

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
* Dennis Dieball		
* & Skip Dieball	Wimpy-12	10638
* Rick Rothenbuhler		
* & Craig Koschalk		10798
Jeff Kasper		10956
Brent Amburn		11806
* Robert Rishel		13640
John J. McNulty		
Chris Snyder		13928
* Stephen H. Thomas,		
* & Mike Thomas,		
* & Bill Thomas	The Happy Boat	14148
* George Sipel		14249
* Josh Kerst	Instant Karma	14519
* Bruce Goldsmith		
* & Derek Gauger	Model Citizens	14649
* Jeff Maludy	Adenaline	14710
* Jim Davis	Flash Over II	14779
Britt Wadsworth		14818
* Jeff Hagman	Bud Lightning II	14824

No Report.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 43

Ohio District Sailing on Buckeye Lake Columbus, Ohio

Fleet Captain George Fisher
Fleet Secretary Marty Fisher

* George Fisher (Life)		10860
Dr. Karl Kumler		13250
* Matt Fisher	Ladies Choice	14045
* George Fisher (Life)		14345

Fleet 43 is very proud of Matt Fisher winning the North American Championships for the third time. He also won the Ohio Districts at Pymatuning – which were the two times he sailed all summer! Tain't fair. His dad, George, won the Masters this year and brother Greg was second at the NA's last year!

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 47

Lake Erie District Sailing on Silver Lake Perry, New York

Fleet Commodore	Dave Nasca
Vice Commodore	Dave Cpoestick
Fleet Secretary	Lora Grinder
Fleet Treasurer	Craig Nobbs
Fleet Champion	Mark Grinder
Runner-Up	Dave Nasca

* Bill Neal		6983
Jay Hackemer		7398
* Scott DeGolyer III	Just Say No	7949
Roger Slade		8004
Joyce Nash		9620
* Michael T. Humphrey		9739
* David Nasca	Chase	9845
Ira Johnson		10318
* David A. Copestick		12688
Kathryn Lyons		12984
John Adrian		13628
* Paul J. Malone, Jr.	Poitin	13714
* Mark H. Dadd	The Judge	13948
* Mark W. Grinder	Speedy Devil	14672
* Mark O. Humphrey		
* & John B. Humphrey	Illusion	14719

This was a great year for Silver Lake Yacht Club – new members, new Race Committee boat, new (and visible) buoys, and a real sense of renewed enthusiasm for racing.

Once again we began the year with a "Party at Grinders" in May and tried to get ourselves organized – with some success! We had competitive series on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and club championship races many of the other Sundays. Results are as follows:

Memorial Day	1. John Humphrey
	2. Dave Nasca
	3. Mark Grinder
Labor Day	1. Mark Grinder
	2. John Humphrey
	3. John Adrian
Club Champion	1. Mark Grinder
	2. Dave Nasca
	3. John Humphrey

In addition to our regular home racing schedule, our boats traveled to Keuka, Cuba, Newport, Chautauqua, and BCC. Of course, the highlight of the racing season was the 60th at Skaneateles – 6 of our boats (and many non-sailors as well) made the trip. We all had a great time and appreciate all the efforts of the 60th committees. Our own awesome dude, Scott DeGolyer finished 2nd in the wooden boat fleet!

It was good to see the young ones in our races on Silver Lake this year. Almost every boat had children crewing at some point during the summer, many on a regular basis. Some are third generation Silver Lake sailors!

Our annual Harvest Regatta drew people from all over Western and Central New York, Toronto, and even new friends from Vermont and Montreal. Tom Allen, Jr. won the regatta. Carrying on the family tradition. Hope to see even more of you there next year – the winds are always "interesting" and the World-famous cocktail party is not to be missed. *Lora Grinder*

Photos next page by David Sprague

WASHINGTON DC FLEET 50

Dixie District Sailing on the Potomac River Washington, DC

Fleet Captain	Dave Pyle
Fleet Secretary	Nancy Fehrle
Fleet Treasurer	Nancy Fehrle
Fleet Champion	Frank Gallagher
Fleet Runner-Up	Jim Dillard

Tim Rinaman	Windhawk	7294
Joe Warren	Flamboyant	9383
* James Connerton	Hawkeye	10215
* Tim Elam	Speculation	10643
David Menotti	Bon Joy	11088
* Justin Morris	Many Excuses	11369
* Harry Keith, III	Thunder	11767

SILVER LAKE FLEET 47 REGATTA



* Ted Hunting	Swill Dog	12081
* Guy Mossman		12126
* John Guth		
* & Peter Lauria		13740
* Ron Kiss		13897
* Bobby Astrove		14019
* Red Fehrle		
* & Amy Devine	Moon Shadow	14100
* Roger Theis	Fast Forward	14470
* Frank Gallagher	Hold the Mayo	14037
* Nabeel Alsalam		
* & Charles Maston		14096
* Joe Anderson	Puff White	14207
* Terry Lamb		14521
* Dave Pyle	Greenwing	14266
* Stuart White		14479
* John Butler		
* & Roger Wright	Breedabeat	14592
* Jim Dillard	No More Excuses	14627
Mike Arnold (Life)		
Frank Gentile (Life)		
Doc Gilbert (Life)		



Top: Fleet 50 Champion, Frank Gallagher, at the Leukemia Cup
Lower: Fleet 50 Runner-Up, Jim Dillard, at the Leukemia Cup

The 1998 Fleet 50 Championship was captured by Frank Gallagher with Jim Dillard a close runner up. Bobby Astrove proved a fierce competitor. Two of our newest members Roger Theis and Nabeel Alsalam participated regularly and are showing great promise. This year we were blessed with some very good crews who are potential skippers, Ernie Heinrichs, an avid Windsufer, Kay Vakery and Martin Jeffrey Howell, transplanted Interlake sailors, and Patrick McGee, a seasoned 505 racer. Other enthusiastic participants were Connie McCulley and Karyll Thomas. Dick Hallagan and Jack Jones from Central New York District provide much competition racing against us in our invitational regattas.

The season began in February with our annual meeting and a PRSA party fundraiser to replace the committee boats.

In March, Harry Keith, Dave Pyle and Joe Anderson traveled about 3000 miles to participate in the southern circuit. We were shocked to see the sun disappear shortly after crossing the Florida State line. Heavy winds and storms blew throughout the races at Miami and St. Pete over the next two weeks. The first race in Miami saw 19 capsize and two broken masts. Phil Grotheer, of the Severn River fleet, broke his mast the first day and Dave Pyle's main halyard parted on the way out to the second day of racing. After making repairs we finished the series.

Lightning caused cancellation of the first day of racing at St. Pete. Hospitality of the St Pete Yacht Club, one of the best in the nation, was superb. Lesson learned: install "twings" and carry at least one "orangutan" in your crew if you expect to fly your spinaker on Biscayne or Tampa Bay without capsizing.

POTOMAC CUP (First Weekend in May) The Potomac Cup Regatta, attracted stiff competition from our East Coast fleets. Twenty-one boats participated. Dick Hallagan, of New York, won again this year with Dixon Duffet of Severn River, second. Justin Morris finished highest among Fleet 50 skippers at 5th, Bobby Astrove finished 9th, and Frank Gallagher finished 10th.

SPRING SERIES: Potomac River Sailing Association (PRSA) sponsored sixteen races over a six-week period. Participation was sporadic with Gallagher, Astrove, Dillard, Alsalam, Lamb, and Kiss appearing on one or more Sundays. Poor weather was definitely a factor.

In June, we invited Coach Kelly to the Washington Sailing Marina. Our Fleet now has tape recordings with his commentary on the racing tactics of two of our newest members, Nabeel Alsalam and Roger Theis. The action took place off the docks in the Lagoon.

On Memorial Day weekend, several members went to Solomon's Island at the mouth of the Patuxent River. Our newest fleet hosted the Dixie Districts championships. Frank Gallagher, Joe Anderson, Jim Dillard, Stuart White, and Red Fehrle enjoyed some spectacular racing. We have added a copy to our fleet library of Coach Kelly's video recording with interesting comments on sail trim and tactics.

Over the 4th of July weekend, Nabeel Alsalam, Bobby Astrove, Jim Dillard, Dave Pyle, and Harry Keith traveled to Lake Skaneateles, one of the New York Finger Lakes. We were among the 180+ Lightnings that helped celebrate the sixtieth Lightning Anniversary. North Sails conducted some highly effective seminars on Friday. Bobby Astrove posted the best Fleet 50 finish with an overall 8th place finish. Jim Dillard with Justin Morris as his crew finished 2nd in one of the races and was right behind Bobby in the final results.

PRSA SUMMER: A few members showed up for some informal Wednesday evening Lagoon racing off the docks. The weather was beautiful and the winds light for racing in the Lagoon: Nabeel Alsalam, Roger Theis, and Dave Pyle participated.

We started September with the Leukemia/President's Cup. Our Lightnings, thanks to our friends from the north and south, won the President's trophy for the largest fleet turn out with 19 boats. Frank Gallagher turned in the best performance for the Leukemia Cup and Phil Grotheer from Severn winning the President's Cup. Roger Theis and crew Connie raised over \$200 for Leukemia.

PRSA FALL SERIES: Sixteen more races were held off Haines Point. Great weather and favorable northwest winds surprised us all. Participation increased during the six-week fall series ending with 7 boats in the final race. Dave Pyle and Stuart White attended the Solomon's invitational and the Boarder Line Regatta in North Carolina.

Dave Pyle and Jim Dillard helped the Georgetown Sailing Team prepare for the Collegiate Nationals held in November. Twelve col-



Action at Fleet 50's Leukemia Cup. Top: A start. Middle: Windward mark - Nabeel Alsalam temporarily ahead of Phil Grotheer. Lower: Windward mark - Stuart White rounds on the outside while Tim Elam approaches on port. Photos courtesy Nabeel Alsalam

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB FLEET 51 Michigan District Sailing on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain Paul Nagel
Fleet Champion Tom Vickers
Runner-Up Robert Brower

* Paul J. Nagel	Estralita	835
* & Mark E. Nagel	Bolt Walker	12178
* Robert E. Lee	Cold Pizza	13488
* Richard R. Kretschmar	Lithium	13571
* Paul J. Nagel		14042
* David L. Piech	Traf	14436
* Joe Romer		14419
* Richard Rothenbuhler		14543
* Michael Delano		14590
* Peter Wenzler	Hole-In-One	14652
* Robert G. Brower		14474
* R.C. Thomas Vickers	Assisted Suicide	14856
* Michael D. Williams	XI	
* H.J. Cawthra (Life)	Nokomis	
Richard Drew, Sr.		



Fleet 51 hosted the Collegiate Sloop Nationals on Lake St. Claire

lege teams competed in Lightnings at the Gross Point Yacht Club. The Georgetown sailors won second place, loosing by one point to Charleston College.

The season ended on November 7th with five Lightnings sailing five short, informal races in the lagoon off the Washington Sailing Marina. Frank Gallagher won four of the five races that were punctuated with shifty, puffy northwest winds. On the first leg of the first race all skippers incorrectly followed Frank around the reaching mark. (The winds were so shifty it was hard to tell which was the windward mark.) All followed Frank while he corrected his mistake. A hot "chilly" party followed.

For Fleet 51, the 1997 season was a tough act to follow. Thanks again to all those who attended the North American Championships here last year . . . it was our pleasure to be host to you. However, it was nice to return to "normalcy" in 1998.

1998 proved to be another strong year for our fleet. We continue to grow in participation numbers and enthusiasm. We are proud to have had the largest turnout of any Michigan District fleet at the 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles. Our fleet traveled to Pennsylvania, Florida, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Ontario, Indiana, and other Michigan locations for Lightning racing this season.

With the Michigan District's blessing, our annual "light air" Father's Day regatta was moved to early October. Our sincere thanks to all of the participants who made it possible, especially to the "wind gods" that make planing a square boat a most enjoyable experience. Detroit Brew Factory congratulations to Tom Allen for narrowly pulling off a close one here, just barely squeaking past eveny scored Sean Fidler in a tiebreaker.

Rear Commodore Tom "Don't Talk To Me When I'm Driving Unless I ask You To" Vickers has retained his position as Fleet 51 Champion, with Bob "Lisa, had me another Labatt Blue" Brower nipping at his raw heels. Tom also won two of the three fleet series, with Bob winning the other.

Fleet 51 closed our Lightning season when the ICYRA held the 1998 National Collegiate Sloop Championship series at CSYC. The event was held during the first weekend of November, and all of the participating teams competed in Lightnings. Past winning skippers have been Gary Jobson and Tim Healy. Our sincere thanks to the boat owners who donated their beloved square boats for use during this regatta.

Looking toward 1999

Paul Nagel

LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB FLEET 53

Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Fenton
Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain Kevin Nickels
Fleet Secretary James Reach
Fleet Champion George Nickels
Runner-Up Kevin Nickels

* Ronald J. Soyka	My Sally	6499
* Shawn M. Farney		8590
* George F. Siegle	A1A	11205
* John R. Lefevre		11520
* Bob Rufli	Waverunner	11854
* Bob Rufli		13808
* Carl Pohly		14242
* George H. Nickels		14448
* David Nickels		14741
* George H. Nickels		14743
* Kevin Nickels		14899
* James Reach		

Lake Fenton Sailing Club enjoyed the addition of new members for the 1998 sailing season. Shawn Farney and Bob Rufli joined the I.L.C.A. and brought their boats to Lake Fenton. While Dave Nickels did not participate in the 1998 sailing season, his boat was sailed by his daughter Christy Nickels and her fiancé, Tim Coles. Some of the Nickels expertise for sailing on Lake Fenton has apparently rubbed off on Tim.

The Michigan District Team Races again utilized a format where teams were handicapped and assembled during registration. A team consisting of Kevin Nickels, John Garrison, and the middle boat from every bye team ended up winning the regatta. Due to the increased competitiveness of this format, it is anticipated that future team racing regattas will continue this handicapping system.

Lake Fenton is planning the installation of a hoist which would further assist the launching and recapturing of boats during crowded regattas. Modifications to the dock arrangement have also improved docking and launching. The dock frames and board sections are in the process of being modernized and rebuilt on a section by section basis. It is anticipated that changes and improvements will continue during the 1999 sailing season.

James Reach

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB FLEET 54

Michigan District
Sailing on Cass Lake
Keego Harbor, Michigan

Commodore Dan House
Vice Commodore Ed Woods
Rear Commodore Bill Ziegler
Treasurer Louie Nickels
Secretary Joyce von Drehe
Fleet Captain Bob Meyer

* Joel Thurtell	Plug Nickel	0
* Joel Thurtell		837
* Paul T. Von Oeyen		842
* Joel Thurtell		5885
* Hank Callahan	Flip	7959
* Bruce T. Lessien		8479
* Edward A. Diakow		9393
* Gregory J. Harris		9584
* Eugene U. Bego		11065
* Robert Kramer		11107
* Joel Humphrey		11138
* Joel Thurtell		11520
* David Novak	Girls Rule	11537
* Ronald R. Newman		11844
* Joel Thurtell	Mean Time	12548
* Gordon N. Gotberg		
& James H. Peterson		12612
* Ronald G. Palmer	Apres Ski	12708
* Melvin G. Bleitz		12756
* Eric S. Heller		
& Beth Heller	Blazin' Heat	12852
* Max Clixby	Wee Heather	12959
* Beth Groesbeck		12961
* James W. Furlong	Pier Pressure	12977
* Gerard A. Dunn		13107
* Ralph G. Hashoian		13121
* William Roberts	EIB 1	13283
* Michael Mitchell		13378
* Ronna Ross	Flash Dance	13451
* Stephen R. Braski		13468
* John Crowther		13606
* James Prokup		13859
* Dennis McCarthy		
& Gary Stephens	Lane Lady	13937
* Norman Burns		13985
* Jack F. Ensroth		
& Paul T. Von Oeyen	Phantasy	13995
* Dennis Hefley		14031
* Diana Fernando	Chaos	14049
* Trish Szydzik		14054
* Edward G. Woods	No Clue	14097
* Gregory Tarrant	Cutting Edge	14105
* Gerald Engelman	Blitzen	14117
* James M. Mick		14126
* Bruce J. Finsilver	Quick Silver	14144
* Gerard P. Gray		14177
* Jim Zwolensky		14215
* Mark Whatley	Jean	14220
* Andre R. Dubel	Ditto Head	14280
* Bruce Henderson, M.D.	Summer Wind	14282
* Dennis McCarthy	Lane Lady	14333
* Kevin Lewand	In he Groove	14390
* Stuart M. Feldman	Ultimate Answer	14408
* Michael Roualet		14439
* Joe Lapalme	Lightning Bug	14457
* Thomas Klaban	Allegro	14464
* Buzz Brown	Shenandoah	14477
* William B. Noll		14515
* Bob Padilla	Thunder	14563

* Ted Flack	Major Obsession	14567
* Wallace P. Smith	Gator	14601
* Salo J. Korn	Rosinante	14604
* John Garrison	Stupendous	14637
* William Ziegler	Full Tilt Boogie	14641
* Dr. James McCoy	Dr. "J"	14690
* John Greenstreet		14724
* Paul Sobotka		14746
* Bonnie K. Nickels		
* & Louie Nickels	Double Nickel	14755
* Robert W. Shaw	Emissions Control	14760
* Richard F. Beaubien	Renaissance!	14767
* Edward Dziuba	Gotcha!	14778
* James R. Bowers	Excelsior!	14789
* Jon Bennett	Fly Honey	14800
* Jim Allen		14807
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14841
* Dr. Joel Humphrey		14851
* Richard Bukowsky		
* & Traci Bukowsky	Sizzlin'	14854
* Robert H. Mathers	Evergreen	14870

No Report.

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FLEET 59

Lake Erie District

Sailing on the Niagara River

Grand Island, New York

Fleet Captain Cal Schmiede
Fleet Secretary Larissa Higgins

* Calvin H. Schmiede (Life)	Sea Porsche	13944
* Judith Walker	Vampira II	14291
* Bob Starck		14371
* Calvin H. Schmiede (Life)		14580



Fleet 59 at the 60th.

No Report.

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB FLEET 62

Southern District

Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain

New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Chris Wynne
Fleet Secretary John Marion

George C. Aucoin, Jr.	Zeus	10475
* Douglass Wynne	Capt. Punch	10812
* Chris Wynne		12235
* Larry Frost, Jr.	FF	12335
Rod Branch	Lay Lady Lay	12340
* John P. Buziak	Seasaw	13621
* John R. Marion	Slick Willy	14344

No Report.

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 69

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain John Esser
Vice Fleet Captain Walt Kramel
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Dana Blumberg
Fleet Champion Dennis Bersch
Runner-Up Doug Schelwat

Robert G. Quinsey		3621
Clyde Taylor		10310
George Miller		11415
* Dean S. Cady	Rampage	11442
Wayne E. Babler, Jr.	Firebird Suite	11888
Ronald J. Darling		13225
* Sue Herzfeld	Second Wind	13430
* Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.		
& Clare L. Fiorenza	Vita Brevis	13794
* Thomas M. Slater	Quarencia	14162
* Walt Kramel		14388
* John H. Esser	Sans Souci IV	14400
* Amy Simonsen		
* & Robert A. Franke	Reality Check	14555
* Stephen W. Bailey		
* & Margaret Waltz		14621
* Doug Schelwat		14737
* William G. Faude		14740

After dropping down to only three boats at the end of 1997, Fleet 69 has seen a renewed interest in fleet racing. Now with nine active boats in the fleet we expect to revive the participation that we have enjoyed for over fifty years. In fact we expect an additional 2-3 boats for next spring.

How did we do it? We changed a few things.

Our ongoing season series was moved from Saturdays to Wednesday evenings. This allowed skippers and crew with other weekend family obligations to still get out racing a few hours each week. It also allowed the die-hard district racers to attend weekend regattas without losing valuable points in the season series championship.

We also changed the racing format. Gone are the huge triangles that turn into drag races after the first beat. This year we sailed windward-leeward (twice around) with short legs. Starting sequences were 5-3-GO, and no race took more than about twenty minutes. This allowed us to get 3-5 races in each Wednesday evening. (Even with weather blow-out days, we sailed 33 races) This put an emphasis on starts, boat handling, and tactics, and de-emphasized total boat speed, thereby allowing newcomers to be relatively competitive while they learned to tune their boats over the summer. In fact, the top three places went to skippers who bought boats last spring.

Results

1st Dennis W. Bersch, Jr.
2nd Doug Schelwat
3rd Walt Kramel
Dennis Bersch

MONMOUTH BOAT CLUB FLEET 70
Metropolitan District
Sailing on the Navesink River
Red Bank, New Jersey

1997 Fleet Captain: Michael Plosica
 1998 Fleet Captain: Ted Duffy
 Fleet Secretary / Treasurer: Mary Huntsman
 Fleet Champion (Best 24 races) ... Sandy Huntsman
 Fleet Runner-Up Ralph Wilson

* Frank Mergenthaler		0
John F. Holian		2674
Mary Sue Rogers		3686
Michael Plosica		9539
* Cary Scott Zackman, Sr.	C. Nimbus	9984
* Wolfgang Haugh		10249
* William Jaeger	Blesk	10626
Kevin J. Kelly		10769
* Monmouth Boat Club	Club Boat	10787
Pat Payton		11753
Eric Coznoski		12714
* Patrick F. Corr		
* & Patrick E. Corr	Leprechaun	13386
Frank Kingdon		13673
* Dale Barney		13743
Edward Landis		14043
* Edward Duffy		14175
* Jack Huntsman		14342
* Henry O'Hern, III	Joker	14482
* David Watts		14492
Dennis Nitka, Jr.		14492
* Alfred C. Morton	Blue Haven	14539
Paul Jeka		14624
* Wolfgang H. Haugk		14727
* Jack Huntsman	Premiere Cru	14814
* Ralph F. Wilson	Thunder P	14882

No Report.

ROCKY RIVER FLEET 71
Ohio District
Sailing on Lake Erie
Cleveland Yacht Club, Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain Walter Sellars
 Fleet Secretary James Cunningham

* Mrs. Janis Stevens Mueller (Life)	G.A.M.E.	9653
* Walter Sellars, M.D.	Newfie	14191
* Bill L. Buckles (Life)		0

No Report.

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUÑA FLOTA 73
Colombia District
Sailing on Lake Tomine
Bogota, Colombia

Fleet Secretary Philippe Jacob

* Rudi Salmang	The Flying Mustard	12829
* Richi Salmang		12829
* Dominique Rodriguez		13432
* Rafael Esguerra		13990
* Mauricio Valenzuela		14085
* Philippe Jacob	Jubilee	14536
* Jochen Raute		14704
* Juan Carlos Uzcategui		14704
* Luis Felipe Castillo		14805

No Report.

DECATUR FLEET 74
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Lake Decatur
Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain Doug Floyd

* Richard Chamblin		11218
* William Stringer	Tanstaaf!	12974
* Gary Peck		13726
* Robert W. Ohlsen	Bobs Last Boat III	14012
* Doug Floyd		14205

No Report.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET 75
Metropolitan District
Sailing on the Hudson River
Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain Joan Hurban
 Fleet Treasurer Bob Sengstacken
 Fleet Recording Secretary Howie Rinehart
 Fleet Corresponding Secretary Jim Morris
 Fleet Champion Bob Sengstacken/Paul LoGerfo

* Ceaser Lipert		7248
* Daniel Parietti		8252
* James P. Wolfe	My Three Esses	10224
* Lawrence Decker		10620
* David Surman	Flashpoint	10784
* Daniel Parietti	Shamrock	11143
* Jed Kwartler		11416
* William Donelan	Grease	11583
* Richards Jarden	No Frills	12045
* J.P. Mann		12166
* Ceaser Lipert		13810
* Christopher Kelly	Suntag	13832
* Gary S. Hurban	His	14073
* William G. Cook	Fat Chance	14140
* Mark Keane	Thumbs Up!	14363
* Michael Shasho	Little Crunch	14384
* Joan A. Hurban	Hers	14482
* & Dawn Sager		
* Stephanie Mayo	Special Effects	14484
* & Willard Mayo		
* George McDonnell	White Lightning	14565
* & Arthur Spielvogel		
* Chris Sprole	WA	14631
* Kathryn Connell	Ruffian	14714
* & Paul Connell		
* Judy Hanlon	Thistle	14781
* R. Robert Sengstacken		
* & Paul Logerfo	DOG	14888

The fleet continues to grow. Looking at the yearbook, we seem to be one of the largest in the world. Our regular season runs from the first of May to the end of October, and we had an average of ten boats on the line, for the year. One regular race saw 17 participants. The Magnus Pedersen Regatta in late May drew 24 boats, and 31 attended the Last Blast, in October. A total of twelve of us sailed at sixteen different away regattas.

Kathy Connell had a very good year, winning the Women's North American Championship, in addition to our Fall Series, and finished third for the year, just a half point out of second. She and husband/crew Paul were also intimidating before the start, known for their prowess with the water-launcher! Bill Cook worked hard on the Race Committee and managed to capsize in no wind, apparently out of boredom. The Sultan of Swim kindly loaned his boat to our Fleet's representatives at the Junior North American's. Larry Decker and wife-crew Jan renamed their boat from "Just Married" to "Still Married," and are talking about replacing her - the boat, that is. They attended their first away regatta, with 180 other Lightnings; that will be a tough act to follow. Judy Hanlon's is the Lightning named "Thistle." Unfortunately, she seemed to be on Race Committee more often than she was on her Lightning. She did show up enough to get third in the Fall Series, and to win the "B" Fleet for the year. Nicely done!

Gary Hurban managed to hold onto second for the year, even though he also put 3874 more miles on his trailer. His crew reports that, on one of those trips, he did finally see over the edge of the earth, hitting a really extreme corner at Southampton, NY. Joan Hurban (Fleet Sparkplug) arranged seminars by Dave Dellenbaugh, Dave Curtis, Steve Benjamin and Brian Hayes. Plus, she actually still has insurance coverage! Wouldn't you think it would be easy to find a red-bottom boat, when it was floating with the mast straight down, even on Lake Erie? All's well, by now. Chris Kelly kept his sense of humor, even after a last-leg automatic tack capsized him. Mark (Pain Killer) Keane kept his battery operated blender in gear, and proved that good newspaper coverage needn't be related to finishing position. He did confess to decorating a visitor's boat with toilet paper, also implicating Denise Hurban and Jamie Perkins. Irwin Kwartler tackled the task of upgrading the Safety Patrol.

In his first year with a Lightning, Thistle sailor Paul LoGerfo sprinted up the learning curve, crashed into a visitor's boat, took third in the big Last Blast Regatta, and co-skipped to a close second in the Fall Series. During J.P. Mann's first year with a Lightning, the spinnaker got stuck at the top, and he sailed in to the hoist hugging it to the mast. He fixed that: it later refused to stay up at all. He came in a respectable third in the "B" Fleet. Stephanie Mayo and hubby-crew Bill had another good year, taking second in the "B" Fleet. Ron McCormack celebrated his tenth anniversary sailing with Bill Cook, and with soggy lunches. (How?!)

George McDonnell organized another excellent Opening Day, and sailed well, again. His co-skipper Art Spielvogel also had a good year on the water, but is moving to Vermont. They won the "B" Fleet Summer Series, and we'll miss them both. Jim Morris retired from skippering, and found that the front of the boat has plenty of room for a large cooler of Bud. He made great trophies, again. Dan Parietti co-chaired the successful Last Blast, and trained the most crew this year. Howie Rinehart always kept enough refreshments onboard for his crew Jim, and together they had a spectacular first in a Magnus Pedersen Regatta race. Craig & Rita Roundtree joined the fleet and practiced crewing.

Bob Sengstacken was the luckiest guy most of us know. First, he got to use Paul Logerfo's brand-new Allen nearly all year. Then, he won two of the three series, and co-skipped with Paul to second in the other, clinching the Fleet Championship. He also took 4th in the Atlantic Coast Championships. Nice luck! Mike Shasho earned a third in the Summer Series and coordinated having our scores posted on the Internet. He sailed in all club races, for at least the second year in a row; you know, attendance does count! Chris Sprole, perennial top contender and Fleet Champion multiple times, won the prestigious Guy Moulton Cup for the best performance in any class in the Club, in the fourth of July regatta. He also took second place in both the Spring and Summer Series. Unfortunately, he is moving to Southern New Jersey; we will miss him. Art and Rita Stahl organized another good Awards Banquet, in a new location.

Peter Steckler kept the Patrol in practice!

Come sail with us on the widest part of the Hudson River, the Tappan Zee, off of Nyack, New York. *Bob Shapiro*

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB FLEET 77

Central New York District

Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Lake Ontario Rochester, New York

Fleet Captain John Atkins
Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney
Fleet Champion McReynolds Family
Fleet Runner-Up Richard Hallagan

* Lori Foster		0
* Lisa Stephens		0
* Marc H. Schieber	Willow	470
Dale Hamilton	Quest	11050
Ray Chapman		11051
* Howard P. Stickney	Cookie Boat	11074
* Wilmer R. Wright		12215
* David N. Eckler	Droopy Sloop V	12313
* Andy Smith	Windswept	12400
* James I. McIntosh	Misty	13080
* Richard Doherty	Irish	13081
* R. Neal Smith	Stealth	13082
* Richard Leonardo	Blue Crew	13651
* Daniel J. Koretz	Honky	13697
* Alan R. McReynolds	Obsession	13815
* & Logan McReynolds		
* Leland G. Atkinson III	Comfortably Numb	14185
* Todd Schumacher		14210
George Sereno	Spar Trek III	14277
* Mark C. Sertl	Lucky Too	14298
* Philip Lange	Mamo Wa	14367
* John H. Atkins	Plan B	14397
* & Chad H. Atkins		
* Daniel Pope	Madame X	14520
Robert Crum	Holy Cow	14522
* Dr. Robert L. Jamison	White Cap II	14605
* Richard W. Hallagan		14655
* Richard W. Hallagan		14855

It's that time of the year, the boat's been washed, cleaned, covered and placed in the garage for the Winter. We can only wait for Spring, the Southern Circuit, some early out-of-district regattas and the 1999 sailing season. As I look back I find the past year to have been interesting, frustrating and rewarding. With a Fleet of 24 Lightnings, we were only able to get 15 boats racing during the year.

The Year started with early May sailing with an average of 6 boats on the line for each of the 14 races that made up the Spring Series. This was very encouraging since the spring is a tough time to get boats out. Landy Atkinson led the fleet in getting the cobwebs



1998 Fleet 77 Champions McReynolds Family: Logan, Alan, Erin



Top: Fleet Secretary Howard Stickney (right) accepting Award for Years of Service to the Fleet from John Atkins.
Middle: Landy and Ryan Atkinson and Charlie Courtsal accepting the Tip-Over Trophy.
Sandra and Bob Weatherup receiving the Rookie Trophy.
Photos by Sally Atkins.

washed out of his boat and as a result took home the Tip-Over Trophy. Logan McReynolds (age 12), with father, Alan, and sister, Erin, as crew, continued from where he had left off last Fall and won the Spring Series in a closely contested battle between John Atkins, with sons Chad and Matt, and Dick Hallagan with his never ending list of crew. The number of boats on the line for the Summer Series fell to 4 boats per race. After the spinnakers had dropped, Dick Hallagan had won the Series; Bob Jamison, with regular crew Marcia Mephram and Ray Schmidt, finished second and John Atkins third. The Bay Series (morning races only - when the power boat traffic is at low) was won by John Atkins with Logan McReynolds in second and Dick Hallagan in third. The Fall series saw Al McReynolds (tiller time for dad) in 1st, with Dan Pope finishing second and Dick Hallagan third. 38 races were held through the year with the Fleet Championship being won by the McReynolds Family, Alan, Logan and Erin. Second place was Dick Hallagan and third was John Atkins. It was great to see Bob and Sandra Weatherup and Marc Schieber join in the racing. Bob won the Rookie Trophy this

year and Marc raced #470 with wood mast and cotton sails. Maybe next year we can give Marc a handicap to make him more competitive. Landy Atkinson sailed most of the morning races with wife Deb and son Ryan (age 5) as crew and Neal Smith was a regular with his boys Neal and Kevin Gray. It was encouraging to see the young family members sailing.

Alan McReynolds chaired the 24th Annual Newport Invitational Regatta on the first weekend in June, with 27 boats and four out-of-district skippers (thanks Mark, Tom, Dave and Dave). Three races were held on Saturday followed by the now annual Pig Roast and a live Band in the evening. Races were cancelled on Sunday as there were Tornado warnings for the county. This proved to be a wise decision, as about the time of what would have been the start of 1st race, high winds arrived from the west, not a Tornado but bad enough to do damage if we had tried to race. Dick Hallagan won the 1998 Newport Invitational, with the sister/brother team of Jean Palm/Peter Hallagan placing second and Dan Pope taking third.

Fleet 77 supported the 60th Anniversary Regatta with over 50% of the fleet attending, Atkins, Atkinson, Doherty, Hallagan, Koretz, Lange, Leonardo, McIntosh, McReynolds, Pope, Schieber, Sertl, N. Smith and A. Smith. Most had at least one if not two family members as crew. Mark Sertl finished 2nd with Dick Hallagan 4th in the Blue fleet. The McReynolds Family, with Logan at the helm, finished 3rd in the green fleet. Marc Schieber in #470 sailed in the Yellow fleet.

Newport also made use of the ILCA Coach Program, hosting both a Junior clinic and an Adult clinic. The Junior clinic was attended by 21 youth, most of whom had not sailed a Lightning before. Thanks go to John Atkins, Alan McReynolds, Andy Smith, Howard Stickney and Mike Healy (of Sodus Bay) for loaning their boats for the day.

The Fleet also did its usual amount of travelling in addition to our district regattas. Dick Hallagan traveled the furthest, with trips to the Southern Circuit, Finland for the European Masters (1st) and European Championship (4th) and the Masters and NA's in Buffalo along with a host of other regattas. Lori Foster traveled with Dick to Finland. Logan McReynolds with sister Erin and Billy Stuart sailed their 1st Junior NA's finishing 12th and with Alan and Erin sailed the NA's. Chad Atkins sailed the NA's and Pan Am Trials.

I wish also to thank Howard Stickney, Fleet 77's perennial secretary/treasurer, for his tireless work in keeping the track of the finances of the fleet and especially the weekly updates of the racing scores.

John Atkins

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 85 Connecticut/Rhode Island District Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound Niantic, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	Tom Emch
Fleet Secretary	Franz Edson
Fleet Treasurer	Lori Davis
Fleet Champion	Franz Edson
Runner-Up	Chris Vann

* Gary Davis		0
* Tim Healy		0
* Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.	Baby "Makes" III	7170
* Lester J. O'Brien	Luff Song	11474
* Barry Buehler	Ugly Fuzzy	11784
* William A. Sebestyen		12069
* Paul O'Neill		12786
* Christopher J. Vann		14055
* Gary Woodruff		14189
* Tom Emch	Chao	14289
* Donald R. Barrett	Imp Baby	14417
* Franz R. Edson	Hazardous Duty	14419
* Theresa Colantuono		14619
* Bill Shore		14765

1998 was another great year for sailing on beautiful Niantic Bay. The emphasis has been gradually shifting to regatta and Holiday weekend sailing over Summer weekend fleet sailing, but with a growing group of youth sailors at our club, that trend should begin to reverse.

The season started for several Niantic Bay sailors at the Southern Circuit. Tim Healy sailed all three regattas, finishing third overall and winning St. Pete. Dave Peck sailed with Ched Proctor in Miami, and got a chance to hone his swimming skills, and Tom Emch sailed with George Fisher.

The next stop was Red Bank, with Tim Healy again representing Niantic Bay.

Fleet racing began with the windy Memorial Day series, which was won by Fleet Captain Franz Edson. Chris Vann was close behind, followed by Don Barrett sailing with seven year old daughter Adrienne.

Following a few weeks later, the Governor's Cup Regatta, held at NBYC, typically provides solid 10-20 Knot south westerlies. Unfortunately, this year was the exception, as the 18 teams only completed one race. Dave Peck won and Tim Healy came in second.

The Independence Day Series was won by Tim Healy. Franz Edson came in second, and Chris Vann third.

The CT/RI District Championship was held at Cedar Point this year, five teams from Niantic Bay competed. In a very tight group, Franz Edson, Chris Vann and Don Barrett all qualified.

Niantic Bay junior sailors Evan Barrett, Jim Condon and Kip Wyllie competed in the Sears Cup, winning the ECSA eliminations and coming in third in the Area B series.

As a warm up for the North Americans, Tim Healy sailed in the Atlantic Coast Championship held in South Hampton, Long Island, where he finished second.

Don, and Tim Healy (who didn't have to qualify) continued on to Buffalo for the NAs, both qualified for the Championship Fleet. Sailing with fellow Niantic Bay sailor Mike Breault, and Matt Reynolds, Tim finished third in the Championship Fleet. Don, sailing with George Weideman and Gary Meyer, also qualified for the Championship Fleet. Tom Emch also sailed at the North Americans with long time friend George Fisher.

The last event at Niantic Bay this year was the Labor Day Series. Taking advantage of arch rival Franz Edson's absence, Chris Vann walked away with the series, followed by Don Barrett, sailing with son Evan and wife Donna. *Franz R. Edson, Fleet Captain*

KITSILANO YACHT CLUB FLEET 90

Pacific Northwest

Sailing on English Bay

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet CaptainMatthew Henley
Fleet SecretaryDick Pearce
Fleet TreasurerCliff Harris
Fleet ChampionMatthew Henley

* Clifford K. Harris	Panique	7606
* Matthew Henley	Rocket	11645
* R.H. Pearce	Liisa	13289
* George McLaughlin		13685

After a bit of a wet start, the weather cleared off, giving us one of the warmest and driest sailing seasons in many years. I think I didn't wear shoes for almost two months - thank you El Nino!

The main fleet activity continued to be the Thursday evening series, which runs from April to September. We had anywhere from two to four boats on the line in each race.

Matthew Henley won both the fleet and KYC overall handicap championships, which he credits to perfect attendance, fabulous crew (Lorna and Peter), and excellent on-board catering.

Other fleet highlights included travelling down to Portland for a clinic with coach Kelly, and Bill Rimmer lapping the fleet at the small boat regatta held in conjunction with the Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON 95

Metropolitan District

Sailing on Greenwood Lake

Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainDan Murphy
Fleet SecretaryJim Cosmas

* David Surman	Flashpoint	10784
* James C. Cosmas	Duct Tape	11983
* Dan Murphy	Dr. Pepper	12923

No Report.

SANTA MONICA BAY FLEET 102

California District

Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Redondo Beach, California

Fleet CaptainWendell Harter
Fleet SecretaryMike Boswell

* Mike Boswell		
* & Fred Chandler	Seafever	11373
Bert Winther	Well Greased	13117
* Mike Boswell		
* & Fred Chandler		13467
* Bruce Yaeger		14206
* Wendell W. Harter	Paddlin' Madelyn 4	14263

The racing began with the California Lightning Circuit which was hosted by the Mission Bay Lightning Fleet in San Diego. The only Fleet 102 participant was Wendell Harter sailing with *Paddlin' Madelyn III*.

Just prior to the California District Championships Wendell acquired Lightning 14263 from John Lyon, named it *Paddlin' Madelyn IV*, and has been racing it since then in King Harbor events. Soon thereafter Mike Boswell and Fred Chandler purchased Warren Gross's Lightning 13467. Fred and Mike are trading off in racing this boat in events at King Harbor YC, Redondo Beach, and Richmond YC, which is on northern shore San Francisco Bay.

The result of the new acquisitions is that Lightning participation in King Harbor YC races has been improving. Dick and Mike Brewer sail with us when they are not sailing with the Mission Bay Fleet. We expect to see Bruce Yaeger sailing more this coming year now that he has joined the King Harbor Yacht Club. Bert Winther has been working on his boat and doing things to improve its performance. So we are looking forward to a more active racing season in 1999.

The Lightning Christmas party was held at the Manhattan Beach home of Madelyn and Wendell Harter. Our fleet will be hosting the California District Championships at KHYC June 12 & 13, 1999

Wendell Harter

LAVALLETTE FLEET 104

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay

Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainChris Larsen
Fleet SecretaryBill Dacosta
Fleet ChampionCurt Morton
Runner-UpPeter Scott

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110 REGATTA



Mike Thomas in The Happy Boat



Larry Koster in Fubar



George Siegle in A1A



Tom Vickers' new Ticket



Action at the offset mark



Downwind



Close racing downwind



Close quarters at the pin-end start



The Race Committee keeps an eye on things



A clean start



George Nickels and crew sail downwind



Jim Allen eyes the weather mark



Team Decker sails downwind

* Harold Koehler	Puck	9539
John Comer		10771
* G. Wm. (Bill) Gerold	At Last	10988
Pete Williamson		11119
Charles Heuschkel	Lightning Rod	12055
* William E. Dacosta	Elusive	12957
* Robert F. Hoffman	Fuzzy Blues	13710
* Dr. Robert T. Morrow	Men-At-Work	13782
* Ronald K. Kiss	No Excuses	13897
Anthony Ventimiglia		
& Eugene Ventimiglia	Spirit	13955
Christian Larsen	Peggy	13965
* John C. Morton	Gunsmoke Too!	14539
* William A. Scott	4-Carat Diamond	14635

The enthusiasm of our sailors continues to run high as reflected in the good fellowship, cooperation, and high spirits seen on the water as well as in the yard before and after racing. A bit disappointing this year was the number of qualifiers for the summer championship series, our premier series. A potpourri of circumstances, among them family obligations and the like, kept a number of our sailors from competing in a sufficient number of races to qualify. Although boasting a 17 boat fleet only 7boats were able to make the cutoff and 5 others were among the non-qualifiers.

Curt Morton was the clear winner of this year's championship series. Curt sailed brilliantly during the summer and deservedly captured the fleet championship.....Way to go Curt!! The lead was hotly contested throughout the 10 weeks of the series which led to some very interesting and enthusiastic racing. The wind gods smiled on us this season as well with all races sailed...and none cancelled or abandoned. The competition for the second spot was even keener with Peter Scott and dad, Bill going toe to toe with Ron Kiss. Peter ultimately prevailed in securing the runner-up spot. Ron finished third overall on the series. Joining in each week were Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia, a past fleet champ many times over who finished in the fourth spot, Bill "Mr. Lightning" Dacosta finished the season in the number five berth. Sixth and seventh place finishes were secured by Chris Larsen and Bill Gerold, respectively.

Non-qualifiers were Dr. Bob Morrow, a three time fleet champ and Pete Williamson our newest fleet member who sailed with wonderful enthusiasm. Also completing the season as non-qualifiers were Harold Koehler, Bob Hoffman, and Matt Reiser.

The sailors were on the water and the wind gods smiled favorably but, of course, without the enthusiasm of our race committee each week we sailors would be "...all dressed up with no place to go!" Our terrific race committee headed by Vice Commodore Chris Malzone set some great courses and ran a smooth and exciting series. Of course Chris could not have done it alone and as always we Lightning sailors at LYC owe a significant debt of gratitude to those who worked with Chris including Barbara Jost, Trudy DiFrancesco, Eve Allison, Peg Larsen, JoyceJohnson, and Joyce Rodgers. Good radio communication between the race committee and the club house as well as the patrol boats is of critical importance for the safety and smooth running of the whole show and again our hats off to the folks who run the radios from the clubhouse including Mary Ann Ziegler, Joan Sauvigne, Vivian Fertakos, and Penny Hahn.

Our racing program would not function as well as it does were it not for the folks who also give of their time and effort to patrol the courses so we racing sailors can do our thing in safety. The Lightning sailors of this fleet say a special "THANKS" to Andy Johnson, Jack Henderson, and Ray DiFrancesco.

If memory serves, the only race that had to be rescheduled was the annual Commodore's Race sailed on Labor Day (not part of the championship series). This race is a special "fun" race sailed each year on a "course" designed by the commodore (George Schreyer this year). It's a blast each year as the sailors wind their way around the marsh islands immediately adjacent to the LYC clubhouse! It typically makes for some interesting happenings both on and off, or I should say in and out of the water!! This year however a squall line came through the area like a freight train and forced cancellation of the race. But, not to be deterred, it was rescheduled and sailed on September 27th at the Fleet's annual picnic which itself was a rousing success. Bill Dacosta was the lucky Lightning skipper to

win this year's race. The picnic was a great success owing to the organizing effort of Bobbi Schreyer. The 55 sailors and family who attended went away well fed and warmed by the fellowship of this wonderful group of folks who comprise Fleet 104.

As 1998 goes into the history books we look back on another great year of Lightning racing and look forward to another perhaps even better year in 1999. If you are ever down this way come sail with us on Barnegat Bay. Please join us!

Robert T. Morrow

GREAT SODUS BAY FLEET 108

Central New York District

Sailing on Sodus Bay

Sodus Point, New York

Fleet Captain/SecretaryMike Healy

* Michael Healy	12764
* Jed Dodge	14520

No Report.

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET 110

Michigan District

Sailing on Higgins Lake

Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain/SecretaryJohn N. Dent

* Scott D. Carman		2138
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr.	Bohica	9102
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr.		10025
* Dr. Peter B. Morley, Jr.	Go Dog Go	11185
* John N. Dent		12784
* Scott D. Carman		13999
* John N. Dent	Deck-A-Dent	14021

A small but dedicated group of sailors continue to keep Lightnings sailing on Higgins Lake. While our numbers have dwindled, we are still promoting sailing and specifically, sailing Lightnings. We think we are making progress. Also, we are traveling a little more that in the past; searching for larger fleets and the camaraderie and competition that is Lightning sailing.

Higgins Lake was in fact, represented at the 60th Anniversary Regatta by Peter Morley, Jr. He and his wife, Susan, and Stan Dent made the trip to Skaneateles.

They sailed *BOHICA* (9102) in the Classic fleet and did quite well, finishing in third place overall. I understand it was a real spectacle and I'm sorry I missed it. Maybe next time.

As always, the highlight of our season at Higgins Lake is our annual invitational regatta. This event was held on August 1st and 2nd this year. It was fairly well attended as 15 boats traveled to our Treasure Island location. It's always good to see our old friends again, but even better to see new races. The competition was closely contested as some of the best sailors in the district were in attendance. It was also cleanly contested as there were no protests; thank you. When the dust finally cleared on Sunday, Jim Allen and crew had outdueled Colin Park's team to win the regatta. Dave Decker finished in third place followed by Mike Thomas in fourth. Fifth place was won by George Nickels over Tom Vickers in a tiebreaker. Thanks again, to all of you who made the trip to Higgins Lake. To those who didn't, we hope to see you next year. You don't know what you missed.

Jim Dent

Photos previous page courtesy John Dent

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB FLEET 112

Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay Green Bay, Wisconsin

President Doug Olson
Vice-President/Secretary Brian Grahovac
Treasurer John Evans
Race Committee Chairman Steve Adamski
Fleet Champions
..... Mike Faugust, Bill Dean, David Jansch
Runners-up .. Terry Phelan, Rick Evans, Mari Martin

* Jim Hopkins	Puzzle	9634
Doug Olson		10439
* Phillip J. Sanders		10680
* Kevin Hart		
* & Brian Keller		11307
Pat Masse		13565
* Frank A. Wood	Confusion 3	13568
Peggy Himmel		13695
* Terrence Phelan		
& Mari Martin	Surprise	13817
* Brian Phelan		
& Steve Adamski	Just Friends	13818
* Brian Grahovac		
& Caly Havill	Flounder	13901
* Michael B. Kulkoski		
& Bruce Heida	Birken Bot	14106
* Michael J. Merkatoris	Kg Skipper	14130
Jim Mercatoris		
& Jim Hertel		14193
* Bill Dean	Rock N' Roll	14568
* Jim Gagnon, Jr.		14705
* Ed Coleman		14911

The Green Bay Sailing Club enjoyed a long, wonderful season in 1998. It started on February 28th, when unusually warm weather allowed Brian Grahovac, Rick Evans, Steve Adamski, Kendall Kissel-Sloat, and Nick Wood to launch at the mouth of the Fox River. Sailing in February, in Green Bay, is a real treat. It even made news in the local newspaper. Spring clean-up in May, was well organized by Doug Olson. The launching pier received some reinforcing cement and the dock hut got a face lift on the inside and out. The Sailing season started on Monday, May 18th. Little did we know then, that out of the 31 races scheduled, we would sail all but six of them. The weather could not have been better for a great sailing season.



Bailing out Doug, Photo Brian Grabovac

Fleet #112 hosted the annual Evans Regatta, with Ched Proctor from North Sails providing early season tuning help, and on the water guidance. We forced in four races on Saturday and two heavy weather races on Sunday. Several boats lost control on Sunday and ended up losing gear. Doug Olson endured the most. With half of his spinnaker wrapped around the mast, he managed to get to shore. But once at shore it required a 2 ton wrecker, with a winch, to get the boat out of the water. David Stix took the 26 boat, Evans Regatta, by 4 points, over the ever charging Paul Wurtzbach. Terry Phelan took 3rd, Bill Faude took 4th, and Brian Phelan took 5th.

The Fleet championship went to a different skipper this year. Mike Faugust won President Cup honors over 2nd place - Terry Phelan, 3rd Place - Brian Grahovac, 4th place - Steve Adamski/Brian Phelan, and 5th place - Doug Olson. Good boat speed and good, consistent crew work made the difference for 14582.

Fleet #112 continues to grow. Although we have lost some boat owners and skippers this year, these members remain very active in the Fleet. We have also picked up a few new boats and members this year. Ed Coleman is new boat owner and member, as well as Tim Monday. Jim Hopkins decided to trade in "Puzzle" - #9624 for a newer boat. Kip Hart sold his boat to one of his crew members and plans to buy a new boat in 1999. The continued growth of fleet #112 will make for some very exciting and competitive racing. We plan to raise our 10 boat per race average, up to 12 or 13 next year. As always, we just keep having more and more fun.

Brian Grabovac- Fleet Secretary

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 115

Lake Erie District Sailing on Cuba Lake Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain Skip Wilday
Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane

* Mark Mueller	Black Magic	10008
Lance Chaffee	Austerity	11175
* Lawrence Older	Red Baron	11766
Jim Griffin		12228
* James A. Maguire		13609
* Greg Buckley	Ole Blue	13890
* Michael D. Kane		13911
* Mike Lafrate	Cure For Pain	14108
* Skip Wilday		14725
* Nick Abraham		14726

The 1998 season was a wonderful one for the Lightning sailors on Cuba Lake. Many of our sailors raced on a consistent basis and we have welcomed some new faces to the fleet. We are excited about getting these new sailors into Lightnings of their own.

The annual Bolde Mothers Snipe/Lightning Regatta was held on August 1-2. We had a very impressive showing of 11 Lightnings and 23 Snipes. Saturday saw two races under low wind conditions, but the frustration of the course was tempered by a lovely cocktail hour followed by a pig roast. Sunday started out looking like Saturday but a spanking breeze came up late in the morning. We were fortunate to get in three races total. The Lightning finishes were as follows:

Third Place - Cuba's own Skip Wilday
Second Place - Mark Grinder from Silver Lake
First Place - Paul Coleman with his brother, Peter, as crew

On the regatta circuit, Mike Kane won the Cornball Regatta in the beginning of June. Skip Wilday traveled to the Lake Erie Districts and the Harvest Regatta at Silver Lake.

The summer of 1999 will see us hosting the Lake Erie Districts sometime in July. Details will be forthcoming. We hope to see many people there.

Valerie Kane