## PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36) Ohio District Based On Pymatuning Lake at Jamestown, Pennsylvania



| Skipper | Boat Name B | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dean Caley |  | 0 |
| Scotland Werley | Caledonia | 6133 |
| Edward Werley | Kyushu Gypsy | 9375 |
| David Werley | Desert Skies | 10024 |
| Phillips Wedemeyer | Blue Streak | 10525 |
| Victor Maras | Changes in Attitudes | 10527 |
| Lud Lekson | La Biche | 11278 |
| Tom Dressler | Caution - Please Read | d 11768 |
| Robert Scher | Of' Escargot | 12271 |
| John Kuder |  | 12587 |
| Richard Hall, Jr. | Hall's Hull | 12593 |
| Thomas Petroski | Purple Moose | 12884 |
| David Palmer | Chaos | 12972 |
| Ted Hardenbergh | Tamale | 13178 |
| Janis Gamer | Recess | 13240 |
| James Martuccio | Covert Maneuvers | 13255 |
| James Martuccio, M.D. | Covert Maneuvers | 13255 |
| Nedra Lewis | Class Action | 13318 |
| June Maltbie | Hot Canary Ix | 13465 |
| Matt Frymier | Relax | 13608 |
| Donald Courtsal | Grace | 13771 |
| Jonathan Dean | Syzygy | 13905 |
| Herbert Jestel | Smile | 14020 |
| Leonard Ciccone |  | 14143 |
| Garry Condon | Sight Unseen | 14222 |
| Frank Thompson | Enticer | 14285 |
| William Weihe, Jr. | Sob | 14343 |
| Justin Proctor | Hot Canary Ix | 14365 |
| Terry Patrick | Second Childhood | 14412 |
| John Werley |  | 14422 |
| Dr. John Borland | Change Of Luff | 14513 |
| Robert Ruhlman | Touch Of Grey | 14546 |

LIGHTNING FLEET 36, GREAT FUN, SAILING EXCITEMENT! They are synonymous at Pymatuning Yacht Club. Our fun started the weekend before Spring Classic '95 with a "Get the Nots Out Days" (boat, skipper, and crew NOT ready for sailing). Selfproclaimed experts roamed the drysail area to assist with the rigging of boats and offer sound advice.

The annual Spring Classic, always held Mother's Day weekend, hosted 26 Lightnings in warm temperatures, shifting highspeed winds and thunderstorms. The Three Amigos Race Committee (Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton, and Joel Ridge) rose to the challenge and managed to complete three races. Every year this regatta draws great competitors to our lake. Our regatta chairpersons, Jack and Anne Borland, and Fleet 36 organized a post-race evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, the best spaghetti this side of a man-made lake, and dancing. Final results for the 1995 Spring Classic were: George Fisher-first, Dick Hallagan-second, Britt Wadsworth-third, Chad Atkinsfourth, and John Werley-fifth.

After our Spring Classic, we felt we needed some additional Spring Training so..... on June 10th we got Fisher-ized with

George Fisher. Skippers and crew received on and off the water instruction. Both our new and seasoned sailors found this training to be helpful and effective. Cocktails and dinner at lakeside ended a satisfying day.

In addition to the three races at the Spring Classic and four at our club regatta in July, twenty-four Lightning Races were sailed during 1995. Participation was high from the beginning of the '95 season. Twelve boats qualified in the Spring Series. Sixteen boats were on the starting line for our third weekend of racing. The finishes for this series were: John Werley-first, Maras/D. Werley Team-second, Herb Jested/ Jan Gamer Team-third.

Summer vacations reduced participation for the Saturday Series. The largest fleet had eleven boats but competition was still great. The Saturday Series was won by the Maras/D. Werley Team who finished three races with three firsts. The Condon/ Woodall Team finished in second place. Jack and Anne Borland started this series slowly but with the return of their regular crew. Bridget Frymier, Jack and Anne finished third.

Five races were sailed in the Sunday Series with seventeen boats participating in the last race. Len Ciccone, Terry Patrick and Tom Petroski added even more enthusism to this series (if that was possible) with their new boats. The finishes for this series were Jack Borland-first (he's tough to beat when his throwout race is a 2), Maras/D. Werley Team-second, and John Werley-third.

This year almost everyone stayed home for our Stay-AtHome Series (held for those who do not go to District's or NA's). The race chairman tried to do some fun stuff by handicapping the starts but the handicaps didn't work very well - Scott Werley still didn't win. Those who did were: Tom Petroski-first, Maras/D. Werley Team-second, Condon/Woodall Team-third.

Twenty-one races were sailed for the Championship Series. Ten boats qualified with eleven or more races sailed during the ' 95 season. It is said that the low point scoring system (used for individual series) promotes consistent performance and the high point scoring system (used for the Championship Series) promotes participation. Unfortunately for most of the fleet, the top two boats during 1995 consistently participated with excellent performance. Therefore, first and second place were never really in doubt. The only question was - who would be first and who would be second? The real battle of the series was between the four boats competing for third, fourth, and fifth. Midway through the series, only two points separated third from sixth in the Championship scoring. Finishing the season early in the Fall with a strong performance in his last two races allowed Don Courtsal to pull ahead of the T. Borland/Anstrom Team for fourth place. The finishes for this series were: John Werley-first, Maras/D. Werley Team-second, Jack Borlandthird, Don Courtsal- and the T. Borland/Anstrom Team-fifth.

In addition to the beautiful trophies presented to the great sailors named above, one very special award is presented each year. The Fleet Captain's Award is presented to the person who does the most to promote the Lightning Class and displays sportsmanship, camaraderie and esprit-de-corps. This year the award was presented to two special people Tom and Pam Petroski.

Our fleet social calendar was quite full again this year. In addition to our regular events (Midwinter Madness meeting at Tom and Pam Petroski's, the annual Corn Roast in August, Brunch on the Beach in September, and this year's "Come to Margaritaville '95 Awards Dinner) we had the Traveling Tavern
and Trailer Tour. The Traveling Tavern (housed precariously in the bed of Keith Custard's new truck) follows the participants from house trailer to house trailer on our yacht club grounds. At each new trailer, a different course of a meal is served starting with cocktails at the clubhouse and ending with dessert at the last trailer. The trailers included in this year's tour were: Meacham's Manse, The Frymier Estate, Nedra's Niche, Palmer's Place, Lenny's Lair, Condon's Castie, and Anstrom's-By-The-Lake.

We will all miss the sailing season this winter but expect to have even more fun next year with our growing fleet. Plan to join us next May (Mother's Day weekend) for our 12th Spring Classic Regatta and the Ohio Districts (June 29th and 3Oth). . . . Jan Gamer


Our Fleet Captain, John Werley, leading the way.


The Traveling Tavern complete with bartender,Jack Borland.


Fleet Captain Award Recipients - Tom and Pam Petroski.

## CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39) Metropolitan District Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain. Dave Petelinz<br>Fleet Secretary.<br>$\qquad$ Dave Petelinz No new information

## Skipper

Michael Pike David Petelinz Edward Garber William Muth Richard Owen

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :--- | ---: |
| Irish Mist | 10796 |
| New Wave | 11431 |
| Ruptured Duck | 11578 |
| Dixie VI | 12912 |
|  | 14030 |

No report.

## WESTERN LAKE ERIE FLEET (42) Michigan District Sailing on Lake Erie at Monroe, Michigan

Fleet Secretary ..... Jim Davis
Fleet Champion
Skip Dieball
Runner-Up
$\qquad$
Gauger/Goldsmith

## Skipper

Britt Wadsworth
Aaron Stange
Boat Name
Boat No.

Ernest Dieball
…........................... 9099

Jeff Kasper
…........................ 9099

Robert Rishel
…-..................................... 10956
John McNulty
Jeff Hagman
13640

Roy Poor, Jr.
$\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ 14444$
Josh Kerst
Craig Gabel
Jim Davis
Skip Dieball

14510
Instant Karma 1451
Gobsofun 14563
Flash Over 14579
….......................... 14657

The re-organization idea for Fleet 42 actually started at the 1994 districts when Craig Gabel approached me and asked why we shouldn't start a Lightning Fleet at North Cape Yacht Club. After thinking over Craig's suggestion, and with five Lightning owners who were already club members, I wrote the ILCA and asked permission to re-organize Fleet 42 (a former Toledo Yacht Club and Ohio District Fleet) as a Michigan District fleet, sailing on Lake Erie, out of North Cape Yacht Club. The ILCA granted permission to re-organize at the Toronto North Americans.

Thinking we would have five to seven boats active in the first year, we had an organizational meeting in April where we set up a weekly series on Wednesday nights, and two one-day regattas, one on the Fourth of July and the other in October. Several non-boat owners attended our spring meeting and became very interested in our new fleet. By the time our racing season was under way we had added an additional seven boats to our fleet. with fourteen boats in our drysail area by the end of the season. We did not set up a Sunday or weekend series, but rather encouraged fleet members to travel and support the Michigan District Schedule. At most Michigan District events Fleet 42 was well represented, with 10 boats at the Districts.

Our first season was a surprising smash hit, most members of North Cape Yacht Club are happy and excited to see the one designs back at the club and have been very supportive.

Looking forward to 1996 we will make some changes in an effort to improve our racing and get more people involved in Lightning sailing. Our weeknight sailing will move to Tuesday nights so the cruising fleet can assist us with race committee and extra crew, we in return will do race committee and crew for them on Wednesdays. We will also assist in running the "Great Lakes Championships" on the third weekend in May, and will host the Michigan Districts on June 20 through the 23.

At the present time we have at least one new boat for next year with the possibility for several others.

As the snow begins to fly, our boats are all put away - but rest assured that FLEET 42 is alive and well, and growing. . . . Jim Davis

## BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43) Ohio District Sailing on Buckeye Lake at Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain.......................George Fisher
Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ Marty Fisher
No new information

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Karl Erickson | Laugh A Minute............... | 0 |
| Dr. Karl Kumler | Ladies Choice | 13250 |
| Matt Fisher | ......................... | 14045 |
| George Fisher- Life | 14345 |  |

We all keep our boats here but seldom race here. You will see George's and Matt"s names in regatta results so you can see they are still traveling to sail.

## SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47) Lake Erie District Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

| Fleet Captain........................Mark Humphrey |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Fleet Champion..................... Mark Grinder |  |  |
| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| John Humphrey |  | 0 |
| Scott De Golyer, III | Just Say No | 7949 |
| Roger Slade | Cirrus II | 8004 |
| Mark Humphrey | Passing Wind | 9119 |
| Mark Grinder | Hustler | 9739 |
| David Nasca | ....................................... | 9845 |


| Gerald Walter | $\ldots$ | 11501 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| David Copestick | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 12688 |
| William Van Arsdale | Sea Serpent | 12788 |
| Paul Malone | Poitin | 13714 |
| Mark Dadd | The Judge | 13948 |
| Peter Bone | Hotel California | 14548 |

No report.

## WASHINGTON D.C. FLEET (50) Dixie District Based on the Potomac River Washington, D.C.

Fleet Captain............................. Christy Dillard Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ .Rick Pelasara Fleet Champion $\qquad$ Frank Gallagher Fleet Runner-Up. $\qquad$ Bob Astrove No new information

Skipper
Jonathan Barrett
John Butler
Timothy Rinaman
Douglas Eagles
Rick Pelasara
Joe Warren
Ronald Buchanan
William Timothy Elam
Dieter Grotheer
Christy Dillard
Lester Condon
S.R. Heller, III

Edgar (Ted) Hunting
Kevin Kohn
Andrea Kohn
Thomas Gibbon
Mladen Karcic
William Armstrong
Martin Mulhern
Ronald Kiss
Robert Astrove
Aurelio Roca
George Dehney
Red Fehrle
Joseph Anderson
Frank Gallagher
Stuart White
James Dillard

| Boat Name B | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Rock \& Roll |  |
| Second Tern |  |
| Windhawk | 7294 |
| Lady Joyce | 7996 |
| Mr. Fantasy | 9003 |
| Flamboyant | 9383 |
| Toys 'R' Us | 10475 |
| Speculation | 10643 |
| Fast N Loose | 10814 |
| Big Green | 10817 |
| Broom Hilda | 11369 |
| Swill Dog | 12081 |
| Wind Flower | 12928 |
|  | 12928 |
|  | 12940 |
| Rakija | 12962 |
| Shamrock | 13306 |
|  | 13857 |
| No Excuses | 13897 |
|  | 14019 |
| Allison Edna (Nee-Bolt) | It) 14037 |
| Chute The Works | 14100 |
| Freiheit | 14100 |
| Magic Dragon | 14207 |
| Flash | 14262 |
| Flash G/W | 14262 |
| No More Excuses | 14627 |

Fleet 50 has entered the electronic world and now has a home page on the Internet. The address is http./lusers.aol.com/astroves'fleet50/fleet50.html. Log on - and see our schedule, racing resolve, membership list and fleet activities.

Fleet 50 had an active local schedule in 1995. It began with the frostbite in March, the Spring series, consisting of seven weeks of Sunday races and concluding with a Spring Regatta. The Potomac Cup (Mothers day weekend) was our big fleet regatta with 25 boats participating in light wind the first day and a gale the second day. During the summer we had Wednesday evening races ( 12 weeks) after work that were setup for fun, tuning, getting more people involved with racing and an excuse to party during the middle of the week.

The Leukemia/President's Cup on the Potomac River overlooking the beautiful Washington D. C. monuments were a great success with more than 80 boats participating, of which there were 19 Lightnings. Gary Jobson was there to hand out trophies and give support to the Leukemia foundation. The Leukemia foundation organized music and dinner with prizes going to the boat with the largest contribution. The big prize went to a Lightning boat, \#14100, owned by Red Fehrle and Rick Pelasara. They won a free Caribbean Moorings charter for one week by donating the largest amount of monies.

The Fall Series consisted of seven weeks of Sunday races averaging seven boats per race. One Sunday we were launching Mark Palmares' Lightning from a crane when the bridle hook bent open causing the boat to fall and the mast to break. With help from fleet members - Frank Gallagher got a blank mast to Mark Palmares and Rick Pelasara transferred the rigging and Mark was back out sailing the next Sunday.

Fleet 50 had a total of 39 races in 1995 - as well as the summer series and the away races/regattas. This fleet is growing by at least two more boats for the 1996 sailing year and hopefully more will join. The success of fleet 50 seems to be its outgoing members who enjoy "a love of sailing and the thrill of racing".... well, maybe the parties. - . - Rick Pelasara

## CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51) Michigan District Based on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

| Fleet Captain. | Tom Vickers |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretary | .Rick Kretzschmar |
| Fleet Champion | Tom Vickers |
| Runner-Up. | Mike Williams |

## Skipper

H.J. Cawthra - Life

Richard Edit
John Covert-Sisung
Richard Kretzschmar
Tom Vickers
David Piech
Phillipe Le Page
John Schulte
Michael Williams
Robert Brower

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
| XI | 0 |
| Nokomis li | 0 |
|  | 12938 |
| Cold Pizza | 13488 |
| Ticket | 14038 |
|  | 14042 |
| J\&M | 14187 |
|  | 14431 |
| Assisted Suicide | 14436 |
| Michigan Rude | 14652 |

Fleet 51 mourns the passing of Past Commodore, and long time Fleet 51 member, Bob Knopp this year. Bob's enthusiasm for sailing and Crescent's Lightning Fleet will be missed.

The Fleet welcomed two mew Fleet members, Jeff Patton and Doug Summers, this year. Jeff and his crew Steve had a great time in the fleet races. Doug called in his markers and enlisted (conscripted) his sister Tracy and her husband Bill for crew. Jeff helped out with the fleet sponsored cook-out for all the racers Wednesday, June 21, by supplying lobsters.

The Fleet races saw a significant increase in participation this year thanks to the new fieet members. The Wednesday night series was won by Tom Vickers. In second place was Past Commodore Mike Williams, followed by Bob Brower in third place. The Sunday A series was won by Tom Vickers followed by John Covert-Sisung in second place and Mike Williams in third. The Sunday B Series was won by Doug Summers followed by Bob Brower in second and John Covert- Sisung in third. Fleet 51's overall champion was Tom Vickers followed by Mike Williams in second and Bob Brower in third place.

The highlight of the fleet activities this summer was hosting the Michigan Districts June 23-25. The races were held in light and shifty winds. All the contestants enjoyed the after-race beer and refreshment boat. The Race Committee, led by Principal Race Officer Paul Andrepont, did a commendable job under the most trying light air conditions that Mother Nature can deliver. Tom Niles had a unexpected introduction to the US Sailing Judge Jim Schadel after the races. (wrong time to admit to any improprieties).

The Saturday evening Casino Night was well received by all the contestants, thanks to Governor Engler's approval (albeit short term) of the Crescent-Heck-Are-We Tribe casino plan. Mike Thomas was the big winner at the roulette wheel. Too bad that Buckeye luck ran out in October.

A special thanks to all the businesses, local mini-micro brewmaster Jim Harris, and Crescent's master wine maker Bob Brower, who donated gifts for the auction that followed the Casino Night. Two items of interest were a matching set of Sobstad belts that John Lauderbach and his dominating professor bid on. The Sunday afternoon raffle prize was a 13 inch color televison won by Ruth Troy. The trophies were created by local artist and great forward crew Tom Carbone. We're all looking forward to seeing all of you next year at the Father's Day Regatta.

## LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53) Michigan District Sailing on Lake Fenton at Fenton, Michigan

| Fleet Captain |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fleet Secretar | James Reach |
| Fleet Champio | David Nickels |
| Runners-Up. |  |
|  | George Nickels |

No new information

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alfred Bauer | In-Between | 0 |
| James Reach | Lapa Uila | 13808 |
| Carl Pohly |  | 14242 |
| Suresh Gupta | Evergreen | 14490 |
| David Nickels |  | 14631 |
| Kevin Nickels |  | 14637 |
| George Nickels |  | 14643 |

The 1995 sailing season at Lake Fenton Sailing Club was uneventful. Portions of the seawall were rebuilt and additional sand was placed on the beach. While the Nickels family continued to dominate the racing on Wednesdays and Sundays, other sailors occasionally broke the top three including Carl Pohly and AI Bauer.

On a personal note, the undersigned lead four legs of a race which was a first at Lake Fenton. The entire Nickels family was stunned, not to mention my crew. Unfortunately, at the end of the 4th leg, I sailed into a hole and never recovered. Notwithstanding my failure to ultimately win a race, it was clear that the other Lightning racers were shocked by this unusual event. Only the arrival of the Loch Ness monster would have a greater impact upon Lightning sailing at Lake Fenton in 1996.

If you read this report before mid-June of 1996, please try to attend the Michigan District's only team races for unique sailing fun. They will be held on June 29 and 30,1996. . - James Reach

| PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54) <br> Michigan District <br> Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commodore. | Bruce Finsilver |  |
| Vice Commodore | ...Charlie Hess |  |
| Rear Commodore | ... Dan House |  |
| Treasurer............. | Louie Nickels |  |
| Secretary. | Joyce von Drehle |  |
| Fleet Captain.. | ......... Jim Allen |  |
| 1996 Commodore | Charlie Hess |  |
| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| George Fenner | Fubara | 0 |
| Robert Fidler |  | 0 |
| Sean Fidler | Ludicrous Speed | 0 |
| Alan Suydam | Sail On! | 4205 |
| Edward Diakow |  | 9393 |
| Richard Bukowsky | Courageous | 10165 |
| Traci Bukowsky | Courageous | 10165 |
| Kathleen Grimes |  | 10799 |
| Dan House | Amadeus | 10803 |
| Robert Kramer |  | 11107 |
| Robert Miller |  | 11452 |
| Joel Thurtell | Maybe | 11520 |
| Doug Imshaug |  | 11531 |
| Larry Truba |  | 11793 |
| Jeff Zorn | Yellow Bird Too | 11806 |
| John Copa |  | 12548 |
| Paul Von Oeyen |  | 12548 |
| Gordon Gotberg |  | 12612 |
| Ronald Palmer | Apres Ski | 12708 |
| Melvin Bleitz, Jr. | Luffer | 12756 |
| Eric Heller | Blazin' Heat | 12852 |
| Max Clixby | Wee Heather | 12959 |
| Jim Hodson | Shooter | 12961 |
| Robert Kranich |  | 12977 |
| John Ostrander |  | 12978 |
| William Noll |  | 13031 |
| Robert Meyer |  | 13107 |
| Ralph Hashoian |  | 13121 |
| William Roberts |  | 13283 |
| Michael Mitchell |  | 13378 |
| Ronna Ross | Flash Dance | 13451 |
| Stephen Braski |  | 13468 |
| Leonard Friedman | Cat's Pajamas | 13594 |
| John Crowther |  | 13606 |
| James Bowers | Excelsior! | 13789 |
| Don Rau |  | 13837 |
| Louie Nickels | Double Nickel | 13855 |
| Dennis Mccarthy | Lane Lady | 13937 |
| Hank Callahan |  | 13985 |
| Bonnie Nickels | Deer Crossing | 13985 |
| Jack Ensroth, M.D. | Phantasy | 13995 |
| Buzz Brown | Sorcerer's Apprentice | - 14031 |
| Diana Fernando | Chaos | 14049 |
| Richard Beaubien | Savoir Faire | 14077 |
| Edward Woods | Banshee | 14097 |
| Gregory Tarrant | Cutting Edge | 14105 |
| Richard Bergstrom | Blitzen | 14117 |
| Bruce Finsilver | Quick Silver | 14144 |
| Glen Gray |  | 14177 |
| Ted Flack | Major Obsession | 14215 |


| Leslie Whatley |  | 14220 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mark Whatley |  | 14220 |
| Charles Hess | Flash 3 | 14280 |
| Bruce Henderson, M.D. |  | 14282 |
| James Harris, M.D. |  | 14344 |
| Jeremy Grandon |  | 14415 |
| Dr. Joel Humphrey | Tealepathic | 14417 |
| Michael Roualet |  | 14439 |
| Julee Roth | Hippie Chick | 14451 |
| Robert Shaw |  | 14457 |
| Thomas Klaban | Allegro | 14464 |
| Edward Dziuba | Veni Vidi Vinci | 14477 |
| Dr. James Mccoy | Dr. J | 14515 |
| Jim Cavicchioli | My Fourth Lady | 14543 |
| Thomas Heitstuman | Evergreen | 14590 |
| Wallace Smith | Gator | 14601 |
| Salo Korn | Rosinante | 14604 |
| William Ziegler | Full Tilt Boogie | 14641 |
| Robert Mathers | Evergreen | 14690 |
| John Greenstreet |  | 14724 |
| Jim Allen | Buffaio Soldier | 14734 |

Pontiac Yacht Club had another excellent year of sailing on Cass Lake. The annual Whitecap Regatta was again a great success. Charlie Hess, our new Commodore for 1996, spearheaded the organization of the regatta. The barbecue and sailing were excellent and the wind was maybe just slightly shifty. Dan Norton was this year's winner.

Some PYC sailing results from the year are as follows. Mark Whatley was the Club Champion and the Sunday Overall winner. Tom Klaban had a clean sweep of the three Wednesday night series to win the Wednesday Overall. Bob Mathers won the Fall Sunday series.

Louie Nickels placed the highest in the Michigan Districts and, Jim Allen, sailing with his brother Tom and sister Jane, was the Runner-Up at the Worlds in Finland.

The Pontiac Yacht Club is looking forward to another great year and has some things to be excited about. There will be a new modernized clubhouse with showers, larger locker rooms as well as being connected directly the city sewer. Hey, things are really looking up at PYC. In addition to the clubhouse, it looks like there might even be a boat hoist to boot. So, come and check it out for yourself. From everyone at PYC we hope you had a wonderful year and expect to see everybody on Cass Lake in '96. . . . Jim Allen

## NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59) Lake Erie District Sailing on the Niagara River at Grand Island, New York

Fleet Secretary.......................Larissa Higgins
No new information

| Skipper |
| :--- |
| Ronald Darling |
| Calvin Schmiege - Life |
| No report. |


| Boat Name |
| :--- |
| Goose |
| Sea Porsche |

WHAT DOES YOUR FLEET DO FOR FUN?
TELL US.

# SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB (62) Southern District Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans, Louisiana 

Fleet Secretary.
Larry Frost III

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John Dane |  |  |
| John Marion | Ragin Cajun | 10475 |
| Doug Wynne |  | 10812 |
| Larry Frost, Jr. | Fif | 12335 |
| Larry Frost, III | Pretty And Fast | 13170 |

## Southern Yacht Club - Southern District - What A Year! A New Lightning Sailor's Perspective

What began as an innocent conversation at a 25 th high school reunion about a year ago -"Did I want to sail on Wednesday nights and float around the lake to get back into sailing?"- turned into a reacquaintance with the water via a Lightning this year and wonderful relationships with our skipper, Doug Wynne and an old classmate, Lawrence Williams.

Lamenting over the things I had not done over the past 25 years, sailing among them, I got the call. You know that call, the one that separates polite conversation from the reality of not owning your weekends for the next year or so. Lawrence faxed me the first rally under the heading of "recreational therapy." Sailing would be a great break from the grind. I said yes, but with three kids, I had some conflicts with every date on the fax.

Looking forward to a comfortable reunion with a lifelong enjoyment of the water; I settled back into a soft obligation of an occasional "Wednesday Night Race" on the water in a big boat. Then it came, The BIG Call. Lawrence said it was commitment time. Aside from Wednesday nights, did I want to crew Lightnings this "year?"

This was more than I had bargained for. What actually did I remember from 20 years ago in Connecticut waters in college? Was I just infatuated with Long Island and the people I sailed with? Was my sailing capability in my own mind or could I be a working part of a crew? And more importantly, what exactly was a Lightning?

For various reasons, I thought about it 24 hours, took a very deep breath, marked every weekend out on the ambitious Lightning schedule and said yes for the second time in two weeks, I later learned the central effort was in trying to reinstate a Lightning fleet at Southern Yacht Club and that intrigued me as much as anything. I liked being a part of an effort, In fact, we were pointing at trying to get the 1996 North American Championships here to New Orleans in a year or so. (By the way - they are coming to New Orleans!) The challenge appealed from all sides.

Our first time on Doug's newly purchased Lightning (\#10812) which was right behind the J -boats in storage on a trailer in a lot at Southern. It looked awfully small. We had agreed to meet after work to put her in the water for the first time and get a feel for it.

The three of us played in the boat for a few minutes, heard some of the tales of trying to deal with her "custom" rigging and talked about what to expect in a decent wind. Shreveport and Will Biddick's country were going to be the first of many wonderful trips together this year. By the time Friday arrived, we were psyched and ready to depart for the Holiday In Dixie Regatta. We left after work and what began as a challenge to meet on my part, has turned into what I hope is a life long recommitment, a true return to the water.

Shreveport, our first road trip, our first sail together as a three-
some save an afternoon of "putting her in" on Lake Pontchartrain was, as they say, a "life-changing experience." In short, we had 20 knot winds, an unfamiliar boat, cleats that wouldn't hold a line combined with a few human errors of the "new crew" sort. We ended up on the second day "in" Cross Lake trying to right an older Lightning with no self-bailing mechanisms in very cold, choppy water and a close encounter with hypothermia. Everyone at Shreveport Yacht Club was wonderful. We eventually got a tow in, warmed up, thanked everyone and returned to New Orleans a somewhat wiser if not well-bonded crew.

Undaunted, we began to look forward to every regatta - and continue to do so - the year had many. Buccaneer Yacht Club's Spring Regatta in May was great weather and just the right amount of wind. As usual, Mitch Bohnenkamp was there for any and every need, whether it be advice, boat parts or a classic Lightning tale. Thanks from all of us for all he does, his seasoned encouragement is great year round.

May's District Championship was held in conjunction with the Juby Wynne One Design Regatta at Southern Yacht Club. We had great weather and a good turnout. Larry Frost, III, won his last regatta before starting dental school - a fitting pause (we're expecting him back) in his Lightning career. The Frost family continues to be actively represented by Larry, Jr., and Chris Frost.

Even July's rained out GYA championship in Pass Christian was fun. Will Biddick's new boat had to wait to race for the GYA rescheduling in Mandeville to take place in the Back-to-School Regatta September 9-10. We had a good turnout with John and Ada Marion and Jeff Waters sailing well and taking home the Juan Peron trophy for the Pontchartrain Yacht Club. John's boat - Titty Bingo - is \#10475, proving yet again that skill is almost always the largest part of the equation. Congrats, John and crew. There was a general consensus that Chef Jeff's marinated/barbecued fish was the finest most of us had ever lasted. Pontchartrain did a great job over that weekend, handling over 100 boats of all classes, of Lasers and Optimists in addition to accommodating the Lightnings!

It's been fun to watch Robert Bernhardt in his new boat. (Doug bought his former boat). Robert sailed her for the first time at September's Wadewitz Regatta held at Fairhope Yacht Club and won his maiden race. Nice going, Robert!

Doug Wynne and John Marion took their boats to Lake Lanier where John's parents live for the Atlanta Cup October 68 to help promote the NA'S coming here to New Orleans in August. Lots of boats and great weather. It was a trip I missed to help my folks clean up after Hurricane Opal the week before - but I'm looking forward to next year.

Twenty-four boats made the Sugar Bowl Regatta with a great out-of-town turnout. Although we were weathered out the second day, we managed to get three good races in on Saturday. Thanks to everybody who came from all points, California, New York and Florida included. The Sugar Bowl is becoming a major winter stop in the Lightning circuit.

The enjoyment of being on the water in good company with a fun crew is only surpassed by meeting other crews who love the water and enjoy the class just as much. Every regatta has been a pleasure, and the new circle of Lightning friends is wonderful. I know the water and the boats have worked their magic on me.

On the merits of my enjoyment with Lightnings this year and the kind hand of a patient skipper and crew, I just bought a boat. It's not a Lightning - I already feel like I emotionally own a piece of one of those. This is a boat I can take my family out on - a Hunter 30 - one that I can hopefully help all three of my kids not wait 25 years to fall in love with sailing on. Thanks to everyone in our district for a great year - see you all at the NA'S in New Orleans in August! - . - Katherine Gregory

# MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET (69) Midwest District <br> Sailing on Lake Michigan at Milwaukee, Wisconsin 

Fleet Captain<br>John H. Esser<br>Fleet Secretary/Treasurer..........Dana Blumberg<br>Fleet Champion.... Bob Franke/Amy Simonson<br>Runner-Up.................................. Cady Family

Skipper
Allen Rieselbach
Walter Nickerson
Robert Quinsey
Susan Taylor
Clyde Taylor
Dana Blumberg
Dean Cady
Karen Balistreri
Wayne Babler, Jr.
Rob Hamill
Edward Mcguinnis
Patrick Mcguinnis
John Dillon
John Sills
Janice Shoman
Robert Mahnke
John Esser
John Strassman
Robert Franke
Amy Simonsen
William Faude

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bluette | 0 |
|  | 0 |
|  | 3621 |
|  | 7750 |
|  | 10310 |
| Rampage | 11442 |
| Rampage | 11442 |
| Rampage | 11442 |
| Firebird Suite | 11888 |
| A Short Term Effect | 11622 |
| Phantom | 12650 |
|  | 12650 |
| Synergy | 12863 |
|  | 13755 |
| Fishbone | 14060 |
| Mr Surly | 14162 |
| Sans Souci lv | 14400 |
| Jamaican Bobsled | 14481 |
| Reality Check | 14555 |
| Reality Check | 14555 |
| Public Bus | 14740 |

To paraphrase Queen Elizabeth: "This has not been a kind year for us." 1995 was the 5Oth Anniversary of Fleet 69 at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. The sailing season started out with the weather being unseasonably cold and damp. The turnout for the Marine Handicap Race over Memorial Day weekend was the poorest in years, but the Cady clan won only after almost suffering hypothermia, etc. As Dana Blumberg stated after the race: "I have never been so cold!"

The weather improved for the 49th P and T Regatta, but only ten boats participated. Unfortunately, the Regatta was scheduled to conflict with the Chicago-Mackinac Race and many of the old faithful skippers and crew were drifting about Beaver Island at the time of the Regatta. The Regatta was won by Bill Faude with Steve Lowery and A. Merdinian finishing second and third.

The Little Mackinac Race sailed over the July 4th weekend was sailed under miserable conditions. I have sailed this race for many years, but this race took the cakel There was almost no wind and the flies were so thick that you could not see the deck. They were everywhere. Again, the Cady clan won, with Bob Franke/Amy Simonsen and Robert Mahnke placing 2nd and third.

The Commodore's Regatta was won by Rob Hamill and the juniors sailing the junior sailing boat followed by Bob Franke/Amy Simonsen and John Esser.

Unfortunately, we lost several boats this year. Al Rieselbach decided to get some lead under his derriere. However, he was very gracious and presented his Lightning to the Junior Sailing Foundation. We hope this will generate interest among the younger generation.

This year has passed and we are looking forward to the next half century at the Milwaukee Yacht Club! . . . John Esser

# RED BANK OF THE SHREWSBURY (70) Metropolitan District <br> Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River at Red Bank, New Jersey 

Fleet Captain.<br>Secretary/Treasurer.<br>Combined Ventures<br>........... Mary Huntsman

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mary Sue Rogers | The Jolly Rogers | 3686 |
| Sandy Huntsman - Life |  | 10249 |
| Warren Kaiser | Up-Tick | 10249 |
| William Jaeger | Blesk | 10626 |
| Ross Nowak |  | 13333 |
| Patrick E. Corr | Silver Spoon | 13386 |
| Patrick F. Corr | Silver Spoon | 13386 |
| Jim Schwartz |  | 14450 |
| Jon Schwartz | Rusty Dusty \& Musty | 14450 |
| Jack Huntsman |  | 14482 |
| Henry O'hern, lii | Joker | 14482 |
| David Watts |  | 14492 |
| Dennis Nitka, Jr. | Sullivan's Curse | 14492 |
| David Clausen | Almost Perfect | 14495 |
| Alfred Morton | Stinger | 14539 |
| Steve Benjamin |  | 14624 |
| Paul Jeka |  | 14624 |
| Edmund Provini |  | 14624 |
| Frank Mergenthaler |  | 14634 |
| Bill Mergenthaler |  | 14654 |
| Mary Huntsman | Grande Cru | 14692 |
| Ralph Wilson | Thunder P | 14727 |

Fleet 70 has had another busy and diversified year. We started at MBC with the Spring series and the Long John. We sailed days, evenings, weekends, home and away, to the bridge and sometimes on the trailer. Lots of talk around the trailers and on the way to regattas to experience the other places we go to. We all won - some trophies and others - the enjoyment of the day. Some both! We welcome the new and cherish the old and always look forward to the next time we meet.

Congratulations to our area's top winners! Brian Taboada, Jack Elfman, and Gary Hurban. We have enjoyed sailing with them for many years. The Fleet was represented well also by Jon Schwartz, Ralph Wilson, Dave Watts, Bill Mergenthaler, Dave Clausen, and Sandy Huntsman. . . Mary Huntsman

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

Fleet Captain. $\qquad$ Wally Sellars
Fleet Secretary. $\qquad$ im Cunningham
Fleet Champion $\qquad$ Wally Sellars Runner-Up. Jim Cunningham No new information.

| Bill Buckles - Life |  | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Jack Mueller | Game (Grandpa And Me) | 9653 |
| Janis Stevens Mueller - Life | Game | 9653 |
| Walter Sellars, M.D. | Newfie | 14191 |
| James Cunningham | Amine | 14319 |

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

Fleet Secretary. $\qquad$ Phillipe Jacob
No new information

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Felipe Andrade | Gitana | 11677 |
| Rodolfo Salmang | Flying Mustard | 12829 |
| Alejandro Jacob |  | 13389 |
| Oscar Rodriguez |  | 13410 |
| Jose Isaza | Solitario | 13431 |
| Andres Lisocki | Nino's | 13604 |
| Hans Streubel |  | 13971 |
| Raiael Esguerra |  | 13990 |
| Armada Nacional | .......... | 14058 |
| Jochen Raute |  | 14085 |
| Richard Deeb |  | 14111 |
| Philippe Jacob | Jubilee | 14536 |

## DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Lake Decatur at Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ Greg Florian No new information
Skipper

James Matlock
Britt Brown
Darrel Parish
Lloyd Irish
Richard Chamblin
Kelly McGinnis
Bill Witts
Todd Sternaman
William Eichenauer
Roger Grohne
Greg Florian
Robert Ohlsen
Doug Floyd

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 5345 |
| Xanadu | 6446 |
|  | 10100 |
| Shillelagh | 11125 |
| ........................... | 11218 |
|  | 12032 |
| Jill Ann | 12441 |
| Todd's Fault | 12540 |
| Tanstaafl | 12974 |
| Enterprise | 13078 |
| D.F. | 13308 |
| Bob's Last Boat III | 14012 |
|  | 14205 |

No report.

## NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75) Metropolitan District Sailing on the Hudson River at Nyack, New York

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| George Conk |  | 0 |
| Paul Kiernan | Rigmarole | 0 |
| Chris Sprole |  | 0 |


| Michael Springsteen |  | 3108 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arthur Stahl |  | 10220 |
| James Wolfe | My Three Esses | 10224 |
| Marc Silverstein |  | 10261 |
| Elliott H. Carman | North River | 10380 |
| Lawrence Decker |  | 10620 |
| Daniel Parietti | Shamrock | 11143 |
| Joan Hurban | Gotcha Back | 11583 |
| Dave Reeves |  | 11688 |
| James Morris, Jr. |  | 12166 |
| Howard Rinehart | Corvette | 13625 |
| Tim Reilly | In The Pink | 13810 |
| William L Moe | Bad Billy's | 13831 |
| Hans Birkholz |  | 14062 |
| Gary Hurban | Gotcha Again | 14073 |
| William Cook | Fat Chance | 14140 |
| Michael Shasho | Little Crunch | 14384 |
| Richard Weitzman | Transfusion | 14427 |
| Stephanie Mayo | Special Effects | 14484 |
| George Mcdonnell | White Lightning | 14565 |
| Arthur Spielvogel | White Lightning | 14565 |
| Kathryn Connell | Ruffian | 14714 |
| Paul Connell | ............................ | 14714 |

The season is over and what a season it was. Our fleet's 50th year was one to remember. Our season got underway on May 13th with our club's opening day ceremonies. We hosted three very well attended and successful regattas. Throughout the season member participation in all fleet and club activities increased tremendously. An average of 12 boats were on the line for each race in the spring, summer and fall series of races. Fleet 75 had more boats than ever traveling to other clubs and successfully competing in several regattas. Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban and Kathy Connell all did a remarkable job competing at the national level. Mike Shasho, Hans Birkolz, Mike Nagel and Bill Donelan joined our growing fleet.

The racing season at Nyack is divided into a spring, summer and fall series. This year we had a better than average summer series by not losing any races because of a lack of air. The club conducts point races each Sunday and fun races each Wednesday evening. This year we once again were fortunate to have Steve Benjamin return for another series of on the water training seminars. We also had Friday night tuning sessions and Sunday morning crew training sessions. This gives the fleet a very full and well rounded sailing season with plenty of time for practice and training. Along with a full schedule of club races and activities we hosted three very successful regattas that attracted many visitors.

The first of these regattas held at Nyack this year was the Metropolitan District Championships which were held on June 17 and 18 th. Eighteen boats participated including six visitors from Red Bank, Larchmont and Greenwood Lake. Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban, Kathy Connell and Bill Cook from our fleet qualified to go on to the NA's. All four had very fine performances with Gary finishing third, Kathy fourth, Joan seventh, and Bill ninth. A District meeting was held during the regatta and new district officers were elected. Gary Hurban was elected to serve as District Commodore and Jon Schwartz as District Corresponding Secretary.

Our fleet officially celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 29th and 30th by hosting the Atlantic Coast Championships and the Magnus Pederson Regatta. Forty three boats from six states participated in the AC's which was held on Saturday and 34 boats competed in the Magnus on Sunday. The air was perfect,
the party great. We could not have picked a better way to commemorate our first fifty years of sailing on the Hudson River.

Saturday, October 14th found 28 Lightnings on the line for what turned out to be a great Last Blast Regatta. This yearly event capped off a very active season. Our guests from several clubs in neighboring states made this one of the most popular regattas in the area during the month of October. Plan on finishing out next year's season by attending this regatta.

Fleet 75 was well represented this year at the national level of competition. Gary Hurban and his crew of Kim Hurban and Tim Zgleszwski finished in first place in the gold fleet at the NA's. Gary's effort included 4 bullets out of six races. Joan Hurban with her crew of Denise Hurban and Maud Lindsay finished 11th in the gold fleet and had a second place in one race. Joan also won the trophy for the best woman skipper at the NA's. Kathy Connell placed second in the Woman's' NA's losing her first place on the last leg of the last day in shifty air. Her crew for this regatta was Mary Beth Moltzen and Mandy Hofmeister,

Other highlights of the season included welcoming back Chris Sprole who returned to the fleet with 14631. Paul and Kathy Connell had a very successful season with a beautiful, brand new boat (14714). Howie Rinehart showed us how to sail a great race in the AC's and how to host a great Last Blast Regatta. Bill Moe showed Art Spielvogel how to fix holes in his boat. George McDonnell did not win a watch. Bill Cook sacrificed his position in the Last Blast Regatta by returning to the club for a fleet beer run. Art and Rita Stahl once again ran a fantastic awards brunch at West Point. Jim Wolfe brought his boat to the club. Larry Decker gave diving lessons at the Long John Regatta. Rich Weitzman bought a new boat (14427). Bill Mann found enough time to crew in a couple of regattas. Bill and Stephanie Mayo had another fine season. We are all getting very tired of looking at the stern of their gray boat. Paul Connell did a great job heading up our very fine race committee. Bill Munn skippered his first race without his very expectant wife Elizabeth who is busy developing a new crew. Dan Parietti trained several crew and Elliot Carman did another fine job with the Wednesday night racing program. Mike Shasho got his first win. Jim Morris was the first this year to give his crew swimming lessons. Ron McCormack had another great Summer Series.

This was a very successful season. All fleet members gave a great deal of their time helping with the activities that filled our calendar. The efforts by everyone guaranteed fun filled, well attended regattas and a full racing schedule. We would like to thank everyone, members and guests alike, who participated in our regattas and hope to see you all next year. . . . Jim Morris


Last Blast Regatta, 1995


Last Blast Regatta, 1995

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

Fleet Captain.<br>$\qquad$ Brad Poulos<br>Fleet Secretary/Treasurer... Howard Stickney Fleet Champion<br>$\qquad$ Richard Doherty Runner-Up...........................Alan McReynolds

Skipper
Allen Hamilton
Mark Elli
Brien Gardner
Dale Hamilton
Larry Stephans
Howard Stickney
William Lindenfelser
Peter Hallagan
Wilmer Wright
Glenn Burley
David Eckler
Craig Flynn
Andy Smith James McIntosh
Richard Doherty
Neal Smith
Barbara Platt
Dave Walsh
Paul Nasipak
Todd Schumacher
Philip Goldberg
Charles Webster
Richard Leonardo
Steven Sahs
Daniel Koretz, M.D.
Alan McReynolds
James Gocker
Barry Gombert
Daniel Fien
Leland Atkinson III
George Sereno
Mark Sertl
Brad Poulos
Philip Lange
Lori Foster
John Atkins
Daniel Pope
Robert Crum
Dr. Robert Jamison
Richard Hallagan

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sparkle | 10096 |
|  | 10378 |
| "W.N." | 10406 |
| Quest | 11050 |
|  | 11051 |
| Cookie Boat | 11074 |
|  | 11239 |
| The Juice | 11537 |
|  | 12215 |
|  | 12240 |
| Droopy Sloop 5 | 12313 |
|  | 12355 |
| Windswept | 12400 |
| Misty | 13080 |
| Irish | 13081 |
| Stealth | 13082 |
| Sea Fever | 13083 |
| Slicker | 13192 |
| Hot Tar | 13287 |
| Sonic | 13313 |
| Aurora | 13329 |
|  | 13469 |
| One Track Mind | 13651 |
| Reunion | 13660 |
| Honky | 13697 |
| Obsession | 13815 |
|  | 13913 |
|  | 13925 |
| Piece Of Ship | 14001 |
| Comfortably Numb | 14185 |
| Spar Trek III | 14277 |
| Lucky Too | 14298 |
| One Track Mind | 14328 |
| Mambo Wa | 14367 |
| Mambo Wa | 14367 |
| Plan B | 14397 |
| Madame X | 14520 |
| Holy Cow | 14522 |
| White Cap II | 14605 |
| ......... | 14655 |

Our 1995 sailing season was mostly hot and dry, which is relatively unusual for Western New York. So instead of breaking out the foul weather gear, we were looking for sun screen, hats, and shades. Our fleet is geographically well situated for participating in other Lightning regattas, so almost every weekend we are missing a few skippers and their crews because they are at some area regatta. Then there's our own, Dick Hallagan and Lori Foster, who decided to travel as far as they could by participating in the Lightning Worlds and Europeans in Finland. As all of the local clubs can attest, Newport's Fleet 77 is typically well represented at almost all the regattas and Dick and Lori showed Lightning competitors, worldwide, what Newport talent is all about by placing 7th in the Worlds and 5th in the Europeans.

Our experiment of combined fleet racing in the spring and fall went very well. The combined fleet race days resulted in some spectacular photo opportunities, as our beloved Irondequoit Bay had not only numerous Lightning sails to spot, but also Lasers and Snipes as well. Some days were quite busy but our race chairman, Bill Lindenfelser did an admirable job of keeping things going. Thanks for the hard work!

The annual Newport Invitational Regatta was a terrific success, with 28 boats showing up. The weather cooperated with temperatures in the 80s and winds in the 15 knot range. The regatta had a Hawaiian theme complete with a pig roast, leis for everyone and a "Best Hawaiian Shirt" contest (which was won by one of our more creative male skippers dressing in a full mumu.) Saturday night was capped off by dancing in torch-light to a D.J. and free beer. Many thanks to all the Newport members who helped out, Russ Morton our Race Committee Chairman, and our special corporate sponsors: Wegmans Food Stores, NALGENE Trail Products, Genesee Brewery, Bruegger's Bagels, North Sails, Shore Sails, Sobstad Sails, Harken Yachting Equipment, and West Marine.

The 1995 season saw the creation of a new perpetual trophy: The Newport Long Distance Race. This race involves sailing an approximate 8 mile course, from the opening of Irondequoit Bay to the mouth of the Genesee River, and back. This race, while being a simple point-to point race, can call on a variety of skills, depending on conditions. This year good light air skills and "going outside" paid off. Our fleet purchased a beautiful half hull model perpetual trophy with 20 brass plates, so the tales of this event will be around for years to come. This year's winner was Dan Pope, our 1994 Fleet Champion.

The 1995 season championship was won by Dick Doherty who, after a 16 year pursuit, reclaimed this hard won trophy. Other major trophy holders: Spring Series: Dick Hallagan, Summer Series: Dick Doherty, Fall Series: Chad Atkins, Bay Series: Dale Hamilton, Single Handed: Phil Goldberg, and Rookie of the Year: Todd Schumacher.

Our Most Improved Skipper, Al McReynolds, deserves special mention. Not only did he rise from a previous year-endposition of 20th place to 2nd place, but he did $98 \%$ of his racing with his 13 year old daughter and his 9 year old son taking the helm downwind (while Al ran the foredeck)! As we watched Al and his young crew tackle various weather conditions, the points started to add up, and they managed to beat most of us, most of the time. As a result, Al and young crew took 2nd place in our Club Championship Series, 2nd place in the Fall Series, and 3rd place in the Spring Series.

Family involvement is common in Fleet 77, as demonstrated by Dale Hamilton and his two daughters, Claire and Carry, who claimed first place in our Bay Series. We also witnessed the formidable Atkins family fall campaign: skippered by Chad Atkins (18), the foredeck covered by brother Matt (15) and
middle handled by father John. Once again, Newport Yacht Club demonstrates that the Lightning is a great family boat, regardless of age.

In the spirit of family sailing we have created a new category of awards for our fleet: the Youngest Crew trophies. These are awarded to the younger kids who consistently are part of the Newport racing scene. While the parents typically can "bring home the silver", we felt it was important to recognize the kids who participate and, win or lose, are involved and having fun. Our Youngest Crew trophy winners for 1995 included Erin McReynolds (13), Logan McReynolds (9) and Stacy Poulos (10).

All in all, we managed to race almost every weekend from May 13 through October 8 and only had one day canceled due to severe weather. Our fleet also hosted the Area B quarter finals of the Sears Cup, and we are proud to report that our own Chad Atkins claimed 5th place at the Sears Cup finals and received the F. Gardner Cox Junior Sportsmanship Award, which also put him in 1995 U.S. Sailing Rolex Junior Team. Several of our regular skippers temporarily joined the "picnic table fleet" due to medical situations, but Howard Stickney and Allen Hamilton should be back on the water next year. Our fleet remains strong with 28 boats, and we welcome back former Lightning sailors Craig Flynn and Larry Weinstein.

The next time you find yourself near Lake Ontario, be sure stop by the best one design club in Western New York! See you on the water! . . Brad Poulos


Richard Doherty with crew, John Atkins and Barb Platt, winner of the Championship Series, Fleet 77, on Irondequoit Bay.

## DID YOUR FLEET HAVE A REPORT IN THE YEARBOOK? WHY NOT TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR FLEET.

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

Fleet Captain
Fleet Secretary
Fleet Treasurer
Fleet Champion
Runner-Up
No new information

## Skipper

Nelson Hoffiman
Martin OMeara, Jr. - Life
Lester O'Brien
Barry Buehler
Gary O'Brien
William Sebestyen
Michael Nagel
Gary Davis
David Dickerson
Heidi Dickerson
Christopher Vann
Ward Woodruff
David Peck
Donald Barrett
Franz Edson
Bill Healy
Tim Healy

Chris Vann
Franz Edson
Karen Vann
David Peck
Franz Edson

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 |
| Baby "Makes" III | 7170 |
| Luff Song | 11474 |
| Ugly Fuzzy | 11784 |
|  | 12005 |
|  | 12069 |
|  | 12282 |
| Somewhat Cavalier | 12786 |
| Second Wind | 13940 |
| Second Wind | 13940 |
|  | 14055 |
|  | 14189 |
| Ciao | 14289 |
| Imp Baby | 14417 |
| Hazardous Duty | 14419 |
| Jollymon | 14713 |
| ............................... | 14713 |

Our 1995 season opened with the traditional Lightning Fleet Pancake Breakfast. The pancakes were produced by a committee of at least five Lightning skippers. The resulting pancakes were well received. Included with the breakfast were sausages, fresh fruit compote, and a selection of beverages. The Memorial Day weekend series got underway on Saturday afternoon and concluded Sunday. A total of four races were sailed.

The major event on the Bay was our Connecticut Governor's Cup Regatta on the weekend of June 17818. In attendance were names like Shore, Crane, Proctor, Peck, Healy, Nickerson, Cuccio, Barrett, and Vann. Enough talent was on hand to make the event really competitive Tim Healy's new boat was not quite ready for race one of the five race-one throwout series. Tim's neat four races were good enough to earn him second in the regatta. He lost on a tie breaker to Dave Peck.

The District Championship held at Madison Beach Club was attended by Chris Vann, Don Barrett, Franz Edson, and Tim Healy. The Atlantic Coast Championship held at Nyack Boat Club was attended by Tim Healy and Franz Edson.Chris Vann made his second annual trip to the New England Districts which were held at Wellfleet on Cape Cod. Tim Healy with brother Bill and Dave Peck in 14705 and Chris Vann with wife Barbara and Gary Davis in 14055 were our representatives at the NA'S.

Because the US Sailing Sears Cup was to be held in Lightnings in 1995, our fleet supported a junior team consisting of Blue Jay National Champion, J. R. Fowler, Jim Condon, and Evan Barrett. Their ages were 15, 14, and 13 respectively. The team was given the use of a Lightning for practice whenever they could get together. They all crewed in a number of races and J. R. skippered several races prior to the Sears eliminations. The boys dominated their quarter and semi-final competitions with the help of Don Barrett. The team attended the Lightning Junior NA'S in Vermont as a warm up to the Sears finals. The
competition here was a little stiffer. Our team finished fourteenth. With about four hours sleep between events the boys left for Chicago and the Sears finals. The weather during the event was generally terrible with thunder squalls. The number of races were reduced as a result. The guys did have a good time and finished eighth in the overall standings.

The season on Niantic Bay was completed with our Labor Day series. This three day event was won by Dave Peck, second was taken by Franz Edson, and third place was captured by long time crew George Weidermann sailing Ward Woodruff's boat.

In another effort at a US Sailing national championship the Brothers Healy, with Bill as skipper, Tim Healy and Adam Walsh as crew, won the Mallory cup in late September. The event was sailed in Flying Scots.

Congratulations to all who participated in the season's events! . . Ward Woodruff

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

Fleet Captain...................... Matthew Henley
Fleet Secretary....................... R. H. Pearce
Fleet Treasurer....................................... Harris
Fleet Champion................ Popham

Skipper
Colin Halliwell
Clifford Harris
William Rimmer
Matthew Henley
R.H. Pearce

George McLaughlin

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :--- | ---: |
| M.G. Roberts | 6090 |
| Panique | 7606 |
| Ipsus | 8465 |
| Rocket | 11645 |
| Liisa | 13289 |
| ....................... | 13685 |

While rummaging through the club's office recently, I came across our fleet's original charter. Fleet 90 is fifty years old - this calls for a party! Here are a few stories from this year which I am sure will come up.

One evening early in May, Dick Pearce's mast was accidently sold to the insurance company. It seems that the masthead caught under the jib of the hoist during retrieval of the boat. Unfortunately, no one noticed this until the boat was quite a bit further up. Luckily for them, someone in the Star fleet did something even better, so they escaped having their names engraved on KYC's coveted Sandbar Trophy.

For the first time in years, Matthew got a crew together and headed off to an out of town regatta, the Districts in Eugene, Oregon. After driving nearly all night (the "check engine" light kept going on), and developing a ravenous thirst, they arrived at about four in the morning to find a welcoming committee with a keg at the ready. Needless to say, a great time was had by all. The weather was hot and sunny, the water warm, the winds interesting, and oh yes, they finished fourth!

On a sadder note, Andreas Naumann sold his boat. Three sailboats in one household were deemed to be too many, and by family vote, the Lightning had to go. Two beginning sailors bought her, so perhaps we'll see the boat out in the future.

The fleet continued to make Thursday evenings their main focus of racing activity, and one's best month was combined with an assortment of weekend events to determine the fleet champion, which this year is Dick Pearce's hired gun, Chris Popham.

Other than that, it was just your basic sailing season. Here's to another fifty years! - . . Matthew Henley
-please


Dick Pearce wasn't lucky enough to win the Sandbar Trophy, but a hidden camera preserved his efforts for posterity.

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

Fleet Captain. $\qquad$ Dan Murphy
Fleet Secretary $\qquad$ Jim Cosmas Fleet Champion. $\qquad$ Bob Sengstacken Runner-Up. $\qquad$ John (Ron) Wulff No new information.

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| John Rannella | Serenity Too | 0 |
| Dan Murphy | Cracklin' Rose | 7248 |
| Karl Hoeverman | My Gal | 9465 |
| George Welkey | Loose Boit | 10229 |
| John Wulff | Heads Up! | 10784 |
| Peter Lippe | Instinct | 11958 |
| James Cosmas | Freya | 11983 |
| Robert Sengstacken | No Frills | 12045 |
| Charles Mcnear | Dr. Pepper | 12923 |
| Justin Mahon, Jr. | ......................... | 13002 |

Justin Mahon, Jr. No report.

Skipper
Brent Robke Mike Boswell Fred Chandler John Carter Bert Winther Wendell Harter Bruce Yaeger

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 4680 |
| Seafever | 11373 |
| Seafever | 11373 |
| ........................... | 1196 |
|  | 13117 |
| Paddlin' Madelyn lii | 13186 |
| ........................... | 14206 |

Ours was a relatively light race schedule this year for local races, but it was good to see Bert Winther racing his boat again, and doing well in the local competition. He won the King Harbor YC One Design Regatta which was held in August.

The California District Championships were hosted by our fleet, with eight boats participating. It was the only regatta which drew boats from other Lightning fleets this year. As a result, the Hurricane Gulch Lightning Regatta, a long time tradition, was canceled for lack of participation and is not being scheduled for 1996.

Wendell Harter participated in the California Lightning Circuit in San Diego, but vacation and business schedule conflicts prevented his participation in other out of town regattas. The trophy he won is not one which is much sought after. It was the Bowling Trophy, awarded to the skipper who made the biggest goof in the regatta. Wendell, in making a tack at the finish line, caught the tiller of his boat in the pocket of his jacket, resulting in his boat's striking the stern of the committee boat anchored at one end of the line.

Bruce Yaeger and his wife, Elna, hosted the fleet's Christmas party at their home in Van Nuys. . . - Wendell Harter

## LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104) <br> Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain.................................................. Dacosta
Fleet Secretary................ Michael Plosica
Fleet Champion............... Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
Runner-Up..............D.

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Dr. Donald Cooper | Puck | 9250 |
| Michael Plosica | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | 9539 |
| John Comer | At Last | 10971 |
| Bill Gerold | Lightning Rod | 12055 |
| Charles Heuschkel | Elusive | 12957 |
| William Dacosta | Yellow Canary | 13053 |
| Eugene Ventimiglia | Fuzzy Blues | 13710 |
| Lawrence Hoffman | Fuzzy Blues | 13710 |
| Robert Hoffman | Men-At-Work | 13782 |
| Dr. Robert Morrow | Spirit | 13955 |
| Anthony Ventimiglia | Peggy | 13965 |
| Christian Larsen | Gunsmoke Too | 14539 |
| John Morton | 4-Carat Diamond | 14635 |
| William Scott |  |  |

## SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102) California District Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor Redondo Beach, California

Fleet Captain $\qquad$ Wendell Harter Mike Boswell

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1995 was a good year for Fleet 104. Enthusiasm remains high in this group--sailors all, of different skills and accomplishments. Fifteen active boats is a far cry from the original three a few short years ago. Those who participated then were always sure to finish one, two or three. (that's a pun). In general, good fellowship, a willingness to help others, and sharing information has promoted Lightning sailing here. We are now the largest fleet in the club.

We completed eight out of ten races with two being abandoned in 1995. One because there was no wind and one because of too much. All were competitive and no less than thirteen sailed in every race...there were many lead changes each week and the championship was not decided early on.

Michael Plosica, who was part of the winning team in 1993, purchased his own boat in 1994, did some great rehab work on it, then recruited his wife Kathy and Tim Farinetta and wound up the winner this year, just edging out Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, brother Gene and daughter Lauren. The final point spread was .030 to .074 . It should be noted that Michael could not compete the last two weeks because of damage suffered to his boat in rough weather. Gusty winds continued throughout the summer on Barnegat Bay.

Ron Kiss, son Tim and Ed Bitzer placed third in the series beating out Susan DiMeo by a slight margin. The rest of the fleet finished as follows: Larry Hoffman, Curt Morton, Bill Scott, Bob Morrow, Bill Dacosta, Charlie Heuschkel, Chris Larsen, Kirsten Comer, Jim Loughman (still sails Flying Scot - we'll keep working on him), Bill Gerold and Don Cooper.

The hurricane season had it's effect on us and cut our fall series down to a couple of races, the last of which was September 23rd when we raced and had a great picnic, a nice way to call it a day. Two awards were made, one, the handicap series award which went to Ron Kiss and crew and the prestigious Bottoms Up trophy, presented to our Fleet Captain, Chris Larsen, and his crew, for their expert seamanship. Picnic arrangements were handled by Peggy Larsen, Marie Dacosta and Bill Scott.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to Vice Commodore Bill Vermiglio and the race committee-Marge Morton, Joyce Johnson, Penny Hahm, and Betty Ann Caldwell for some interesting courses...to Andy Johnson, Del Kusma, Warren Law, Rene Bertrand and Eves Bonner-Gantner for patrolling each week in good and bad weather and last but not least, the communications team of Mary Ann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertakos and Peg DeLuca.

As you know, it takes a lot of support people who are generous with their time and are willing to devote it to make a successful sailing season. We were blessed with a great team in 1995 and are already looking ahead to 1996. . . . Bill Dacosta

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

Fleet Captain/Secretary................. John Dent

## Skipper.

Dr. Peter Morley, Jr.
Stan Dent
John Dent
Steven Randall
Scott Carman

| Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Buzzin | 9102 |
|  | 12104 |
| Pacemaker | 12784 |
|  | 13999 |
|  | 13999 |

The racing season kicked off July 1st at Higgins Lake with our annual Firecracker Regatta. Traditionally heavy winds created physical and mechanical problems all day. In the end, Ric Blamer edged John Dent to win this series.

Our annual Invitational Regatta was held on July 29th and 30th under nearly ideal conditions. Sunny skies and $10-15 \mathrm{mph}$ breezes greeted the nine boats competing this weekend. The

Host fleet's own participation was limited to two boats, due to a fierce wind storm which hit the region two weeks earlier. Hundreds of large trees were knocked over and boats blown from their lifts; causing widespread damage. This regatta was very competitive with the outcome in doubt until the final race of the series. Sunday's awards presentation saw Tom Niles of the Bay City Yacht club in fifth place. John Waechter and Chris Jacobson, also from Bay City, finished in fourth and third places respectively. Michael Roualet from the Pontiac Yacht Club was edged out by Mark Whatley, also from Pontiac, for first place honors. It was an exciting weekend and hopefully, we can see more of you at next year's event.

Our racing season wrapped up on Labor Day weekend with the annual Higgins Lake Property Owners Regatta. This is a handicapped event between various classes, as well as a Lightning fleet regatta. Pete Morley finished ahead of Ric Blamer and Stan Dent for a second place finish. First place was captured by Fred Krauss. Our Awards Banquet on Sunday night put the finishing touch on another season of racing at Higgins Lake. . . . John Dent

## GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112) Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain.

$\qquad$
Bill Dean?

Fleet Secretary.............................John Evans?

Fleet Champions.... Terry Phelan/Rick Evans

Runner-Up.
$\qquad$
Doug Olson

Not all new information.

| Skipper | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| James Hopkins | Puzzle | 9634 |
| Douglas Olson | Smoke | 10680 |
| Michael Kulkoski | Aces $N^{\prime}$ Eights | 11188 |
| Kevin Hart | Truth | 11307 |
| John Evans |  | 13376 |
| Patrick Ford |  | 13486 |
| Frank Wood |  | 13568 |
| Peggie Himmel | Whimsy | 13695 |
| Terrence Phelan |  | 13817 |
| Brian Phelan | Decision Or Collision | 13818 |
| Dr. Bruce Bressler | B Kaz | 14193 |
| Jim Hertel |  | 14193 |
| Bill Dean | Rock N' Roll | 14582 |

The bay of Green Bay was indeed green in 1995 as soaring temperatures created an abundance of algae at the UWGB Outing Center, home of Fleet \#112. Low water levels made it difficult to launch boats and Zebra Mussels were everywhere. But none of that could dampen the spirits of the members of the Green Bay Sailing Club

There is a renewed interest in racing in Green Bay. Younger enthusiasts are forming syndicates through duel ownership of boats. Many of these skippers are coming up through the crew ranks where there continues to be steady interest.

GBSC continued it's tradition of week night racing. The turnout was very good as anywhere from eight to fourteen Lightnings sailed on Mondays and Thursdays. A nice mix of young skippers and veterans competed for the fleet championship in the Hayseed and the Vandersteen Series. The wind and weather was unusually fickle making for a wide, variety of sailing conditions. Quite a number of races were canceled because of wind velocity and storm warnings. $\quad \rightarrow$ please

Terry Phelan and Rick Evans finished first followed by Doug Olson. Jim Hopkins tied Brian G. and Rick Wood for third place. Vern Heyrman was Fifth. Ric Larson from Sheboygan won the Evans' Regatta, our district event. The final racing event of the season was won by Steve Adamski who edged Terry Phelan to capture the Hayes/Phelan Trophy for first to finish. Rookie skipper Kip Hart was the handicap winner, capturing the Walter Masse Trophy,

We continued our short tradition of a season-ending golf outing. Some thirty sailors took to the links in Shorewood. Mari Martin, Katie Raduenz and Kendall Kissel-Sloat made sure there were plenty of neat gifts and the weather cooperated. Dave Roznowski stole the Show with a hole-in-one.

Special thanks to Tom Phelan and Jane Stannard for their great work on the race committee. And thanks to the skippers and crew who helped refurbish the aging committee boat and to Vern Heyrman who furnished the building to do it in. Also, a note of gratitude goes to John and Bonnie Evans, Bill and Mary Jo Dean, Peggy Himmel and Betty Hayes for hosting parties during the season.

And in a final note. the Green Bay Sailing Club this fall lost one of its most endearing members. William E. ( Bill) Hayes "reached into calmer waters" after a long bout with cancer. The continued success of all sailing clubs is guaranteed by individuals like Bill, who love the sport, the people and the water. He was never without a joke, a smile or a helping hand. His "Hayseed" Lightnings were staples of the fleet in good times and in and bad. Longtime friend Tom Phelan recalls Bill... "on the committee boat, gray hair flying from under his sailing hat, rosy cheeked and narrowed eyes, when, for a moment, he took on a serious mien. He appeared, ever to himself, a curmudgeon. Though, of course, he never was." . . . Rick Evans


Tom Phelan, center, Fleet 112's Race Committee Chairman extraordinaire.

## CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115) Lake Erie District Sailing on Cuba Lake, Cuba, New York

|  | Fleet Captain................................. Skip Wilday <br>  <br>  <br> Fleet Secretary......................... Mike Kane <br>  <br> Fleet Champion.................. |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Skipper. | Boat Name | Boat No. |
| John Rudd | Allegro | 10705 |
| Michael Kane | Austerity | 11175 |
| Greg Buckley | Old Blue | 13890 |
| Ward Wilday | Two Windward | 13973 |
| Skip Wilday | ........................ | 14725 |

## Skipper.

John Rudd
Michael Kane
Greg Buckley
Skip Wilday

This past year we combined with our Snipe fleet for the annual Bolde Mothers Snipe and Lightning Regatta. The winner was Dave Sprague from Toronto. Second place went to Cuba's Skip Wilday followed by John Swanson from the Buffalo Canoe Club. This regatta could be characterized as having great wind, great people and a great party!

Our fleet is coming back. We are fielding five-six boats per race. Our junior program is building. Our fleet is very active in developing an extensive social schedule at the club.

The summer of 1996 will be bringing a couple of noteworthy events. First, we will co-host the Bolde Mothers' Regatta at the end of June. Second, we will be hosting the Lake Erie Districts July 13-14. Hope to see everyone there! . . . Valerie Kane

## FLYING BEAVER CLUB (118) Lake Erie District Sailing on Hamilton Bay, at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain.......................Keith MacDonald Fleet Secretary................J. Paul Eichenberg Fleet Champion...................Keith MacDonald Runner-Up...............................Susan Rogers No new information.

## Skipper.

Larry Macdonald, Sr. - Life
Boat Name

Keith Macdonald
$-11289$
Stan Chambers
13671
Gabriel Crowder
Jeremy Crowder
Marty Essig
Susan Rogers
Paul Eichenburg
Larry Macdonald, Jr.
David Wood
No report.
Boat No.

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

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

Skipper
Leonard Pratt - Life Bill Stasiuk
Russell Crawford
Alfred Martin
Clif Robinson
Patrick Mccormack
Mark Windt
Paula Clawson
Robert Clawson
Steven Fram
Alan Lavender
David Sestini
Brian Hughes
John Hughes
No report.

