

FLOTTA DEL TRASIMENO (453)
Italian District
Sailing on Trasimeno Lake,
Perugia, Italy

Fleet Captain..... Paolo Rosi
 Fleet Secretary..... Sergio Rustichelli
 No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Danilo Pelosi	.....	8621
Fabio Cherubini	.....	10781
Mario Forgione	.....	13062
Carlo Musso	King Furious III	13271
Andrea Gatteschi	.....	13462
Giovanni Rosi	.....	13462
Paolo Rosi	.....	13462
Sergio Rustichelli	.....	14228
Vittorugo Mearini	.....	14239
Sauro Scarpocchi	Wind III	14239
Eugenio Branca	.....	14245
Camillo Angeli	.....	14316
Franco De Regis	.....	14316
No Report		

TUUSULVANJÄRVI LIGHTNING FLEET (456)
Finland District
Sailing on Lake Tuusulanjärvi
Tuusula, Finland

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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Pentti Laitinen	.....	0
Petri Siiskonen	Kulkuri	9438
Veijo Meisalo	.....	12757
Asko Autio	.....	12914
Lauri Hämäläinen	Vipunen	13098
Matti Torkkeli	.....	13130
Timo Ahomäki	.....	13438
Hannu Hanskala	Amanda	13562
Jaakko Herttua	.....	14018
Niko Lappalainen	.....	14018
Rainer Korhonen	.....	14179
Leo Korhonen	.....	14274
Olli Lähteinen	.....	14331
Pertti Pyy	Amarillo	14406
Juha Hämäläinen	.....	14494
Matti Ojanen	.....	14535
Antero Punttila	Maruzella	14535

Once again, another successful and interesting year has come to an end. In regards to Lightning sailing, this past season gave everyone the opportunity to compete at every imaginable level here in Finland. Looking back, it is a joy to realize that the Tuusulanjärvi Lightning Fleet was very active in nearly all regattas. A record ten TP-captains and their crews competed in all the races in 1995. Out of ten possible regattas, our fleet took part in nine and of course our names were at the upper end of the results. Only at the Lake Päijänne sailing competition was there no member from our fleet competing.

The 1995 Lightning season was started with the traditional Lake Tuusulanjärvi "On the Rocks" Regatta on May 13th which

was at the same time the first ranking race. The season closed with the Jyväskylän Autumn Regatta on September 3rd. In the five-regatta ranking series in which 23 boats competed the success of our fleet was as follows: In the top ten positions, our fleet took five positions! Our best was our old hand Leo Korhonen who ranks at number one, and in the third position was our youngest captain Olli Lähteinen.

In District Championships, organized by the Helsinki Merenkävijät, in the top ten positions, we placed in five. Leo Korhonen is 4th time District Champion. His crew included the familiar Hartti Nisonen and Antti Varhema. In third place, Olli Lähteinen cut in with his level but sure performance. Out of our new captains this year, let us mention that Timo Meri placed 6th in his first competition.

In the open European championship races held in Helsinki, our fleet was represented by four boats and the best Finnish boat to place was Leo Korhonen with a respectful 6th place finish leaving behind among others Tito Gonzales.

In a tough and changing world championship competition held in Kuopio our capabilities did not extend as far as we would have liked. The reason for our poor showing was not necessarily that we were bad but because our competitors were better. Our best placing was by Olli Lähteinen with a respectful 16th position, which was, by the way, the second best placing by a Finnish competitor. The rest of us placed below the 20th place.

Lake Tuusula was also host for the annual Big Challenge single handed race. This turned out to be the shortest race of the season since the conditions were just too big of a challenge (10m/s with big gusts). Previous Big Challenge winners Kimmo Aromaa and Antero Punttila with Niko Lappalainen as a new contender. Because of the wind, we knew that sailing in these kinds of condition would not exactly be wise, but since we had come to compete, compete we would. How could we not compete since the prizes donated by Antero had to be won. Luckily for us Antero was ingenious and came up with a brilliant idea: a large hat and paper slips which had positions written on them. Our lucky visitor (Miss World) then drew the slips one at a time. The results of this competition are as follows: Niko won by drawing DSQ, DNF, DSQ. Kimmo took second place with PMS, DSQ, DNC and last place Antero took with DNF, PMS, and PIRATE which counted for 10 bonus points. This competition was quick and results were fair with the attitude that the best man shall win. After this, we had the joy of tasting Marjukka's delicious pies with coffee. I believe that the Punttila family is more than welcome at next year's competition!

This eventful season was brought to an end at the end of August by the headspinning Match Racing regatta, which was held in Helsinki. The prearrangements were interesting when Timo had talked "rockstar" John Winquist into being his helmsman. Peter Graf and his wife Margrit had arrived for the race from Switzerland. All together five boats competed in the two-day race which took place in varying conditions. But in the end, the winner was Marylou with helmsman John Winquist (NJ K), crewmembers Timo Ahomäki (TP) and Riitta Kangas (TP). In second place to everyone's satisfaction were our guests from Switzerland along with Walteri Karhusaari as their other crew. We expect many more boats to compete in this race next year and we hope that we will have more delightful guests from beyond our own borders.

All in all, looking back on this past season, it was very busy but at the same time it was very rewarding. It gave us new experiences, new friends and also showed us that we have a lot of work to do in order to equally compete with the world's best. In any case, I believe that with our many new rewards and also having received much advice from the outside world that we will be better than ever next season! . . . Timo Ahomäki

Rainier Korhonen and Antero Punttila and crews in the Europeans



Photo: Unto and Anna-Liisa Mäenpää

NORTH FLORIDA LIGHTNING FLEET (461)

Florida District Sailing on Lake Eustis near Orlando, Florida

Fleet Secretary..... Fisk Hayden

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Michael Tighe	.....	11205
Steve Hayden	Risky Business	13970
Fisk Hayden - Life	.....	13970

For Fleet 461 1995 started off with Steve Hayden's team attending, and winning, the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans. Fisk Hayden sailed the Florida District Master's Regatta in Miami and finished second. The Hayden team (Steve and Angie Hayden and Barr Batzer) also attended the World Championships in Finland. Steve won the Smither Trophy for the highest finishing first time skipper, by placing 4th overall. Fisk sailed on the Presidential Yacht with President Bob Harkrider steering. The Hayden Team also sailed at the Atlanta Cup in October. There are hopes for more regular regatta attendance by both Haydens in the future. Hope to see everyone on the Southern Circuit! . . . Steve Hayden

GUARAPIRANGA LAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (462)

Brazil District Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga, at São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Secretary..... Per Olov Hornell

Fleet Secretary..... Ingrid Hornell

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Milton Torres Bastos	.....	0
Per Olov Hornell	.....	0
Tore Schjeldsoe	Gatao	0
Andre Sulzbeck	Meia Noite	0
Paulo De Almedia Soares	Malandro	9284
George Lewis Rider	Easy Rider	11693
Heloisa Barro Uelze	Goiabada	11721
Allan Andersen	Lightning Rider	12440
Carlos Eduardo Ferreira	Patua	12440
Fabio Prada Ferreira	Patua	12440
James Alexander Semple	Lightning Rider	12440
Alberto Martins Tores	Gringo VII	12526
Manfred Kaufmann Jr	Perereca	12657
Claus Bromberg	Waikiki	13405

Christopher Downey	Star Rider	14167
Jens Cristiano Ruschmann	Flying Cloud	14168
Bernardus J. Martin	Execravel	14169
James Sumner	Macumba	14329
Mario Buckup	.....	14378
Mario Vicente Sacconi	Triunvirato	14401
Thomas G.S. Sumner	Pisco	14562
Michael Anthony Norris	Flash Rider	14602
Nelson Small Schmitt	Xamego V	14633

Our fleet is the most numerous in Brasil, with a total of 22 of the best fiberglass boats made in Brasil, mostly with Tom Allen technology and molds. Being the biggest, we are not the best organized fleet, but we have the most fun sailing, "rounding the fourth mark," and organizing seminars in Lord Cochrane's at the São Paulo Yacht Club every weekend.

This year we had no problems with the lake level, so we had the State Championship on our waters in November. With very good winds we managed six races in two weekends. The top three were Claudio Bieckarck, followed by Mario Buckup and third was Alex Welter (Olympic Gold Medalist in Tornado Class).

The Districts were held this year in Rio de Janeiro two months before Carnival. This regatta served also as the gualifiers for the PanAmerican Games which were held in Argentina. Our Commodore and fleet member George Rider took second place together with John Jansen and Bernt Bromberg. . . . Jim Sumner

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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
H.B. Toby Wells, Jr	.....	0
J.M. (Dick) Coburn	Strings Attached	14252
James Taylor	Blitzkrieg	14390
Allen Smith	Maggie II	14521
No Report		

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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Guido Armeni	.....	13065
Bruno Roccheggiani	Bibir	13346
Fabio Giuliani	.....	14245
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

Skipper.	Boat Name	Boat No.
Pertti Jalonen	Sea Horse III	13760
Pentti Jarvinen	.....	14352
Aimo Jokiniemi	.....	14403
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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Riccardo Giondi	0
Walter Luzzi	13037
Gaetano Pellizzaro	14243
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

Skipper.	Boat Name	Boat No.
Robert R. Crump	.....	0
Earl "ET" Fisher, Jr.	.....	0
Dr. M. Scott Cornwell	.....	12676
Mark Bryant	No Question Mark	13750
Steven R. Ewing	"?"	13822
Elizabeth Lombardo	Rocket II	14408

River sailing with strong winds and flat water and some interesting currents.....that's what you're likely to find here on the Caloosahatchee in Ft. Myers. Sailing out of Edison Sailing Center, we are adjacent to several motels and night spots, so there's no need to drive anywhere.....just unhook your boat and settle in. Your support crew can relax on the riverview patio at Shooters, a vantage point from which they can call the starting line nearly as well as the RC itself!

At this writing we're gearing up for our 3rd annual Winterset Regatta in March, which gives us a chance to host visitors from the North. Whether you leave your boat with relatives here in Florida for the winter, or tow it down for Southern Circuit events, we know you'll enjoy your weekend with us. At Winterset you can expect a clinic by one of the class' high profile sailors (most recently it was Ched Proctor, past North American Champion, who was also our regatta winner).

November brings the annual Florida District Triple Crown series to Ft. Myers. We, along with the fleets in Miami and Tampa, enjoy hosting these three regattas all within a five week span. Our Ft. Myers regatta was also this year's Florida District Commodore's Cup event, and was won by Miami's Reid Hutchinson and Pat Cash, with no small contribution from Reid's brother Fred, a Ft. Myers "home boy"!

Cedar Fleet will be hosting the 1996 Florida Districts and, for the first time, we're going out to the famous beaches on the Gulf of Mexico for what will surely be a memorable weekend of resort activity and sailing fun.

Work still continues in the "fleet building" department, and we're proud to have made our contribution to the Florida District's Steketee Trophy this year. Our members are looking forward to a little more traveling in the coming year, and we hope to be represented at the North Americans this summer. . . . Fay Regan

FLOTTA ROMA (479)
Italian District
Sailing on Bracciano Lake
at Rome, Italy

Fleet Captain..... Sergio Masserotti
Fleet Secretary..... Gianni Battisti
No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Ricci Ranieri	0
Gianni Battisti	13264
Fornari Ranieri	13348
Mario Becherini	13401
Riccardo Sassetti	13624
Paolo Caravani	13715
Sergio Masserotti	14554
No Report		

WAKE LIGHTNING FLEET (481)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Lake Kerr
at Raleigh, North Carolina

Fleet Captain..... Michael Rees
Fleet Secretary..... Ned Nutt
Fleet Champion..... M. Rees

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Robert S. Lamb	Sheep Thrills	0
Robert V. Lovelace	White Lightning	0
Kent R. Mullikin	Gunsmoke	0
Edward J. Vitek, Jr.	.....	0
G. Dean Marbury	.....	11204
William Boyd Dixon	Tabasco	11738
Douglas King	Plummer	11900
Worth A. Lutz, III	.....	12773
R. Grant Wolslagel	Carolina Girl	13490
Ed Michels	Bannana Boat	13620
Robert M. Wilkins	Plane Crazy	13738
Avis/Henry Bridgers	Menage 3	13848
Michael S. Rees, M.D.	Adrenalin	13877
Pierce P. Barden	.....	14190
David L. Francis	.....	14332
James E. Nutt, M.D.	Hallucination	14376
John W. Pelosi	Anubis Leisure Society	14396
William R. Hopkins	Snowbird	14643

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All of our sailing skills were needed for the Southeastern District Championship co-hosted by Fleet 481 with Triad Fleet 415. The event was held in May at Oriental, NC, sailed on the Neuse River as it flows into the Pamlico Sound. The wind blew. Many of us had the opportunity to sharpen our capsize techniques; some of us sailed in and under the water more than on top of it. This had a negative effect on finishing position during the regatta but a very positive effect on boat hardware sales after the regatta.

Our representatives to the North Americans were John Pelosi, with member crew Pat and Martha Terry, and Pierce Barden. They didn't win but they wished they had. Pierce and John also qualified for District trophies this year. All of us attended whatever events we could.

Thirty five boats from the eastern half of the United States participated in the excellent competition and friendly camaraderie that has made the BORDERLINE REGATTA the crowning event of the year. John Pelosi orchestrated the show as Regatta Chairman. Michael Rees recruited the RC and developed the race instructions. Pat Terry was the chef. Doug King fixed the lunches. The wind blew; the RC work was excellent; the Party was great! Ed Michels celebrated his return to racing by finishing 8th in the pewter trophies. Pierce Barden just missed with an 11th. Dave Francis won the Sportsmanship award of the year when he stopped to pick up an overboard crew of another boat when only about fifty yards from the finish-line. One of us had a glorious opportunity to display the capsize skills developed in the Districts but snapped the mast during the recovery. While the damage was being dolefully surveyed later on shore, Tom Allen walked up and indicated that he just happened to have a spare mast if we wanted to take a look at it. The boat was put back in the water to race again. Tom, who did not finish in the trophies this year due to his own capsize, nevertheless, got to take home an extra \$880 thus easing his sorrow.

The FIERCE COMPETITOR Trophy Series was introduced to honor the many yeoman sailors who come to the Borderline but might not finish in the pewter. Boat placing is determined using a handicap scoring system favoring the older boat hull number. Trophies were coffee mugs given to skipper and crew emblazoned with the BORDERLINE LOGO and the words "FIERCE COMPETITOR". There seemed to be more interest in these scores than the regular trophies! Indeed, some competitors said that they will bring their older boats next year! . . . Ned Nutt

**Learn the rules! Avoid protests!
Don't be intimidated!!**

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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Bryne O'brien	Whisper	10113
Terrill Moore	Anna T.	11347
Peter V. Lent	Orphan	11960
John Levan	.....	13422
Jesse W. Miller	Hot Flash	13934
Edward Seyerlein	.....	14002
No Report		

PORT OSWEGO FLEET (485) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Oswego, New York

Fleet Contact..... Bram and Jean Palm
No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Frank Palmer	"Bill"	0
Arthur Tirrell	.....	0
J. Thomas Doran	Wizard	11010
James D. Jaskula	.....	11134
John G. Fitz Gibbons	.....	13679
Edward Taverni	.....	14034
Jean H. Palm	Wombat	14355
Ronald B. Palm, Jr.	Wombat	14656
No Report		

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

Fleet Captain..... Gerry Wnorowski
Fleet Secretary..... Mary Ann Dellerman
Fleet Treasurer..... Gerry Wnorowski
Fleet Champion..... Rick Conaway
Runner-Up..... Steve Wyers

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Douglas Fisher	.....	7268
C. Graeme Wilson	Chaos	8664
Jerry Chapman	.....	11637
Ken Token	Old One Eye	11701
Bryan Uhlmansiek	Thunder	12136
Leo J. Donovan	Sparrow	12891
Gerald L. Wnorowski	Kant Beleave It!	13088
Stephen Wyers	Top Secret	13379
Michael J. Sepp	Cygnus	13761
Wayne M. Watson	Summer Madness	14005
Richard Conaway	Fascination	14088
Francis C. Renschen	No Crews Control	14501

The River Gods were unhappy again this year. We opened May 6, and closed on the 14th when the floods began! The flood of '95 turned out to be the second worst on record, with water almost in the Club again! As usual we wound up, at the height of the flood, paddling in the river to retrieve the committee boat

and the hoists. The official racing season finally began August 6, after extensive grounds repair, etc. The good news is that the Club never looked better. The bad news is that we lost the whole spring racing series and half of the summer! The only way any of us sailed before re-opening was through other's fleet invitations.

The annual "Round the Islands" race was held Labor Day rather than July 4 this year. Ten boats of all classes competed but it was the Lightnings that made the race. The course is a figure-eight, somewhat less than ten miles long around Portage and Eagle's Nest Islands in the middle of the Mississippi. It's mostly for fun, but Conaway, Wnorowski, and I sailed it "all out." Rick opened a 1/2 mile lead in the first half but I passed him at the halfway point, only to be passed by Jerry in a lull, who was overtaken by Rick again! At the leeward mark we set our chutes, and were treated to a 360 degree spin under full spinnaker as an eddy from the Portage Power smokestacks caught us! We raced upriver over two miles under spinnakers, slowly grinding Rick down to take line honors by a foot after three hours of sailing! Jerry was third, but a Comet corrected out on PHRF for Overall.

Our Muddy Rudder Lightning Regatta was held September 9 & 10, attracting eleven boats including two from Memphis. Bill Baxter brought along their top rookie from last year, Batton Kennon. Our weather was perfect fall sailing, five races, not too hot, not too windy, and no protests. I confess that the best I could do was to have Bill looking over his shoulder on a reach. That was before the pole went overboard on the jibe! The Sea Scouts provided lunch for all, and the after-race get-together couldn't have been held in better weather. Baxter did his usual number on us and grabbed first! Rick Conaway was second and Jerry Chapman (a Comet sailor!) third. Awards were over by 2:00 pm so that travelers could make it home.

The Valley Sailing Association Governor's Cup for all classes including catamarans was held Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Seven VSA Lightnings entered. The weather was typical for this series with winds 15 and gusts to 30 both days. At least it was warm and didn't rain as it has in so many previous years. Sailing was great with some of the best planing conditions I've seen. On one reach the bow wave seemed to be 1-1/2 feet higher than the boat! Fortunately I had been able to pick up good crew from the miscellaneous fleet, who were sitting this one out. The course was long for the most part, averaging, by my estimate, to be between 7 to 9 miles each, in three lap triangles. We raced until almost dark! Jerry Wnorowski had his first-ever capsize, and Fran Renschen and Rick Conaway had an awesome collision with Fran riding clear up and over Rick's boat amidships! Surprisingly little damage was done considering the potential. All of these skippers could be called the comeback kids: Conaway was first, Jerry Wnorowski second, and Fran Renschen third. Five races were sailed with no protests again in the regular fleets!

October's winds made for really great sailing, but we paid the price. St. Louis weather turned unusually cold at month's end with early November snow, and ending our season a few weeks early. In all, it was a good season. For the first time in memory, I never saw a red flag, nor was a Lightning protest filed. That is a record! . . . Steve Wyers

Summer Series		Fall Series	
First	Rick Conaway	First	Rick Conaway
Second	Steve Wyers	Second	Gerry Wnorowski
Third	Gerry Wnorowski	Third	Steve Wyers
Wednesday Night Series			
First	Rick Conaway		
Second	Steve Wyers		

A quiet moment on Alton Lake before the start of the Muddy Rudder.



Photo: Steve Wyers

Rick Conaway and crew at the Bluenose where he did very well.



Photo: Chris Hempel

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIGHTNING FLEET(488) U. S. at Large District Sailing in Colorado and Nebraska

Contact.....Bob Stoller
No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Larry Arbuthnot	Arrogantly Shabby	9809
Andrew P. Mueller	Prosit	11815
Bob Stoller	.....	13478
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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
German Novion	.....	0
Guillermo Gondeck	Finesse	10196
Alberto Gonzalez Mas	Ojo De Lince	11011

Luis Herman	.....	11023
Leonardo Witting	Quebec	13226
Pablo Amuntegui E.	Pocas Lucas	13650
Francisco Perez	.....	14294
Javier De Vicente Mingo	Linda Chica	14295
Manuel Gonzalez B.	.....	14295
Manuel Gonzalez Mas	Entel	14307
Enrique Hintze Munita	Alto Voltage	14387
Jose Manuel H. Ugarte	Alto Voltaje	14387
Rufino Melero U.	.....	14576
No Report		

TOHICKON CREEK LIGHTNING FLEET (491)

Central Atlantic District Sailing on Lake Nockamixon at Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain.....	Brent Benson
Fleet Secretary.....	John Williams
Most Traveled.....	John Williams

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Thomas Gerhard	Chaos	8663
Charles S. Shoemaker	Esprit	9928
Brent W. Benson	.....	11444
Robert Blalock	.....	13720
Gary Bonner	.....	13720
John Williams	Kids' Stuff Too	14431

Fleet racing was conducted on 21 dates at our Lake. This year, we were again joined by our sail club's Buccaneer fleet to get separate starts and sail as a "one design" fleet.

Benson and Williams participated in a number of away regattas with Brent taking a second in President's Cup held on the Potomac. Williams competed in eight local CAD or Metro district regattas to win the "most traveled" award.

The highlight of the season was the CAP-IT-OFF regatta which we finally were able to sail despite two years running of the worst weather of the season. Last year was a complete washout, and this year looked like it was going to be a repeat. But by 1:00 pm things began to brighten and we were able to sail three back-to-back races in air varying from very light to 15 MPH. Conditions included a 180 degree wind shift, challenging our race committee to re-position the marks and start/finish line without missing a "beat". The regatta was part of the CAD/MET series and proved to be the deciding event. Jack Elfman and Dick Hallagan finished one-two and firmly placed Jack in the driver's seat for the Series championship with one regatta left to sail. Fleet 491 wishes once more to thank the sailors who traveled to our lake to participate. The weather channel kept a lot more boats away but we appreciate the eight boats who came and waited out the rain.

We are anxious for the weather to warm and to get back to it next year. We are absolutely, 100%, positively sure that it will not rain on our CAP-IT-OFF Regatta in 1996 and expect at least 20 boats to attend. Check the Flashes for time and date! . . . John Williams

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

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Dr. Edward A. Sweeney	Jessie S.	8301
John Thomson	Andalo	11579
Michael Lindh	.....	12124
Robert D. Shapiro	Hour Boat	12876
Edward E. Hinds, III	Naut!	14296

The 1995 sailing season for Fleet 493 on Bow Lake, New Hampshire was a smashing success.

Early in the year we were greatly entertained by the envied Bob Shapiro's exploits on the Southern Circuit. Bob's adventures, so eloquently chronicled in Lightning Flashes were the talk of the fleet.

After an organizational meeting which made plans for the eight race regatta in mid-June, racing got underway on July 9th and continued every weekend through August 26th.

Our weather was generally good with only one Saturday race postponed until Sunday. Most agreed the postponement was a good idea with a tornado warning up on Saturday for the western part of the state.

With winds varying from very light to 10-15 mph, our Lightning sailors were tested with a variety of courses which made the regatta a true challenge.

Ned Hinds was overall winner of the fleet championship with Bob Shapiro second and Mike Lindh third. Third place was mightily contested by Doug Walker and was not decided until the last race which Lindh squeaked out a win in an exciting duel.

Our season ended on Bow Lake with the Bow Lake "One Day" Regatta on September 16. After difficulty setting a course in winds which were 10-15 mph but shifting from Southwest to South to Southeast, the ten boat fleet got off to its first start about an hour late. We ran four races with four different courses in the next four hours. Hotly contested to the very last race a tired but well sailed group talked it over with embellishments and exaggeration at a cocktail hour/supper on the colorful, beautiful shores of Bow Lake. Ken Deyette from Lake Massabesic won the regatta with two firsts and two seconds eaking out a win over Ned Hinds from Bow Lake with a first, two seconds and a third. Nick Mercier from Lake Massabessic was third. We had boats from Newburyport and Massabesic in our ten boat regatta.

Bob Shapiro and Ned Hinds participated in several off lake regattas in the New England District as the season progressed.

We're looking forward to the 1996 season with enthusiasm high and several new members of Fleet 493 ready to join the fun. . . . Ned Hinds

Ned Hinds, 1995 Bow Lake Fleet Champion



Bob Shapiro leads the fleet out to the course.



Photo: Fleet 493

SWIFT CREEK FLEET (496)
Dixie District
Sailing on Swift Creek Reservoir
in Chesterfield County, Virginia

Contact..... Robert C. Wardwell
No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
John Beck	Fritter	9763
Kenneth R. Hopson	.....	13002
Don Kierson	.....	13964
James Evans	.....	14279
James E. Richards	Macerator	14292
Robert C. Wardwell - Life	.....	14485
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
No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Timothy G. Harris	Southerly Buster	0
Pierre Legault	.....	0
David Berger	.....	10331
Christian DuBois	Plaisir Sauvage	11081
Susan Rhodes	.....	11331
Andrew Rhodes	.....	11331
Jon Browne	Moname	13150
Christian Langlois	Louve	13480
Glenn Taylor	Unicorn	13577
R. Levy	.....	13667
David G.C. Browne	.....	14240
Michael Leiter	Power Face	14326
R.A.(Tony) McBride - Life	.....	14438
Rod Hayes	Flip	14443
John Sauter	Flip	14443

Don't forget to buy crew memberships!

"There's a Lightning bolt at the end of that rainbow"
my father said to me.

"A Lightning bolt on the sail of a boat,
racing on the sea."

"Hmm. No pot of gold? No fame or glory?"
said I with a little frown.

"Just a tubby old boat - barely keeping afloat,
just bobbing and drifting around?"

"Tubby old boat?!! Keeping afloat?!! I said 'RACING'!
Now listen, you jerk.

I've put your name down for the Lightning Canadians;
you'll finally be put to some work.

You'll be on the RC the first weekend in August.
PCYC is hosting this year.

So be there at eight. This is going to be great.
I know you'll just love it, my dear."

So, the fifth of August rolled around
and I got up at five.

Dad wasn't going for any excuse
that I managed to contrive.

I reported at the dock at eight
to Peter (Tony's brother).

We left the dock at nine o'clock
under (thankfully) nice weather.

Well! Those Lightning sailors sure are keen
to get out on the course.

Five generals, and round the ends
I thought could not get worse.

An hour later we got a start
with three boats premature.

The winds were good, the day was grey,
and the course was long - yes sir!

We finished four races
on that first day.

The racers were tired
but happy, I'd say.

Then on Sunday morning
a huge storm blew through.

We cancelled the race
and to the club, we flew.

The rain finally stopped
and we ran all the races.

Then back to the club
to calculate places.

First place was Dick Hallagan
with his crew, Greg and Dave.

And JF Simard
topped the Canadian wave.

But, wait just a minute.

Hold on there, you say.

Wasn't there drink
at the end of the day!?

Yes, on Saturday night there was a small do.
With a meeting, and speeches.

Yes, and some drinking, too.

We welcome Dave Wood

as the new president,
though his speech was cut short

as on the drinks went.

A big thanks to Pharmaprix-Shoppers

for the free juices and bags,
and to St Ambrose - the beer was good
down to the dregs.
And to Corby's we give
a big thanks for the rum!
And the margarita-tasting
was awfully goood fun.
So, we'll see you all here
for the '97 Worlds.
We wish you all luck
as the next year unfurls.

Lisa Browne (and David Browne, Regatta Chairman)

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

Fleet Secretary..... Anne Lyon
No new information

Skipper	Boat Name	Boat No.
Jese Tremaine	.....	0
Stephen E. Fisher	Fisher Nut	10061
A. Jackson Woodall	Libra II	10442
Anne Lyon	.....	10931
David A. Rasmussen	Chaos	12000
Stan Milora	.....	12466
Thomas S. Baer	.....	13501
Lee E. "Bert" Toney	.....	13856
No Report.		

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

Fleet Captain.....Alphonso Espinosa
No new information

Skipper.	Boat Name	Boat No.
Santiago Douat	Chan Chan	0
Andres Iriarte	.....	0
Marcela Recaman	.....	0
Alvaro Sanjines	Cingara	7452
Alvaro Acosta	.....	11660
Leopoldo Gonzalez	Aciarius	13216
Jaime Loboguerrero	.....	13427
Fernando Plazas	.....	13428
Rafael Gutierrez	.....	13429
A. Prada	.....	13446
Alfonso Espinosa	.....	13447
Jose L. Gonzalez	.....	14011
Hernan Salcedo	.....	14057
Jorge Recaman	.....	14132
Carlos Villa	.....	14135
Jose M. Acosta	Ana & Juan	14538
No Report.		

If you've got a crew and
everything they do is wrong,
make them a skipper, and then
everything they do will be right!

SUNCOAST FLEET (502) **Florida District** **Headquartered at Davis Island Yacht Club** **Tampa, Florida**

Fleet Captain..... Bill Meyer
Fleet Secretary..... Jeff Linton
Fleet Champion..... Dave White
Runner-Up..... Bill Meyer
District Champion..... Jeff Linton

Skipper.	Boat Name	Boat No.
Jeffrey R. Stall	Owl	10744
Leslie Fisher	Owl	10744
Diana Demby	.....	11222
David E. White, III	Bamboozle	12396
Kevin L. Stinnette	Afternoon Delight	12991
Clark T. Higgs	.....	13285
William H. Meyer, III	Fired-Up	14006
Michael Carroll	First Strike	14084
Doug Fisher	First Strike	14084

This year was successful in many ways. Dave White, Bill Meyer, and Calvin Horn battled it out in Portsmouth in the 27 race Thursday night series at DIYC with Dave winning his first Club Championship. Our fleet has added several new sailors this year, but the addition of Jeff Linton, three times Sunfish North American Champion, has cast a new level of commitment for the Club and the District. In addition to winning the Florida Districts, he placed in the teens in the Lightning Midwinters, and first in the Florida Triple Crown. Bill Meyer also competed in the Triple Crown, placing 4th overall. Bill Meyer and Dave White competed in the Sarasota Labor Day Regatta finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Calvin Horn, in a Lightning for his freshman year, competed at Fort Myers, and the Thanksgiving Regatta at DIYC. He also managed to win a few of the Thursday night Portsmouth races at DIYC, and is a welcome addition to our fleet.

We were pleased to have Colin Park, past NA Champion join us for the Thanksgiving Regatta which he managed to win. It was an exciting regatta in which the first four boats all had a chance to win going into the last race, but the last 100 yards of the last race turned into a drifter, and the fleet was no match for Colin who drifted across the line in first place.

Our Fleet is on the verge of growing. It will only take two or three more to really get us going. . . . Bill Meyer

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

Fleet Captain..... Steve Harris
Fleet Secretary..... Patty Harris

Skipper..	Boat Name	Boat No.
Robert S. Mitchell	.....	8024
Bryce Mowbray	.....	12239
Billy S. Bennett	.....	13384
Steven Harris	Kwitchersniveln	13717

It is hard to look back at the '95 sailing season and remember races, names, conditions, and most importantly who WON.

Instead I would like to just comment on the Conroe Yacht Club: CYC hosts three regattas that the Lightning fleet usually participates in. Those being the *Go Texan Regatta* in February, *Commodore's Cup* in September, and *Toys for Tots* in December.

We are working hard recruiting new crew members, skippers, and youths to join in the racing. We try and split up talent on the boats to encourage learning by both skipper and crew. This also boosts the morale of that person who may never

otherwise win. The atmosphere at the club is in typical "Texas style," low key, relaxed and friendly.

We encourage all our Southern neighbors and even a few of you Northerners to visit us. (Especially in December) The competition may not always be stiff but it's friendly.

We would like to add a "Thank You" to fleets 435 and 35 for participating in our regattas throughout the year. We would also like to thank Ardis Good for her role as District Commodore, this title has been passed on to Steve Harris of Fleet 505. . . . Patty Harris

Billy Bennett, Michelle Harris and Steve Harris (s) '95 Fall Regatta



Photo: Patty Harris

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

Fleet Captain..... George Koch
Fleet Secretary..... Bob Hungerford
Fleet Champion..... George Koch
Runner-Up..... Rachel Sorenson

Skipper.

Keith Cummings
George W. Koch
Orient Yacht Club
Michael Lamaina
Rick Ivers
Bob Hungerford
Rachel Sorenson

Boat Name

Thunderstruck
Missy
Janice Mount
Silver Bullet Too
.....
Quark
Spirit

Boat No.

8666
10545
10601
11510
13987
14219
14455

Lightning Fleet Captain George Koch called the '95 season, "Terrific." He went on to say that there was "... good competition, and days of outstanding sailing."

The fleet counts eleven boats on it's roster, though six were DNC this year (Did Not Compete). The Orient Yacht Club and the fleet hosted the Long Island Districts July 8th. Seven boats from three fleets dueled on Orient Harbor for the right to attend the nationals.

George Koch, sailing MISSY, with crew members Keith Cummings and Ed Caufield, took fifth, fourth and third place finishes which gave them a fourth overall. Bob Hungerford, sailing QUARK, had an excellent view of the event along with his able bodied crew -- John Holzapfel and Bob Dumas.

Race Committee Chairman Bob Mills had near perfect conditions and set three different and intriguing courses that tested the skippers and their crews. Bob's committee, Bill Gillooly, Chris Constant, Aubrey Mayer and Richard Gillooly performed smartly. Aubrey and Richard, both age 9, handled the shapes skillfully. The committee boat was unique - the raft with the clubhouse on it!

Beverages, burgers and dogs were beautifully presented by co-hostesses Barbara Koch and Nancy Hungerford.

At season's end, Fleet 506 standings found George Koch edging out Rachel Sorenson by a mere 1 1/4 points, while Bob Hungerford nosed out John Holzapfel by 2 points. Keen competition!

We're regressing -- two capsizes this year! . . . Bob Hungerford

Editor's Message

The editor has sincerely enjoyed producing the yearbook the last few years and **would like to thank all** the district and fleet commodores, captains, secretaries and dedicated class members who made an effort to send reports, articles, and photos, so that this yearbook could be as complete a book as possible about "a year" in the International Lightning Class Association.

If you read all the reports you will also be enthusiastic and wish you could meet "those members," sail "that regatta," and share some of "that fun" in all corners of the Lightning world.

I'm still convinced that the yearbook could be delivered before the Southern Circuit, but it takes the cooperation of all the districts, fleets and members. This year at the deadline date a list of 20 districts and 100 fleets that had not sent reports was sent to Karen, to whom she sent follow-up letters, in addition to the reminders in the *Flashes*. At the last check, eleven districts and 37 fleets had responded.

Plan ahead - Encourage someone in your fleet to be the "yearbook representative." The district secretary or commodore should check with their fleets. Clarify that now. There should definitely be a district report. In all cases photos help to make pages more interesting and readable.

Plan ahead - What special articles should be included? A "special article committee" is needed to plan those. If they, and the "continental championship articles," as well as any photos from **all** the championships - and the advertising space commitments, were in to the office **by September 1st**, the whole middle section could be done by November 1st when the district and fleet reports start coming in. The front section could be finished in September and the back in January.

Plan ahead - There must be a deadline, a definite, "plan ahead or be left out" deadline. (It has been proven that a "No Report" can be historically significant to your fleet.) All of you would probably have been shocked and disappointed if this "yearbook" had been produced after an adhered-to-deadline. (It would only take one year to wake everyone up.) I'm sorry that I didn't have the intestinal fortitude to do it, and that delivery is so late.

Again, a sincere thanks to everyone who has helped me over the years. Good Luck to the next and future editors.