Charleston Harbor at Charleston, South Carolina

Fleet Captain.....Lenny Krawcheck

No new information

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

No Report

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB (430)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Great Egg Harbor Bay at Ocean City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.....Steve Constantine

Fleet Secretary.....John Parker

No new information

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

No Report

SOUTHAMPTON YACHT CLUB (431)

Long Island District

Sailing on Shinnecock Bay at Southampton, Long Island, New York

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

Fleet Secretary.....Diane Finnegan

No new information

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

No Report

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB (435)

Texas District

Sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain..... Paul Harvener

Fleet Secretary..... Jenny Eldredge

Fleet Champion..... Liz Harvener

Runner-Up..... Dr. Sylvan Newman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9766	.....	Bill Flink
10014	.....	Spencer McGowan
11046	.....	Nick Woodbridge
12065	.....	Jim Alman
12500	Calico Cat	Arthur M. Wilson
13266	.....	Vernon Goldberg
13311	Pandora	Robert H. Thomas
13622	.....	Glenn Darden
13806	Thin Ice	Paul Harvener
13831	.....	David Tschirhart
13870	Some Girls	Jenny Gandy Eldredge
13953	.....	Kurt Schuler/Scott Anderson
14428	.....	Allison & Steve Pease

Fleet 435 is pleased to have veteran Lightning sailor Jim Alman join our fleet along with new boat owners David Tschirhart and Bill Flink. Steve and Allison Pease also purchased a boat this year and have joined the fleet, and Doyle Sherman has been seen in "Dark Horse", the boat that Glen Darden had custom built.

The 1994 sailing season began with the Spring Series which was a good tune up for the Holiday in Dixie Regatta which was held in April in Shreveport. David Tschirhart with crew Paul Harvener and Maura Power placed fourth in the regatta and Jenny Eldredge with Chris Shipman and Blair Hartsfield placed third. The regatta was a little calmer this year since it didn't blow and no one got lost at the Holiday in Dixie carnival but everyone had fun anyway.

Fleet 435 once again hosted the Rush Creek Spring Dinghyfest multiclass regatta. Sixty one boats participated in the regatta including a good number of Lightnings. Several out of town Lightnings participated including that fun gang from Memphis. Steve and Patty Harris with Bruce Bierlink from Conroe won the regatta, Bill Baxter and crew Henry Grosvenor and Peter (who appeared incognito with short hair!) from Memphis took second and locals Jenny Eldredge, Mike Dill, and with the Shipman calling the shots, took third.

In May, the Paul Harvener, Scott Anderson, and Jenny Eldredge teams from Rush Creek made the trek to Memphis to the Hernando de Soto Regatta. Once again, since the Shipman magic was in the air, Jenny's team finished second.

Rush Creek hosted the Texas Districts in June. We knew it would be grim when the weather forecast was light and variable. This was Jim Alman's first regatta as a Texas resident and he proved to be as much of a pro as we had heard, with a first in the Districts. Scott Anderson from Rush Creek got second and the Harris team from Houston placed third.

In August, the Rush Creek team of Deanna Gronke, Maura Power, and Jenny Eldredge drove the boat to Hamilton, Ontario to participate in the Women's Lightning North Americans. The MacDonald clan ran perfect races and the weather cooperated with the exception of the second day when a storm caused a great deal of excitement on the race course. The Rush Creek women's team placed third overall and won one of the races. The next week, the Rush Creek team of Paul Harvener, Chris Shipman, and Jenny Eldredge sailed in the Lightning North Americans in Toronto. Chris called great tactics once again and the team wound up in the blue fleet.

The last week of August, Rush Creek hosted the Fall Dinghyfest and Jim Alman once again dominated the Lightning fleet with first overall followed by Jenny Eldredge with tactician Stephen Craig, and Mark Alholm, and third was the Harris team from Houston. Also in the fall was the Commodore's Cup in Conroe where three Rush Creek boats participated and Scott Anderson placed second. The last big regatta that our fleet participated in this year was the Bluenose which was unseasonably warm and windy where two boats from the Creek sailed.

Fleet 435 would like to recognize Vernon Goldberg, Fleet Champ Dr. Sylvan Newman, and Art Wilson for their participation in the Sunday fleet races. These three boats are on the line every Sunday, rain or shine - promoting our fleet.

FOND DU LAC LIGHTNING FLEET (442)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Winnebago at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain.....Gary Zink
Fleet Secretary..... Mike Elmergreen
Fleet Champion.....Larry Kaup
Runner-Up..... Gary Zink

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

This was an interesting year for Fleet 442 on Lake Winnebago. The weather cooperated most of the season to provide for some good racing. The Lighthouse regatta was held the first weekend in June with 14 boats competing in five races. This year's winner, relatively new to the Lightning class was Ken Heitzinger with a crew of Jim Fairman and Brenda Taylor.

In the Tuesday night series, Mike Elmergreen and Sue Dorscheid got big boat sailor Larry Kaup to race their Lightning with Mike and Sue as crew. Larry won the 12 race series by a good margin with Gary Zink taking second. Two E-Scows took 3rd and 4th in our Portsmouth fleet, Lightnings win again! We are now trying to find a Lightning for Larry, in his price range.

Mike Elmergreen's old Lightning "Imaginary Voyager" (13280) has come back to Fond du Lac. Jim Olsen and two partners have been fixing up the neglected hull. They put in a new 'used' mast and have replaced much of the rigging. It should be ready to go in '95!

Also, Phil Kerch has a wood Lightning in town. We will try to get a crew for Phil and get him on the race course next season.

Mike and Sue did some traveling with Paul 'Watch Me Now' Wurtzebach of Chicago. They sailed many of the district regattas as well as making it to the blue fleet in Toronto.

It looks like we are finally going to see some growth. This winter, we will again work on a dry storage area at the Yacht Club, which would really accelerate our growth.

SAN PABLO FLEET (447)

Ecuador District

Sailing on Lago San Pablo at Quito, Ecuador

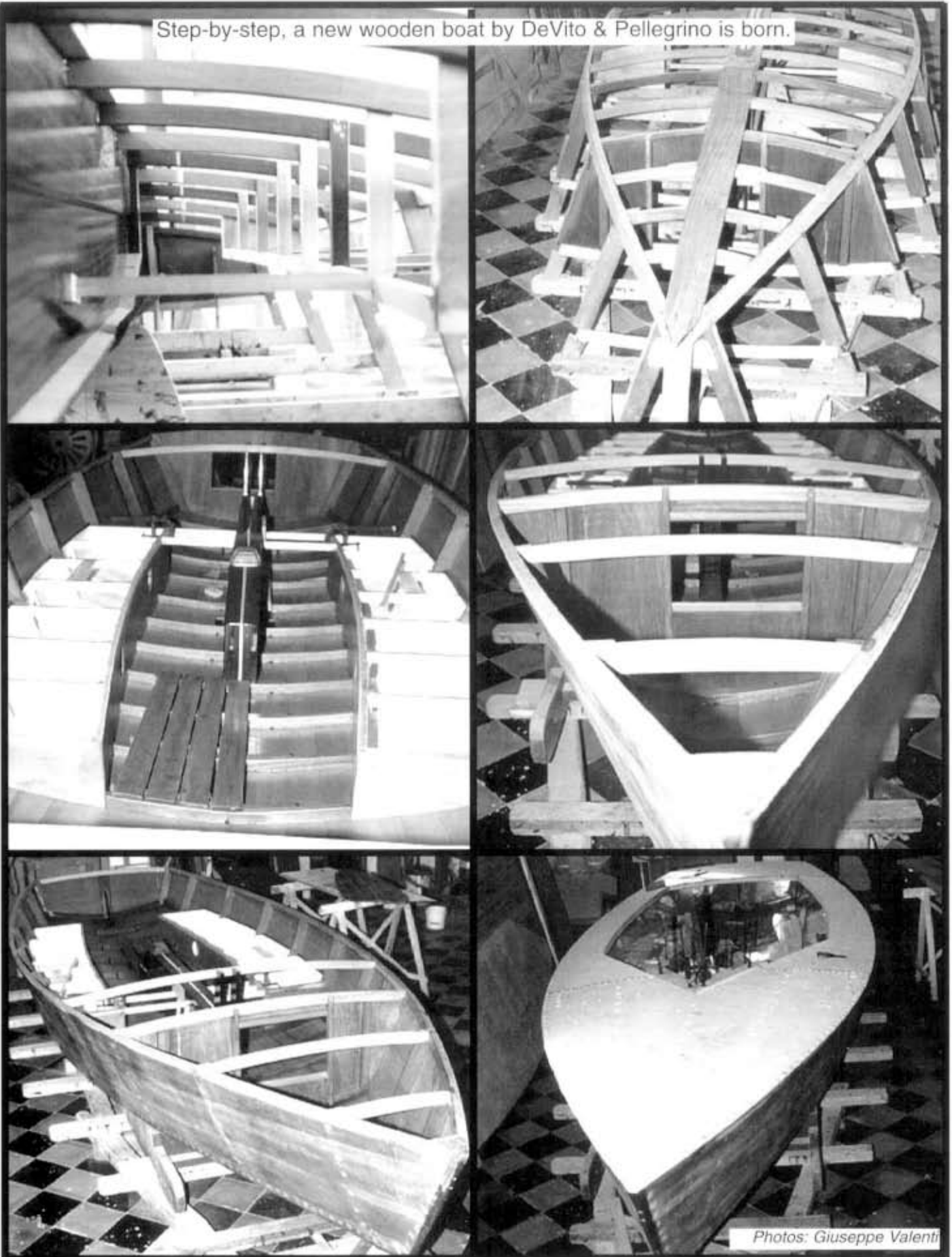
Fleet Captain.....Mauricio Martinez

No new information

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

No Report.

Step-by-step, a new wooden boat by DeVito & Pellegrino is born.



MARSALA LIGHTNING FLEET (449)

Italian District

Sailing on the Mediterranean Sea at Marsala, Sicily, Italy

Fleet Captain.....Giovanni Pellegrino-Life Member
Fleet Secretary..... Pietro Zerilli
Fleet Champion..... Giuseppe Alagna
Runner-Up..... Mario Noto

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12027	Wanted I	Giovanni Pellegrino
13345	Trepepe	Giuseppe Valenti
13349	Ho! Hell	Vito Pernice
13402	Rainbow	Antonio Marino
13478	Dove vai?	Stefano Reina
13481	Wanted III	Giuseppe Alagna
13706	Lily Bay Tan	Vito Tripoli
14102	.....	Roberto Crucitti
14361	.....	Mario Noto
.....	.....	Giuseppe Rallo

During the season our fleet carried out intense activity. The most important success has been the victory in the Italian Championship that took place at Reggio Calabria in the sea of the Straits of Messina from April 23-26. Giuseppe Alagna won with crew Chila and Paxia, belonging to the Club SOCIETA' CANOTTIERI MARSALA. In this Italian Championship we have obtained a great affirmation with crew in the first five positions.

Our fleet participated also in the European Championship in Switzerland. We took part with five crews, and obtained the second position with crew Alagna, Alagna, Paxia on a Pellegrino wood boat; the fourth position with Noto, Parrinello, Spano, the fifth position with Marino, Marino, Linares; and the eleventh position with Valenti, Maggio, Paxia J.

The Italian district was represented in the World Youth Championship, also on the Lake of Neuchâtel in Switzerland; our two crews: Maggio, Montalto, Prinzivalli and Marino, Linares, Coronello. The clubs that help us to do this intense activity are: CIRCOLO VELICO MARSALA AND SOCIETA' CANOTTIERI MARSALA..

On the previous page is the newest boat being built by our excellent builder of boats that helps us to win so much.



The future youth Italian crews are very interested in the swans on the river at Yverdon.

Photo: Audrey Matteson

FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453)

Italian District

Sailing on Trasimeno Lake, Italy

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

No new information

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

No Report

TUUSULVANJÄRVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)

Finland District

Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjärvi Tuusula, Finland

Fleet Captain..... Niko Lappalainen
Fleet Secretary..... Timo Ahomäki
Fleet Champion..... Niko Lappalainen
Runner-Up..... Olli Lähteinen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5552	.....	Jorma Lehtonen
12757	Merenhulke	Veijo Meisalo
13098	Vipunen	Lauri Hämäläinen
13438	Marylou	Timo Ahomäki
13562	Amanda	Hannu Hanskala
14018	.....	Niko Lappalainen
14179	Porkkana	Rainer Korhonen
14271	.....	Hannu Hurskainen
14274	Annie Hall	Leo Korhonen
14406	Amarillo	Pertti Pyy
14535	Snow White	Antero Punttila
.....	.....	Tuomo Kauhanen
.....	.....	Pentti Laitinen

The 1994 was another successful season for the Tuusulanjärvi fleet. Four boats from our fleet squeezed into the top ten in Finnish District Championships. Pertti Pyy made a comeback to Kuopio with his daughters, and took home the District Championship, leaving the Runner-Up title to last year's champion Leo Korhonen. Olli Lähteinen and Niko Lappalainen filled in with eighth and ninth position respectively. All together eight boats from Tuusulanjärvi took part in the 1994 Finnish racing circuit. In the Europeans, Hartti Nisonen from Tuusulanjärvi sailed with Lauri Hemming of Helsinki to 13th place, Antero Punttila being 25th.

The 1994 Lightning season was started with the traditional Tuusulanjärvi "On The Rocks" race the first weekend of May and finished ten major regattas later with a four-boat match-race October the 23th outside

Helsinki. The season was one of the most active in many years, with totally 25 boats participating in the Districts and the Ranking series. In addition to this, many boats sailed in local evening races. A particularly pleasant sight at Lake Tuusulanjärvi was the Ylänen family, sailing with their three young kids in many Tuesday evening races. The Ranking series of five regattas, together with the Districts were used to decide the first seven Finnish participants for the 1995 Worlds in Kuopio. Three skippers from Tuusulanjärvi have qualified thus far: Leo Korhonen, Pertti Pyy and Olli Lähteinen. Olli, at the tender age of sixteen, was also the youngest skipper in the series. He finished fifth in the 20-boat Ranking Series, where Leo Korhonen took home the silverware.

This was also again the year for the current defender of the Tuusulanjärvi Cup match-race trophy to face a new challenger. This time it was Niko Lappalainen who had to surrender the Cup to Antero Punttila with a score 1-2, and then hurry to his son's christening in the afternoon. Congratulations to the Lappalainen family. The annual Tuusulanjärvi Big Challenge single handed race was sailed in moderate conditions (5 m/s of wind, gusting to 8+) after the Cup races. Niko absent, his boat was borrowed by a first-time singlehander Waltteri Karhusaari, who is usually seen as a crew for Antero Punttila. Participating Big Challenge regulars included Kimmo Aromaa and Antero Punttila. Kimmo seemed like a strong candidate for his third Big Challenge victory, when his spinnaker halyard got tangled in a drop, and he found himself standing on the centerboard. After the mess was cleared and the boat righted (slowly!), he continued to finish the race. Antero went to take home the main prize (a Ferrari) with conservative sailing (no spinnaker). Immediately after the race, Waltteri was not quite sure what to make of it, but after his pulse dropped below 180, he thought it was sort of OK after all. 50% sailing, 50% survival.

Besides all-out racing, the Lake Tuusulanjärvi fleet took part in several other activities. At the Lake Tuusulanjärvi Sailing Club's "open-day" in spring, Lightnings were used to take people for a spin out on the lake. In June, *Amarillo* skippered by Hartti and *Marylou* skippered by Timo spent a day sailing with a group of blind people, who have a summer resort across the lake from the sailing club. This was a particularly pleasant experience that we wish to repeat next year.

All in all, with well over ten regattas sailed and a lot of other activities, the season was a busy one, at least for the active racers. With the Worlds and Europeans in Finland in 1995, the motivation was high as was the turn-out of boats to regattas. Let us hope that the outcome of next season will match the high expectations of the Finnish Lightning sailors. For the Tuusulanjärvi fleet, there is at least all reason to believe it will.

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Florida District

Sailing on Lake Eustis

near Orlando, Florida

Fleet Secretary.....Fisk Hayden
No new information

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

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462)

Brazil District

Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga,

at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Secretary.....Per Olov Hornell
No new information

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

LAKE WACCAMAW LIGHTNING FLEET (463)

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

Fleet Captain.....Vivian Hollinshed
Fleet Secretary.....J. M. "Dick" Coburn
Fleet Champion.....J. M. "Dick" Coburn
Runner-Up.....Vivian Hollinshed
No new information

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

The year 1994 has been a very good for Fleet 463, having completed 22 races, with a lot of fellowship during club dinners and maintaining our fleet at six members. A far cry from two members two years ago. Also, we had one member to attend every regatta of the Southeastern District. We are certainly looking forward to 1995.

FLOTTA DEL CONERO (466)**Italian District**

**Sailing on the Adriatic Sea at Numana,
Ancona, Falconara and Senigallia, Italy**

Fleet Captain.....Bruno Roccheggiani

Fleet Secretary.....Renzo Bozzi

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13346	Bibir	Bruno Roccheggiani & Renzo Bozzi

No Report.

VALKEAKOSKI LIGHTNING FLEET (468)**Finland District**

**Sailing on Lakes Mallavesi and Vanajavesi
Valkeakoski, Finland**

Fleet Captain.....Aimo Jokiniemi

Fleet Secretary.....Pertti Jalonen

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
14352	Sini	Pentti Jarvinen
14403	Janita II	Aimo Jokiniemi

No Report.

FLOTTA DEL SAVIO (476)**Italian District**

**Sailing on the Adriatic Sea
at Ravenna, Italy**

Fleet Captain.....Sergio Camporessi

Fleet Secretary.....Gaetano Pellizzaro

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9942	Michael Taroni
13037	Walter Luzzi

No Report.

CEDAR LIGHTNING FLEET (478)**Florida District**

**Sailing on the Caloosahatchee River
at Fort Myers, Florida**

Fleet Captain.....Steve Ewing

Fleet Secretary.....Ralph Suhm

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13822	"?"	Steven R. Ewing
14408	Rocket II	Liz Lombardo
14412	Second Childhood	"ET" Tim Fisher
14427	Lethal	Mark Bryant

No Report.

FLOTTA ROMA (479)**Italian District**

**Sailing on Bracciano Lake
at Rome, Italy**

Fleet Captain.....Sergio Masserotti

Fleet Secretary.....Gianni Battisti

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9308	Agata	Gianni Battisti
12297	Gangantua	Riccardo Sassetti
13264	Ciccio II	Ricci Ranieri
13348	Lady White Tina	Fornari Ranieri
13401	Tika	Mario Becherini
13715	Megaride	Paolo Garavani
14554	X-Ware	Sergio Masserotti

After the organization of the '93 Lightning Italian Championship, Fleet 479 has, if we can so say, "rested" because of taking care of "Perpetual Challenge Trophy '94 (De Lorenzo)" organization. Such Regatta has been won by *BIBIR* (Roccheggiani) which tied up the victory at the very last moment against *Pisquano* (Rustichelli). However, in 1995 the management of the Rome Fleet is cooking up some great ideas for new sport engagements for all our European friends. In any case, you'll receive our other news as soon as possible.



Putting in or taking out at Bracciano Lake

WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481)**Southeastern District**

**Sailing on Lake Kerr
at Raleigh, North Carolina**

Fleet Captain.....John Pelosi

Fleet Secretary.....Ned Nutt

Fleet Champion.....M. Rees/J. Pelosi

Runner-Up.....Ned Nutt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11690	.....	Des Runyan
11900	Plummer	Douglas King
12773	.....	Worth Lutz, III
13490	Subject to Revision	Grant Wolslagel
13620	Banana Boat	Ed Michels
13738	Plane Crazy	Bob Wilkins
13877	Adrenalin	Michael Rees
14376	Hallucination	James E. Nutt, MD
14396	Frayed Knot	John W. Pelosi

Borderline Regatta 1994 Kerr Lake, North Carolina/Virginia Fleet 481



Things were somewhat quieter this year as a number of our previously active members attended to other priorities ranging from research to securing employment to taking care of brand new babies. The hard core kept the fleet afloat and continued efforts to build it. We are very pleased with three more skippers and their boats for the 1995 season.

Two of them, David Francis and Bill Hopkins, participated in local regattas as crew and as skippers of borrowed boats for the last two years. Bill was one of the Charter members of our fleet, and we truly welcome him back. The third, Pierce Barden, has had wide experience on all kinds of boats. Pierce borrowed a boat from the "Harkrider fleet" and sailed the last half of our district season in a Lightning, and decided it was the boat for him. All three have modern boats and they are experienced sailors, so watch out!

Fleet members were active in both our Carolina Sailing Club and our Southeastern District. Our district has eleven regattas and six of us sailed in four to seven of them. Our best turnout was at the District Championship Regatta at Lake Waccamaw, where we put six boats on the line. The wind gods were more than gracious, and there were side bets on the capsizing competition between Nutt, Rees and Pelosi. Doug King might have joined us, but he decided to skip Friday's races, figuring two day regattas were long enough. Grant Wolslagel did not join the capsize fest, but we understand he was seen walking around the motel asking strangers to unzip his dry suit [gee Grant]. Avis had kind of a mild performance at the Championships, but you should have seen her at the Jordan Lake regatta. She finished off a great series with a BULLET!, her first in district competition.

We capped off the season with our Borderline Regatta. Thirty-five boat-loads of Lightning sailors enjoyed great sailing, great food, and great socializing on Kerr Lake. We thank all who helped and all who supported us by attending, and hope to see you all next time!

ITHACA LIGHTNING FLEET (484) **Central New York District** **Sailing on Cayuga Lake** **at Ithaca, New York**

Fleet Captain.....John LeVan
Fleet Secretary.....Jesse Miller
Fleet Champion.....Everyone in the Fleet
No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10113	Whisper	Byrne O'Brien
11347	AnnaT	Terry Moore
11960	Orphan	Pete Lent
13124	Scudder	Rick Eckstrom
13422	Bat Boat	John LeVan
13934	Hot Flash	Jesse Miller
14002	.....	Ed Seyerlein

No Report

VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (486) **Mississippi Valley District** **Sailing on Alton Lake** **at Machens, Missouri**

Fleet Captain	Wayne Watson
Fleet Secretary	Mary Ann Dellerman
Fleet Treasurer	Jerry Wnorowski
Fleet Champion	Wayne Watson
Runner-Up	Rick Conaway

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8664	Chaos	Graeme Wilson
11637	.....	Jerry Chapman
12136	.....	Bryan Uhlmansiek
12891	Sparrow	Leo Donovan
13088	Kant Believe It!	Jerry Wnorowski
13379	Top Secret	Stephen Wyers
13761	Cygnus	Eugene LaDage
14005	Summer Madness	Wayne Watson
14088	Fascination	Rick Conaway
14501	.....	Francis Renschen

At the annual meeting Wayne Watson was elected Fleet Captain; Mary Ann Dellerman was elected Secretary. We began planning the clean-up from the flood of '93 that was no small task. Thick black mud covered the grounds to a depth of 10-12 inches. Our harbor was totally silted in. A quick survey found the clubhouse, that sits on stilts 12' high, had sustained significant damage from floodwaters that rose at least 7' above the clubhouse floor, placing the depth of the floodwaters at 19'. Clean-up began with the arrival of bulldozers and a dredging shovel. Numerous truck-loads of mud were hauled out to enrich the farmlands of north St. Charles County. The clubhouse was completely gutted with everything including the kitchen sink having to be discarded.

Rick Conaway, who was Commodore, had put away his Lightning (14088) in favor of work schedules and in no time at all had the renovation organized and underway. He personally surveyed and marked the water depths so that the dredging could keep pace with the other repairs underway. Jerry Wnorowski (13088) went to work on our committee boat by redecking it and having all the stanchions rewelded. Bryan Uhlmansiek (12136), who was Vice Commodore in '94, assisted Rick Conaway who put in 200 hours of his personal time to ensure that the Club rose from the mud. Seawalls were repaired, the clubhouse was refurbished, gravel was brought in and trees were planted to ensure that Valley continues to be the favorite sailing spot in St. Louis that it has been for over 40 years.

By July 4th, all was in readiness for the first day of sailing since the 500 year flood. As the sailboats arrived, they brought with them the makings of a sumptuous feast to celebrate the rebirth of Valley.

Although our spring series was lost to the clean-up effort, 14 Lightnings were on the line for the start of the summer series and both Mother Nature and the Corps of Engineers cooperated with excellent weather, which held throughout the sailing season, and a stable pool level thanks to the new dam and repaired levees.

The Women's Champagne Regatta was held on schedule with second place going to Mary Ann Dellerman and third place to Mary Uhlmansiek, both in Lightnings in this multi-class event. It appears that a year's layoff really helped. Congratulations, ladies.

Wayne Watson was able to use the consistent sailing conditions to edge out Rick Conaway and Bryan Uhlmansiek to win the summer series.

Fleet 486's Muddy Rudder Regatta brought the first out-of-town boats to visit Valley since '92. With both Memphis Fleet 274 and Decatur Fleet 74 ably represented, 14 boats hit the line. Only two races were able to be held because of light winds, but it did give the fleet a chance to get an early start for the dinner and dancing at the renovated Longshot Saloon in Portage des Sioux that evening. On Sunday, at the end of the only race held because of light winds, Frank Bermel, Gail Bermel and Mike Price emerged as the winners; Jerry Chapman, John Mullen and Brian Roberts who all are Comet sailors took second place in a borrowed Lightning. Bryan Uhlmansiek, Audrey Matteson and Mary Uhlmansiek, who got buried in the first race after a wind change, came back strong with two first place finishes in races 2 and 3 to take third place. Jerry Chapman, flush with his initial Lightning success, decided to add the Lightning he sailed in the Muddy Rudder to his stable of boats which includes a Comet, a Thistle and a Laser. Being unencumbered with tuning instructions from the major sailmakers, he should do extremely well next season.

The fall series started out with summer-like conditions, light air predominating. Rick Conaway, no longer distracted by the clean-up effort was able to concentrate on sailing again - leading to a first place for the fall series with Wayne Watson and Bryan Uhlmansiek close behind for 2nd and 3rd.

The 1994 annual Governor's Cup was the next major event which Valley hosted. Again, light shifting winds prevailed and only two races were able to be held over the two-day event. Wayne Watson was able to eke out a thin victory over Fran Renschen and the rest of the Lightning fleet.

Although most of the fleet's attention was directed toward the renovation of the grounds and clubhouse instead of sailing activities, Rick Conaway was able to travel out of town to a few regattas including the *Cotton Pickin'* in Memphis and the *Bluenose* in Nashville. Wayne Watson, Mary Ann Dellerman and Audrey Matteson drove to New Orleans to sail the *Sugar Bowl* and listen to jazz at Preservation Hall.

With the season ending in mid-November the Club met for their Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas party in historic St. Charles. Commodore Rick Conaway took the time to review the last 18 months and the enormous amount of work that was required to restore Valley to the premiere one-design sailing club in St. Louis. With the knowledge that we have come back from the devastating '93 flood even stronger than before, we all look forward to '95 and hope that everyone who is in the area can stop and visit and sail the Valley.



Brian and Mary Uhlmansiek sailing
at Valley Sailing Association near the bluffs
on the Mississippi River.

Photo: Wayne Watson

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIGHTNING FLEET(488)

U. S. at Large District

Sailing in Colorado and Nebraska

Contact.....Bob Stoller

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11815	Andrew Mueller
13478	Bob Stoller
13857	Martin Mulhern

No Report.

ACULEO LAKE FLEET (490)

Chile District

Sailing on Aculeo Lake at Champa, Paine, Chile

Fleet Captain.....Manuel Gonzalez B.
Fleet Secretary.....Manuel Gonzalez M.
No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10196	.....	Guillermo Gordeck
11011	Ojo De Lince	Alberto Gonzalez Mas
11023	.....	Luis Herman
11099	Pixie	Pablo Amunategui
13226	Quebec	Leonardo Eduardo Witting
13650	.....	Rufino Melero
14293	.....	Francisco Perez
14295	.....	Javier de Vincente Mingo
14307	.....	Manuel Gonzalez M.
14576	.....	Rufino Melero U.

NoReport.

TOHICKON CREEK LIGHTNING FLEET (491)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Lake Nockamixon at Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....Brent Benson
Fleet Secretary.....John Williams
Fleet Champion.....Brent Benson
No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8663	.....	Thomas Gerhard
9928	Esprit	Charles S. Shoemaker
10420	.....	John H. Williams
11444	.....	Brent W. Benson

No Report

BOW LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (493)

New England District

Sailing on Bow Lake, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain.....Bill Latham
Fleet Secretary.....Ed Hinds
Fleet Champion.....Ned Hinds
Runner-Up.....Bob Shapiro

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6357	Harrier	Gerald Thorne
7796	White Lightning	Jeff Fell
8301	Jessie S.	Dr. Edward A. Sweeney
8977	.....	Mike Lindh
9662	.....	Bill Latham
11486	Hour Boat	Bob Shapiro
11579	Andalo	John Thompson
12124	Widow Maker	Mike Lindh
12266	Wind Witch	Doug Walker
13556	.....	Bob Boynton
14296	Naut!	Edward E. Hinds, III

The Bow Lake Lightning Fleet 493 was rejuvenated with the appearance of several new boats which made the 1994 Regatta more fun and much more competitive.

The fleet's eight race championship series started July 9th, and ended August 27th. The championship was closely contested with Ned Hinds and Bob Shapiro who vied for the coveted first place trophy and the series. With Hinds emerging victorious, Doug Walker kept both Hinds and Shapiro honest, popping up into contention every time the leading pair became preoccupied covering each other.

We were blessed with great weather and good breezes for eight weekends. The vagaries of lake sailing prevailed allowing a number of interesting and challenging courses.

Bob Shapiro traveled to the Lake Massabesic Fleet 273 Fall Regatta and placed third.

Ned Hinds and Shapiro traveled to the Lake Spofford Fleet 145 Fall Regatta in late September.

It was great to have Mike Lindh join the fleet, he will be someone to contend with in 1995.

The season ended August 27th with a party on the shores of Bow Lake under ideal weather conditions.

Bill Latham, our fleet Captain was awarded the Martha Comstock Trophy, emblematic of the individual doing the most to promote sailing on New Hampshire's beautiful Bow Lake.



Pre-start maneuvers with Walker, Shapiro and Hinds.



SWIFT CREEK FLEET (496)

Dixie District

Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir in Chesterfield County, Virginia

Contact.....Robert C. Wardwell

No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
000	Kenneth Hopson
14279	Carol B. Evans
14292	James E. Richards
14485	Robert C. Wardwell

No. Report.

POINTE CLAIRE YACHT CLUB (499)

Saint Lawrence River Valley District

Sailing on Lac St. Louis Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Captain..... David Browne

Fleet Secretary..... Tim Goodson-Harris

Fleet Champion..... Tony McBride

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10464	Baba Yaga	Drs. Christina & Max Aebi
11331	Southerly Buster	J. Parkyn & T. Goodson-Harris
11626	Joker	Michel Richard
13577	Unicorn	Heather & Glenn Taylor
13667	Archie	Huey, Dewey, and Louie
14240	Vertigo	Jan & David Browne
14326	Poker Face	Mike Leiter
14438	Best Man	R. A. (Tony) McBride
14443	Dynamo Hum	Rod Hayes & John Sauter

The Lament of Fleet 499.

Turn out for racing was poorer than poor,
excuses abounded from all but the four
of the boats that made it,
week after week,
I wasn't among them, so how can I speak?

Suffice it to say, we were wimps without peer.
Crews we were promised, never appeared,
and ferocious winds
blew our RC away,
racing was shelved day after day.

We tried to organize fleet races with Royal,
but lousy conditions did all but foil,
every event except two or three.
And those that turned up,
have to thank Royal's Mr. Thorniley.

He towed us upriver, night after night
pulling Pointe Claire boats home in the waning light,
not a word or a whinge about getting home late,

it's guys like old Brian
this poem celebrates.

One bright spot for our club was three youths in a boat
who made it to Switzerland and thereabouts.
They went and came back,
three lads on a lark,
and what did they do there? We're still in the dark.

But next year, they tell us, a report is on slate
a month or a year after, it's never too late,
for stories from sailors,
who go 'cross the pond
So stay tuned readers they may tell us who won.

As for old guys and new guys, this treatise'll do
to tell you, quite frankly, that when the wind blew,
no one went sailing,
except for those four,
that's Tony and David, Rod Hayes and one more.

One new boat came in--called Joker--all white
from a club down the river, we're growing alright,
but two boats then left us, which is not all that fine,
we started with ten,
and we're now down to nine.

Tony the Prez did his year for our class,
could it be possible that his year has elapsed?
He didn't touch his yacht,
or tend to his driveway,
the grass in the backyard or paint in his hallway.

But, next year looks promising, especially from here,
I see snow on the rooftops, while clutching this beer,
and next year we'll organize,
earlier and better
for a season that's warmer, windy,-- less wetter.

In August, Pointe Claire is hosting the Canadian Open.
Y'all come up now, you hear, you're all very welcome,
come visit us around the NAs and the Masters,
you can practice a bit
and try to beat the old bastards.

That's it gentle reader, our story is older,
A season's gone by and it's getting colder,
we'll see you next year,
somewhere in the waterways,
if not down in Florida, then north of the border, eh!

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Goodson-Harris
Fleet 499 Secretary

TENNESSEE VALLEY LIGHTNING FLEET (500)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Fort Loudon Lake
at Knoxville, Tennessee

Fleet Secretary Anne Lyon
 No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2854	Thomas E. Baer
10061	Stephen E. Fisher
10442	Libra II	A. Jackson Woodall & Sharon Boyce
10931	Anne Lyon
13105	Thomas E. Baer
13856	Lee E. "Bert" Toney

No Report.

CLUB NAUTICO EL PORTILLO (501)
Colombia District
Sailing on Tomine Lake
at Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Captain..... Alfonso Espinosa
 No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
000	Pecas	Santiago Douat
7452	Cingara	Alvaro Sanjines
13216	Acuarius	Leopoldo Gonzalez
13427	Ginga II	Jamie Loboguerro
13428	.....	Fernando Plazas
13429	Sirius	Rafael Gutierrez
13447	Chequerete	Alfonso Espinosa
14011	.....	Jose Lopoldo Gonzalez
14057	.....	Herman Salcedo
14132	.....	Jorge Recaman
14135	.....	Carlos Villa

No Report.

THE SUNCOAST FLEET (502)
Florida District
Sailing out of Davis Island Yacht Club,
Tampa, Sarasota Sailing Squadron,
Clearwater Yacht Club and Lake Tarpon

Fleet Captain..... Bill Meyer
 Fleet Secretary..... Mark Taylor
 No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10744	Owl	Jeffrey R. Stall
12396	.....	David E. White, III
12991	Afternoon Delight	L. Kevin Stinnette
13036	.....	Mark Taylor
13285	.....	Clark T. Higgs
14006	Fired-Up	William H. Meyer, III
14084	First Strike	Mike Carrol/Doug Fisher

No Report.

LAKE CONROE LIGHTNING ASSOCIATION (505)
Texas District
Sailing on Lake Conroe
Conroe, Texas

Fleet Captain..... Steve Harris
 Fleet Secretary..... Patty Harris
 No new information

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8024	Asylum	Robert S. Mitchell
13384	.....	Billy S. Bennett
13717	Kwitchersnivlen	Steve Harris

No Report.

ORIENT YACHT CLUB (506)
Long Island District
Sailing on Orient Harbor
Orient, New York

Fleet Captain..... Rachel Sorenson
 Fleet Secrary..... Bob Hungerford
 Fleet Champion..... George Koch, Jr.
 Fleet Runner-Up..... Rachel Sorenson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8666	.....	Keith Cummings
10545	Missy	George Koch, Jr.
10601	Janice Mount	Orient Yacht Club
11510	Silver Bullet Too	Mike La Maina
11775	.....	Rob Buchanan
13050	Too Hip	Orient Yacht Club
14219	Quark	Bob Hungerford
14455	Spirit	Rachel Sorenson

Fleet 506 started the '94 season with a spring dinner meeting and set some official guidelines, one of which is that officers will serve two year terms with the option to serve an additional two years. Our expectations for a dramatic increase in fleet membership was, perhaps, a bit optimistic, fueled by the instant popularity of Lightnings and the fleet at the Orient Yacht Club.

Although we lost one member, we gained three new skippers: Gerry Bellesheim purchased George Koch's #10545 after George picked up #13600; John Holzapfel bought one of the yacht club's Lightnings, #13050. Additionally, Rob Buchanan, in #11775, officially joined the fleet. Keith Cummings finally got #8666 in top shape and made a good showing late in the season.

The competition for Fleet Champion was keen, but Rachel Sorenson couldn't overtake George Koch, who moved from 1993 Runner-up to Fleet Champion in 1994.

Fleet 506, in conjunction with the Orient Yacht Club, will host the Long Island District Championship Regatta in July.

In '93, two boats, in separate incidents, capsized. In '94, one boat capsized. Progress.