

**FLYING BEAVER
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Hamilton Bay
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada**

Fleet Captain Keith MacDonald
Fleet Secretary Paul Eichenberg

* Larry MacDonald, Sr. (Life)		
* J. Paul Eichenberg	Cha Geill	12443
* Scott Warrenner	Fun II	14134
* J. Paul Eichenberg	Cha Geill	14476
* David Wood	Bunch Of Weenies	14599
* Larry MacDonald, Jr.		14834

No Report.

**MERRIMAC RIVER FLEET 121
New England District
Sailing at The American Yacht Club
Newburyport, Massachusetts**

Fleet Captain Patrick Gallagher
Fleet Secretary Patrick McCormack
Fleet Champion David Sestini
Runner-Up Lon Sherman

* Russell Crawford	Phoenix	10479
* Alfred Martin	Kaboom	10857
* Patrick Gallagher	Shark Byte	11150
Joseph Puleo		11215
* Mark Windt	Healing Over	11640
David Clark		13206
Anton Becker		13249
* Winthrop Snow		13517
Joseph Peterson	Eclipse	13642
David Sestini	O'Mon	14154
* John Hughes		14275
* Patrick McCormack		14547
* Leonard Pratt (Life)		

Fleet 121 had an exciting season that featured many races that were very close. The beginning of the season featured plenty of rain, but come July the sun finally showed through. The races were extremely competitive with the Fleet Championship being decided by tie-breaker! Congratulations go to David Sestini our Fleet Champion, and Lon Sherman, our runner up. They both demonstrated how exciting and challenging racing can be. Winford Snow had a consistent showing all season, and came in third overall.



Fleet 121's David Sestini chasing Lon Sherman towards the jibe mark. Photo by David Gallagher.

Some of the highlights during the season featured Lon Sherman taking first place in the Chet Young Memorial Regatta and Patrick McCormack/Alan Lavender taking home the Brian Hughes Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to everyone who sailed in Newburyport, and who represented Fleet 121 at away regattas. We are already planning for next season and will be looking for all of you on the water!

Patrick Gallagher

**CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB FLEET 126
Connecticut/Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound
Westport, Connecticut**

Fleet Captain Bob Martin
Fleet Secretary Terry Frimmet
Fleet Treasurer Richard Thackaberry
Fleet Champion Gianni Cuccio
Fleet Runner-Up Steve Wexler



*Cedar Point Yacht Club
A great place for Lightnings!
Photo courtesy Kathy Thackaberry*

* Jody Lutz		0
* Maria White		7552
* Gavin Watson	Cygnus	11097
Dick Price		11381
* Richard Thackaberry	Ol' Blue	11385
* Bud Titsworth	TNT	11486
* Rod Ratcliffe	Loligo	11570
* Rod Ratcliffe		11752
* Robert H. Martin, Jr.	Flexible Flyer	13056
* James DeCesare	Fester	13708
* Terence D. Frimmet	String Theory	13821
* John Cuccio	G.T.O.	13871
* Christopher Miller	Helter Skelter	14030
* Steven Wexler	Lloyd On Acid	14238
Tom Glynn		14630
* Charles Proctor	The White Boat	14821
* Jim Crane		14900

Cedar Point Yacht Club continues to provide outstanding racing for the outstanding Lightning Fleet on Long Island Sound.

Fleet 126 had a busy racing schedule this year. We began our season with the Early Bird Regatta held in May on the still frigid waters of Long Island Sound. It was a beautiful weekend, and "local boys" Ched Proctor and Gianni Cuccio led the way around the course.

The Lightning Coach spent the weekend with the fleet, and although the weather did not cooperate, we learned how to tune and test our speed against each other and, therefore, how to sail faster.

The regular season got under way, and we were READY. Our fleet sails two races every Saturday afternoon from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition, we sail three-day regattas on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Gianni Cuccio and Dick Thackberry placed first and second in all three regattas. The team of Titsworth and Titsworth took third on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our intrepid Fleet Captain, Bob Martin, finished third on the Fourth of July.

In July we hosted the CT/RI Districts and 23 boats sailed for the privilege of going to Buffalo. Always a competitive group, our District is the home of Jim Crane, Jody Lutz, Tim Healey, Gianni Cuccio, and Ched Proctor. In a very competitive fleet, Ched sailed to first place, followed by Jim Crane, Peter Hall, Jody Lutz, and Theresa Colantuono.

Participation was up this year. We qualified one more boat this season. Next year looks even better. We expect to shake things up a bit, as our fleet continues to sail faster and smarter. Dr. Wexler edged out Dr. Thackberry for fleet runner-up this year, and has set his sights on Gianni. Chris Miller continues to improve and has gotten outside experience on the Southern Circuit, the Frigid Digit, and at Nyack. Bob Martin traveled to the famous Southampton Pig Roast (and regatta) and now has his boat sailing FAST. The father-son team of Bud and Greg Titsworth proves that two heads are better than one, as they sail up through the fleet. Terry Frimmet has returned to the fleet after missing most of the season and will need to be reckoned with next summer. Rod Ratcliff continues to improve.

We all had a serious lesson in seamanship, namely, "how to sail a Lightning in 65 knot winds" as our season came to a stormy conclusion on Labor Day. Thankfully, all fleet members passed the test. We are all now older and wiser.

In addition to our "old timers", we have at least three new Lightnings joining Fleet 126 for the '99 season. In addition, we hope that Tom Glynn will return from maternity leave to sail his new boat. We look forward to a great year!!! Come join us!!! Our Early Bird Regatta is sailed the weekend before Memorial Day, May 22-23, 1999. See you then!!!!

Kathy Thackberry

SAVANNAH FLEET 127

Southeastern District

Sailing on the Wilmington River
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

* John M. McIntosh, Sr. (Life)		
* J. Wallace Aggett (Life)		
* John Porter	Full Monty	14634

No Report.

MADISON BEACH CLUB FLEET 129

Connecticut/Rhode Island

Sailing on Long Island Sound
Madison, Connecticut

Fleet Captain	James Deephouse
Fleet Secretary	Tim Millhiser
Fleet Champion	John Sulzbach
Fleet Runner-Up	Terry Zanes

* James R. Deephouse	Early Times	11207
* J. Michael Sulzbach	Rosie	11933
* W. Harmon Leete	Moonshine	13230
* Timothy Millhiser	S.S. Oshpoodle	14342
* Katherine Lee		14441
* Terry Zanes		14765



Fleet 129 Champions: John Sulzbach, Sarah Davidson, Michael Sulzbach, and Tom Davidson

1998 was a good season for Fleet 129 with 10 boats in the fleet and 8 boats regularly on the starting line. Windward-leeward courses produced tight racing, and any race could have been won by any of 5 boats. John Sulzbach had a particularly good season, winning the season championship, the Baylis Trophy, and the Fisher Trophy. The Fisher is a pricey win because the victor is obliged to fill the very large trophy with champagne. The season runners-up were Terry Zanes, Steve Adkins, and Tim Millhiser. Erin Reilly led the Pape Race (skippers change boats) until the end of the sixth leg when Tim Millhiser finally got by her. One of the best things about Madison racing is the number of talented young racers; they include skippers John Sulzbach, Erin Reilly, and Scott Howard, and crew Rorry Coster, Liz Davidson, Lilly Millhiser, Ashley Sakmar, Ryan Sakmar, Taylor Sakmar, and Robert Simmons.

Madison looks forward to hosting the Districts in 1999.

LAKE WASHINGTON FLEET 132

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Shilshole Bay
Seattle, Washington

Fleet SecretaryEric Lindahl

* Eric Lindahl	13242
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MOBILE BAY FLEET 135

Southern District

Sailing on Mobile Bay
Mobile, Alabama

Fleet SecretaryL.M. Bohnenkamp

Denis Hermecz	Robt. Jeffcott	8365
John Kern		8704
Thomas Perrine	Sunday's Child	10980
Tony Chavers		11085
* Dr. E. Russell March, Jr.		
* & Barney March, III	Bigeminy III	13060
* Joe Wacker		13158
* William Culberson	Dulcinea	13200
* John M. Bohnenkamp	Bohdacious	14136
* & L.M.(Mitch) Bohnenkamp		
* Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.	Enigma	14736

Hurricane Georges was the big event of the year in Mobile. It not only caused the cancellation of the Wadewitz Regatta at Fairhope but also caused the destruction of Bob Borneman's Lightning 12956. We had eight feet of water over normal high tide at the Buccaneer Yacht Club, which caused extensive damage to our docks as well as the boats in them. We hope for a better '99. Robert Bernhardt was repeat District Champion, Barney March was runner-up, and Johnny Wacker was third - all from Fleet 135. Congratulations guys! L.M. Bohnenkamp



Fleet 135's Bob Borneman's Lightning #12956.
Bye Bye!
Result of Hurricane Georges

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 137

Michigan District
Sailing on Gull Lake
Richland, Michigan

Fleet Secretary Thomas Peter Hudson

* David J. Decker	Bingo	14474
* Thomas Hudson	Be Calm	14712

The Lightning activity was not active on Gull Lake for the 1998 season. Tom Hudson and his wife did represent the Lightning fleet as part of the race committee for the 1998 Snipe Nationals on Gull Lake. Dave Decker and Tom Hudson were periodically seen on the regatta circuit from Higgins Lake, Skaneateles, to Indianapolis. You could see them on their own boats and/or racing on other individual's Lightnings.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET 145

New England District
Sailing on Lake Spofford
Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Alex Gemmell
Fleet Treasurer Patrick McQueen

* Raymond Fitzpatrick		0
* Alex Gemmell		10254
* Frederick Turner, Jr.	Smurfin Along	11210
* Fred H. Hamblet	Gail	11346
* Randall Locke		12362
* David H. Fitch	Three Cheers	13835
* Paul Henkel	Sunshine	14072
* Fred H. Hamblet		14446

No Report.

TORONTO BAY FLEET 146

Lake Erie District
Sailing on Lake Ontario
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain David Sprague
Fleet Secretary Brian Curtner

P.E. Sulman	Pampero	11177
* David Sprague (Life)	In Lieu	14174
* J.R.G. Bleasby (Life)		0

Toronto Bay had an interesting and long year. We started with racing at the Southern Circuit by David Sprague and his crew of Megan Sprague assisted by various others at Miami and St. Pete. Megan got a bye at Savannah as David took pictures, but got to experience a swim at Miami when they dumped and then great ride in St. Petes.

In the spring, the Spragues with Daniel Sprague and Stephanie Kelly started their campaign towards the Pan Am trials by sailing in Pymatuning in May. The spring series in the LED followed and sailing at the Boulevard Club on Tuesday evenings started. A good number of new Lightning sailors were introduced to the boat as Brian Curtner's boat was pressed into service. As well, Mike Legressley's boat was out and we all had fun sailing around learning how to make the boats go.

Toronto was represented at the Canadians in Gimli Manitoba and at the North Americans at the BCC. Dave Sprague and crew were the only ones to travel in the early summer but a junior crew joined the ranks after the NAs. They were Matt Simpson, his older sister Jessica and Daniel Sprague. They traveled in the fall to regattas in Buffalo, Nyack and Annapolis before going off to Salinas, Ecuador where they placed 7th overall with a pair of 3rd's on the last day at the Junior Worlds.

The junior crew was assisted in its preparation by a number of new sailors to the fleet and we hope they will be sailing with us next year. They were wonderful in that they were out sailing with and against the kids even with water and air temperature near freezing. Thanks again to them all!

As I write this there is snow on the ground and I have just got my shots from Ecuador back. I can not believe that a week or so ago we were at the Junior Worlds in great weather and wonderful conditions. Well only a few more months to the Circuit - see you there.

David Sprague

SÃO PAULO FLEET 147

Brazil District
Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga
São Paulo, Brazil

Fleet Captain Peter Zacher

* Christian Susemihl		6591
* Peter Zacher	Irema	11710
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente	Abuelo	12513
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente		14170
* Claudio Biekarck	Phreskura	14203
* Mario Buckup	Meia Noite 8	14378
* Juan Jose Ramos De La Fuente	Phoenix	14498
* Fernando Ricardo Hackerott		14596

Fleets 147 and 462 had a rather busy season this year. Three major regattas were organized (see results) and the attendance was above expectations. A new record was set for our Nationals with a participation of 25 boats.

Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Marcelo B. da Silva (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP) showed a superb performance winning both the Nationals and the State Championship and finishing very well at the NAs with a fifth place. Enrico Francavilla with crew Fabio Bodra (YCSA, Sao Paulo - SP), newcomers to the class, are starting to show what they came for.

Several juniors are gathering the class which is very good for renovation. A qualifying series was run to select two teams for the Youth Worlds. We all hope they stick to the class.

The fleet will grow due to four new boats that are being built. This is good news; the last acquisitions (3 boats) from abroad happened in 1993 during the Ilhabela Worlds. Wooden boats are still being raced, some competitively.

'99 Nationals are scheduled for mid February (Carnival holidays) in Sao Paulo - SP and Pan-Am qualifiers for mid April in Porto Alegre - RS.

Manfred Kaufmann, Jr. Secretary / District Brazil

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB FLEET 150

Ohio District

Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio

Fleet Captain Tom Varley
Fleet Secretary William Woodrow
Fleet Champion Tom Varley
Runner-Up Sean Dillon

* Mrs. Thomas J. McDermott (Life)		
* Mark Staton	Stardust	1232
* Chandler Stevens		6944
* Mark Shaw		8235
* Hank Geary	Windart	9581
* Charles Shaw	Merrimax	10047
* Daniel Cropper		
* & Alexander Vucelic	Wiki-Wiki III	10444
* Tom Varley		10680
* Lark Bales	Patience Too	11161
* William Woodrow	Wiki-Wiki IV	11912
* Christopher Clarke	Close To The Edge	13485
* Mark Shaw		13907
* Bruce Cummins		13928
* Quazi Ahmed		13929
* Tom Varley	Afterburner	13979
* Sean Dillon	T-Bird	14421
* James L. Stone	Shifty Characters	14424
* Rick Fox		14643
* William E. Schamadan	Write Aweigh	14808
* Augustus Bales	A Smooth Emergence	14875

1998 saw Fleet 150 continue to grow and prosper. New skippers Alexander Vucelic, Dan Cropper and Christopher Clarke came into the fleet, and veteran skipper Jim Stone also joined us.

Several of our skippers competed in various Ohio District Regattas, plus the District Regatta at Pymatuning. Two of our skippers, Tom Varley and Alexander Vucelic made the trek to Skaneateles for the 60th Anniversary Regatta.

Our Fleet Captain, Tom Varley, successfully defended his Ohio Governor's Cup Championship, and won it once more, clinching it at the 1998 Cowan Lake "Fall-In Regatta" in October. Tom has been a great help to our fleet by sharing his expertise in race tactics and sailing in general.

We were fortunate to have had a clinic presented by the ILCA traveling coach, Kelly Williams. Our fleet benefited greatly from the drills Kelly put us through, and also the videotape (of us) he sent following the clinic. The clinic, and the continuing assistance from Tom Varley and Jim Stone, has greatly sharpened the competition within our fleet, and the resulting confidence obtained by our newer skippers has helped increase our club race participation.

Our various club Lightning Fleet race champions are as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend Series: William Schamadan, M.D.

Fourth of July Weekend Series: Sean Dillon

Labor Day Weekend Series: Thomas Varley

Sunday Morning Series: Jon Varley

Wednesday Evening Series: William Schamadan, M.D.

Fall Series: Thomas Varley

Lightning Principal Series: Thomas Varley

Mansfield Sailing Club Overall Champion: Thomas Varley



*The Next Generation of Fleet 150 sailors!
Photos courtesy Bill Woodrow*

The Mansfield Sailing Club 1998 Championship Regatta sailed on September 19-20, between the top three skippers in each of our Lightning and Flying Scot Fleets, saw Tom Varley, Sean Dillon, and Augie Bales finish first, second, and third respectively in the six race series. This is the third consecutive year that the Lightnings have been the dominant boats in this championship competition. (Sean Dillon edged out Augie Bales for second by 1/6 of a point!). It was a beautiful weekend including a great Saturday lunch served to all by our indomitable social committee.

Other Lightning Fleet awards for 1998 presented at our Mansfield Sailing Club Trophy Dinner were:

"Best Lightning Crew" awarded to Jon Bell

"Butts-On-The-Line" Award (for sailing the most club races) went to Bill Schamadan with 42 club races sailed.

"Tom McDermott Most Improved Skipper" awarded to Augie Bales

Our aforementioned club Social Committee sponsored excellent "feeds" for the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends, and a great Fourth of July Champagne breakfast.

In August, we enjoyed our Annual Sunset Sail, followed up by some adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship on shore.

The Third Annual "Bare Bones" Regatta was held on September 26-27. We had a good turnout and very good winds on both days. Fifteen boats participated from four different Ohio District Fleets; (Leatherlips Fleet #27, Mansfield Fleet #150, Atwood Lake Fleet #212, and Cowan Lake Fleet #303). Tom and Kay Varley hosted their annual "Bonfire Party" at their home in "Varley Valley" on Friday night, complete with hot dogs, marshmallows, and a keg of suds. A number of skippers & crew camped at "Varley Valley" during the regatta. The Bonfire Party was a fitting prelude to the great weekend of racing to come.

With winds ranging from 12 to 25 MPH on Saturday and 11 to 31 MPH on Sunday, Steve Weeber from Cowan Lake #303 won the regatta by sailing to 2 firsts, a second, a fourth, and a seventh place.

Dan Hertzler, (Leatherlips #27) took second place by finishing in one of the top three places four out of five races.

Kurt Andrews (Leatherlips #27) started great by winning the first race, and sailed very well in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th races, but an



ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB FLEET 151 New England District Sailing on Ipswich Bay Annisquam, Massachusetts

Fleet SecretaryAllison Peter

* Georges Peter, M.D. Mouette 14688

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WAWASEE YACHT CLUB FLEET 154 Indiana District Sailing on Lake Wawasee Syracuse, Indiana

Fleet CaptainCraig Cobbum

Fleet SecretaryBill Allen

Fleet ChampionJohn Nixon/Craig Cobbum

Runner-UpDouglas Schmahl/Jeff Schmahl

* Stephen C. Miller		10134
* Dale E. Fulkerson		11181
* John R. Nixon		13001
* Virgil L. Snyder	On The Verge	13851
* David Tranter	Late Edition	13860
* Douglas A. Schmahl		
* & Jeffrey A. Schmahl	Brandywine II	13895
* Bill J. Allen	Golden Harvest	13910
* Virgil L. Snyder	Divine Wind	13975
* & Alan Fox		
* Stephen C. Miller	Millers Merry Manor	14125
* John R. Nixon		
* & Craig Cobbum	Why Not?	14475
* Edward Bradley Wagnon	Wolf Cookies	14600
* Alan Fox	El Zorro	14835



Fleet 150's Bare Bones Regatta: sailing/packing up
Photos courtesy William Woodrow

unfortunate capsizes in the 2nd race spoiled his bid and netted him 3rd place. Tom Varley (Mansfield #150) placed 4th.

There was an additional capsizes on Sunday, and there was a "whole lot of bailing going on" in the rest of the regatta fleet, testimony as to the winds for this regatta weekend. It seems as though all the participants had enough "breeze" to suit them.

Fine lunches at the lake on Saturday and Sunday were provided by our staff of chefs during the regatta. On Saturday evening following "Happy Hour", all hands enjoyed a "grill you own steak and chicken" dinner with all the trimmings. It was a real sociable evening.

After the Sunday races, and following the awarding of the "Bare Bones Regatta" plaque to Steve Weeber and his crew, Donna Weeber and Brett Balliet, and plaques to Dan Hertzler, (crew Karla Varley - Don Schregardus), Kurt Andrews, (crew Zack Austin - Mike Mirachi), Tom Varley, (crew Kay & Jon Varley), and a few door prizes to others, the happy combatants loaded up their "beloved square yachts" and drove off into the sunset. Everyone had a smile on their face, so we felt that the 3rd Annual "Bare Bones" was a big success.

Fleet #150 enters its 46th year in 1999. The good publicity we've enjoyed in recent years is creating renewed interest in sailing in our area. In 1999 our club will embark on a Junior Sailing Program, as well as an Adult Sailing Instructional Program. If successful, we hope to expand the membership even more so in the future.

In the meantime, we enter into another Ohio winter, contemplate the makeup of our fleet in 1999, and look forward to another season of association with this unique fraternity.....the Lightning Class sailors.

William W. Woodrow

The summer of 1998 will be remembered for light wind and extremely competitive racing. A number of weekend races were canceled this year due to a brutal midwestern weather pattern. On the water, this year's season series was one of the tightest in the history of the Wawasee Yacht Club. Our Memorial Day series started with co-skippers John Nixon and Craig Cobbum finishing first, Bill Allen second, and Brad Wagnon third. The annual Independence Day series found Doug Schmahl in first, Alan Fox, second, and Nixon/Cobbum in third. The exciting Labor Day series was captured by Nixon/Cobbum, Doug Schmahl finished second, and Bill Allen third. Craig Cobbum along with crew Jim Wellington and Peggy Lehman took first in the Indiana District races in Indianapolis.

The Lightning Season Championship was not decided until the final race of the Labor Day series. John Nixon and Craig Cobbum along with crew Jim Wellington repeated as champions by less than three boats. The Schmahl boat finished a close second for the coveted prize. Doug Schmahl helmed the boat for a good part of the season. The duo of Jeff and David Schmahl combined to capably fill in the blanks. Bill Allen finished a strong third. Virgil Snyder won the Commodore Cup.

The Hoosier Regatta was one week later this year due to the addition of the Crescent Regatta. The weather was picture perfect again this year (for golf!). One race was sailed on Saturday afternoon. Sean Fidler drifted to first place in race one. The wind finally arrived on Sunday morning. Two races were sailed in light to moderate wind with Sean Fidler firing two more bullets. Sean Fidler finished first for the regatta., Colin Park a solid second, Bob Franke third, Tom Hudson fourth, and George Nickels fifth. A great time was had by all, with sailors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin enjoying the hot cider and fireplace atmosphere of the Wawasee Yacht Club. We are looking forward to great sailing with good friends again next season. *Craig Cobbum*

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB FLEET 164

Central New York District

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake

Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain 1998 Federico Meira
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer 1998 Dave Bull
 Fleet Champion Dick Tuttle
 Runner-Up Clay Murphy
 2nd Runner-Up Mark Lesinski

* Kathleen King	9109
* Joe Homola	11010
Sam Woods	12004
Mark Jenner	12929
* Federico Meira	Manolete 13675
* Richard H. Ryczek	Trivial Pursuit 13933
* David K. Bull	No More Bullship! 14369
* & Federico Meira	
* Clay Murphy	14418
* Richard P. Tuttle	Motion 14465

Our fleet was pretty involved this past summer. All eight of our racing Lightnings participated in at least a couple races.

At our club, we had 19 fleet races (77 finishers in total) and 9 handicapped multi-class races. We hosted our regular June regatta, the Caz Flash Bash and in September, the Caz-One-Day. We participated in eight other regattas around the Central New York District including the mother of all regattas – the 60th. The most participation we had in any single fleet race was six but seven of us were on and, in one case, in the waters at Skaneateles. We also welcomed an eighth Caz boat at Skaneateles. It was a 15th year reunion of former junior members/sailing school directors – David Grogono, Leslie DiTrani, and Pam Murphy. They medaled in the green fleet.

For our fleet championship, we score the best ten races. That way extra participation can only help results – not hurt. Dick Tuttle handled District Commodore duties but he also participated in the most local fleet races. He got ten bullets to win the championship series. Clay Murphy was our most consistent high finisher in all the

district regattas. He was fleet runner-up. Federico Meira, in recent years, was our multi-time fleet champion. This year he moved forward in his boat, giving the tiller to his son, Mark Lesinski. Mark came in third.

On Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend, we hold our Charter Members Cup race. This year Dick Tuttle with daughter, Leslie, on board edged out Dave Bull, last year's winner.

The Jack Tuttle trophy is named for one of our fleet's charter members (Dick's Dad). It is awarded to a sailor who doesn't win one of the other trophies. This trophy, awarded on the basis of performance and participation, went to the whole Woods family.

For 1999, the Central New York District is making a special effort to encourage junior racing. Our fleet will be an important part of that effort with the leadership and participation of Anya, Campbell, and Marisa Woods, Susan and Alex King, Robin Ryczek, and ringer, Mark Lesinski. We hope to recruit juniors from other classes at our club, as well.

All in all, this year was an active one but we have very high hopes for 1999.

HELSINKI FLEET 166

Finland District

Sailing on the Gulf of Finland

Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain Kimmo Aromaa
 Fleet Secretary Jari Aromaa

* Raimo Aromaa	Kesaheila	Life
* Tuomas Ollila		
* Taimo Huusko		
* Kaarlo Jaskari		
* Lauri Hemming		13136
* Panu Jalas	Kvarkki	14430
* Kimmo Aromaa	Masi V	14534
* & Terho Aromaa		
* Kari Koskinen		14559
* Olli Muroke	Gamma	14638

Kulunut vuosi 1998 oli historiallinen Lightning-luokalle Suomessa. Ensimmäiset veneet rakennettiin maassamme 50 vuotta sitten. Keväällä 1947 Ralph Vogt näki amerikkalaisen artikkelin Lightning-purjeveneestä, ja pian hän sai veneen valmistusohjeita ja piirustuksia. Ensimmäinen vene valmistui Helsingissä loppukesällä 1947. Sen numeroksi tuli 3226 ja nimeksi *Lorita*. Aktiivinen toiminta alkoi 1948 ja Suomen Lightningliiton perustava kokous pidettiin Helsingissä 31. tammikuuta 1949. Liiton syntymän myötä perustettiin Helsingin laivue numero 166. Laivueen alkuperäinen nimi oli vuoden 1949 vuosikirjan mukaan Nylands Lightning Fleet, ja se on ensimmäinen Eurooppaan rekisteröity laivue.

Kaudella 1998 Helsingin laivueella ei juurikaan ollut toimintaa. Aktiivisten purjehtijoiden määrä on pieni, eikä Helsinki-ole nykyään erityisen sovelias paikkakunta pienvenepurjehdukseen. Aromaan veljesten Masi V osallistui kauden pääkilpailuihin Tuusulanjärvellä. Euroopan mestaruuskilpailuissa sijoitus Kimmon kipparoimana oli kuudes.

Masters-kisassa sijoitus Terhon kipparoimana, Mikan ja Kimmon gastatessa oli seitsemäs. Viimeisen lähdön kaatuminen jipissä pudotti sijoitusta hieman. Lauri Hemming ja Olli Muroke innostuivat taas ja sijoituivat lainaveneillä Euroopan mestaruuskilpailuissa kahdeksanneksi ja yhdenneksitoista.

The year 1948 was a special year for Finnish Lightning sailors. The first boats in Finland were built 50 years ago. In Spring 1947 Mr. Ralph Vogt saw an article on Lightning and soon he had also drawings and detailed instructions for building the boat. The first boat was finished late Summer 1947 in Helsinki. The boat had number 3226 and was named *Lorita*. Activities began in 1948 and Finnish Lightning Association was founded in Helsinki 31. January 1949. The first fleet, Helsinki Fleet 166, was organized in 1949. The original name was Nylands Lightning Fleet. Nyland or Uusimaa are names for the province that covers a third of Gulf of Finland's coast. The Fleet 166 is also the first registered Fleet in Europe.



Fleet 164's Caz Flash Bash: Fun on and off the water

During the sailing season 1998 the Fleet 166 had little activity. The number of active sailors is small, and Helsinki is no more a particularly good place for small boat sailing. The most active boat was *Masi V*. The boat participated in the main events in Tuusulanjärvi. In Europeans the boat was skippered by Kimmo and finished sixth.

In Masters the boat was skippered by Terho, Mika and Kimmo were crew. The result was seventh, and capsized in last race probably cost one position. Lauri Hemming and Olli Muroke sailed in Europeans with borrowed boats. Lauri was eighth and Olli eleventh.

Jari Aromaa

LAKE DAVENPORT FLEET 167 Midwest District Sailing on the Mississippi River Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Rick Kuebler
Fleet Secretary Jean Steffenson
Fleet Treasurer Mike Higgins

* Wesley L. Johnson	Kasara	6033
* Brandon Holton	Off Like A Prom Dress	11456
Jim Flick		12732
Steve Elliott		12817
Perry Hansen		
& Mike Blaser		12843
* Henry L. Strieder	Moxie	13202
Mike Higgins	Southern Cross	13611
* Ron Taber	Bodacious	13991
* Donald L. Johnson	Stinger	14720
* Charles E. White	Irrational Exuberance	14831
* Michael Steffenson	Mermaid	14857
William Lovewell		14859
* Rick Kuebler		14885

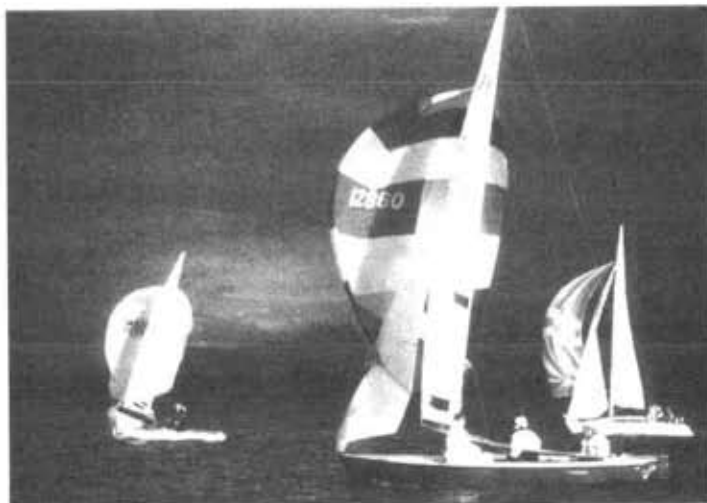
The 1998 sailing season for Fleet 167 was a non-event with more sailors going to regattas or busy with business or family commitments that sailing at home on our stretch of the Mississippi River. Rick Kuebler took his new boat to Sheboygan to check out the competition on Lake Michigan, and Don Johnson made a trip to Devil's Lake in Michigan to try his hand at small lake sailing. The most memorable sailing experience of the season was had by Brandon Holton and Don Johnson as they traveled to upstate New York and took part in the Lightning Class 60th birthday party regatta. Fleet 167 was the recipient of our sailing club's Club Activities award that recognizes the contribution that the fleet members have made to the clubhouse painting and spruce-up project and for the valuable on-shore assistance that Fleet 167 members provided to the club's C-Scow and MC-Scow Polar Bear Regatta in October. We certainly hope to be more active on the water in 1999.

Jean Steffenson

LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET 169 Switzerland District Sailing on Lac de Neuchâtel Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Secretary Claude Lambelet

* Claude Lambelet	Garoupa	12860
* Gilbert Despland	Chiloe	13840
* Jean-Claude DuPasquier		
* Pierre Grandguillaume		
* Jean-Pierre Monnier		
* Thierry Monnier		
* Anne-Lise Paul		
* Alexandre Perret		
* Annika Vuithier-Lambelet		



Gaston and Garoupa during the handicap race on Lac de Neuchâtel

This year was unfortunately not an especially good year concerning the regatta participation of our Fleet 169.

Chiloe SUI 13840 made the trip to Sempach Lake but the wind didn't make the trip.

Chiloe again with old-timers Gilbert Despland, Claude Lambelet, and Jean-Pierre Monnier traveled to Porto San Giorgio on the Adriatic Coast of Italy to participate at the Italian Championship. It was a beautiful week, with good wind and beautiful weather and lots of fun. The old-timers didn't race at their best and finished behind.

3 Lightnings SUI 12860 *Garoupa*, SUI 14530 *Gaston*, and SUI 13790 *Meltemi*, raced the Semaine de Joran Lourd, a handicap race sailed June 7-12. *Meltemi* finished first, beating all the others, Lightnings and keelboats. *Gaston* was 4th and *Garoupa* 6th of 14 entries. The wind each day was puffy and very strong.

In October, as each year, *Garoupa* and *Chiloe* did race in the Regate Fondue. The wind was quite puffy and the 2 Lightnings capsized and broke their mast in the shallow water.

Here are the results:

1. 13790 <i>Meltemi</i>	Wylar, Bechler, Durr
2. 14530 <i>Gaston</i>	Perret, Perret, Pellaton
3. 14664 <i>Kabru</i>	Graf, Heusser, Brandle
4. 13161 <i>Tartaruga</i>	Merz, Brugger, Briker
5. 13840 <i>Chiloe</i>	Despland, Pantet, Pantet
5. 12860 <i>Garoupa</i>	Lambelet, Monnier, Balzli

Saturday we had the annual meeting followed by the traditional Cheese Fondue with good Neuchâtel wine at the Yacht Club of the Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel.

Our Commodore, Jacques Perret told us that the European Championship will be sailed in 1999 in Switzerland on Lac de Morat. *Claude Lambelet*



Gilbert Despland and Chiloe at the Regata Fondue

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB FLEET 173
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Little Egg Harbor
Brant Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Peter Pierce
 Fleet Secretary Jeffrey Carson
 Fleet Champions The Reitingers
 Fleet Runner-Up Ed Serrill

* Jeffrey L. Carson	Old Age And Treachery	13809
* David W. Long	Skal	14059
* Jeff Herrick	Num E Nuf	14120
* Carl Reitinge	Verbal Abuse	14325
* & Glenn Reitinge		
* J. Edward Serrill	Quakers	14660

Sailing at the Brant Beach Yacht Club (BBYC) was terrific this past summer. The weather could not have been better. It did not rain once during the weekend racing schedule and with few exceptions the conditions were excellent. The lightening fleet was very busy hosting BBYC annual regatta, Central Atlantic District Championships, Junior Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Championships and visits by Greg Fisher from North Sails and the ILCA Coach Kelly Williams.

The summer opened with the BBYC annual regatta in June. Greg Fisher gave a Friday night lecture on sail trim. He was on the water Saturday for racing and videoed the racing. After the races, he provided commentary on what he observed.

The Central Atlantic District Championship took place on July 10-12, 1998. There were 30 Boats competing in four very competitive races. The championship was won by Brian Taboada, Dave Vought, John Feist (10 points). They were closely followed by Paul Geleri (11 points) and Keith Taboada (11 points). The top BBYC boat sailed by Ed Serrill, Barbara Serrill, Bob Seybold finished 5th with 31 points. The regatta was chaired by Jack and Sue Jurechko and race committee was led by Jack Politt.

The Central Atlantic / Metropolitan District Junior Championships were held the following Monday after the adult races. Four boats competed. David Essig, Justin Guerrero, Clay Shaner from Barnegate Light Yacht Club were first followed by BBYC's juniors Bobby Reitinge, Eric Reitinge, and Josh Carson.

BBYC junior team of Reitinge, Reitinge, and Carson also competed and won the quarterfinals Sears Cup. Unfortunately they were eliminated at the semifinals with a third place finish.

Coach Kelly Williams came to BBYC to observe club racing in July. He provided expert commentary of the races during a workshop at the end of the day and sent copies of video tape to the club as well.

The clubs local racing was once again dominated by the BBYC's commodore Glen Reitinge and crew Carl Reitinge and Beth Reitinge. 70% of the races counted and Reitinge3 won with 7 points. Ed Serrill led the campaign of the second place boat (19 points). He had expert crew from Barbara Serrill and a number of others including Bob Seybold. Jeff Herrick led the 3rd place boat (24 points) and continues to demonstrate improving skill. His crew included Joanne Herick and John Cogan. Franz Schneider joined the racing each Sunday sailing down from LEHYC and finished 4th. His crew included wife Sheila Schneider and junior Eric Reitinge. Jeff Carson, Josh Carson and Pete Pierce completed the racing fleet (36 points). Pierce continues to train newcomers Carson2. Josh (age 14) continues to gain valuable experience skippering half of the races. *Jeff Carson, Fleet Secretary*

SHREVEPORT FLEET 175
Southern District
Sailing on Cross Lake
Shreveport, Louisiana

Fleet Captain/Secretary Gay Griffith Means
 Fleet Champion David and Christine Wasner
 Runner Up Will Bittick

* Gay Griffith Means		6116
* Jim Wasner	White Lightnin'	9281
* Gay Griffith Means		10987
* Will Bittick		12699
* David Wasner	Just'n Time	13220
* Will Bittick		14629

Fleet 175 sails on Cross Lake within the city limits of Shreveport, Louisiana. We have four normally rather active sailors - Jim Wasner, Gay Griffith Means, David Wasner, and Will Bittick. The two major events of each year are Holiday In Dixie Spring Regatta traditionally sailed in late April and a part of the overall Holiday In Dixie festival and the Super Derby Regatta otherwise known as the Karen Askew Memorial Regatta, a benefit to the American Association of Kidney Patients. Holiday In Dixie Spring Regatta participants numbered a total of five out of town sailors. Normally this has been a major attraction but the weather prevented our usual participation.

Our weather has been extreme this year with very heavy rains in the early part of the year, then very high winds, and then a very hot, hot summer and a drought. Only now at the date of this writing in early December has the weather become absolutely beautiful for sailing. *Gay Means*

GREAT SOUTH BAY FLEET 178
Long Island District
Sailing on Great South Bay
Amityville, New York

Fleet Captain Alan Pearlman
 Fleet Secretary William Weiss
 Fleet Treasurer Elizabeth Brewer
 Fleet Champion Alan Pearlman

* Elizabeth Brewer		
* & William P. Weiss	BullsHit	10260
* Joseph J. Turecamo		10690
* Teresa Bouchard	Partners Choice	11219
* Alan Pearlman	Alevai	11774
* Malcolm B. Hendry, III	Partners Choice	12480

With a rise in activity, we held a Fleet championship this year; it was won by Al Pearlman. We want to extend a warm welcome to Joe Turecamo. *Elizabeth Brewer*

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB FLEET 180
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Conneaut Lake
Conneaut, Pennsylvania

Commodore Skipper Ragghianti
 Fleet Captain Mike Mercatoris
 Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Linda and Blake Ragghianti
 Fleet Champion Skipper Ragghianti

* Jonathan S. Dearment		11063
* Chad Waldschmidt		11563
* Charles S. Good	Hied Aweigh II	11747
* Lawrence Levine		13506
* Michael Mercatoris	In Between	14041
* Ronald Ragghianti	Cool Breeze	14146
* Kenneth Pote	Bud Lightning	14444
* Charles S. Good		14711
* Edward J. Benevent		14750
* Chad Waldschmidt		14763



Fleet 180 Commodores; (left to right) Bob Hollister 1950, Charles Good 1979-80, Skipper Ragghianti 1981-82 and 1997-98, Chad Waldschmidt 1995-96, Mark Prather 1977-78, Dr. Duane Good 1958, Ed Benevent 1989-90.

Conneaut Lake Yacht Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary this past year. The season started with the Spring Banquette at the Oakland Beach Golf Club. The racing schedule had two series; the Holiday Series, consisting of 12 races and the Championship Series with 24. With the conditions being favorable all Spring and Summer, almost all races were scored. In mid-July, Sailing Coach, Kelly Williams, Jr., visited the club and taught sail trim and tactics to the racing members helping everyone go faster.

The Labor Day Banquet and Awards meeting was held at the Iroquois Fishing and Boating Club. It was attended by fifty-four members. Recognition was given to all past Commodores and Secretaries from the past fifty years.

The racing trophies for the Holiday Series went to: First Place, Skipper Ragghianti; Second Place, John Andrews; and Third Place, Jeff Taylor.

The Championship Awards were given to: First Place, Skipper Ragghianti; Second Place, Ed Benevent; and Third Place, Jeff Taylor.

The Trezona Award for special effort and dedication to the club was given to Skipper Ragghianti.

The Sportsman Award went to John Andrews for his willingness to teach beginners how to race and enjoy sailing.

Mike Mercatoris was awarded the Upside-down trophy and unanimously voted Commodore of the 1999 season. We all know he can lead Fleet #180 into the next fifty years.

Ronald Ragghianti

SHEBOYGAN FLEET 187

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain: Dan Reichelsdorfer
Fleet Treasurer: Dr. Bruce Vandommelen
Fleet Secretary: Michou Braun
Fleet Champion: Rich Reichelsdorfer
Runner-Up Erik Simonson

* James Hanson	White Caps	10363
* Timothy J. Lorenz		11622
* Lindsay Vogel	Second Chance	13224
* Eric R. Larson	Virtual Reality	13862
* Jay Hogfeldt	Think Twice	
* & Bruce Van Dommelen		13872
* Michou J. Braun	Zorch	13930
* Daniel Reichelsdorfer	Silent Movie	13994
* Paul Reak		14005
* Christopher Graf		
* & Hans C. Graf	I Saw Elvis	14007
* Jason Bemis		14142
* Erik C. Simonson		14234

Fleet 187 enjoyed another big year of club racing, and a changing of the guard. Averaging 11 boats on the line on Tuesday nights, we enjoyed a competitive series. At the end of it all, Rich Reichelsdorfer took Fleet Champion honors, with Erik Simonson close on his heels for Runner-up. Perennial champions Ric Larson and Dan Reichelsdorfer were also in the running.

This year, we had 5 boats that traveled consistently to the District Regattas. Fleet 187 also hosted the District Championship this year in June. Sheboygan's own Ric Larson was crowned District Champion, with Dan Reichelsdorfer coming in fourth. The annual Brotz Regatta was well attended, and exciting, with the San Juan North Americans being held the same weekend, plus a great storm on Saturday!

Two Sheboygan boats trekked to Buffalo Canoe Club for the 1998 North Americans. Ric Larson and crew Eric Larson and Amy Lundeen qualified in the Blue Fleet, and Dan Reichelsdorfer, with crew Michou Braun and Tony Orlebeke sailed in the Green.

1999 is going to be another busy year for our fleet. The US Sail Adam's Cup Women's Sailing Trophy is being sailed in Lightning's this year, with Milwaukee Yacht Club hosting the Championship. Sheboygan has been selected to host the Area K Sail-Off, which will be held June 28 and 29, 1999.

Michou Braun

MARBLEHEAD FLEET 189

New England District

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Rick Humphrey, Jr.

Ed Wolfe Wolf Pac 9779
* Donald R. Humphrey, Jr. Fog Horn Leg Horn 12706

No Report.

MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB FLEET 194

California District

Sailing on Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean

San Diego, California

Fleet Captain Steve Ross
Fleet Secretary Al Poindexter
Fleet Champion Kirk Johnson
Fleet Runner-Up Steve Ross



Fleet 194 Champion Kirk Johnson sailing in the Pacific Ocean off Mission Beach

* Warren Gross		0
* Christopher Barclay	La Salle	6613
* Michael Brewer	Excalibur	8966
* & Richard F. Brewer		
* Jerry Kane	Chloe Girl	10794
* Scott Finkboner		11138
* Jim Milstead		
* & Anne Land	Code Bleu	11404
* Al Poindexter		11514
* Joel Vann	Direct Access	11603
* Mike Poltorak	Daddy's Mistress	13475
* Eric Swayze	Flipper	13819
* Mark Zimmer		13842
* Steve Ross	Taxi	13938
* Kirk Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
* Edna Johnson	Puddleglum	14095
* Carl M. Eichenlaub	Algonquin J Calhoun	14473
* Michael Brewer		14846
* & Richard F. Brewer		
* Scott Finkboner		14904

As I review the 1998 yearbook articles, I am reminded of how lucky we are here in San Diego, California. We have several lakes in the area, two distinctive bays and the Pacific Ocean, plus we get to sail 365 days a year. When we join forces with our friends up north (Los Angeles and San Francisco) we are treated to even more variety and great sailing waters.

Although we don't have a very large fleet, we manage to keep it going with six to fifteen boats participating. Warren Gross (NM-45) and John Lyon (E22) and Carl Eichenlaub (NM46) have moved on to other sailing fleets and have sold their Lightnings. We will miss these long time Lightning sailors, but with the help of Mike and Dick Brewer and Scott Finkboner we have added some new boats and will continue to rejuvenate the fleet.

Our premier event is the California Circuit, which is sailed on Easter Week. The Circuit is composed of four events, which utilize all of the local waters and includes the Marathon Sail from South San Diego Bay, around Point Loma to Mission Bay. This year's Circuit was won by Steve Ross, with our District Champion (Scott Finkboner) coming in second.

Since we sail all year, our Fleet Championship consists of a variety of races scattered over twelve months, but does not include the TNTs which is sailed every Thursday evening during the summer. We also break down the cumulative scores of the major regattas and local events. This years winners are:

Fleet Champion	Kirk Johnson
TNT Champion	Steve Ross
Regatta Champion	Steve Ross
Club Race Champion	Kirk Johnson

Al Poindexter, Fleet Secretary, and Edna Johnson

SURF CITY FLEET 196 **Central Atlantic District** **Sailing on Manahawkin Bay** **Surf City, New Jersey**

Fleet Captain/SecretaryRich Warren

* Donald A. Green		10420
* Charles N. Howe	Streak In	12454
* George Schmidt		
* & Steve Warren	Punch Too	14068
* Timothy G. Robinson	Triple Threat	14131
* & Andrew Temme		
* & Frank Temme	Triple Threat	14131
* Richard M. Warren		14300
* John Williams	Kids' Stuff Too	14431
* Jack Elfman	Rip City Express III	14739

No Report.

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET 198 **Lake Erie District** **Sailing on LakeChautauqua** **Chautauqua, New York**

Fleet SecretaryJames Neville

* James D. Neville		10922
* Candy Neville	Joss	13222
* James D. Neville	Bacarar	13922

No Report.

MACATAWA BAY FLEET 204 **Michigan District** **Sailing on Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa** **Holland, Michigan**

Fleet CaptainMarv Hoekstra

Fleet SecretaryBrian Huckabee

* Bob Garlinghouse		11078
* Scott Visser	Right Design	12604
* Brian Huckabee	Walt	12939
* Marvin Hoekstra	It's Not Easy Bein' Green	14531

The 1998 sailing season was exciting for us in Holland, Michigan. We welcomed two new boats and doubled our fleet size. The weather this year allowed a variety of sailing conditions for Thursday night club racing. Kelly Williams, the touring sailing instructor for the Lightning Class, visited us in July and hosted a racing clinic that was well attended by our fleet and others in the area. In July, the Macatawa Bay Invitational was held with eight boats participating. Sailing conditions on Lake Michigan were optimal and everyone had a fun time. Congratulations to Diana Fernando and her crew on the 1st place finish. Next year, we are working hard to expand the size of our fleet and look forward to hosting the Michigan Districts in 1999.

Brian Huckabee, Fleet Secretary Fleet #204

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS FLEET 206 **Argentina District** **Sailing on Lake Olivos** **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Fleet CaptainOsvaldo Bordino

* Luis Miguel Bordino		
* & Osvaldo Bordino	Flamingo V	11043
Pablo Bordino		11649
Pablo Bordino		12622

No Report.

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB FLEET 209 **Southern District** **Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain** **New Orleans, Louisiana**

Fleet CaptainBuck Ballatin

* John A. (Buck) Ballatin	SB	9696
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No Report.

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB FLEET 212

Ohio District
Sailing on Atwood Lake
Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Secretary Stephen Jolly

* Carl W. Hummer, Jr.		6886
* Stephen Jolly	Yellow Jacket	11508
* Carl W. Hummer, Jr.	The Gray Fox	12845
* David M. Gall		14445

No Report.

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB FLEET 215

St. Lawrence Valley District
Sailing on Lake St. Louis
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fleet Secretary Peter Hall

* Russel C. Scrim (Life)		0
* Jean-Francois Simard		13927
* Anthony Staples		14176
* Jacques Trottier		14354
* Alain Boucher		14591
* Peter Hall	Krista Too	14768

No Report.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET 216

Michigan District
Sailing on Saginaw Bay
Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain Terry Hart
Fleet Secretary Chris Jacobson
Fleet Champion Joe Disette
Runner-Up Chris Jacobson
Michigan District Champion John McCree

Hanns Heil	Wind Swept	4090
* Terry Hart		5437
George F. Ascherl, Jr.	Megs	7153
* Matthew D. Princing	DOF	9705
* Matthew D. Princing	Dinosore	12512
* James Peters	Halcyon	13385
* Rick Allen	Flicky Wick	13758
* Terry Hart	Hart Beat, RIP	14009
John E. Johnson	Teko	14022
Blair Moulthrop		14048
Larry Peters, Jr.		14077
* John Waechter	Score One!	14087
* Clark Howell, Jr.	Zipper	14103
* John McCree	Sleeper	14323
* George M. Peet	Hot Dog Man	14503
* Chris Jacobson	Fastidiots	14577
* Matthew D. Princing	Scars & Scrapes TNG	14603
* C.A. Pinkerton		14616
* Joseph C. Disette	Carousel XXXIII	14703
* James Schofield	Shuss Boomer	14775
* Colin Park	Comedy Central	14780
* Tom Niles	MAL	14819
Robert Hafford		



Fleet 216 Champions Joe Disette sailing out to Saginaw Bay.
Photo Ann Disette

The 1998 season for Fleet 216 is now in the history books. It was one of ecstasy and tragedy.

Fleet racing was again very competitive this year. Only one point separated first place from second place. Weather this year was for the most part mild. We didn't cancel any racing this year due to weather conditions and ended the year with 49+ races completed. With the championship on the line the last week, Joe Disette surpassed Chris Jacobson's one point lead to become 1998's fleet champion. Following Chris in third was perennial champion and Michigan District Champion, John McCree. Fourth and Fifth were Jim Schofield and John Johnson, respectively.

Perhaps the only blemish on Fleet 216's season was a storm that blew through the area at the end of May. This storm, with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour, did considerable damage to the State of Michigan and to numerous fleet boats. The most damage was suffered by Terry Hart's Hart Beat (RIP) 14009, which was so extensively damaged that it was considered a complete loss. Four other boats were damaged but repairable. Terry and Matt Princing either borrowed an older boat or put an older boat together to finish the season.

The Clamso Capsize Award was won for the first time by the Fleet's longest belonging member, Joe Disette. In all his years of Lightning sailing, Joe has capsized only three times, this one obviously being his most proud because it earned him an award. Other awards this year include the Crew Award, given to the crew of George Peet's boat, the coveted Duct Tape Award, given to Jim Schofield, the Cry Baby Award, given to Chris Jacobson and Fleet 216's Most Improved Award went to John Johnson and his crew.

The annual Fleet 216 regatta held on beautiful Saginaw Bay went off without a hitch. We had 15 boats on the line for what was close racing. Colin Park was this year's winner followed by John McCree, George Nickels (Fenton), Mike Thomas (North Cape), and Chris Jacobson.

The Hooter's Cup was won by Chris Jacobson and the Annual Family Fun Day was won by Joe Disette.



Left column: Start of race #1 at Bay City Yacht Club's Annual Regatta, Downwind on Saginaw Bay. Tornado wrecks part of the fleet. Fleet 216 Championship crew: Grant Hilger, skipper Joe Disette, Steve Martin.

Above: crew Jim Schofield, skipper Joe Disette, and crew John McCree receiving 1st Place Trophy in the "Green" Fleet at the 60th Anniversary Regatta.

Photos courtesy Chris Jacobson and Ann Disette

This year was another successful year on the road for Fleet 216. John McCree won the Michigan District Championship, and Joe Disette won in Skaneateles at the 60th Regatta.

Fleet 216 is already looking to the 1999 season. 1998 brought one new member and one new boat, 1999 will start with at least one new member and four new boats. Justin Dey, Joe Disette, Terry Hart, and Matt Prining will turn up at the hoist next year with new boats. Smooth sailing.

Matt Prining

HENDERSON HARBOR FLEET 225

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Ontario, Henderson Bay

Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain	Jack Jones
Fleet Secretary	John Treadwell
Fleet Champion	Jack Jones
Fleet Runner-Up	John Treadwell

* Leonard Phillips	13011
* Richard A. Matarese	Fata Bella 13232
* John Boxberger	The Pit 13834
* Bradford A. White	White Lightnin 13894
* John H. Treadwell, II	Runaway 14192
* Richard C. Grissinger	Footloose II 14254
* Jack Jones	You Bet I'm Chicken 14321

This year we officially moved our Fleet to a new location - Harbor View Marina, and we had 9 Lightnings making use of our newly installed launching facilities. Special thanks to Dick Grissinger for not only funding the hoist motor, but also overseeing the installation of the pad and the crane, and getting it wired up. We also had many donations from many thoughtful people, helping to make the season a successful one. We welcomed several new additions to the Fleet this year - Jean Palm, Blaise Gallahue, and Len Phillips.

Our racing season was busy and well attended. The results are:			
Appleblossom	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Spring Series	1 Leonard	2 Jones	3 Boxberger
Thursday Series	1 Skinner	2 Grissinger	
Barnes Memorial	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Captains Cup	1 Jones	2 Treadwell	3 Gallahue
Trophy Race	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Bezner
		4 Grissinger	5 Leonard
Stoney Race	1 Jones	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Fall Series	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	3 Leonard
Frostbite	1 Jones	2 Treadwell	3 Leonard
May's Trophy	1 Treadwell	2 Boxberger	2 Leonard
		4 Jones	5 Grissinger
Junior Racers	1 Boxberger	2 G. Leonard	3 Skinner
J. Jones Memorial	John Boxberger		

We also hosted the District's Jr.-Women's-Masters and had good local results as John Boxberger won the Juniors, Jean Palm won the Women's, and Jones & Treadwell placed 1-2 in the Masters. Jack Jones and John Boxberger also competed in the Master NA's and Junior NA's respectively, and as this is being written, John Boxberger is in South America racing in the Jr. Worlds.

Hope to have even more boats next year.

BISCAYNE BAY FLEET 226 Florida District Sailing on Biscayne Bay Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet CaptainRandy Clee
Fleet SecretaryMike Broderick
Fleet TreasurerAlix Shaw
Fleet ChampionJohn Rouse
Runner-UpLarry Ames

Monk Terry		2342
* Frank Atkinson Jr	Ant Farm	8330
Eric V. Stibitz		9975
* Sam Septembre		
* & George McCullough	Sam I Am	10700
* Cameron Carlin		10944
Dean R. Gosslein	Folies A Trois	11171
* Larry J. Ames		
* & Stuart Anderson (Life)	Glockenspiel	11702
* Michelle Duplaga		
* & Kelly Bayer		12050
Steven Getzoff	L190 Octane	12064
* Stuart deLisser	Dead Sexy	13010
Ben Sadler	Jalapeno	13466
* David Holland	Lizzie	13592
Ted Kapustka		13748
* David S. Brayer		
& Jonathan Katzen	Eclair Bleu	13779
Eric Sheeder	Olivia	13858
* Randy Clee	Hi-Voltage	13861
* Onofre Torres	Rumrunner	13983
* Steve Witherspoon		14001
* Michael Broderick	Fighting Irish	14062
* Dominic Marsden	Bloody Hell	14066
* John Rouse	Turbo Dog	14084
* Wanda Cooper		
& Walter Cooper	South	14178
* Jeff Shaw		
* & Alix Shaw	Steam Driven	14212
* Jon W. Ewing	Free Beer Yesterday	14374
* Fay Regan	Booby Trap	14708
* Eamonn deLisser	Main Squeeze	14809
* Bill Mauk	Mach II	14866
* Walter H. Beckwith, Jr.		
* John Gochberg		

Wow! Lots of good stuff happened in Fleet 226 since our last yearbook publication! New boats, new skippers, new "road trippers", and we are proud to be the home of the ILCA's Junior North American Runners-Up, Sam and Danielle Septembre!

While you were snow skiing last February, our John Gochberg invited Greg Fisher down for a Lightning/Snipe clinic. The weather interferred somewhat, but those who attended learned a lot. Later that month we had a freak storm which blew many of the moored boats up on the seawall and knocked over several Lightnings. 11425, 12050, 14084 and 14708 all suffered damage, although Fay's was the only boat that went completely airborne. (Is it light??)

We loved seeing you all at the Circuit! Bill Mauk, Frank Atkinson, and John Gochberg left homes, jobs and families to join this Lightning travelling show for the entire week! Others of us sailed Miami and St. Pete only. And special thanks to those of you who used Miami crews. Three have since purchased Lightnings, after experiencing the fun of a "big" fleet, as well as getting some amazing rides mixed in with a capsized or two!

Our Districts were sailed in April this year. While several of us trekked over to Tampa Fleet 502, we "visitors" were bested by Steve Hayden, Fleet 461, and Jeff Linton of the host fleet. Frank Atkinson, Randy Clee, and Eamonn deLisser were in the trophies, but Bill Mauk missed out this time. Heid have his moments of glory later on.

Our first "Sail Away To A Sandbar" party was hosted by the fleet captain in June. After a perfect low tide arrival, Randy barbecued for the party-goers who blew in on 9 Lightnings, 6 Sunfish, 3 Scots and miscellaneous other water craft. With the rising of the tide, the charcoals were extinguished gradually, but not until all had eaten. At the time, we called it the best ever, but wait . . . we had another sandbar party later in the summer which was the all time best ever!

In August we drew 48 (yep, we counted 'em) boats and over one hundred people. Randy, aware of the impending tides, arrived prepared with stilts added to his barbecue grill! This time we had Optis, Lightnings, Scots, PHRF boats, and almost anything else you could think of. Eamonn and Heidi deLisser supplied an amazing Jamaican rum punch concoction and lots of other beverages were on hand for adults and kids alike. Pool toys, beach umbrellas, you name it, we had it!

Carol Ewing, ILCA VP, has been elected Rear Commodore at Coral Reef Yacht Club. We are so proud of her, and we look forward to her eventual progression to Commodore.

So, back to Bill Mauk. With his crew of Cameron Carlin and Jason Timmons, he returned from the NA's with 15th in the Qualifying Series which earned him a place in the Championship fleet as well as the McDermott Trophy for the most improved from last year. And how about those Septembre kids? Nice job, y'all! Danielle is already skippering in fleet races, now that her brother has aged out of Juniors. Look for her next summer!

Fleet 226 sent two teams to the Pan Am Trials: John Gochberg with Kim Logan and Danielle Septembre, and Bill Mauk with Cameron Carlin and April Richards. Kim's fingers are healing nicely after she caught them in the centerboard trunk trying to rescue their capsized boat.

Bill won our 1998 Chris Young Memorial Regatta with Randy Clee second. The Coral Reef Yacht Club Annual Regatta was also won by Bill, with John Rouse 3rd and Jon Ewing 4th. Both regattas are part of our District Triple Crown. Then it was on to Tampa for the final regatta in the series over Thanksgiving weekend. After all the numbers were lined up Jeff Linton/Mark Taylor won the Crown with Bill Mauk 2nd.

Some of our boats got shuffled around this year as you can see by our fleet roster. Bill Mauk has a brand new boat (14866) and, moving up from crew to owner, Dominic Marsden is doing well on 14066. Steve Witherspoon is back with us after 20 years, with son Kevin and 14001. Stuart deLisser's *Dead Sexy* (13010) is getting out of the garage and on the race course as we speak. Eamonn deLisser "moved up" to 14809, leaving John Gochberg temporarily boatless. 12050 was recently purchased by Kelly Bayer and Michelle Duplaga, and 12064's new owner is Steven Getzoff. Welcome to our new fleet members, and we all look forward to seeing you in Miami.

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