

BOMOSEEN YACHT CLUB FLEET 227
New England District
Sailing on Lake Bomoseen
Bomoseen, Vermont

Fleet CommodoreFred Bagley
 Fleet SecretaryJennifer Bagley

* Arden M. Hayden		2456
* Bruce M. Atkinson		8330
* Bruce M. Atkinson		11137
* Cassius Tillman IV	Not On Call	11212
* Arden M. Hayden	Sojourner	11393
* Fred Bagley		13497
* Bruce M. Atkinson		13859
* Raymond Harrington		14056
* Raymond P. Harrington, Jr		14056

No Report.

RIVERTON YACHT CLUB FLEET 228
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on the Delaware River
Riverton, New Jersey

Fleet CaptainJohn Haiges
 Fleet SecretaryCaroline Hoedemaker
 Fleet TreasurerHugh Hutchinson

* Hugh J. Hutchison	Enterprise	8616
* Mark L. Keene		8690
* Paul L. Alberti	Discovery	9628
* John G. Haiges	Syncopation	10494
* Gary Swangler	Zone	10956
* Maury Benbow	Smidge	11519
* Josh McCaully	Daisy	12140
* Gary Birnhak	Rumble Seat	13624
* Richard Moyer		13792
* Seth Hunter	Kestrel	14139
* Hugh J. Hutchison		14214
* Paul J. Hecht	Mighty Aphrodite	14360
* Caroline Schneider-Hoedemaker		14634
* Robert C. Bush		
* & A. Sterling Bush	Ambush	14654
* Allan M. Crew	Toodle-Oo	14699
* John G. Haiges		14771
* Mark C. Schneider		14840
* Peter R. Denton		14890

It was another successful year of sailing at Riverton. In January we met and slightly changed the format of our racing slightly to emphasize our Wednesday series more. Since Riverton is located in an urban area right outside Philadelphia, sailing during the week has been very popular. Come join us if you are in the area. The club is located on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware River, and is housed in an old passenger steamer station sitting out in the river just north of the Tacony Palmyra Bridge.

The next time the group met was down at the Southern Circuit: Bob Bush and Caroline headed South with their boats. Allan and Hugh showed up in St. Pete's. Its key to note: nothing came home broken! And, the group must have had a good time because two "new" boats were purchased. Caroline brought hers back double decked, and Bob's boat was held for ransom, until he attended Pymatung's spring regatta.

The fleet traveled to 16 different regattas over the season: from Cedar Point Connecticut, to Rochester New York, to Kerr Lake

North Carolina. In addition Bob and Sterling represented us at the WNAs and NAs, Bob, Caroline and Gary Swangler went to the 60th Anniversary Regatta, and as noted above, Bob and Caroline sailed Southern Circuit. Frequently there were at least three of us at the same regatta, which has led to some friendly interclub competition between Nyack and RYC. Nyack seems to have won a most "beautiful" clock this past year, maybe when we win it back next year it should become a "loser's" trophy??

We had four weekend events planned: a Spring Regatta, a coach weekend, the club's Governor's Cup, and our annual Fall Windup regatta. The Spring Regatta had a great turnout, but I think we got our entire summer's wind allotment in one day. It had to be cancelled, but we'll try again next year. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the learning when the coach visited. The video taping was fantastic. Bob our light air specialist, won the Governor's Cup followed by John and Caroline. And the Fall Windup was a much better success than the Spring Regatta. Not only did we have manageable conditions, but also the weather was much warmer, warmer than usual. Caroline won this, followed by Allan. There were 12 boats, but we missed some of our usuals.

With all the travel and weekend activities the focus on the four Wednesday night series worked well. The results demonstrate the strong competition within the fleet. Seven different boats won the top three places in the various series: Maury, Dick, Caroline, Bob, Allan, John, and Mark. Nine boats out of fourteen on average participated, and we hope newcomer Seth Hunter will be back again to join us.

Caroline Hoedemaker

CHINOOK FLEET 229
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir
Eugene, Oregon

Fleet CaptainJohn Mahoney
 Fleet SecretaryWally Jones
 Fleet ChampionJohn Mahoney

* Wally Jones	Caledonia	6061
* Carol Mullens Slegers	Wandering About	9495
* Vernon E. Pandian	Royal Rover	13811
* A. Morrie Craig	Green Eggs And Ham	13942
* John J. Mahoney	Thump	13956

What a season! While it is fun to read about large successful fleets like Pontiac and Buffalo, the Chinook Fleet seems to be at the other end of the spectrum. From a fleet of over twenty active racers in bygone years we are down to three day-sailors who might sail one day a year, four good skippers with good boats who could sail but almost never do, and two guys who race most every Thursday night, often singlehanded. Maybe Mahoney and Jones need breath mints or a semester or two at some charm school.

If it were not for the presence of the active and supportive Vancouver Lake Fleet to the north, our fleet would probably have lost the faint pulse it had years ago.

The high point of this season was the Pacific Coast Championship held here in September. Sun, good wind, and good racing showed us how it should be. Thanks to the boats from Portland and California for making this event memorable. Special thanks to the California boats for making such a long journey. We'll have to come down your way soon. Where in San Francisco will we park the blue school bus the keg sits by?

In spite of our meager numbers, WE WON'T QUIT! Now, if fifteen or twenty of you from Buffalo or Pontiac wanted to move west over the next year or so.....

Wally Jones

**SEMPACHER / HALLWILER /
VIERWALDSTÄTTER / GREIFENSEE FLEET
250**

**Switzerland District
Sailing on the Lakes of Sempach, Hallwil,
Luzern and Greifen
Zürich, Switzerland**

Fleet Secretary Silvio Merz
Fleet Champion Urs Wyler

* William Lingg		0
Hubert K. Stocker	You Never Know	10463
* Heinrich Leimgrubler	Csardas	10467
Jacob Blickensdorfer	White Star	12306
* Rudolf Herzog	Joy III	12571
* Christof Luthy	Domi-Nike	13099
* Silvio Merz		13161
* Ernst Beyer	Cezanne	13705

No Report.

**SALAMIS FLEET 251
Greece District
Sailing on the Bay of Phaleron
Athens, Greece**

Fleet Captain N. Carageorgiou
Fleet Secretary T. Bonas

A. Lagathas	Mesis	4636
* Christos Bonas		
& Stelios Bonas	Clockwork Orange	10966
* Nickolas Dimou		
& Alexandros Dimou	Renata	13968
* Theodore Tsoulfas		

The members of our fleet participated in the Pastrokalia race. We look forward to 1999 so the new cadets will have the opportunity to compete in more Lightning races.

**KEUKA LAKE FLEET 252
Central New York District
Sailing on Keuka Lake
Hammondsport, New York**

Fleet Captain Brent Gillette
Fleet Secretary/ Treasurer Eileen Loh-Fontier
Fleet Champion Peter Cunningham
Runner-Up Brent Gillette

* Leon A. Fontier	Purple Haze	9249
* Barry Brogan	Acrew Aweigh	10490
* Don Tylor	Tippecanoe	12702
* Rowland Stebbins, III	7-11	12711
Ron Anderson		13514
David Brace	Cherry Bomb	13541
* Paul Schnipelsky	The Other Woman	13816
* Brent S. Gillette		14119
* Blaise Gallahue		14202
* Peter M. Cunningham	Ballyhoo	14221
* James E. Staunton	Mangy Moose	14256
* Michael N. Kalinich		14368
* Robert Cole	Thumper	14416
* Clyde L. Rathmann	Grumpy Old Men	14426
* Leon Fontier		14431



*Fleet 252 Crews David Cunningham and Robin Crist
Photos courtesy Eileen Loh-Fontier*

This season was a mixed bag for our fleet. Spring had started early in our area this year, and we were all stirred up by the sunshine and warmth. We began the season as usual with a good turnout of boats for two days of club races on Memorial Day weekend, followed by weekly club races every Sunday. The month ended with our annual Champagne Regatta, that was also the Central New York District Championship. Twenty-four boats participated. The wind gods favored us, and we all had lots of fun. The following weekend Pete Cunningham, Jim Staunton, and Leon Fontier took their boats to Skaneateles for the 60th. Debbie Koop, crewing for Jim Staunton, accurately described the event as "the Woodstock of Lightnings". Pete, with daughter Elise and father Dave, placed 5th in the Green Fleet.

After a good season start in June, club racing declined in July & August. Part of this was due to the weather. For those who like to lie on the beach it was perfect: hot & sunny. However, it was mostly also windless, at least on Sundays when we were scheduled to race. We also lost a few skippers for a variety of reasons. Barry Brogan & crew (wife Roseanne) had a baby in the oven (baby Joe arrived in August). Vasco Raposo sold his *Cherry Bomb* (new owner David Brace crewed some, but didn't feel ready to skipper yet this year), and Jim Staunton was obliged to follow doctor's advice to take a break from his favorite sport for the remainder of the season. We thought that Bob Cole had gotten his priorities back into proper order when he showed up for the Champagne Regatta, but he was more often absent than present for the remainder of the season. Don Tylor & Clyde Rathmann, who co-skippered *Grumpy Old Men* regularly last year only made occasional appearances this season. The 3 or 4 remaining skippers who show up regularly each week, hoping for wind were sometimes rewarded for their persistence, and the other times they decided that anyhow, Keuka Lake is a beautiful place to sunbathe & swim & there's always good company at the club.

The season did have a great ending for Brent Gillette and Leon Fontier, who decided to finish the season participating in the Frostbite Regatta hosted by Fleet 484 on Cayuga Lake. There was no lack of wind for that weekend! We thank our friends in Ithaca for the good time we had there.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB FLEET 253

Dixie District

Sailing on the Susquehanna River Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet SecretaryFred Bush

* CarolPark	Conversations	?
Keith Dietel		9474
Stephen D. Tiley		9897
Bud Moyer	Jack Tar	10391
Courtland Dunn		11329
Holly Miller		
& Walt Poyck		11582
Richard Willey		
& Roy Wells		12137
* Starling H. Mikell, III	Deb Star	12941
* Kenneth C. Kuzdro	Sneak Attack	13218
* Frederick S. Bush	Double Whammy	13813
* Charles F. Noble	Starthrower	14156

The big news for Fleet 253 in '98 was the arrival of the Sea Scouts. The assistant leader of a Lancaster County Sea Scout Ship joined Susquehanna Yacht Club in April and asked at a club meeting if there was any way the club could help his scouts get some sailing experience. So Fleet 253 generously came to the rescue, signed up all the scouts as racing crew and had a ball with enough bodies in every boat for lots of spinnaker flying in our revitalized Wednesday night races.

Not sure who had the most fun, the scouts or the skippers. Also, not sure who won the most races (we're kinda relaxed about record keeping), but it was probably Star Mikell. We think it was because he grabbed the Scout Ship leader as crew.

We welcomed Craig and Becky Cassel to the fleet, sailing golden oldie Fort Knox. Hope to see more of them in '99 if Becky doesn't take time out again to have a baby in the middle of the sailing season.

Star, Ken Kuzdro, and Charlie Noble represented the fleet at the Lightning 60th. It was the biggest group of travelers from SYC since the 60' and 70's, when we sent big delegations to the famous Quantico regattas of blessed memory.

Looking forward to '99, hoping for more wind, more scouts, and more fun on the scenic Susquehanna.

Fred Bush

BURT LAKE FLEET 254

Michigan District

Sailing on Burt Lake Cheboygan County, Michigan

Fleet CommodoreJim Anderson
Fleet Vice-CommodoreCraig Bickley
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerAnn Swayze
Fleet ChampionClark Swayze
Runner-UpJim and Sally Fraser

Jim and Sally Fraser	12890
* Gary Street	13969
Tom Hanson	14023
* Stuart F. Cheney	Spirit 14505
* Clark E. Swayze	14770

The 1998 winds on Burt Lake left our fleet alternately floating listlessly and running off-course in raging squalls, barely in control. August 7 will surely go down in club history as one of the wildest races of all. On that day we were all drifting slowly towards the jibing mark when a squall hit from behind with virtually no warning. The carnage was significant, but fortunately in the end the masts pointing skyward out-numbered those pointing towards the bottom. We do all hope that Tom Hanson's pending sale of his lightning is not related to his upending in early August!

In spite of his August DNF Tom finished in 3rd place for the season, displaying some of his best sailing since joining the fleet. The 1998 fleet runner-ups were our newcomers Jim and Sally Fraser who proved to be very competitive in Lightning #12890. Welcome to the fleet, Jim and Sally! The fleet champion was Clark Swayze—Swayze captured the blue ribbon in 2/3 of the fleet races this season, and especially show-cased his sailing skills by both staying upright and taking first places in the two August races that were hit by powerful squalls.

In contrast to the wild winds experienced in several of our fleet races, the BLYC Annual 4th of July Daggerboard Regatta took place in very light breezes. Our Commodore Jim Anderson won the regatta championship in his brand new race-ready Sunfish. Jim was followed closely by Eric Swayze, visiting Burt Lake from the Mission Bay Lightning fleet in San Diego; and by Eric's dad, Clark Swayze. Other visiting sailors this season included John Beery in Lightning #13909. John returned to Fleet 254 from his new home in Chicago to walk away with 1st place honors in the first Burt Lake race of the season.

As the 1998 season ends Fleet 254 sadly waves good-bye to Bob and Diana Garlinghouse in Lightning #11078 as they move their sailing activity from Burt Lake to the Holland, Michigan, area. On a happy note we welcome Jim and Sally Fraser in Lightning #12890, and Jeff and Lisa Leland who purchased Lightning #14023 at season's end. Good luck to you all in 1999!

Ann Swayze

CLARKS HILL LIGHTNING FLEET 257

Southeastern District

Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake Augusta, Georgia

Fleet CaptainRobert E. Harkrider Jr.
Fleet SecretaryRichard F. Mayne

Gilbert Klemann		2381
* Howard David Estroff	Pandora's Box	9398
* Nancy Klemann Sproul	Hot Flash	9468
* Thomas L. Schroeder		10810
* "Robert E. Harkrider, Jr."		12489
Gilbert Klemann	Intrepid	13190
* Richard Mayne	No Excuses	14127
* Sharon Harkrider	Boonoonoonoos	14532
* & Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.		
* James A. Harris	Driving Blind, Deaf & Dumb	14701
* Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.	Boo Too	14889

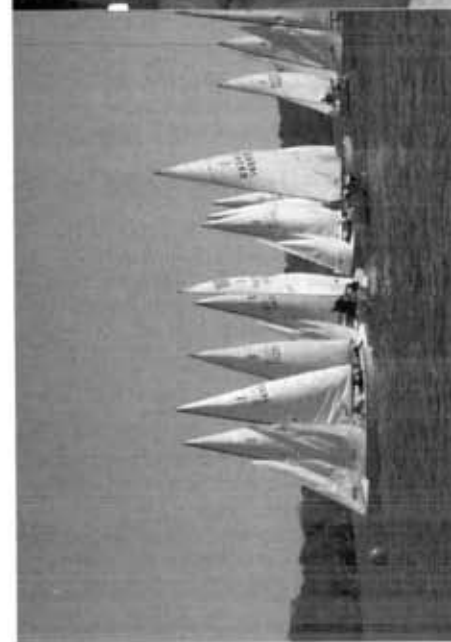
The Clark's Hill Fleet had little change in the number of fleet boats, and no fleet sailing. We did do half a dozen Wednesday night sessions where we did sprint races to sharpen up our skills and give non Lightning club members a chance to sail a Lightning. Had participation on the circuit, with the Bob Harkrider, and Jim and Connie Harris making most of the circuit races and finishing second and third respectively.

Augusta also held the second scheduled Regatta on the circuit April 25-26, 1998.

Saturday's first race opened up with a 3-5 mph wind. Bob Harkrider and crew took the early lead with Bill Sloger in "Slim Green" a close second. A major wind shift (the first of several that day) caused the race committee to change the course in the middle of the race and the old sly fox that he is (that's Bill Sloger I'm referring to) caught the change and Bob to finish first. Jim Harris finished right behind Bob, rounding out the top three.

With a new course set and the wind picking up (5-8 mph) Jim jumped off the line and never looked back. Bob, Bill and Terry Tyner rounded out the top four. With the wind starting to die the RC decided on a third race. Just after the start the wind died completely and we all sat. When the new wind came in (from a different direction of course) the fleet was scrambled. It made no difference how you started. It all depended on where you were. Yes, Connie Harris called it right and the "General" lead the way to his second first place finish for the day. I was too far back to see how everyone did, but the race results show Tom "I don't abuse my

1998 Bluenose Regatta at Harbor Island Yacht Club Fleet 262



The racing was tight



The Winner Dennis Dieball (left) receives the hardware from Cap'n Hof



Mike and Kathy Osborne, Bill Killebrew



Brian Hayes discussing tactics with Bruce Richards



Bruce Goldsmith discussing tactics with the room



Dr and Mrs. Cobb, longtime Lightning sailors



Team Smokler enjoys the party



Carter Utzig, Barbara and Cully Ward enjoy the ice cream Saturday night



Team Hempel

crew" Wynn coming in second followed by a fast closing Terry Tyner third and Johnnie Pelosi fourth.

Sunday morning we started in a light northerly breeze. Josh Putnam had a great start at the pin, took a header and crossed the fleet. He ultimately finished fourth which is a great showing for one of our up and coming juniors. You guessed it, General Jim started where he left off Saturday with a first, with "the Bill and Bob show" coming in second and third.

After the completion of the fourth race a new and stronger wind appeared (15-20 mph from the west). Get ready to hike up wind and plane down. Bob, Terry and heavy air artist Johnnie P found it to their liking to round out the top three. Big Boy" General Jim and his crew of giants (total crew weight 398 lb) paid the price and staggered in fourth. Final results had Jim with 10 points, Bob with 14, Terry with 19 and slipping ahead of Bill with 21 (for some reason the "grey fox" has a problem with math and can't count to five and didn't sail the last race).

	Race					Total
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	
Jim Harris	3	1	1	1	4	10
Bob Harkrider	2	2	6	3	1	14
Terry Tyner	4	4	3	6	2	19
Bill Sloger	1	3	5	2	10	21
Tom Wynn	6	6	2	5	5	24
John Pelosi	7	8	4	7	3	29
Josh Putnam	8	9	7	4	10	38
Carter Utzig	5	5	9	10	10	39
Gil Klemann	9	7	8	8	10	42

Bob Harkrider was our only delegate at the NA's sailing in the middle of the President's Cup fleet.

Richard Mayne

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB FLEET 262

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Old Hickory Lake

Nashville, Tennessee

Fleet Captain Brian Smokler
Fleet Co-Captain Mary Ann Smokler
Fleet Secretary Joseph Cunningham

* Chandler Owen		9055
* Joseph Cunningham	Siocain	9211
* Harry K. Whitver		10191
* Harry K. Whitver		10691
* Bill Killebrew		11480
* Chandler Owen		11609
* Chandler Owen	Doc Gilbert Express	11737
David Ausbrooks	The 7th Habit	12511
Joseph F. Hunt	Whoppersnapper	13212
* Brian Smokler	Feather	13666
* Mike Osborne		13769
* Chandler Owen		13917
* Bruce Richards	Airborne	13957
* Bradford Currie	Chance	14000
* Cully Ward		
& Kat Ward	Kat's Kradle	14116
* Fred W. Beesley, Jr.	Reprise	14533
* Robert G. Hempel	Wildebess IV	14571
* Jerry Fertig		14588
* Dr. Robert Cotton	Airborne	14645
* Bill Killebrew	Z Z Top	14680
* William Hofmeister		14706
* Frank L. Kelly, Jr.	Spirit	14748

Another year sailing Lightnings. Life's tough isn't it? Actually, sailing our beloved square boats in the Mid-South was a little more difficult than usual. Always fickle, the winds this year were much lighter than usual and the Fleet on Old Hickory got a lot of experience in light air racing.

Due to the light air, it seems much of the fleet action took place away from Harbor Island Yacht Club, beginning the year with the Southern Circuit. Bill Killebrew and crew participated in the entire circuit, while William Hofmeister joined them for the St. Petersburg leg.

The Lightning season at Harbor Island officially began with the 35th annual Tennessean Regatta in April. Seventeen dinghies competed in weather that most of us would love to forget - very rainy, very cold, lots of current, and no wind. We must have used up our wind allocation for the month on the tornado that passed through downtown Nashville and only a few miles from Harbor Island. Rumor has it that at this race it was decided that Harbor Island has the "best fireplace" of any Lightning fleet. Paul Wurtzback from the Chicago area took home first place in the Tennessean. Those of you considering coming to Nashville for this one, be assured we have already placed an order for better weather in 1999.

The summer Sunday series provided clear weather but very light winds. While the faithful prepared to race each week, the final count of races turned out pretty low. HIYC fleet members have learned that if the wind doesn't come to you, you go the wind; therefore, a group of representatives traveled to the 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skanteateles over July 4th weekend, and several boats traveled to the North American Championships in Buffalo in August. And the end of summer just wouldn't be the same without a September trip to the Cotton Pickin' Regatta in Hernando, Mississippi.

Fall brought with it some nice windy weekends (along with warmer than usual temperatures) - just in time for the McDougall Regatta at Harbor Island. Bill Killebrew and Mike Osborne shared skipper responsibilities to take first place. Finally, the 33rd annual Bluenose Regatta drew thirty-five boats this year, who enjoyed a decent first day (weather-wise) and a second day that proved too light to race. Dennis Dieball took top honors. Of course, everyone had a great time at the keg parties and steak dinner!

The Lightning Fleet camaraderie at Harbor Island makes sailing fun no matter what the conditions, and because picture speak louder than words, we've included a few from the year.

Come visit our web site at www.hiyc.org.

Brian Smokler

YACHT CLUB LA PUNTA FLEET 265

Peru District

Sailing on Callao

Callao, Peru

Fleet Captain Augusto Navarro
Fleet Secretary Emilio Levaggi

* Augusto Navarro	Camotito	13367
* Emilio Levaggi Tocci	Curumbo	13471

No report.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 266

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Carlyle Lake

Carlyle, Illinois

Fleet Captain Terry Burke
Fleet Vice-Captain Dan Moriarty
Fleet Treasurer Carolyn Burke
Fleet Champion Dan Moriarty
Fleet Runner Up Terry Burke

* John R. Barrett		5345
* Jerry Valli	Chaos	8144
William Perozzi		1711



Sailing at Fleet 266's Mid-Continent Regatta
Photos courtesy Terry Burke

* Mark Paoli	11044
* Steven G. Bailey	12029
* Rob Zerban	13273
* Greg Florian	13308
Bill Kesler	13598
* Barring Coughlin	13836
Marc Schillebeekx	13870
* Linus J. Portman	13892
* Arthur Merdinian	14089
* John Huhn	14114
* Daniel Moriarty	14118
John Abramson	14165
* Glenn Grummon	14204
* Matt G.S. Burrige	14229
* Tobi D. Heisler	14636
* Terry Burke	14766
* Eric Bernstein	14798
* Dr. Tom Aquino	14828
* Gerry Paoli	14901
* Robert G. Burrige	
Frances	
Gumby	
D.F.	
Swallow	
Misty Lee	
Warlock	
Liquid Diet	
Snakewake	
Top Flash	
Absolutly	

This year started with great enthusiasm with the advent of three long time crew members / boat borrowers John Huhn, Tobi Heisler and Dan Moriarty getting their own Lightnings. Along with Rick Bernstein and Gerry Paoli both buying new boats and the Marc Schillebeekx family buying their first Lightning, the fleet was off to a good start! We feel with that kind of growth the future of fleet 266 is great! As a fleet we are very excited and are looking forward to hosting the 1999 North American Championships! Many plans are under way to make that a great event.

Now lets get to the sailing! In April four fleet 266 boats went to Nashville for the Tennessean Regatta which is hosted by HIYC. We all know they put on great events and this one did not disappoint. Saturday was a bit cold and rainy but nothing the great fireplace at the yacht club couldn't remedy. Sunday proved to be a good morning of racing with Rick Bernstein getting in touch with his new boat by winning both races. With that we all drove home feeling tuned-up for the Mid-Continent. This group is planning on attending this event again in '99.

The Mid-Continent once again had great weather and a growing turnout with 19 boats. With our friends from Philly, Bob & Sterling Bush getting the award for coming the furthest not to mention taking home the 2nd place trophy after sailing a great regatta but not quite as good as our own Matt Burrige who took home the first! We hope to see even more boats next year with our fleet holding the 1999 North Americans. What a great way for folks to see what our club is all about! The first weekend in May (perfect weather in the Mid-West) hey you people in the northeast break those boats out early and come see us!

Next Carlyle Sailing hosted the Mississippi Valley Lightning Districts. Once again about 20 boats attended. The regatta had great breezes on Saturday with our crack Race Committee cranking out 4 perfect races. After Saturday's racing, Matt Burrige lead, Dan Moriarty was in 2nd, Bill Hoffmeister in 3rd with Terry Burke and Arthur Merdinain 4th and 5th. Sunday looked like it would be a true test of brawn with the wind blowing 20 - 25+ and storms in the area. But when it came time to race time the powers to be decided to call it a day and the positions stayed right where they were after 4 races. No one seemed to mind not racing cause most of us could still feel the party from Saturday night. Next year's Districts are in Memphis. Be sure to attend; with the N.A.s in our district in 1999, the district can send extra boats, but you must attend the Districts. See you there!

I must take a paragraph and talk about Rick Bernstein and our goal attaining the North American Championship. We teamed up with Matt Fisher from Ohio starting with the Ohio Districts at Lake Pymatuning in Western Pennsylvania. It was lake sailing and I must say a fun place to sail, the people were great. Winning that, we set our sights on the North Americans at the BCC. I have been sailing in this class along time and being on a Winning North American Championship team has been a life goal of mine since the beginning. It was an intense experience, one that I will never forget. I would like to take this time to thank everyone I have ever sailed with before, and you all know who you are! You all gave me the experiences that it took to reach one of my goals. THANKS!

Fleet 266 hosted the US Pan Am Trial Regatta in October. The Class sent the best to Carlyle and our lake and club showed its best side. Six races in great breezes and plenty of local fun. Andy Horton & team won the event and we wish them luck next summer at the Games.

In the Fall Series Gerry Paoli ran away with it by kicking his new boat into high gear and stringing together 3 early bullets which made him virtually unbeatable. It was down to the wire though in our Fleet Championship series with the last 3 or 4 weeks telling the tale between Terry Burke and Dan Moriarty. Dan was able to edge out Terry in the end for the Championship. Gerry Paoli edged out Aurthur Merdinian for third. For the results of our whole season and lots of regatta reports along with information about the 1999 Lightning North American Championships check out our web site at <http://home.earthlink.net/~topflash/>

We will see you all at the 1999 North Americans if not before!!!
Dan Moriarty

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB FLEET 270

Indiana District

Sailing on Geist Reservoir

Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet CaptainElizabeth Foster
Fleet SecretaryMichael Franceschini
Fleet TreasurerKenneth McGinity

* Andy Harmon	Weirdly Manor	8679
* John B. Leath	No Excuse	9050
* Kenneth D. Woods		11203
Norm Cubellis		12896
Lamar Michael		12963
* Steve Hayes	Sundance	13489
* Michael R. Franceschini		13657
* John B. Leath	L'eclair Rouge	13954
* Edwin Fineberg	Make It So	14349
* Joseph A. Lassaux	Sundance II	14359
* Walter B. Tinsley, Jr.		
* & Paul Vos	Win-Some	14537
* Kenneth D. Woods		14610

Sailing and competitive racing begin early on Geist Reservoir in Indianapolis each year. 1998 was no exception with Indianapolis Sailing club beginning in mid-April.

On May 1st & 2nd, we again hosted the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta for the 37th consecutive year. The number of boats was down to 14 this year as more Midwest boats opted for a



Sean Fidler, winner of the 1998 Indy Open



Indy Open sailing on Geist Reservoir, home of Fleet 270. Photos courtesy Ken McGinity



competing venue at Lake Carlisle In Illinois, the site of the 1999 North American Championships.

For the Open weekend, we were blessed with steady winds which enabled the Race Chairman, Frank Hiatt, to complete 3 races on Saturday and 2 more on Sunday morning. Sean Fidler from Michigan moved up from 2nd in '97 to win this year.

The rest of the sailing season was very pleasant with fir winds for most of the Sunday Fleet races. The Club experimented with 2 shorter races sailed back to back with a shorter starting sequence and shorter courses. This change was favorably received.

Our Fleet #270 shares some of the same growing problems as the Class nationally. Current Fleet members are getting older and few young sailors are replacing them. Two young sailors who bucked the trend were Pete & Moira McGinity sailing Sundance I. As we plan for the '99 season, it is clear that the Fleet's top priority will be to get more Fleet members to travel to away regattas where they can feel the fever. With the North Americans less than 200 miles from home, A wonderful opportunity is open for everyone in the Fleet.

Our Fleet in '98 also hosted the Indiana Districts in June and the ILCA Coach's Seminar by Mr. Kelly Williams on July 26th. John Leath, our Fleet Treasurer traveled to Skaneateles, NY for the 60th anniversary regatta on July 4th where he placed 4th in the "woodie" division.

Finally, congratulations once again to our Fleet Champion Joe Lassaux! He has earned this honor for a number of consecutive years.

Ken McGinity

LAKE MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB FLEET 273

New England District

Sailing on Massabesic Lake

Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet SecretaryGordon Geick

* Gordon Geick	Mongoose II	9390
* Kenneth Deyett		9829
* Walter Buchwald		11327
* George Deyett		11400
* Michael Adams		
* & Ronald G. Adams	Sunday Punch	11401
* Walter Colantuono	River Blues	11740
* Nick Mercier	Annie Oakley	11885
* John K. Webb	Banana Split	12455
* John Dika	Glory	12723
* Joe Ray	Bloody	13602
* Maurice L'Heureux, Jr.	Quick Silver	13828
* Samuel J Fitzpatrick	Shenanigans	14060
* Joseph P. Celia		14180
* Norman G. Deyett		14273
* William Berry	Amarcord	14442
* Kenneth A. Carlson		14553
* Thomas H. Chase	Sally	14584

No Report.

DELTA SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 274

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Beautiful Arkabutla Reservoir

Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet CaptainRebecca P. Winsett
 Fleet SecretaryRoy Robbins
 Fleet ChampionWilliam N. Baxter III
 Runner-UpBatton Kennon

* Ken Davis	Garfield	9791
* William N. Baxter, III	Disco Lemonade	11999
* Richard R. Ranta	Metrognome	12082
* Carl Batton Kennon, Jr.	Between Silence & Light	12505
* Herbert Cochran	Wet Paint	13258
* Michael D. Porter	Coyote	13700
* Clay Jones	Wild Cherry	13703
* Max Shelton		14149
* Roy W. Robbins	Sho Boat	14270
* Lynn A. Jones	Leap Frog	14338
* W.N. Baxter		14357
* Crit Currie	Rebel Devel	14666

Every sailing season is a great one and 1998 was no exception. William Baxter, Rich Hall, and myself (Herbert Cochran) kicked off the season with a road trip to Nashville for The Tennessean. Every year we seem to spot celebrities such as Karen Johnson and Paul Wurtzebach on the race course. This year we arrived to a city of destruction. Several twisters had torn the Hermitage area apart the day before but Harbor Island appeared to weather unscathed. Boy did we get a deal on candle-powered hotel rooms!

Our spring regatta the Hernando Desoto was well attended by our neighbors from Nashville. Their attendance was quite evident in a photo taken of the top five boats. In no particular order the photo included Bruce Richards, William Hofmeister, Cully Ward, Bob Cotton, and Roy Robbins.

The 1998 District Championship was held in Carlyle this year. Once again I took a road trip with my faithful crew Rich Hall and Kevin Marbury. We set off for corn-country, Carlyle that is. It was virgin country for the whole lot of us. One half-hour out of Carlyle we were welcomed to the site of funnel clouds and twister reports abundant in metro St. Louis. The greeting party at Carlyle welcomed us with a few words of advice and high tailed it to the clubhouse. I believe their advice was something to the effect of "Welcome pilgrims, keep a weather eye to the sky." We were persuaded to secure our boats to the aircraft hooks and head for the clubhouse. Sound advice it was. A great time was had by all. I think we won the party!

Meanwhile back on the ranch, we continued to rattle off fleet races all summer long. We had plenty of water and a few fresh faces on the race course this year. Crit Currie Jr. became active with Fleet 274 this year. Dr. Clay Jones was out with his new boat and David Cretcher joined us as well. Our overall Fleet standings for the year are as follows: 1st - William N. Baxter III, 2nd - Batton Kennon, 3rd- Frank Bermel, 4th- Mickey Porter, 5th- Bill Baxter.

In September we held the annual COTTON PICKIN' REGATTA. Once again we had grand attendance by our friends from Nashville. I must first congratulate Jim Ward for almost beating the pants off his dad Cully overall. It seemed that during every finishing leg Cully would yell upwind to Jim something about his allowance. Good job Jim Ward!

The top five places for the COTTON PICKIN' were as follows:

- 1st Place...Cully Ward
- 2nd Place...Bob Cotton
- 3rd Place...Jim Ward
- 4th Place...Bill Killebrew
- 5th Place...Bill Baxter Sr.

Winding down the season we went to Nashville for the Bluenose. Our annual pilgrimage to the Hermitage. Posey Saunders and I (Herbert Cochran) crewed for Little Bill (William N. Baxter III). Upon late arrival we found captain Bill three sheets to the breeze after early arrival with his trusty co-pilot Batton Kennon. It was at this time that Crit Curries' crew and I went to a lake house that

appeared to belong to Bob and Ann Cotton. It was there that we had the good fortune of a fireside chat with Bob's houseguest Bruce Goldsmith.

Crit Currie Jr. also took a boat to the Bluenose this year. His faithful crew Tim Ryan (R.T.) joined him as well as Henry Grosvenor from Memphis. Batton Kennon crewed on a boat from Ohio and Rebecca Winsett sailed with Bradford Currie and Dan Busher both from Nashville. Also, great job on the long-sleeve T-Shirts Jan!

I look forward to seeing all MVD members at the 1999 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP in Memphis during the second full weekend of June, in order to qualify for the 99 NORTH AMERICANS at Carlyle.

Herbert Cochrane

CLEARWATER BAY FLEET 277

Central Canada District

Sailing on Lake of the Woods

Clearwater Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet CaptainGus Campbell
Fleet SecretaryMalcolm Crooks

* Jim Richardson		
* Brent Bottomley	Rootin' Tootin'	10917
* Gus Campbell	U-Bet	11711
* Malcolm Crooks	Bluenose IV	14451
* Steve Wells	Flying Toaster	14516
* Charlie Burns		
* & Mike Couture		14612

Fleet 277 re-born!!

After a lengthy hiatus, fleet 277 is back on the waters of Clearwater Bay and growing. The fleet's legacy goes back to the era of two Lightning fleets on Lake of the Woods and a strong sailing contingent in Manitoba. The stage is set for more boats and more sailing in the mid-west.

The inaugural year saw a number of exciting events, building local awareness in and sharpening every ones sailing skills. The season kicked off at Falcon Lake with two days of racing. Many thanks to Peter Hall who traveled from Montreal to show us all how to really move a Lightning around in shifty winds.

Evening races were held each Wednesday at Gimli (site of the 1999 Pan Am Games) with the Lightnings showing the keel boaters how to start and what true class racing is. Many an envious big boat skipper looking forlorn as the Lightnings showed there stuff in all conditions. Mike Couture and Charlie Burns did a great job of promoting the Lightning to the local Icelanders.

Fleet 277 was well represented at the Canadian Midwestern Districts held in Dryden. Congratulations to a third earned by the team of Joe Hildies, Mike Couture and Charlie Burns. Steve and Tracy Wells went well, shaking the kinks out of their new boat. Temple reef sailors be warned, irons gonna start moving west.

The Zig Zag open (home of the 277's or more affectionately the Zig Zag Zeroes) was held in July. One day of moderate wind and another of big wind. Hats off to Gus Campbell, Collin and Brent who won the event in close fashion. They showed big wind tight reach, white sails faster than colored.

The Canadians were held in August at Gimli, a pre Pan-Ams event. Great racing had by all with a fantastic showing by fleet 277. Every boat finished in the top 20, an enviable feat considering the tough competition. Welcome back to Jim Richardson and crew, a great inaugural performance with Rootin Tootin. Also at the event, Colette Pelerin wins kudos as the nicest crew, Malcolm Crooks as the grumpiest. Brent Bottomley was again making friends with the Wind.

This winter will see social events to try and build up the fleet's momentum and get more boats on the water. Using the Pan Ams as a spring board we are going to do our best to get more boats in play and re build the Lightning fleet to its former glory. A great boat for the prairies!

Malcolm Crooks

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB 279

Central Canada District

Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior

Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Fleet CaptainMark Sandberg
Fleet SecretaryDonna Sutherland
Fleet TreasurerBrian Cox

* James W. Colquhoun		7270
* Jim Mikulinski	Speculator	9871
* J.V. Bailey	Zamboanga Too	11009
* Mark Sandberg		11387
* Vic Miller		12597
* Richard Walsh		12755
* Russell Gordon	Moonshine	12826
* Bob Maki	Natural Gas	13115
* Kurt Broll	Frenzy Free	13180
* William Evans	Blue Max	13267
* Brian Cox		13587
* Innes Martin	Zugzwang	13589
* Bob Walsh	The Bonbo	13591
* Julia Charles		14013
* Jim Cameron	TBA	14507
* Ross Bailey	Nellie	14612

No Report.

CHEQUESSET FLEET 280

New England District

Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor

Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain/SecretaryChristine J. Sorensen
Fleet ChampionChristine Sorensen
Runner-UpEric H. Cutting

* Robert Cutting		
* & Eric H. Cutting	Winds Will	9714
* Anne Tredick	Yasu	10765
* Robert Dickens Smith	C Cleff	10795
* Stafford Frazier	Nike II	11096
* Christine Jones Sorensen	Muma Works	11249
* W. Stuart Nickerson		11379
* Albert Preston Moore	Scruples	11751
* William Currier		13947
* Robert Cutting		
* & Eric H. Cutting	Cutting Wind	14310

The Wellfleet group started our season over the 4th of July weekend with the coveted Commodore's Cup. Three boats competed in a rainy, light northwesterly breeze. Christy and Peter Sorensen nosed ahead in the shifty breeze to take home the Cup. Only one other day of fleet racing occurred in July, largely due to our fleet member's participation in other regional Lightning events. Cheers to Bobby Smith who traveled to the Districts this year.

August also started out with a gusto. August 8-9 we hosted our annual Wellfleet Regatta for which we had 9 participants. Five fleet members sailed along with four visiting boats, one from as far away as St. Louis, MO. Stu Nickerson, co-skippering with Nick Mercier won the 5 race series with 5 bullets. Christy Sorensen edged out Eric Cutting in a tie for second place. Wellfleet is known for a great party, featuring steamed clams and steak tips, with a breath taking view (this year a full moon rose over the harbor).

The pace kept up through August, with Lightnings racing one day of each weekend. With greater participation in August, the Cup races are lined up through the month. The Fox Cup was won by Robert Cutting in a light southerly wind, with his son Will as crew (one of Will's first days of racing). The Frazier Cup was won by

Christy Sorensen in light south/southwest breezes with another young sailing enthusiast, Gregory Rheault, as crew.

Labor Day weekend's Cutting Cup was sailed in the only heavy air conditions of the summer. A strong northwesterly wind caused a cancellation for the first day of racing. This year, Eric Cutting made extra strides to rig up 9714 which hadn't been raced all summer. He also brought in a ringer crew member Maria White. And, for the first time in the nearly thirty years of sailing for the Cup, 9714 wrapped up the one-day series with 3 bullets. Quite a memorable occasion. Overall, the July series was won by Christy Sorensen, the August series by Eric Cutting, and the Seasonal Trophy by Christy Sorensen.

We all look forward to a super 1999 season. Lightning 10415, donated to the Chequessett Club last year, is being refurbished by David Jones (former fleet member) and will be available for use by juniors and other members next summer. We hope its use will help to foster interest in Lightning sailing. We encourage one and all to stop by to sail with us.

Christine Sorensen

COLUMBIA FLEET 283

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Washington and on the Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain	Sandra Neuburger
Fleet Secretary	John DeBenedetti
Fleet Champion	Jerry Neuburger
Runner-Up	John DeBenedetti

Gerald M. Champney	Lillia May	7111
* John A. Sanford	An' Son	8497
* James McAllister	Thunder	9690
William Croyey		10541
Michael hemel		10693
* Gary Kokstis		10731
Douglas Sheehan		11133
Arthur La France		11433
* Kevin Stravers		11879
Robert Wallin		12056
Cathy Miles		
& Matt Miles		12219
* Colin Walker		12426
Dan Martin		12990
* James McAllister	Jalapeno	13046
* Dave Mountford		
& Chris Mountford	Orangutan	13476
* Dave Webber	Brain Donkey	13680
* Gerald Neuburger	Whelp A	13788
Don Bewley		13837
* John DeBenedetti	Foam Heads	13896
Randy Anderson		
& Brad Klein		13949
* Terry Busby	Sly	13961
* Roger Hicks	Roaring 40's	14040
* Douglas S. Hickman	Hippo Thunder	14079
* Philip F. Parshley	Humahumanukunukuapua'a	14288

1998 was a great year for Lightning sailing here in Portland. The level of competition was keener this year due to the growth of our fleet. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated core group, we saw an increased number of boats at the start of races both on the road and here at Vancouver Lake. Not only were members traveling far and wide in search of boats for interested skippers but others were recruiting and training the crew needed to sail the new boats.

The first regatta for a lucky few of us was the California Circuit. This year Fleet 283 was represented by three boats in San Diego. John DeBenedetti, along with crew Dave Webber and daughter Allison Webber sailed *Foamheads* to the best results with a First in the Mission Bay series, third place in both the Coronado series and the Ocean series, and a Third place overall. Their great sailing allowed Allison to win the Susan Arnold Perpetual trophy for the

highest placing woman crew in the circuit. Also making the trip down were: the crew of Roger Hicks, Richard Austin, & Bruce Harrington sailing *Roaring 40's*; and a crew of myself along with my brothers Chuck and Ron Artigues sailing a charter *Ship of Fools*. David Mountford, taking advantage of spring break, tagged along with John hoping to find a ride once he got to San Diego. His wish was granted and sailing with Michigan sailors Joel Humphrey and Mark Allen in a charter boat got a respectable fifth place overall.

Back home in the Northwest the great competition continued throughout the season with old timers being challenged by the new skippers in the fleet. Top Honors in '98 go to the ever dominant Jerry Neuburger. Despite pressure from a number of other skippers Jerry managed to collect wins at the Pacific Coast Championship, and by consistently good finishes all year becoming both the 1998 Fleet Champion and the winner of the Northwest District Regatta Circuit.

Other fleet notable were:

Roger Hicks was often seen out on the lake tuning the boat and training his crew and parleyed great teamwork and an aggressive style into wins at the Northwest Districts and the second annual around the island race. One particular incident really demonstrates his gung ho attitude. It seems John D. had him pinned to leeward and was taking Roger beyond the port layline when Roger came up with a brilliant new strategy for this frustrating position: tack and sail right on through the right of way boat. With the speed he was going at impact it might have worked too except John was driving one of his "brokerage" boats, and older Clark I believe that has one of those bulletproof metal rub rails which makes such a symmetrical crescent shaped hole in the front of the offending boat. Roger must have forgotten who held the 1997 award; for this and other bumbles he was awarded the 1998 Broken Rudder award.

Long time fleet members The Parshleys fielded a team at the PCC's and brought home the Wendell Harter trophy for highest finish by an all family crew. Sailing with Philip at skipper were his father Phil Sr. and daughter Lois.

Our youngest skipper Kevin Stravers, was constantly harassing the old farts all season. He seemed to take a perverse joy in slam dunking any of the old timers and even was observed tacking into a header in order to do it! Kevin had a strong showing at Klamath Falls and as top first time finisher at the districts won the Sandbagger award.

Jim McAllister, kept crew turn over to a minimum and sailed his green boat well enough to receive the Most Improve Sailor award.

John DeBenedetti, apparently having used up all his good fortune kicking butt down in San Diego wasn't able to repeat as champ and was awarded the Fleet Runner Up trophy.

Non sailor Jan Stravers won the Mary Kay DeBenedetti award for all the hard work she put in during fleet activities all year long.

Perhaps the best news for us this year was the great increase in the number of Lightning sailors at VLSC. Over the last couple of years we had seen new faces in the crew ranks and this year some of them finally decided that they wanted to be the yellor instead of the yellee. John DeBenedetti, our very own 'Father Lightning', did some excellent work matching skippers with boats. Not only did he travel hundreds of miles around Oregon in order to find the best available boat for Juniors Kevin and Matt Stravers, but he actually went all the way to Michigan to procure a boat for Don Bewley. Not satisfied with going all that way for only one boat and perhaps dreaming of starting a west coast Lightning brokerage to rival Joe Disette, John purchased a second boat and shipped it back to Portland, later to sell it to longtime crew Brad Klein and Randy Anderson. Other former crew turned skippers were Colin Walker who did a great job upgrading the rigging on #12426 and Gary Kokstis who we saw out skippering more often this year after purchasing and repairing #10731 last season.

Luckily for all the skippers we had sufficient crew for all the boats through out the season. Our Junior Skippers enticed friends to come out and try crewing and "the kids" not only sailed with their friends but also filled in with the veterans as needed. Early in the season Ruth Abney came out to the club to crew on a FJ and was quickly grabbed up by an astute Lightning Skipper. Ruth, a novice sailor, persevered through an early season capsiz in her first Regatta (only her fourth time in a lightning) to be voted 1998 crew of the year! Terry Busby, notorious around here for causing numerous crew to make the leap to boat owner, was lucky enough to be short one per-

son on the night that Molly Hopkins dropped in to find a ride. Molly, a long time Lightning crew from the Green Bay fleet, recently relocated to Portland and sailed through out the season with Terry. Various other new and veteran crew allowed us to fill all the boats during what has to be one of the more successful seasons we've seen in years.

Roger Artigues

PARTHENON FLEET 286

Greece District

Sailing on Phaleron Bay

The Yacht Club of Greece, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet CaptainGeorge Andreadis
Fleet SecretaryAndrew Sinopoulos
Fleet ChampionCostas Merentitis

* Akis Tsarouhis		
* & Martha Paraskevaki	Carolou	9963
* Andrew Sinopoulos		7569
* Stratis Andreadis	Crinis V	11334
* Alexander Andreadis	Alexander	11459
Nicholas Brantounas	Drosopoulos	11634
Nicholas Cralis	Crantonelis	13801
George Vardaxoglou		
* & Nicholas Vazakas		
& Mariou Paraskevas		
& Markos Raptis	Goumas	13981
* Andrew Sinopoulos		
* & Costas Limberakis	Potamianos	14211
* George Andreadis	Crinis VI	14264
* Costas Merentitis		
& Michael Coulianos		
& Elias Manolakis		
& Stelios Sotiriou	Vlгалis	14377
* George Andreadis		
* & Stratis Andreadis	Crinis VIII	14544

Members of our fleet, including skipper Costas Merentitis with crew Elias Manolakis and Michael Coulianos, and their coach Stelios Sotiriou, traveled in November to Salinas, Ecuador to win second place at the Youth World Championship.

Thanks to our coach Stelios Sotiriou, the number of our Lightning Sailing School has increased to forty-five members.

Andy Sinopoulos

DOLPHIN FLEET 287

Greece District

Sailing on Phaleron Bay

Hellenic Naval Academy, Pireaus, Greece

Fleet CaptainVice Admiral P. Caramanolis, H.N.
Fleet SecretaryLt. (n) D. Bikakis

Evros	14685
Zefiros	14687
Apiliotis	14688
Skiron	14689

Members of the Dolphin Fleet participated in the yacht race Pastrokalia, organized by the Yacht Club of Greece and the Yacht Club of Athens.

Andy Sinopoulos

LAKE CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET 301

New England District

Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain Colchester, Vermont

Fleet CaptainPatrick Zachary
Fleet SecretaryBill Fastiggi
Fleet ChampionKurt Kling
Runner-UpBill Fastiggi

* Peter Tourin	Wind Harp	7829
* David Lansky	Thesis Interruptus	8033
* Edward Guild	Two Boys	10846
Tom Moody		11158
* Sean Carroll	Ant Farm	11754
Todd Cox	Rainbow Rider	12366
Stanford White	Nightmare II	13156
* Patrick Zachary	WhatNow	13888
* Mark Gardner	The Big Scream	14050
Edward J. Ziemer	Zoom	14297
* Robert Smith		
* & Lea Ann Smith	Robert Y Lea	14438
* Kurt Kling	Apple	14446
* Richard Fastiggi	Ciao	14480
* Don Brush	Wild Goose	14640
* Michael Huffman	Creature of Habit	14644
* David Gorman	Blind Faith	14758
* Janice Lange	Southern Cross	14876
* Bill Fastiggi	Mach 5	14878
* Andrew Horton		14926

Our fleet started off the season with three new boats: A brand new boat for Janice Lange after her boat was badly damaged in a highway accident last fall, a newer competitive boat for Patrick Zachary, and (finally) a boat for Mark, Lynn and Bretton Gardner.

Three of our boats - Dave Gorman, Sean Carroll, and Bill Fastiggi traveled to the Southern Circuit last winter to hone up on their heavy air skills! Bill with crew Tim Ambrose and Heather Rowe finished a respectable sixth overall, qualifying for the Pan Am trials, and Sean and Doc each having a few bright moments.

The traditional season opener for the New England District is our own Lake Champlain Spring regatta, which was won by Bill, Heather and Tim. Peter Hall, Alain Boucher, Stu Nickerson, and Ray Harrington rounded out the top five.

Our fleet racing this season saw 11 of our 13 active boats participating with some very competitive, tight racing. Kurt Kling won the series, with Bill Fastiggi, Mark Gardner, Pat Zachary, and "Doc" Gorman all close behind. Ed Ziemer, Janice Lange, Bretton Gardner, Heather Rowe and Pat Zachary also participated in the Thursday evening series. Kurt Kling won the Bob Sidle trophy for the overall fleet championship.

Many members of our fleet spent some time on the road this summer, with fleet 301 members attending the Maple Leaf classic at Bomoseen which was won by Bill, Tim and Heather with Robert and Lea Ann Smith and Don Brush finishing fifth. Pat Zachary and Kika Bronger finished 4th at the Wellfleet regatta and made it to the 60th Anniversary regatta in Skaneateles.

The highlight for fleet 301 this year was our combined performance at the District Championships on Lake Massabesic in NH. Andy Horton and his Soling crew Andy Herlihy and Drew Buttner dominated this predominately windy and shifty Districts. Bill Fastiggi, Tim Ambrose and Heather Rowe ended up second. Our fleet really dominated the 35 boat event, with other fleet members having great performances. Kurt Kling, Peter Kling (11 years) and Kate Brush (13 years) who would have easily been in the top 5 except for a capsized in one race. They were leading the windiest race at the first windward mark, and had all other finishes in the top ten. Mike and Meg Huffman sailing with Kip Hamblett, missed the offset mark in race one which they were leading, and withdrew from the race, costing them a certain top three overall finish. Don Brush,

Dave Halsted, and Paul Gutwin also capsized dropping them down to 7th out of the top five. Sean Carroll finished 8th and won the most improved award. Each race was won by a member of our fleet, and except for one race someone from our fleet was leading at every first weather mark. Lynn Gardner and Kika Bronger even lead the part Saturday night start to finish!

The day before the Districts, Massabesic YC also hosted the Women's, Juniors, and Masters championships which were all won by fleet 301 members. Congratulations to Heather Rowe, Sean Carroll, and Doc Gorman for their respective wins.

Our fleet participated in the North American Championships in Buffalo with Sean Carroll finishing third in the Junior NAs, and qualifying to represent the US at the Youth Worlds in Ecuador this November. Janice Lange crewed in the Women's NAs, and Doc Gorman competed in the Masters. In the NAs, Andy Horton, Sean Carroll, and Mike Huffman, all qualified for the Blue fleet, with Andy finishing well enough to qualify for the Pan Am trials and the Worlds in Ecuador next year. Bill Fastiggi ended up third in the Presidents cup, and Doc Gorman was seventh in the Governors cup.

In October, Andy, Bill and Heather teamed up to win the US Pan Am trials in Lake Carlyle, near St. Louis. They will represent the US in the Lightning in the Pan Am games next summer in Winnipeg.

Finally, over Thanksgiving, Sean Carroll won the Youth Worlds in Salinas Ecuador. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we're all very proud of him.

All in all, our fleet had a tremendous season. We look forward to more enthusiastic sailing again next year.

Bill Fastiggi

COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 303

Ohio District
Sailing on Cowan Lake
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet CaptainKen Irwin
Fleet SecretaryMike Kemp
Fleet ChampionSteve Weeber

Ron Ferguson	Red Alert	9489
Robert Staab, Jr.	Gypsy	10013
* Ron Millard	We're Here	10687
Richard Niemeyer	Blue Thunder	11368
* Paul S. Back		11144
* Jim Young	Entropy	11507
David Boehm		12321
Don Bruck		12412
Chris Mercer	Exodus	13236
Bill Landis		13275
* Clark Shingledecker	Starlight Express	13502
* Bill Young	Coot	13719
* Dick Pugh		
* & Jeff Pugh	Figment	14110
* Kenneth J. Irwin	Adrenalin	14216
* Stephen A. Weeber	Phoenix	14287
* Michael Kemp	Joker's Wild	14867
* Michael Brock		
* James Taylor		

The 1998 season was a great one for the Cowan Lake Lightning Fleet. We have gained three new members. They are Jim Taylor, Mike Brock, and Don Bruck. Mike Kemp bought a new boat and has been campaigning it on the regatta circuit with Jim Taylor. Mike Brock has been active racing his boat at Cowan and has decided that he too needs a new boat. He has already sold his old boat and will be ordering a new one as soon as he decides what go-fasts to put on it.

The Cowan Lightning Fleet has a history of racing at a lot of regattas. And this year was no different. The "Road Warriors" of Fleet 303 went to off-lake regattas 18 times this season. The two highlights of the season were the 50th annual District Championships, which had forty boats attend, and the 60th

Anniversary Regatta. The fleet had a great deal of success collecting silver this year. Dick Pugh and the Kemp-Taylor team both finished in the top ten at Districts and qualified to the North American Championships. Four different skippers from the Cowan fleet won regattas this year. Dick Pugh won the Indian Lake Regatta with Luke and Clark Shingledecker crewing for him. This is the fourth time that a Cowan boat has won the regatta in the last seven years. (Other past winners are Bill Young in '95 and Steve Weeber in '92 and '97.) Steve Weeber won the Mansfield Regatta and for the second year was runner-up in the Governor's Cup, which is the District season championship trophy. Bill Young won the season ending regatta at Cowan with both of his sons crewing for him. Jim Taylor and Dick Pugh made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the fleet at the regatta. Earlier in the year Jim Taylor introduced himself to the club by easily winning the Hornich Cup and becoming the C.L.S.A.'s men's champion. Jim had never sailed an MC-Scow, which was the boat used for the series, until the morning of the championship.

The fleet is looking forward to next year where we hope to continue our success with fleet growth and on the race course. We will host the District Championship at the end of June. The fleet will be led by past C.L.S.A. Commodore Ken Irwin who was elected Fleet Captain at the end of the season. Steve Weeber regretfully stepped down from the position.

Steve Weeber

OULU FLEET 307 Finland District Sailing on the Gulf of Bothnia Oulu, Finland

Fleet SecretarySimo Koski

* Lasse G. Hammar	9436
* Lasse G. Hammar	13505
* Markku Paloma	14269

No Report.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET 314 Dixie District Sailing on the Sassafra River Maryland

Fleet CaptainHoward Edson
Fleet SecretaryDave Horne
Fleet ChampionAl Mast
Fleet Runner-UpJim Hopkins

* Robert B. Horne	Doc's Boat	9391
* Robert B. Horne	Great Pumpkin	12381
* Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	12710
* John D. Farquhar		12964
* F. Thomas Hopkins		13926
* Howard S. Edson	Etc.	14218
* F. Thomas Hopkins	Sassy Canary	14648
* Alfred B. Mast	Bald Bullet	14651

Although we only averaged five boats each weekend of racing, we had a total of eleven different skippers racing at one point or another throughout the summer. Of the eleven skippers, seven of them won at least one race. Not bad competition! Next year's goal is to get all eleven into boats at the same time. What stood out however, were the results of some of the "back-up" brothers (skippers). Jim Ganley, Jr. wrestled the tiller away from brother Ted for the first two races of the summer and came away with two first places. Doug Hopkins filled in for brother Jim for four races and finished 2-1-2-1. Even more disturbing however; Doug was sailing the boat single-handed for the first two of those four races. What was I saying earlier about the competition?

Jim Ganley, Jr. won the Doc Walbert Cup for his win in the first race of the season and Al Mast won the Buss Neff Cup for his win in the fifth race. The Summer Bay Race was won by Al Mast with Tom Hopkins in second and Howard Edson in third.

The second half of the season included similar names. Al won the Skipper's Cup in the ninth race and Jim Hopkins won the Commodore's Cup for his first place finish in the thirteenth race. The Fall Bay Race was exciting in that just about every boat was in or near the lead at one point. Howard held on to win, with Jim Hopkins and Al Mast finishing second and third, respectively.

Al Mast won the sixteen race series, with Jim Hopkins second, and Ted Ganley third. Al also won the James V. Ganley Fleet Champion Award for his overall performance throughout the entire summer.

After not coming up with a winner last year, three people vied for the coveted Butt Award. What was ironic however, was that two of the individuals are in the same family and both got wet in their effort to win. Although Jim fell overboard during a race (while skippering), we just couldn't resist giving the award to Ann Ganley for 'jumping' overboard after the race into what she thought would be only a few feet of water. Rumor has it that it was so deep, it took her quite a while to re-surface.

Let's hope the racing is as fun as ever in 1999 and that more boats make it out to the course each and every week. *David Horne*

ALGORRABO FLEET 318 Chile District

Fleet Secretary Juan Arcos

Jorge Salgado		11040
Jorge Ruben Salgado		12654
* Juan A. Arcos	Red Witch	13039
Eric Velasquez Beltran	Linda Chica	14295
Jose Manuel Horwitz F.	Pampero	14307
Ignacio Bazaure	Tifosi	14791

No Report.

REHOBOTH BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION FLEET 325

Dixie District
Sailing on Rehoboth Bay
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Fleet Captain/Secretary David Racine

* Rehoboth Bay Sailing	Bobo	9527
* James W. Greenwell		10226
* Carl Robinson	Liberty Call	11028
W. David Racine, III	Pisces	11899

No Report.

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB FLEET 326 Michigan District Sailing on Grand Traverse Bay Traverse City, Michigan

Fleet Secretary Paul Davis

* Michael Fisher		7007
* Mike Dow		13493
* Paul C. Davis	Holey Cow	13932
* R. Garret Demarest, III	Spirit	14460

No Report.



Fleet 328 Champion Samppa J Salminen with crew Ilkka Virtanen in front and Tero Kotimäki in the middle training for the European Championships.

Photo courtesy Samppa Salminen

JYVÄSKYLÄ FLEET 328 Finland District Sailing on Lake Paijanne Jyväskylä, Finland

Fleet Captain Ilkka Lilja
Fleet Secretary Samppa J. Salminen
Fleet Champion Samppa J. Salminen
Runner-Up Vesa Purokuru

Timo Lehtinen	Old Lady	6838
* Antero Westerlund	Melanie	12479
Timo Järvinen	Lola	12908
Vesa Purokuru	Mafalda	12918
* Samppa J. Salminen	Nikea	14364

For our fleet, this season was like the others in previous years: Samppa with his crew Tero Kotimäki and Ilkka Virtanen took part in both ranking-regattas and Championships. Other fleet boats concentrated on cruising regattas.

Our sailing season started traditionally in the middle of May by trailering the boat south to Lake Tuusulanjärvi. Despite the early spring the weather was very warm and sunny. After very equal competition Samppa and his crew finished 5th with two boats behind. This was very good practice for the coming European and District Championships which were held together on the same lake.

At the end of June four boats from our fleet took part to the Keitele-regatta: Vesa Purokuru, Virve Lilja and Ilkka Virtanen with *Mafalda*, Timo Järvinen, Pekka Lehtinen and Esko Lehtinen with *Lola*, Jukka Lehtinen, Timo Lehtinen and Anssi Lehtinen with *Old Lady* and Samppa J Salminen, Tero Kotimäki and Keijo Tulomäki with *Nikea*. The regatta is 35 miles long and is divided in three legs. The first two legs are sailed in the first day. The last leg is sailed next day after overnight on an island! The winds were rather mild and once again it showed that never give up before you have passed the finishing line! After very severe sailing the final results where: *Nikea* 1st, *Mafalda* 2nd, *Lola* 3rd and *Old Lady* 4th.

It was time for the Europeans. When we arrived to the club we were very happy to see Mr. Dick Hallagan from USA and his crew Lori Foster and Craig Thayer on shore preparing there boat for the competitions. After two days we had problems with our tiller and I would like to thank Mr. Craig Thayer of his useful tips and help to get rid of that problem! Everybody was a little bit worried that would we have enough wind at the end of June on the lake. The wind was excellent all the time and we had very much fun sailing the Europeans. The Tuusulanjärvi fleet #456 made excellent work to organize marvellous championships. *Nikea* with Samppa, Tero Kotimäki and Ilkka Virtanen finished 9th in the Europeans and 6th in the District Championships.

Our Fleet Captain Ilkka Lilja with Kari Elivuo and Anssi Lilja borrowed *Nikea* for the first European Masters Championships. They finished 10th among 13 boats and showed their talent during the race making it better and better after every race!

During the Championships *Lola* and *Old Lady* took part in the Lake Päijänne Race. That is a long distance non-stop race of 65 miles. There were also two other Lightnings: *Adler* skippered by Mika Hyrylä and *Uikku* skippered by Kimmo Heikkinen. The regatta was perhaps one of the most equal races ever sailed on Lake Päijänne: time for the winner *Lola* 15 hours 22 minutes and 25 seconds and the last boat *Uikku* 15 hours 39 minutes and 42 seconds!

Samppa J Salminen, Secretary Jyväskylä Lightning Fleet 328

SEVERN RIVER FLEET 329 Dixie District Sailing on Chesapeake Bay Annapolis, Maryland

Fleet Captain Phil Grotheer

* William H. Buckley (Life)		0
* Gregory C. Swartz	Lone Pine	8516
Jim Bielefeld		9665
* C. Eric Olsen	Fission Chips	11628
* Harry H. Keith, III	Thunder	11767
* Marty Huppert	Jaberwock	11871
* Dustin Romey		12743
* Doug Heussler	Ant Farm	13312
* Peter Luria		
* & Jon Guth	Pain Killer	13740
* Jonathan I. Lange		13856
* James (Jamie) B. Brickell, Jr.		14028
* Steve Palmer	Spike	14217
* Dixon Duffett	Sakajo	14278
* Eric C. Coffin	Yankee Clipper	14433
* Mike Beaver		14566
* E. Joseph Friebele		14581
* Philip Grotheer	Bitchin Camaro	14881

We're on a roll! That's the best way to describe what's been happening over the past two years for our Annapolis Fleet. We have been on a mission since the spring of 97 to host a major event (2000 North American's) and triple the size of our fleet in the preceding years up to the event. We have progressed since then with 9 members and 4 or 5 that actively sail to 14 and 9 respectively. We have 5 or 6 definites for joining over the winter/spring which are all active sailors, giving us 19 members minimum for the 99 season. There are also 5 to 10 others who have expressed serious interest in joining in anticipation of the 2000 NA's. Not only did we succeed in winning

the NA's bid but we also got the Atlantic Coast Champs for next season (99), a 50 boat regatta near the end of July with attendees from Canada to Florida. Our 2nd successful season of Tuesday evening races has spawned a "Trial" Sunday series. The Sunday thing will be more serious in 99 as more boats get on the line, and allowing for more total sailing days for prospective members to participate in.

New Fleet Officers have just been voted in for the next year to help manage the activities of all these upcoming regattas. It's been a while since we've had several "official" offices but we felt it was necessary to have a Fleet Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chairperson and PR/Fundraising Chairperson. All of these positions will be crucial to running a tight ship and we thank everyone ahead of time for the work about to be done.

Work has already begun on the NA's planning. In particular, we are talking to local merchants about housing, parking, catering, dining and sponsorship. It is clear that money will need to be raised so we're working on a Logo graphic for merchandise to sell. We also plan to get a booth at the boatshow next year so some cash will need to be raised to pay the bill. The boatshow will probably pay for itself by selling fleet merchandise and scaring up more fleet members - a great event for marketing ourselves.

The following is a collection of articles over the season covering individual regattas and general activity:

TESOD (Tuesday-Evening-Sailing-One-Design) (June 9th)

If you are the kind of sailor that waits for only sunny days when it's blowing 10-12 out of the south, you're missing out on some good stuff. Last night we had one of the best TESOD's ever. Yes it started out a little drizzly but it mostly held off while three boats sailed 4 or 5 short windward leewards. Myself (Phil Grotheer) sailed with Susan Berry and Jared Ackers, Sean Carroll sailed with two J-world buddies and Eric Olsen got the Lippi out with Marcus Frank. Phil, Sean and Eric all took some bullets while we had several tacking and jibing duels.

Oh yeah, and the good part was the Clipper Cantina afterwards where we cashed in on the wooden nickels given out by John Potter (Alden Bugly). They can be cashed in for any rail drink (beer, vodka tonics etc...). John gives the nickels out as you finish your first race for the evening.

Steve and Barb Palmer were getting the new boat ready and didn't quite make the races but were able to run through some boat rigging/tuning. We'll see you out this weekend and following Tuesdays. Jonathan, Doug & Barb Heussler, the Brickells, Dixon and Joe are all regulars who just couldn't make it last night. Wait til the next few Tuesdays when we will all be sailing together in one of the biggest weekday Lightning fleets in North America.

TESOD (June 23rd)

We had the season's best turnout last night with 6 Lightnings. And there were still several others that usually show up, which would have made 9 or 10 boats. Keep on coming down people. The breeze had a bit to be desired but the spirit sure was there. About 4 races were held. We missed the first two so I'm not sure who won but I think Sean Carroll and Eric Carlson were up there. Eric was sailing Dixon Duffett's boat (thanks Dixon for lending your boat). Sean won the 3rd and we were leading the last when the breeze ended.

I am very proud that this many people have been coming out on Tuesdays to sail these great boats of ours. I would like to have some more very strong showings over the next few weeks until our next regatta on August 1 & 2.

The Fleet list server is now days from being in service according to Alex Pline who is setting it up for us. It will allow anyone in the fleet to send or reply emails to the entire fleet. Here are some benefits: 1) All Skippers can post a quick note whether they will attend each TESOD or weekend regatta. Everyone will know who is coming. 2) Post a note if you need crew, or 3) Crews can send a note if they need a ride. Then they won't get a million calls after they have a confirmed ride. 4) Bounce around certain issues involving the fleet (North American's topics, weekday sailing, meeting dates etc...)

Keep it up people and see you next week,

TESOD (July 21st)

Predictions for this evening in plain English are from the south around 10 knots. Sounds like a beautiful end to a really hot day. I'd like to see all of you duking it out on the starting line tonight. Someone else will probably be sailing my boat tonight while I will be on Jamie and Susie Brickell's boat. There will also be some avail-

able crew (Jen Beam has sailed with Bob Wardwell and Brian Hung is just starting out in the fleet - Both will be down to jump on a boat).

If you are planning on being there, please send a quick note on "LightningSSA" so we know who will be there.

I am still looking desperately for a good used boat for Marty Huppert, who will re-join SSA and the fleet as soon as he finds a boat. Be prepared to talk about this later.

See you tonight.

MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S CUP, June 13,14

What a great weekend it was for sailing. The Gov Cup at SSA was one of the best in years with 12 boats and plenty of new faces. Saturday the wind was a little trying. We got one race off Saturday in a dying breeze. This was some of the tightest Lightning sailing I've seen in Annapolis in years as several clumps of three boats at a time would battle near the finish line. Sunday started out with a breezy 12 to 16 knots out of the west-northwest. The breeze slowly diminished as the day progressed but plenty of downwind action. Your's truly (Phil Grotheer) took first overall, local hero Joe Friebele took 2nd, beating out Tucker Thompson who sailed a borrowed boat from NJ. See the rest of the results on the SSA webpage. Others attending were Brickell, Carlson, Carrol, Guth/Lauria, Keith, Lange, Olsen, Anderson & Beaver. If you don't recognize some of these last names its time for you to come down to sail more and meet these great people.

SSA SPRING FLING (August 1,2)

What an incredible weekend we had for our 2 day Spring Fling at SSA. Two days of the most perfect summer sailing conditions I've ever seen on the Chesapeake Bay. The feeling people usually have when a cool north easterly comes thru for a weekend is "better enjoy it while it lasts". Not only did the 8 to 12 knots last for two straight days but the heading of 50 also held steady for days. This allowed John Potter and Race Committee to bang off five races on Saturday and three Sunday. The race format which allowed for five races Saturday was a windward leeward with start/finish line in middle of the course and they used a three minute sequence with horn blasts. Each fleet (Solings, Tempests and Lightnings) had their own sequence which was given warning by short horn blasts a minute beforehand which gave four minutes total to set up a start. This also allowed them to immediately restart each fleet as soon as they finished. Boy did this work to keep us busy sailing all day. I think everyone who sailed was in favor of this new format, especially when multiple fleets are sailing. Several new sailors came out this weekend to try out their new boats. The three newcomers to SSA were Dustin Romey from Crofton, MD, Nabeel Alsalam from Northern VA and Carl Robinson from Newark, DE. Congrats on all three for coming out for your first SSA regatta. We hope to see you alot in the future. We'll see you all out tonight for Tuesday sailing. We plan to have about five boats on the line. Also next weekend is the Annual Fishing Bay Regatta in Deltaville, VA. They plan to have a bunch of fleets and over 100 boats total. I know I won't miss it.

SSA FALL REGATTA (Sept 19,20)

Two days of beautiful conditions on the Chesapeake were had at the SSA Fall Regatta. This was actually our lowest attendance regatta all year with 10 boats, not bad huh? The teams showed up from as far away as Newark, DE. Four races were sailed on Saturday and three on Sunday. Joe Friebele was smoking this weekend with smart sailing and took three bullets. A near tie going into the last race on Sunday was had until we won the final race. Joe is fast becoming the most feared boat on the bay again with his smooth style. Jamie Brickell took third place and won the third race on Saturday. These Annapolis guys are really stepping it up as we move toward the end of the season. Please come on out for our Frigid Digit on October 17-18. Attendance seems to be up this year again for this season finale.

FRIGID DIGIT (Oct 17,18)

Please look for the Frigid Digit Article in the *Flashes*. Basically 29 boats, winner was Matt Reiser from NJ, second was Rob Wardwell, third Gianni Cuccio and 4th Bob Wardwell.

Phil Grotheer

SQUAM LAKE FLEET 332 New England District Sailing on Big Squam Lake Holderness, New Hampshire

Fleet CaptainWally Ackley
Fleet TreasurerBob Sengstaken
Fleet SecretaryTeresa Sengstaken
Fleet ChampionAllan Whatley

Bob Hanson	Junge	7944
* Brad Eaton		8268
* Robert W. Sengstaken, Jr.	Mountain Thyme	10320
* Dwight Gertz	Jumbo	10555
* David D. Closson	Go-Mo-Shun II	10732
Bill Elmore		12509
* Jack Russell		12859
Gerry Grossman		13101
* Wallace E. Ackley		13382
* Ed Michaels	Banana Boat	13620
* Allan Whatley	DC	14033

Fleet 332 crossed the 1998 start line in traditional fashion with the Memorial Day Weekend organizational meeting at the Sengstaken Sandwich summer camp with junior crew Katy and Bobby serving delicious goodies while Bob performed secretary/treasurer duties. With dues collected including Regatta fees, and weekend responsibilities assigned, we were ready to sail.

This year we welcomed two new skippers, Bill Elmore and Gerry Grossman. Both purchased boats within the fleet as we continued our efforts to keep boats for sale on the lake. Prospects for additional boats, both short and long term, are improving as several crew persons consider buying boats and the Squam Lakes Association's new sailing programs train juniors, facilitate private lessons and sponsor weekly Sunfish races (with thanks to the efforts of fleet member, Jack Russell.)

The winds of July blew steadily and favorably for Allan Whatley (or could it have been his sailing skills?) who took first place and the Blair Cup for the July Series. With Bob Sengstaken finishing second followed by Dave Closson.

The August series brought out the full compliment of fleet boats and was highlighted by our regatta on August 22 & 23 and low-lighted by a windless and therefore winless Around The Lakes Race.

The regatta, an international event with the entry of Tony Staples from Montreal, provided the locals with some additional excitement and a few pointers in expert seamanship. Three races were held on



Above: 1999 Regatta Winners - Dave Closson 5th, Allan Whatley 3rd, Dwight Gertz 4th, Tony Staples 1st, and Ken Deyette 2nd
Photos courtesy Teresa Sengstaken and Wally Ackley



*Sailing on Squam FLake, home of Fleet 332.
Photos courtesy Teresa Sengstaken and Wally Ackley*

BARNEGAT LIGHT YACHT CLUB FLEET 335 **Central Atlantic District** **Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Barnegat Light Yacht Club** **Harvey Cedars, New Jersey**

Fleet CaptainJustin Monnig
Fleet Secretary/TreasurerWilliam Clarke

* Justin Monnig		0
* Paul B. Wood	Talisman	10526
* Alex Cano		11189
* David P. Kunz		11221
* David P. Kunz		11550
* David P. Kunz		12556
* John Demming	Sig3	13772
* Hal Pote	Rastamohican	13876
* John Faus	Knotty Dread	14350
* William S. Clarke	Hot Pepper	14489
* Paul B. Wood		14650
* David P. Kunz		14850

The most notable thing that happened at Lightning Fleet 335 in 1998 was that Paul Wood replaced *Talisman* (10526) with a later Lightning (14650). He was all set for a really great year of sailing with his boat, sails, and crew all set to go.

Well, Paul had a good Summer of sailing but I think the rest of us let him down a bit. Participation was really poor at Fleet 335 this summer. While we did get off a series of around 20 Saturday afternoon races, each week more boats sat in the lot than were in the water. I contributed to the problem when my daughter Marci (and a former crewperson with me) was married in the middle of July in New Hampshire to Mark Crowley. A lot of the people from the Fleet attended and shot that weekend for sailing. It's hard to say what happened the rest of the weekends, but participation was disappointing.

Never to be discouraged, we are looking forward to an active sailing season next summer. John Demming was elected Fleet Captain in September and is making vast plans for an active Summer of sailing. Our thanks go to Justin Monnig for his three years as Fleet Captain, however, his term of office was up. Justin is now in the market for a new boat and is going to concentrate on sailing next Summer rather than administrative duties as Fleet Captain. We appreciate his efforts and contribution.

Rumors are all around about new boats and crew buying boats and new members with boats. We will just wait and see
William S. Clarke

GALWAY LAKE FLEET 338 **Central New York District** **Sailing on Galway Lake** **Galway, New York**

Fleet CaptainJames Dickson
Fleet SecretaryR. James Millard
Fleet ChampionJim Millard
Fleet Runner-UpWillard Kohler

* Harold B. Hansen	Rocky	7123
* Maury Gardner		9844
* James Dickson		12115
* John S. Orton		12130
* Ken Buhrmaster		12573
* Dale H. Brown		12636
* Willard Kohler	Eng_neer	13251
* R. James Millard	Huggie	13655
* John Korkosz		14328

The 1998 season was marked by light air, for the most part, accompanied by constant and major wind shifts. John Korkosz rejoined the fleet and was neck and neck with Jim Millard through-

Saturday in medium wind punctuated by the famous Squam Lakes wind shifts. Sunday started with clear sky and zero zephyrs and ended with thundering skies and torrential rain. The good news is that in between the weather extremes two races were held, a lively social hour enjoyed with the prizes awarded. The cars started to leave the parking lot just as the first drops of rain fell. Tony Staples took first place honors followed by Ken Deyette, Allan Whatley, Dwight Gertz, and Dave Closson. Each paid homage to their stellar crews.

The August series was won by Allan Whatley with Dwight Gertz second and Dave Closson third.

The season closed with the annual pot luck dinner, a lively affair with fleet and family members, ages 1 to 80, sharing the season's stories, congratulating the winning sailors and making plans for next year. The Colossian Cup based on the last three races was awarded to Dwight Hertz. The Wood Cup was awarded to Allan Whatley and steady crew Chris Whitely as fleet champion for the year, Bob Sentstaken and Dave Closson took second and third place honors. The final award, the Fleet Spirit Skipper Award was presented to Chick Ackley for her devoted efforts in "skippering" the various social gatherings.

We look forward to seeing you at our 1999 Regatta on August 21 & 22. *Wally Ackley*

out July, each passing the other several times within each race. John, being a veteran Snipe sailor, was very fast upwind but had more than a few unkind words for his chute off the wind. Despite losing a rudder and almost a mast during the season, Jim's crew of Andy and Becky Gaudreau pulled him through.

A spirited contest for third place saw Willard Kohler edge Dale Brown with a strong August series. Hopes are high for next year with the purchase of boats by John Orton and former Lightning sailor Fred Lyngard. Additionally, some of our "Cat" sailors are also giving serious consideration to joining the Lightning fleet. We may have ten boats on the line in 1999, the best in twenty years.

LAKE LANIER FLEET 348

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Lanier

Flowery Branch, Georgia

Fleet SecretaryDavid Smith

* Tapp Rinne	Dolly The White Lightning	9570
* Edward Heller	Live Luff Laugh	12849
* David S. Smith	Nemesis	14067
* Terry E. Tyner		14622
* Robert S Skorupski		14902

No Report.

HOOVER YACHT CLUB FLEET 353

Ohio District

Sailing on Hoover Reservoir

Columbus, Ohio

Fleet CaptainEhmann Miller

Fleet Secretary/TreasurerGoldie Miller

Gary Babin	Endeavor	9338
* Greg Fisher	Still Crazy	10860
* Ehmann Miller	The Goldie Marie	12015
* Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst		0

No Report.

FLOTTE MURTENSEE 358

Switzerland District

Sailing on Lake of Murten

Switzerland

Fleet CaptainUrs Wyler

Fleet SecretaryWalter Durr

* Daniel Fischlin	Damafimo	10899
* Hans-Peter Schmid	Milan	13692
* Urs Wyler	Meltemi	13790
* Jacques Perret	Gaston	14530
* Peter Graf	Karhu	14664

Nachdem die Frühlingsregatta in Sempach aus Windmangel und die Regatta von Murten aus Termingrunden ausfielen, bereiteten sich die 2 Boote Meltemi und Gaston an der Semaine du Joran auf die Europameisterschaft in Finnland vor. Diese endete trotz der knappen Vorbereitung mit einem grossen Sieg von Meltemi, der 6 der 10 gesegelten Laufe in einem anspruchsvollen und tückischen, aber sehr schönen Segelrevier gewinnen konnte. Gaston wurde sehr guter 7. 3 Boote unserer Flotte beteiligten sich im Herbst an der Distrikteister-

schaft in Neuenburg. Diese endete mit einem dreifachen Sieg unserer Flotte durch Meltemi, Gaston, und Karhu. Bravo!!! Unserer übertragen. Diese wird vom 29. Juli bis am 4. August 1999 in Murten stattfinden. Wir setzen alles daran, dass diese Meisterschaft für alle Teilnehmer zu einem unvergesslichen Anlass wird und hoffen auf eine grosse Beteiligung.

Walter Durr

CATAWBA YACHT CLUB FLEET 365

Southeastern District

Sailing on Lake Wylie

Charlotte, North Carolina

Fleet CaptainRon Wright

Fleet SecretaryRichard Lake Johnson

* Richard Lake Johnson	Sarah	9085
Tom Smiley		10086
* Ronald K. Wright	Sleuth	11241
* Richard Lake Johnson	Kushy Butterfield	11553
* William C. Campbell, III	Sassy	11897
Wayne Ingersoll		13941
Carr Boyd	Buckwheat	14620

No Report.

OKANAGAN FLEET 368

Pacific Northwest District

Sailing on Okanagan Lake

Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Fleet Captain/SecretaryBob Bazett

Bill McIlroy	It's About Time	12376
* Robert Bazett	White Shadow	13477

No Report.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FLEET 372

California District

Sailing on San Francisco Bay

Point Richmond, California

Fleet CaptainElissa Hall

Fleet Secretary/TreasurerMichael Molina

Fleet ChampionScott McBurney

Fleet Runner-UpMichael Molina

* Michael A. Molina		9169
* Elissa Hall	Elusive	12337
* Dave Larz Anderson	Crusader Rabbit	13526
* Bruce B. Arnold	Peppermint Patty Too	13783
* Elissa Hall	Too Elusive	13869
* Mark D. Patty	Raggedy Ann 4	13943
* Michael A. Molina	Double Happiness	14305
* R. Scott McBurney	Jamaican Bobsled	14481

No Report.