

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF FLEETS

Aculeo Lake	490	Henderson Harbor	225	Parthenon	286
Algorrabo	318	Higgins Lake	110	Paupack	16
Annisquam	151	High Rock	415	Pointe Claire	499
Atwood	212	Hoover	353	Pontiac	54
Awosting	95	Housatonic	6	Prairie	507
Barnegat Light	335	Indian Lake	23	Pymatuning	36
Bay Head	3	Indianapolis	270	Rehoboth Bay	325
Biscayne Bay	226	Ithaca	484	Riverton	228
Bomoseen	227	Jyväskylä	328	Rocky Mountain	488
Bow Lake	493	Keuka Lake	252	Rocky River	71
Brant Beach	173	Kitsilano	90	Roma	479
Buckeye Lake	43	Lac de Neuchâtel	169	Royal St. Lawrence	215
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Lake Champlain	301	Rush Creek	435
Burt Lake	254	Lake Conroe	505	Saginaw Bay	216
Carlyle	266	Lake Davenport	167	Salamis	251
Catawba	365	Lake Delta	4	Salinas	405
Cedar	478	Lake Fenton	53	San Francisco Bay	372
Cedar Point	126	Lake Lanier	348	San Pablo	447
Centerboard	14	Lake Massabesic	273	Santa Monica Bay	102
Chautauqua Lake	19	Lake Mohawk	25	São Paulo	147
Chelsea	39	Lake Waccamaw	463	Sassafras River	314
Chequesset	280	Lansing	387	Savannah	127
Chicago Corinthian	5	La Pinta	424	Sempacher/Hallwiler/ Viervaldstätter/Greifensee	250
Chinook	229	Lavallette	104	Severn River	329
Clark's Hill	257	Leatherlips	27	Sheboygan	187
Club Nautico Del Muña	73	Little Egg Harbor	26	Shreveport	175
Club Nautico El Portillo	501	Macatawa Bay	204	Silver Lake	47
Club Nautico Olivos	206	Madison Beach	129	Skaneateles	1
Club Universitario de Buenos Aires	446	Mansfield	150	Southampton	431
Columbia	283	Marblehead	189	Southern	62
Conero	466	Marsala	449	Spofford Lake	145
Conneaut Lake	180	Merrimac River	121	Squam Lake	332
Cowan Lake	303	Metedeconk River	34	Suncoast	502
Crescent Sail	51	Milwaukee	69	Surf City	196
Cuba Lake	115	Mission Bay	194	Susquehanna	253
Dallas Corinthian	35	Mobile Bay	135	Swift Creek	496
Decatur	74	Monmouth Boat Club	70	Temple Reef	279
Delta	274	Murtensee	358	Tohickon Creek	491
Devils Lake	31	New Orleans	209	Toronto Bay	146
Flying Beaver	118	Newport	77	Trasimeno	453
Fond-du-Lac	442	Niagara	59	Turkeyfoot Lake	33
Galway Lake	338	Niantic Bay	85	Tuusulanjärvi	456
Garda	249	North Florida	461	Valkeakoski	468
Grand Traverse	326	North Shrewsbury	11	Valley	486
Great South Bay	178	Nyack	75	Wake	481
Greater Charleston	429	Ocean City	430	Washington, DC	50
Green Bay	112	Okanagan	368	Wawasee	154
Guarapiranga Lake	462	Onondaga	10	Western Lake Erie	42
Gull Lake	137	Orient Bay	506	Willow Bank	164
Harbor Island	262	Oulu	307		
Helsinki	166				

SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB FLEET 1

Central New York District Sailing on Skaneateles Lake Skaneateles, NY

Fleet Captain Kirk Reynolds
Fleet Secretary Mike Yates

* David Penfield		39
* David Penfield		9178
* Frank J. Haas	Blitzen II	11154
* David M. Hayes	Ensayo	12210
* Hendrix Teneyck, Jr.	Gail Wind	13677
* Gary Kuhns		13900

At the time of my writing this report, Fleet 1 is actively planning the 60th Anniversary Lightning Regatta, planned for July 3-5, 1998. Fleet 1 and the Skaneateles Country Club are very excited about hosting this event. Regatta Chairman Dave Penfield and his crew look forward to hosting all Lightning sailors.

The theme for the 60th is fun, fun, and more fun. While the racing will be fantastic, on-shore activities, including child care, parties, and 4th of July celebrations should make this event fun for the whole family. All Lightning sailors, regardless of ability or boat condition, should plan to make the trip to Skaneateles for this event. For more information contact our web site at: www.waynes.com/business/regatta.

In 1997 our Fleet 1 Lightning sailing was focused on our local regattas. The interclass Sandbagger Series, Columbia Cup, and All Lake Regatta all saw winning entries from our fleet. Chris Kuhns and his crew were particularly deadly in these series.

Mike Yates and his crew took *Acme* #378 on the road to two regattas. Early in the summer they traveled to Hammondsport NY for the Champagne Regatta. The weather was great, the facilities superb, and the sailing fun. The old wood team was able to sail a respectable regatta and beat several other worthy contestants.

Unfortunately the same could not be said for their record and the one day regatta hosted by the Onondaga Yacht Club. Gusty winds and poor starts spelled trouble for #378. Consistency being the only positive aspect of the day: consistently last. However, good cheer and strong singing voices made for a good day.

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB FLEET 3

Central Atlantic District Sailing on Barnegat Bay Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain/Secretary Robert O'Brien

* Robert R. Adams (Life)		11980
* Robert R. Adams (Life)	Vagabond	14008

Regrettably Lightning sailing at Bay Head Yacht Club is dormant. Former Commodore Bob Adams is a recognized Bay Champion in Class-B Cat boats, but *Vagabond* Lightning 14008 did not compete at all in 1997.

The Bay Head Yacht Club does have a suitable Lightning sailboat available for Junior sailors, and it is hoped that this will spark a renewed interest in the Lightning.

In 1946, Hubert Johnson, a noted Bay Head boat builder, constructed Lightning #3798 for the 16th birthday of his twin daughters, Florence and Isabel. This boat has recently been donated to the Bay Head Historical Society which is in the process of restoring it to like-new condition. It will be prominently displayed in town and will also, we hope, renew an interest in the Lightning sailboat. With over 100 youngsters in the Bay Head Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, it is hoped that a few of them will graduate into competitors in our fine racing class yacht - The Lightning!

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB FLEET 4

Central New York District Sailing on Lake Delta Rome, New York

* Albert A. Adolphi, Jr.	Snowbird	10725
* Aaron Dewey	CBU	12720
* David A. Winberg	Run-a-way	13143

No report.

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB FLEET 5

Midwest District Sailing on Lake Michigan Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain David Stix
Fleet Secretary Terrance Fox
Fleet Treasurer Steve Jenkins
Fleet Champion Dennis Burke
Fleet Runner-Up Doug Steffenson

* Tom Hennessy	Wind On	10443
* Dave Hernandez		10930
* John F. Tschanz	Wind Rose	11316
* Jim Colgan		11446
* Robert C. Baron	Aeolus	12167
* David Field		12283
* Bruce Thompson	Mjollnir	12395
* Pat McGuinnis		12650
* Jon Schmid		
* & Tom Rogers		13259
* John L. Walter	Showtime	13686
* Doug Steffenson	Hot Flash	14015
* Jim Fairman	Plan B	14065
* William Gibson	Pigs On Ice	14137
* Peter Sherman		14337
* David W. Strix		14388
* Derek Ettie	Cooler In The Lake	14452
* Robert K. Smither (Life)	Photon	14466
* Paul Wurtzbach	D-59	14478
* Steve Cushman		
* & Ben Wallace		
* & Martha Pharr Cushman	Bonski	14508
* Adrian Irving	Dale	14511
* Jeanne Ehrenberg	Racer X	14527
* David Wagner		
* & Steve Lowery		14610
* Doug Nickel	Feeding Frenzy	14613
* Hugo Carey Long	In The Weeds	14619
* Stephen W. Bailey		
* & Robert Almgren		14621
* & Margot Waltz		14844
* Dennis A. Burke		14847
* Adrian K. Irving	Dale	14847
* Elizabeth Altman		0

Fleet 5 grew its ranks with seven new boat owners and 4 new boats. Steve Daube, Doug & Jean Steffenson, and Pat McGuinnis arrived from fleets outside Illinois. Tom Rogers and Jon Schmid have been Chicago area "big boat" sailors who wanted a taste of "big fun" sailing. Our favorite new member is Dave Field who tracked our fleet down at the Chicago Strictly Sail boat show last January.

Our 1997 fleet leaders re-taught the rest of us the "consistency lesson" this year. Fleet Champion Dennis Burke bested the larger 1997 fleet with speed and consistency. Most of Dennis' success came before his long awaited new boat arrived. Next season he'll be fresh off a winning season and driving a new speed machine named ?????.

Right on Dennis' wake was Doug Steffenson and his wife taking second for the season with a rotation of crew members. Unnamed sources report that they have a solid third for '98. Look out Dennis!

Dave Stix was close behind Dennis and Doug but for a couple more races . . . Consistency, Consistency, Consistency!

Finishing the season with the Red Flannel Regatta meant going out with a BANG again this season! Thirty-two boats registered for the best eye popping, boat swamping sailing of the year. Home town favorite Paul Wurtzbaach showed the best control and consistency in the heavy stuff, with local challengers Dave Stix and Ben Wallace taking second and third respectively. It would almost be a let-down if this regatta didn't test our sailing mettle at the end of every season! In 1998 Fleet 5 is considering adding a second Chicago regatta to the schedule in association with the Verve Cup Regatta hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club. This would be a terrific opportunity for big fleet sailing earlier in the summer and an expectation for less bite from the weather.

Working hard in the off season, the fleet is considering more changes to encourage increased consistency and fun in our local sailing format. With the success of our display at the '97 Strictly Sail show, Fleet 5 is putting plans in place for another year at the show.

Fleet 5 invites you to join us in Chicago in '98!

HOUSATONIC BOAT CLUB FLEET 6 Connecticut-Rhode Island District Sailing on Long Island Sound Stratford, Connecticut

Fleet Captain.....R. Neil Hayes Jr.

Fleet Secretary/Treasurer.....Brian Hayes

* R. Neil Hayes		
* & Richard N. Hayes	Woody	10801
* Brian Hayes	Oblio	14746
* Edward "Bud" Olsen	Life Member	0
* Kjell A. Heitmann		0

Fleet #6 was reactivated this year in hopes of attracting the interest of our local club members to rejuvenate one-design racing in the area. A growing J24 fleet as well as a Flying Scot fleet potentially starting up has sparked some interest by club members this summer in small boat sailing.

Fleet #6 has a long distinguished history of great Lightning sailors. Bud Olsen, Dave Peterson, Dave Chanoux and many other local and national "hot shots" called the HBC home during the 40's, 50's and 60's. The fleet became stagnant in the late 70's and 80's as the long sail to the race course and just plain old "life" took many of the fleet sailors into larger boats or out of sailing. Dick Hayes, one of the first members of the fleet sailing with Dave Peterson in #137 as a teenager and his own boat #10746 with his kids through the 70's, is now the only member left from the fleet's heyday. He also happens to be our dad. Both Neil & I owe our Lightning sailing roots to him and our mom, Janet. I'm not certain everyone who sails Lightnings appreciates it but we do.

This year, being our first year back on active status, we decided to get our feet wet by hosting the CT/RI Districts in July. Attended by nearly 20 teams the regatta was an enormous success. The 1+ mile sail in and out of the river was made much simpler by having the 3 knot current running with the fleet both ways. The regatta was blessed with fair winds and great weather. The entire membership contributed time and energy and we are very grateful for their contribution.

Although we had no organized "fleet racing" we tried to travel a fair bit in 1997. Neil sailed Woody in a few local events this year but found himself quite tied up with work and preparing Claire and R. Neil III to crew. Perhaps next year Woody will be able to make a few more events. Maybe try for the wooden boat trophy at St. Pete? Team Oblio sailed the Southern Circuit, Worlds and a few miscellaneous weekend regattas with mixed results. Regardless of where we were we had a great time!! Thank to all our hosts throughout the year. See ya in 1998! Brian Hayes

ONONDAGA FLEET 10 Central New York District Sailing at Onondaga Lake Syracuse, New York

Fleet Captain/SecretaryCraig Thayer

* W. Craig Thayer		736
* W. Craig Thayer	The Cheese	10370

With the writer living and working only minutes away from Onondaga Lake, but no Lightning sailing taking place, it seemed only logical that an attempt be made to revitalize Fleet #10, which went defunct over twenty years ago. Fortunately, Onondaga Yacht Club still exists as a small but pleasant facility, whose members were supportive of my interest in reviving Lightning sailing, as only a limited venue of handicapped sailing now exists.

To start the ball rolling, I scheduled a one day regatta for late August, enlisted the help of several members, asked for donations of equipment and beer from the local sailboat shops, made up some embroidered flags as trophies, and did a little dance to the wind gods a couple of days in advance.

When Saturday morning arrived, the skies were dark and threatening with the wind building (maybe I overdid the wind dance part!!). However, the rain held off, and although two or three boats apparently chose to pass because of the weather, we still managed a decent turn-out of ten boats from six different clubs here in central N.Y. Northwesterly winds of 15-20 mph persisted for the duration of the day, providing for plenty of hiking on the weather legs and exciting downwind runs on the short windward/leeward courses.



Action at the Onondaga One Day Regatta: (left) Jesse Miller with crew Jeanette and Steve Little of Ithaca YC head for the finish; (right) Mike Yates, with Grace and Beth McNamara, off the wind in #378, built in 1939. Photos by Craig Thayer.

When a lunch break was taken at the club after two races, a tie for first existed between Dick Hallagan of Newport YC and Bram Palm of Crescent YC. A great lunch of sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, and a cake decorated with a Lightning flash (all prepared by Sue Ennis) stoked up the sailors' energy reserves to go back out and sail four more races before the time limit at 4:30. The rain held off until after the boats were being torn down to be followed by a magnificent rainbow and then plenty of sunshine for the trophy presentation where Bram and crew collected for the first place spoils. Eagle newspapers gave us a real nice spread, with additional coverage of the event appearing in the main Syracuse paper and on TV.

Final Results - 6 Races, 1 Throwout

- 1 Bram Palm, Jean Palm, Stephanie Matice
/Crescent YC, Chaumont, NY
- 2 Dick Hallagan, Ron Higgins, Yoli Taylor
/Newport YC, Rochester, NY
- 3 Clay Murphy, John Steiner, Ron Scaccia
/Willowbank YC, Cazenovia, NY



Team Palm, Hallagan and Murphy with their rewards from Onondaga Lake's One Day Regatta. Photos by Craig Thayer.

- 4 Dan Pope, Terry Ingerson, Sandy Schrader
/Newport YC, Rochester, NY
- 5 Ed Seyerlein, Glen Wilcox, Anca Wilcox
/Ithaca YC, Ithaca, NY
- 6 Bill Anderson, Maggie Anderson, CJ Anderson
/Ithaca YC, Ithaca, NY
- 7 Jesse Miller, Steve Little, Jeanette Little
/Ithaca YC, Ithaca, NY
- 8 Joe Homola, Tom Gehagan, Vince Dempirio
/Willowbank YC, Cazenovia, NY
- 9 John Atkins, Matt Atkins, Jack Austin
/Newport YC, Rochester, NY
- 10 Mike Yates, Beth McNamara, Grace McNamara
/Skaneateles CC, Skaneateles, NY

I hope to see more of you on the starting line for next year's regatta, tentatively scheduled for August 29th. Though no boats represented OYC this summer, with some promotional effort we may see a few on the line in 1998. Come on over after work for our mid week club races! *Craig Thayer*

NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET 11

Metropolitan District

At the End of the Navesink River, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Jon Schwartz
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Mary Huntsman

* Bill Clausen	Almost Perfect	14495
* Jon Schwartz	Spell	14786
* Jack Huntsman	Premier Cru	14814
* Sandy Huntsman	Magnum Force	14852

See Fleet 70 for complete report.
3 generations of Huntsmans winning Fleet Silver.
Photo Mary Huntsman.



BUFFALO CANOE CLUB FLEET 12

Lake Erie District

Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Brian Starck
Fleet Treasurer Tom Allen Jr.
Fleet Champion Tom Allen Jr.
Runner-Up Ed Roseberry

* Laird Robertson	USAir	3951
* John Swanson (Life)		6345
* William E. Neal	See Adler	6983
* Charlie Nowak		9111
* Lawrence Bone, MD		9845
David E. Fretz	Spirit	10356
Matt Sanders	Menace	10710
Paul Niederlander	Electric Dreams	11117
* Ned Roseberry		11768
Ronald Allen Hughes		12445
* Clarence O Jones, Jr (Life)	Sea-O	12770
* Thomas Ward (Life)	West Wind II	12802
John L. Cosman	Eye Opener	13244
* John, Jody & Jill Swanson	Firecracker	13366
John Frank III		
& John Frank IV		13652
Alison Emblidge		13653
* Brian Starck		
* & Robert Starck	Confusion	13787
* Richard A. Aubrecht		
* & John J. Beimler		14112
* Edwin Roseberry, Jr (Life)	Berry V	14261
Russel Short		14266
* Warren Emblidge, III	Donuts, Donuts, Donuts	14286
* Pascal Buckley		
* & Christopher Buckley		
* & Richard J. Buckley, Jr.	Catspaws	14410
* Tom Allen		14411
* Jody Swanson		
* John W. Swanson (Life)	Crackerjack	14499
* Thomas M. Ward (Life)	West Wind	14502
* Tom Allen		14524
* Larry Bone		
* & David Starck		
* & Joe Starck	Hotel California	14548
* Mike Vollmer	Daze of Thunder	14553
* William E. Neal		14569
* Tom Allen		14602
* Tom Allen	Atom	14611
* John Schimert		14678
* Lynn Mayer		14682
* Tom Allen, Jr.		14742
* Richard A. Aubrecht		14744
* Michael Vollmer	Daze of Thunder Part Deux	14772
* Tom Allen, Sr		14811
* Anne Allen (Life)		0

Fleet 12 sailors have won many class championships over the years, but '97 was especially gratifying. Larry MacDonald, Jody Swanson & Ian Jones are, of course, the new World Champions. They were also victorious in the Southern Circuit, winning at both Savannah and St. Pete.

Kevin Robinson chaired a very competitive Canadian Open at the BCC this summer. He and his skipper, David Starck, fought it out with Jody Swanson's crew for the overall. In the end, however, Tom Allen Jr. with Bill Pictor & John Humphrey emerged to win.

Not many of our members made it to Crescent this year, but those who did sailed well. Jim and Jane Allen finished 4th; brother Tom finished second. Tom Sr. also sailed the Blue Fleet (again). Pascal Buckley competed for the Prez Cup with his brother Chris and Kevin Murphy.

Past Class President David Sprague won the Districts at Chautauqua! This was the first Districts he had his kids crew for him. Hmm...

Dave Stephens and Lynn & John Mayer bought Lightnings and joined the fleet this summer. They didn't waste much time getting up to speed. Jean Swanson, Joe & Carol Starck, Anne Allen, and Sue Fretz ran another fantastic Wednesday Night Series.

We're hosting the NA's in '98. Anne Allen is chairing the event.
Brian Starck

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB FLEET 14

**New England District
Sailing on Casco Bay
South Portland, Maine**

Fleet CaptainPeter Merrill

* Ronald Smith	Bayou Cadillac	3814
* Stephen W. Purdy	Herb Stone	12328
* Peter S. Merrill	Albert E. Moore	12359
* John Tozer	Mouette	13886
* Christopher Alan Dwinall		14096
* Dr. John E. Tozer		14777

No report.

PAUPACK FLEET 16

**Metropolitan District
Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack
in the Pocono Mountains
Tafton, Pennsylvania**

Fleet CaptainGeorge Madel
Fleet SecretaryBrian Williams
Fleet ChampionGeorge Madel
Runner-UpHeinz Kornmann

* Brian H. Williams	Mimsy	10301
* K.E. Jones	Dabo 4	10518
Jim Wilson	Rolling Rock	10861
Gene Baerenrodt		11082
* Sandi Scull	Halcyone	11907
* Heinz Kornmann	Windy	13638
* George Madel	Byken	14722

With the boats all in storage, the docks out, and the fall foliage at its peak, it is time to reflect on the 1997 sailing season.

Due to a long, cold spring, lack of preparation, crew problems, etc., our traditional start to the season with the Cold Duck Regatta on Memorial Day was postponed until a later Saturday. At the end of the two races, Heinz and George were tied. This forced a third race the next Saturday, at which time Heinz officially won the Regatta.

Our regular season of three series went well with only one day in each series being canceled (two for no wind and one for too much wind). Results of the series are as follows:

Folwell Series:

1st	Sandi Scull	Crew: Deni Morgan John Brinker
2nd	Heinz Kornmann	Crew: Kathy Schneider Mike Vellas
3rd	George Madel	Crew: Laura Wells Steve Faubel

Miller Series:

1st	Heinz Kornmann	Crew: Kathy Schneider Mike Vellas
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2nd	George Madel	Crew: Laura Wells Tim Mitch
3rd	Brian Williams	Crew: Christy Roulston John Rowley

Baron Series:

1st	George	Crew: Laura & Tim
2nd	Heinz	Crew: Kathy & Mike
3rd	Sandi	Crew: Deni & John

Our final race of the season was our traditional crew race. This race is always fun and interesting as a crew member must skipper the boat. All the crew did great as skippers. I'm not sure how well the skippers did as crew! At the end of the three race series, John Brinker, skippering Sandi's boat, was declared the winner. Jason Parseghian, in George's boat, was 2nd, and Christy Roulston, in Brian's boat, was 3rd.

Thanks to Matt, Mike, Gay, Johns and Les for being steady replacement crew. Thanks also to Mike Mitch for helping with the committee.

On June 21-22 we hosted the Met Districts. Ted Duffy from Monmouth Boat Club had a very impressive win. The regatta was reported in the July *Flashes*.

The PA Governor's Cup Regatta was held September 13-14. 21 boats, light (but enough) wind, a great bunch of sailors, and two beautiful days made for lots of fun. The winner was Bob Bush from Riverton. This regatta was also reported in *Flashes*.

Seven handicap races were held at LWYC this year. As many as 20 boats participated at different times. The competitiveness of skippers and crew was every bit as strong as in our Lightning fleet. Hopefully this program will be continued next year.

Brian Williams

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 19

**Lake Erie District
Sailing on Lake Chautauqua
Lakewood, New York**

Fleet CaptainColleen H. Wright
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerJ.J. McDonnell

Rick Anderson		4518
* James J. McDonnell	Blue Mac's	9332
* Doug Reid	Moxie	9402
Colleen H. Wright		10156
* James Neville		10922
* Heinrich Kutschke	H.E.K.	13605
* James D. Neville	Bacarar	13922
* Gordon S. Black, Jr.	Daisy	14341



Winners at Chautauqua's Cornball Regatta: Skip Wilday, John Humphrey and crew, Cal Schmiede and crew. Photos courtesy J.J. McDonnell



When y're hot, y're hot! Skip Wilday was hot! At the 33rd Annual Cornball Regatta, Skip moved right out front at the starting gun and continued to improve his position. Not once! Not twice! Not three times, but . . . FOUR . . . times to leave no doubt who was the winner. John Humphrey of Silver Lake battled Calvin Schmiede exchanging seconds and thirds, but in the final tally, it was John second by one point and Calvin third.

David Sprague, from the Boulevard Club in Toronto beat out Tom Allen Jr. by one quarter of a point to win the Lake Erie District Championship. It was a particularly sweet win for David since it was the first time that he competed in a championship regatta with his two children, Megan and Dan, as crew. You can bet that we'll be hearing a lot more from that combination in the future. Calvin Schmiede, always a top contender, captured third place.

J.J. McDowell

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 23

Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Secretary Robert Clover

* John Green		11055
* Franklin L. Terry	Mellow	12287
* Robert Clover	Wind Thief	12551
* John W. Timmermeister		13741
* Judy Creamer	No Fear	13747
* W.J. & Helen Limbaugh (Life)		

Fleet 23 is pleased to announce that Jim Young, a long time Lightning sailor, has agreed to serve as the Fleet 23 Captain. Jim brings us great enthusiasm for Lightning sailing not to mention his interest in ice-boating.

Unusual weather on Indian Lake erased more racing weekend events than usual. We are looking for better things in the 1998 season. Our sailing waters provide some of the best sailing environment in northwest and western Ohio and Fleet 23 invites all Lightning sailors to stop by and sail with us at any time.

We wish you all fair winds and following seas!

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB FLEET 25

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Don Okner

Fleet Champion Rich Miner

* Hank Hitpas		8671
* Donald T. Okner	Tomato Sloop	11448
* John Marx	Ariba-Ariba-Andele	11565
* Hank Jelinek	Sub-Lime	13160
* Stephen Nichols		13211
* William M. Beveridge	The Great Escape	13373
* Perry L. Anderson	Dreamer	13381
* Josef M. Holbein	Meister Eder	13800
* Josef Holbein	Meister Eder	13820
* Robert H. Graham		14061
* William Warren	Sushi	14198
* Angela Hopkins	Wild Goose	14327
* Richard T. Miner	Hawkeye	14607

The 1997 sailing season for our club was comprised of two series, Spring and Fall. The winds were typically unpredictable for our lake and tested the skills of our sippers and their crews during



Photo: Fleet 25 Skippers and Crew August. Photo by Don Okner

every race. Consequently, both series were full of enjoyable and challenging opportunities for all who participated. Our season began with the loss of two skippers but only one boat. Cary Zachman and his wife Pat joined the Red Bank Yacht Club and Bill Devlin and his wife Marilyn Aja moved to California where Bill is pursuing a new job. Fortunately for Bill and our club, new member Hank Jelinek was waiting in the wings for Bill's boat, *Sub-Lime*. We fondly say good-bye to those who have moved on and we welcome Hank and his family into our fleet.

The Spring Series, which began on May 18th, was punctuated by some Lightning storms which were the cause of a few cancellations and at least one good drenching for the fleet. Otherwise, the winds held, even into late July. Our first handicapped regatta, the Gabor Cup, was scheduled for May 25th but was postponed several times due to weather problems and was eventually held on July 6th in conjunction with the Marine Base Regatta which was run by our Snipe fleet. The event was won by John Marx in his Snipe. Our Spring Series, which was most competitive, ended with Bill Warren in first place, Rich Miner a close second, Perry Anderson taking third in a tie breaker with Don Okner, and Hank Jelinek in fifth place followed closely by Josef Holbein.

When we moved on to our Fall Series, the activity and competition remained strong. Nine different boats participated and six boats had first place finishes throughout the series. Rich Miner lead the fleet with eight firsts, Bob Graham and John Marx had four each and Bill Warren, Josef Holbein and Don Okner each had one first place finish. The Commodore's Cup Regatta, the last of our handicapped races for the season, was held on Labor Day weekend and was aptly won by our Commodore, Rich Miner. The Fall Series ended with Rich Miner in first place, Bill Warren second, Josef Holbein third, Perry Anderson in fourth and Don Okner in fifth followed by Hank Jelinek.

Based on the averages from both the Spring and Fall Series, Rich Miner, who accumulated thirteen first place finishes, took the honors as our 1997 Fleet Champion. Bill Warren, with five first place finishes, came in second and Perry Anderson was third followed by Josef Holbein, Don Okner and Hank Jelinek. The grand finale to our 1997 season was our annual dinner dance and awards ceremony which was held at the Lake Mohawk Country Club on November 22. Thanks to Connie Warren's efforts in making the arrangements it was a memorable evening. Trophies were presented to all qualifying skippers and crew members and special recognition went to Rich Miner's crew, Gail Miner and Tom Komlo, who were awarded Crew of the Year. Congratulations also went to Josef Holbein who rightfully earned honors as Most Improved Sailor.

The Lightning sailors at Lake Mohawk look forward to another competitive and fun-filled season in 1998 during which time Hank Jelinek will serve as our Fleet Captain.

Don Okner



Photo: Little Egg's Junior and Senior Club houses.
Photo courtesy Franz Schneider

LITTLE EGG HARBOR FLEET 26

Central Atlantic District

Based on Little Egg Harbor Bay

Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain John Teigland
Fleet Secretary Franz K. Schneider
Fleet Champion John Teigland

Dr. Jody Robinson	Procrastination	10768
* John Teigland, Jr. (Life)	Cirrus	11666
* Franz K. Schneider, Jr.	Hornet	14348

The fleet at Little Egg Harbor is working hard to overcome the stigma attached to 38 years of inactivity. More and more members are expressing an interest in our boats and recognizing the value of the Lightning Class organization. A full schedule of Saturday racing and special holiday events was scheduled by the club. Our more competitive sailors supplemented this with a series of Sunday races with the neighboring Brant Beach fleet. We also participated in a number of local regattas at clubs also located on Long Beach Island.

There were twelve boats at our Invitational Regatta on the weekend of August 9th. Conditions varied from race to race and competition was extremely close. At the end there were no less than three ties. A number of other positions were decided by a one point difference. Richard Warren from the Surf City Yacht Club won the regatta breaking the tie with his brother Steve on a boat for boat basis. Likewise Gary Hurban from the Nyack Boat Club broke a tie with Mark Schneider from Riverton to take third position.

A family oriented club, the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club has a strong dedication to sportsmanship as well as sailing excellence. Based on the southern tip of Long Beach Island we are blessed with an excellent deep water course, and a strong prevailing southerly breeze. Come and sail with us sometime.

Franz Schneider

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB FLEET 27

Ohio District

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir

at Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain Don Schregardus
Fleet Treasurer/Secretary Andy Schulster

* Ralph D. Powless (Life)		8234
* Charles Matthews		9498
Harry Minck		11133
* Donald R. Schregardus	Flying Cloud	11236
George Hodge	Gone With The Wind	11982
Kurt Smith		12046
* Christina Hedrick	B.O.B.	12580
* Andrew J. Schulster	Lady Be Gooder	12787
* Ralph D. Powless (Life)		12895
* Eric Brandt		13855
* Kurt Andrews	White Heat	13935
* Thomas H. Varley, Jr.	Afterburner	13979
* Carl R. Clipp		14104
* Paul Howald	My Obsession	14395
* Daniel R. Hertzner		14848

This year at Leatherlips there must have been something in the air, or perhaps in the water. A virus seemed to spread through the fleet causing an undeniable yearning, or a contagious desire, for a better, faster, newer Lightning. It started last fall at our lobster-clam bake. Chris Hedrick got the virus first and spent countless hours over the winter in Karen Johnson's garage repairing and repainting her boat. With the help of Zach Austin, Karen Johnson and others the "bug" ran its course and *Babes on Board* was relaunched the first of June looking quite sharp with a new paint job, updated rigging, and newer sails. Dan Hertzner got a bad case of the virus in January and as a result ordered a brand new boat. Dan went from having the oldest boat in the fleet (9498) to the newest (14848). Dan picked up his boat two weeks before the North Americans and had the whole fleet oohing and aahing over the shiny new machine. The Lightning virus must be contagious as Andy Schulster and crew were soon seen at the club updating much of the gear on their boat. Don Schregardus put his boat up for sale as he too started looking for a newer boat.

As the virus spread through the fleet, there was still a lot of sailing and other activities at the club this year. Leatherlips hosted another successful Windshift Regatta in June. Under excellent conditions Tom Varley sailed to a hard fought first place with Dave Gall second and Eric Brandt third. Two weeks later Leatherlips hosted its first Ohio District Championship Regatta. It was great to see 28 Lightnings compete in some great racing. Greg Fisher and George Fisher tied for first after the five races. Both regattas were highlighted by great team work on and off the race course. Special thanks went to the entire fleet for the extra work needed to pull off these events.

This year our club tried a couple of new events to help spread the word about sailing. First we held a club open house and had members take guests for a sail. The event was held on Memorial Day weekend and despite cool temperatures and rain many people came to learn about the club and go for a sail. It was pretty surprising to see non-sailing adults as well as children want to go for a sail in the rain. I think this was a great way to get some new interest in the club and for people to try sailing. Also this year our adult sailing classes started a "fleet night". Normally classes are taught in club Lasers, but on "fleet night" one of the one-design fleets would take the entire sailing class out on their boats. On Lightning night we had six Lightnings out with the skippers showing the ropes to the



class participants. This was a big success with several of the class participants becoming regular crew members for club regattas. Getting interested people on the water and in a Lightning is a great way to help increase interest in the class. Try it.

As far as racing this was a very competitive year with lots of silver brought home by club members. Tom Varley, Carl Clipp, Kurt Andrews, and Don Schregardus won at least one of the club series. Tom Varley and Eric Brandt both won Ohio regattas this summer and Tom Varley won the Governor's Cup for the second year in a row for the Ohio District. Dan Hertzler took crew Don and Kathy Schregardus to the North American Championships while Chris Hedrick took her boat and crew to the Women's North American Championship. Dan Hertzler also received the Ohio District Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to everyone.

Finally, be careful, the Lightning virus continues to spread. At last report, Kurt Andrews has just put an order in for a new Lightning. We will all be looking forward to seeing it in the spring.

Don Schregardus

DEVILS LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 31

Michigan District

Sailing on Devil's Lake

Manitou Beach, Michigan

1997 Fleet Captain	Larry Niswander
1998 Fleet Captain	Merrill Bales
Fleet Secretary	Joan Baumgart
1997 Fleet Champion	David Laidlaw
1997 Fleet Runner-Up	Richard Elwell

* Larry Niswander
 * Richard E. Stanbridge
 * Robert Carlisle
 * Peter C. Paullin
 * Clyde Brasher
 * Gary Marzolf
 * & Richard Foster
 * & Walter Magee
 * Hank Hodgson
 * Dennis Marsh
 * Robert Doyle
 * Charles L. Smith, M.D.
 * Jeffrey W. Clemes
 * Merrill Bales
 * John D. Folwell, Jr.
 * Jack & Chris Tibbs
 * Amy Dunwell
 * & Jay Dunwell
 * Hank Hodgson
 * Richard F. Elwell
 * Harry Teets
 * Bruce Goldsmith

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With the gathering of the clan on May 3 at the Club House for our Spring Party, Fleet 31 started its 1997 season with the awarding of the "keeper trophies" for 1996 and high hopes for the summer's sailing, beginning with Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day weekend turned out cold and windy, making the sailing challenging for the first time out (including some unscheduled swims). Dick Elwell came away with a well earned win, followed in second by John Folwell. During the Districts (at Higgins) and the Team Races (at Fenton), we had our Stay-at-Home Series. These took place this year on June 22 & 29, with hot weather and variable winds. This time, John Folwell took first with Dick Elwell in second place.

The following weekend was our 4th of July series. Races were canceled due to lack of wind, but Sunday turned out to be one of the best sailing days of 1997 on Devil's Lake, with Hank Hodgson taking top honors, followed by Jeff Maludy in second.

The rest of the Sundays from Memorial Day through the middle of August comprise our Fleet Sunday series, and of the 27 races scheduled, only 17 races were actually sailed, mainly due to lack of wind, and with the conclusion of this series, the Fleet Champion and Fleet Runner-Up were Dave Laidlaw and Dick Elwell respectively. And now that the fleet rankings were known, the winner of the Captain's Trophy was Harry Teets.

On July 18 following the Fleet Picnic, we sailed a Night Race with partial cloud, full moon and a nice breeze for a change. The race was won by Jeff Moehl in Merrill Bales' boat, and #197 wasn't last for once because one other skipper (who shall remain anonymous) didn't find the finish line in the dark.

This brought us to the Labor Day Series and finally some nice sailing weather for both days, and the turnout of participants reflected the weather. The winner was Hank Hodgson, and a tie on points for second between Dave Laidlaw and Merrill Bales, with the tie breaker giving second to Dave.

The 54th Annual Regatta, which was sailed in memory of Jack Tibbs, brought our season to a close. And what a close it was! As reported in *Flashes*, it was a fitting conclusion to a frustrating season. Due to light to no wind conditions, only two races were sailed. The winner was Sean Fidler with Mike Thomas in second and Co. Park in third.

In spite of the wind or lack thereof, the fun and fellowship as good as ever. Good luck next year Merrill, and thanks to all Fleet members and friends who made my job as Fleet Captain enjoyable. Larry Niswander

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET 33

Ohio District

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake

Akron, Ohio

Fleet Secretary

Dave Mendenhall
 Chuck Suter
 * Clem B. Shriver
 * Carol Mendenhall
 * Gregory Gray
 * Jerome Seppelt
 * Dale Jackson

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South Shore Yacht Club, the home of Lightning, celebrated its 60th Anniversary of Sailing Tradition this Commodore's Dinner held November 15, 1997. Lightning contributed to South Shore many of its legendary Commodores honored in the following order of their service: they were honored in the following order of their service: Duckworth, 1941 John Rundt, 1943 Ed. W. McCauley, C. Johnston, 1948 Thomas S. Daugherty, 1949 E.V. Karl Rollius, 1958-1959 George Burkholder, 1960 1961 Dale S. Burkhart, 1962 Clem Shriver, 1964 Roger Judy, 1973 Robert Manard, 1976 William Charles Suter, 1983 Dale Jackson, 1985 John M. Jerome Seppelt. It was great hearing the commo of yore. Sailing brings a unique brand of individuality that they have a great respect for the past and a was a pleasure being together with the men and Hedy and Sonia" who through the years made what it is today!

Sailing the Great Turkeyfoot this summer needed for light air racing. Sunday after Sunday we have requested the State of Ohio to lengthen our course work. Stay tuned.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET 34 **Central Atlantic District** **Sailed on the Metedeconk River** **Brick, New Jersey**

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	Hakuna Matata
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	Fuzzy Logic
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	Roadmaster
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It was a successful season without the fanfare of host-
 es, and Youth Worlds as was the case in '96. We
 class Tune-Up in June which, for the first time,
 AD-MET event. Dave Ruiter was the winner of
 gatta. Ryan Dunn was first in the Barnegat Bay
 ie team of Paul Gelenitis and Pete Stagaard pre-
 series. Co-skippers Keith Taboada and Owen
 et Championship sailed in the summer by nar-
 n Dunn and Chris Arner. Owen went on to win
 ampionship sailed this year in J-24s.
 season was the Districts at which 11 of the 28
 re from Metedeconk, five in the first seven.
 : again proved his recent domination of the
 with Paul Gelenitis a close second. Paul with
 pper won a tenth Barnegat Bay Championship.
 to third in the fifty-boat Atlantic Coast
 dar Point, CT, and we can't ignore Brian
 twelfth at the Worlds in Montreal.
 ig in New Orleans, our fleet was not "up" for
 ough we were represented at the Long John,
 rs Cup, New Jersey States, Southampton Fall
 ind Borderline Regattas. Jim Carson/Jarrett
 Gelenitis sailed the Southern Circuit. Jarrett
 troit for a fourth and sixth respectively in the
 o be forgotten are the other sailors in our fleet
 another were less conspicuous. Fleet Captain
 h Club Commodore duties, sailed most local
 rom son Andrew. Ensign Joe Buczkowski
 her Mike and Todd Pearce to keep his boat
 varrior. George Francis, who jumped in any
 per, Dicky Thomas, Chris Krautheim, Tricia
 Greg Kinzel all contributed to provide good

often are our Juniors who traditionally do
 n not end up getting their own boats. This
 he star, winning the Junior States and plac-
 irth Americans. With the Club Advanced
 1 Lightnings by Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter
 now assisted by George Francis and Dickie
 s crews available and an excellent source of
 Jim Carson

DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET 35 **Texas District** **Sailing on White Rock Lake** **Dallas, Texas**

Fleet Captain	Ralph Bilnoski
Fleet Secretary	Ardis Good
Fleet Champion	Ralph Bilnoski
Runner-Up	John Waskom IV
* R. John Davis	
* Ardis Good	
* John B. Waskom, IV	Xanado
* John B. Waskom, IV	Hard Tack
	10275
	10811
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	13722

Fleet 35 continued our traditional Spring/Summer and Fall Series
 with the exception of actually getting in some races in August this
 year. We normally lay out the month of August due to the lack of
 wind and Texas heat, but this year, August proved to be some of our
 better sailing weather and made up for races lost earlier in the sea-
 son due to bad weather. The fleet is heavy with skippers and light
 of crew so we were fortunate to have two experienced Lightning
 skippers join us as crew this season. Robert Mitchell, formerly of
 Conroe Fleet 505, moved to Dallas for a quick stop on his career
 path to Chicago. Also showing up to crew was Spencer McGowan.
 Spencer too has his own Lightning and his was not as far away as
 Robert's, but he found it easier to make it the few blocks from his
 house to White Rock Lake and joined us as crew a good part of the
 season. We are happy to report that he has now moved his boat to
 our fleet. Ralph Bilnoski, with his son Brian as crew, managed to
 beat out the skippers with the aforementioned crews to take the
 Fleet Championship - Spring/Summer and Fall combined. John
 Waskom IV came in as Runner-Up. Fleet members participated in
 fewer regattas this year than in past years, but did sail in the
 Holiday-in-Dixie Regatta in Shreveport, the Commodore's Cup in
 Conroe and in our own Corinthian Club Championship.
 The really big news is that, after many years of seeing the bot-
 tom of our lake closer and closer to the top, and with our center-
 boards dragging in the mud, the lake is being dredged. Not an easy
 accomplishment when your lake is located in the City of Dallas - it
 involves bond votes, environmental studies, special interest groups,
 engineering studies, bidding the job, revising and rebidding the job,
 etc. But at long last the bid was awarded and the project is under-
 way. The dredging will not begin until early in '98, but we are
 encouraged by the current activities in preparation for the actual
 event - holding tanks and pipelines for moving the mud away are
 now in place and the ever-required warning signs are up. The pro-
 ject will take about 18 months and we're hoping it won't interfere
 with our club and fleet sailing during the duration. So, barring our
 own White Rock "Nessie", we'll have something to report in next
 year's yearbook. Ardis Good

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET 36 **Ohio District** **Sailing on Pymatuning Lake** **Jamestown, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain	Scot Werley
Race Chairman	Victor Maras
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	Janis Gamer
Fleet Champion	David Werley
Runner-Up	John Werley

* Thomas S. Petroski
 * G. Scotland Werley
 * & Edward E. Werley
 * W. Terry Patrick
 * Edward E. Werley

Caledonia	5070
Swift Justice	6133
Kyushu Gypsy	8635
	9375



* Victor Maras		
* & Marilyn Maras		10527
* Lud Lekson	La Biche IV	11278
* Thomas S. Petroski		12884
* David Palmer	Chaos	12972
* W. Timothy Borland	Agent Orange	12973
* Janis Gamer	Recess	13240
* James V. Martuccio, Sr.		
* & James Martuccio, Jr.	Covert Maneuvers	13255
* Ronald Vranich	To Be Announced	13390
* Bridget Frymier	Relax	13608
* Donald P. Courtsal	Grace	13771
* Thomas E. Katcher		13833
* Jonathan Dean	Cyzygy	13905
* Herbert Jestel	Smile	14020
* Leonard Ciccone	Rigmarole	14143
* Garry Condon	Sight Unseen	14222
* Frank Thompson	Enticer	14285
* William Weihe, Jr.	SOB	14343
* Justin Proctor		14365
* W. Terry Patrick	Second Childhood	14412
* Dean N. Caley	Greased Lightning	14420
* John Werley		14422
* John P. Borland	Change Of Luff	14513
* Thomas S. Petroski	Purple Moose II	14523
* Victor Maras		
* & Marilyn Maras	Hakuna Matata	14546
* John Woodall		14573
* Nedra Lewis &		
* G. Scotland Werley		14579
* David E. Werley		14657
* Robert G. Ruhlman	Touch Of Grey	14751

Competition, Growth and Celebration! These words describe our 1997 sailing season.

Our Spring Classic, held on May 10th and 11th, hosted a record number of 38 boats. The weather provided quite a challenge for the skippers and crews with a de-masting and five capsizes in the first race. Our incredible rescue crews, headed by Keith Custard, handled all situations well. The race committee, consisting of Jon Anstrom, Dave Hulton and Joel Ridge, managed to conduct three races with no throwout. We were so pleased to have Bill Faude, our Lightning Class President, participate in his first PYC Spring Classic. This year, Larry MacDonald with crew Jody Swanson and Ian Jones took top honors with Bill Faude finishing second. Matt Fisher finished third followed by Dick Hallagan and Jim Allen. Thanks to Kathy and Dave Palmer for organizing our 13th Annual Spring Classic. From challenging weather to a cocktail party, dinner and dancing that couldn't be challenged - Kathy and Dave did a great job.

Fleet 36 had a very active sailing year with at least 12-15 boats sailing every weekend.

Finishing our Spring Series in first place this year was the Condon/Woodall Team followed by John Werley in second and the Ciccone/Petroski Team third.

Our Saturday Series had Jack Borland in first followed by John Werley and Victor Maras.

Dave Werley finished first in the Sunday Series with John Werley finishing second and Don Courtsal third.

For the second year in a row, Ryan Ruhlman finished the Fall Series in first place. Scot Werley, our fleet captain, finished second and John Werley, third.

The Stay-At-Home Series was won by the Ciccone/Petroski Team followed by Herb Jestel and Terry Patrick.

Last year David Werley finished third in the Championship Series. When the results of this

Row 1: Dave Werley (right) with crew Jonette Werley and Greg Maras, winners of the Championship Series. Photo by Herb Jestel.

Kathy and Dave Palmer, winners of the Fleet Captain's Award with Ed Werley (center), the originator of the award and Commodore of PYC. Photo by Herb Jestel.

Row 2: Garry and Linda Condon and John Woodall, winners of the Spring Series. Photo by Jan Gamer.

Jack Borland (right) with crew Bridget Frymier and Anne Borland, winners of the Saturday Series. Photo by Jan Gamer.

Row 3: Ryan Ruhlman, winner of the Fall Series. Photo by Jan Gamer. Fleet Captain Scot Werley with crew Nedra Lewis and Karen Werley placed second in the Fall Series. Photo by Jan Gamer.

Row 4: Don Courtsal with crew Carolyn Werley placed third in the Sunday Series. Photo by Jan Gamer.

Jack Borland relating a harrowing experience sailing on Lake Erie with Fleet 36 members Sarah and John Woodall, John Werley, Dave Werley and Ryan Ruhlman at our local PYC News Conference. Photo by Jan Gamer.

year's races were tallied, Dave and his crew Jonette Werley and Greg Maras finished first. Congratulations to Dave and his crew! John Werley finished the Championship Series in second place followed by Vic Maras, Don Courtsal and the Ciccone/Petroski Team.

Our fleet grew by two boats this year. Their owners are Dennis McLaughlin (14340) who had been crewing on a regular basis at PYC, and Martin and Deborah Powell (13181) who are newcomers to PYC. We hope to see more of them out on the lake in '98.

Fleet 36 thrives on celebrations and we started the season with our "Get-the-Nots-Out" event. Scot and Karen Werley planned a day which began with readying our boats for our 13th Annual Spring Classic and ended with a party in our PYC clubhouse.

After our fleet recovered from the Spring Classic, we celebrated sailing in June with a "Spuds and Suds" party. Even though 100 pounds of potatoes were baked for the hearty members of Fleet 36, it probably was the "Suds" that helped convince eight skippers and their crews to register for the Ohio District Championship at Leatherlips Yacht Club for the following weekend. Finishing in the top ten at LYC were Fleet 36 skippers John Werley with crew Bertie Werley and Jay Mueller and Rob Ruhlman with his crew Abby and Ryan Ruhlman.

In July, our Lightning Fleet participated in the Independence Day Regatta at PYC and helped with a grand Saturday night dinner prepared by fleet members Eleanor Hawn and Keith Custard.

August was a busy month on and off the water. We continued to have over half the fleet participating in our weekend races and our annual Lightning Corn Roast was a huge success again this year with 33 dozen ears of corn being cooked over an open fire.

A Mardi Gras party complete with the jazz sounds of Bourbon Street and "real" Cajun cooking was organized by fleet member Bertie Werley. This party lasted well past midnight. Party goers appreciated the surprise attendance of Dean and Kandy Caley before they left for their honeymoon.

PYC nostalgically celebrated its 60th Anniversary of sailing over Labor Day weekend. Lightning Fleet 36 played a major part in making this family celebration very, very special.

Our celebrations ended with our Annual Awards Dinner held this year in the PYC clubhouse. Scot and Karen Werley organized a fun evening with a superb dinner prepared by Karen. Bertie Werley transformed the clubhouse into an Autumn landscape via her creative natural arrangements. Vic Maras, our race chairman, conducted a "spirited" awards ceremony. During the ceremony, Scot Werley presented the Fleet Captain's Award to Kathy and David Palmer. Their sportsmanship and camaraderie made them perfect candidates for this coveted award.

Fleet 36 is looking forward to an even more exciting '98 sailing season. John and Bertie Werley have already begun organizing our 14th Annual Spring Classic to be held May 9-10, 1998. In June, our fleet will be hosting the 50th Annual Ohio District Championship with Anne Borland and Bridget Frymier as co-chairpersons. We are aiming for 50 boats on the starting line for the 50th. Plan now to attend. Hope to see you on the lake in '98!

Janis Gamer

Fleet 36 members gathered at the Picnic Table under The Tree.
Photo courtesy Jan Gamer.



CHELSEA YACHT CLUB FLEET 39

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the Hudson River

Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary Jay Anderson

* Jay H. Anderson Skidaway 14182

Lightnings continue to sail on the Hudson River at Chelsea, although there was no organized fleet activity in 1997. Efforts will be made to hold some races as a fleet in 1998. At least one boat plans to make the trip to Skaneateles in July '98.

WESTERN LAKE ERIE FLEET 42

Michigan District

Sailing on Lake Erie

LaSalle, Michigan

Fleet Contact Jim Davis

Fleet Champion Jim Davis

Fleet Runner-Up Jeff Hagman

* Aaron Stange		9099
* Becky Ganues		10024
* Ernest Dieball		10291
* Skip Dieball		10638
* Dennis Dieball	Wimpy-12	10638
* Craig Koschak		10798
* Rick Rothenbuhler		10798
* Jeff Kasper		10956
* Robert Rishel		13640
* Mike Thomas		
* & Stephen H. Thomas		
* & Bill Thomas	The Happy Boat	14148
* Craig Gabel		14249
* George Sipel		14249
* Chris Marzke	Rumline	14250
* Josh Kerst	Instant Karma	14519
* Britt Wadsworth		14682
* Aaron Stange		14747
* Jim Davis	Flash Over II	14779
* Britt Wadsworth		14818
* Jeff Hagman		14824
* Chris Snyder		0

Fleet 42 sailors enjoyed another active season which consisted of much travel and the hosting of four regatta, including the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships.

The season started with five boats traveling to Indianapolis Sailing Club for the Indiana Open. George Sipel's consistent top five finishes in the five race series earned him and his crew top prize out of the seventeen boat fleet. Others there included Jim Davis, Bruce Goldsmith (tour guide for the nightly "local establishments") and the "Happy" Thomas family who were working closely with Jeff Hagman in detailing the geography of the bottom of Geist Reservoir. Oh, well, Jeff, you had to clean the fiberglass dust out of that new boat somehow.

The following weekend three boats packed up and headed to Pymatuning Yacht Club for the Spring Classic. It was a competitive fleet as the top five consisted of names such as MacDonald, Faude, M. Fisher, Hallagan and J. Allen. However, the Fleet 42 contingent scored respectable finishes in the tough 38 boat fleet. Final results - Jeff Hagman 8th, Thomas family 10th and Rick Rothenbuhler 12th.

From PYC it was back to the home water of NCYC for the hosting of the annual Great Lakes Championship on May 17-18. Racers were tested in a variety of conditions as Saturday was light and fluky with some reported sightings or should we say "unsightings" of 180° shifts which saw numerous times boats on one side of the

course sailing upwind, those on the other side with chutes up and those in the middle, well, just plain out of luck. Sunday's conditions improved dramatically as we had moderate, consistent breezes which allowed for two good races. Matt Fisher proved consistency wins as he was able to dominate in all conditions while other contenders had at least one bad race. The final standings were Fisher 1st, Jim Allen 2nd, and Colin Park 3rd.

The month of June held two of the three biggest events of the 1997 schedule. June 8-13 the World Championship was held in Montreal. Our fleet had two boats qualify. Congratulations to the Thomas family and to the team of Jim and Christine Davis and John Heagy.

The Michigan District Championship was held the following weekend at Higgins Lake, the participants from our fleet included Brit Wadsworth, George Sipel, Rick Rothenbuhler, Jim Davis, and Mike Thomas.

The traveling schedule slowed for the remainder of June and the month of July which allowed us to relax and enjoy some Tuesday night club racing. Though the turnout was down from previous years, those who attended enjoyed some close racing. The first series saw Jim Davis take first, followed by Jeff Hagman and Rick Rothenbuhler. The second series which ran from August through September was won by Jeff Hagman with Davis 2nd and Chris Snyder 3rd. The annual July 4th Fleet 42 Lightning Bash was also held. This fun three-race series was filled with action. Short windward/leeward courses combined with big breeze made for plenty of mishaps. Three boats whose names will not be mentioned found themselves practicing the scoop recovery method. I think two of these boats had practiced this maneuver earlier in the year at Indianapolis. Chris Snyder with crew Skip Dieball and Laurie Synowiec in a borrowed boat (Thanks Bruin) were the fastest on this day followed by Aaron Stange and Brit Wadsworth.

The first week in August, NCYC and Fleet 42 were proud to host the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championships. Beautiful weather and hospitality made for a memorable regatta. In the Masters' division, Bruce Goldsmith with crew Sherry Goldsmith and Derek Gauger posted an astonishing 1, 1, 4 to win over a tough fleet of 24 boats that included such Lightning Class legends as Jim Dressel, Dick Hallagan, George Fisher, and Tom Allen, Sr. - Congratulations, Bruce!

Our fleet also had participation in the Women's and Juniors' divisions. Shelly Rothenbuhler with crew Christy Synowiec and Jo Tunnicliffe raced consistently to earn a mid-fleet finish in the Women's division. In the Junior division, teams of Anna Tunnicliffe, Steve Gerst and David Tunnicliffe, and Katie McCullough, Chris Kretz and Keith Wells - all competing in their first Lightning regatta - earned respectable finishes. It looks as though the future of our fleet is bright considering the skills and interest these junior sailors have shown in the Lightning class.

From here is was up the road to Crescent Sail Yacht Club for the NAs. Rick Rothenbuhler, George Sipel and Jim Davis competed in the Championship division while Aaron Stange finished 2nd in the President's Cup division, kinked mast and all (something about forgetting to clip the backstay on after leaving the hoist and then putting the chute up).

After the NAs, it again was time to relax and take a break until the month of September when it was back on the road again. Regattas included Pontiac Yacht Club, Devil's Lake Yacht Club, The Red Flannels in Chicago, and the Hoosier Open at Lake Wawasee. Memorable moments for some of our fleet members at these events included Jeff Hagman checking out his centerboard again (or lack thereof) after a vicious wipeout amongst the huge swells of Lake Michigan, which also resulted in a "new" three piece mast; and Steve Thomas showing off his football skills at Devil's Lake.

Our season ended with the Fall Blowout at North Cape. Unseasonably warm weather and light to moderate breeze gave a great closing to the season. Seventeen boats participated in the one day, three-race series. Bruce Goldsmith again showed the magic touch, besting Jim Davis and Jeff Hagman in a close regatta that came down to the last race, which was won by the Bruin.

Upon final scoring for the season, Jim Davis won the Fleet Championship with Jeff Hagman as Runner-Up. A special thanks to all fleet members and NCYC members for making all our events possible. We had a great season and look forward to next year.

Chris Snyder

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 43

Ohio District

Sailing on Buckeye Lake

Columbus, Ohio

Fleet SecretaryMarty Fisher

* George Fisher (Life)		10860
* Matt Fisher	Ladies Choice	14045
* George Fisher (Life)		14345

No report.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 47

Lake Erie District

Sailing on Silver Lake

Perry, New York

Fleet CaptainMark O. Humphrey

Fleet SecretaryMark Grinder

* C. Scott De Golyer, III	Just Say No	7949
* Mark O. Humphrey	Passing Wind	9119
* Mike Humphrey		9739
* David Nasca	Chase	9845
* Gerald Walter		11501
* David A. Copestick		12688
* Paul Malone	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd	The Judge	13948
* Mark W. Grinder	Speedy Devil	14672
* Mark O. Humphrey		
* & John Humphrey	Illusion	14719

Racing on Silver Lake is making a comeback! We now see a consistent core of 8-10 boats ready to go on Sunday mornings. Some of the crews are new to sailing, some are very young, some have been around, it seems, forever. All are having a good time and are looking forward to next season.

Racing results are as follows:

4th of July Series

Oris Humphrey	1st
Mark Grinder	2nd
Mark Dadd	3rd

Club Champion

Dave Nasca	tied for
Mark Grinder	1st
Scott DeGolyer	2nd
Mark Dadd	3rd

It seems for such a small lake, we have produced some pretty impressive crews over the years, and this year was no exception. Oris Humphrey received the Jerry Blake Memorial Trophy for best crew at the Lake Erie Districts, and John Humphrey crewed on the winning boat (with Tom Allen Jr) at the Canadian Open. Nice going, guys!

We also had some on-shore fun this season with lunches/keg on the lawn, a mid-season "Party at Grinders", the Harvest Regatta festivities, and the year-end buffet dinner attended by 47.

As we look forward to next year, though, one well-loved person will be missing. Earl Fowlston, a long-time member of our yacht club, passed away this fall. Earl raced for years with daughters Tammy and Becky as crew. He and his wife Ruth were very active in the club. When Earl "retired" from racing, he served as Race Committee, along with Fred Schade, for many years. He will be remembered fondly for his gentle spirit, his booming laugh and his Bloody Mary salute at the start of a race. He will be missed.

Mark Grinder