

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF FLEETS

<i>Name of Fleet</i>	<i>Fleet No.</i>	<i>Name of Fleet</i>	<i>Fleet No.</i>	<i>Name of Fleet</i>	<i>Fleet No.</i>
Acuelo Lake	490	Guayaquil Y.C.	272	Oulu	307
Androscoggin	450	Gull Lake	137	Palmetto	440
Annisquam	151	Hallwiler & Sempachersee	250	Paupack	16
Atwood Lake	212	Hamilton Boating Club	118	Pentwater	340
Awosting Yacht Sq.	95	Harbor Island Y.C.	262	Piraeus	286
Barnegat Light Y.C.	335	Harveys Lake L.F.	350	Pointe Claire Y.C.	499
Bay Head Y.C.	3	Hawaii	143	Pontiac Y.C.	54
Biscayne Bay	226	Helsinki	166	Port Oswego	485
Black Rock Y.C.	17	Henderson Harbor	225	Pymatuning Y.C.	36
Bomoseen Y.C.	227	Hewlett Bay	58	Red Bank on the Shrewsbury	70
Bow Lake	493	Higgins Lake	110	Rehoboth	325
Bracciano	479	High Tor	41	Rocky Mountain	488
Brant Beach	173	Hoover Y.C.	353	Rocky River	71
Buckeye Lake	43	Indian Lake	23	Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	215
Buffalo Canoe Club	12	Indianapolis S.C.	270	Rush Creek	435
Carlyle Sailing Association	266	Ithaca	484	Saginaw Bay	216
Catawba	365	Jayhawk	60	Saint Mary's	400
Cedar	478	Jyvaskylan	328	Salamis	251
Cedar Point	126	Kemi	310	Salinas Y.C.	405
Centerboard Y.C.	14	Keuka Lake	252	San Francisco Bay	372
Champlain	301	Kotka	298	Santa Monica Bay	102
Chautauqua Lake	19	Lake Davenport	167	Sao Paulo	147
Chautauqua	198	Lake Delta Y.C.	4	Sassafras River	314
Chelsea Y.C.	39	Lake Fenton Y.C.	53	Savannah	127
Chequesset	280	Lake Geneva S.C.	345	Seattle	132
Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	5	Lake Hartwell	391	Selkirk	498
Chinook	229	Lake Lanier	348	Severn River	329
Clarks Hill	257	Lake Mohawk Y.C.	25	Sheboygan	187
Club Nautico Del Muna	73	Lansing S.C.	387	Shreveport	175
Club Nautico El Portillo	501	Lavallette Y.C.	104	Silver Lake Y.C.	47
Club Nautico San Pablo	447	Leatherlips Y.C.	27	Skaneateles C.C.	1
Columbia	283	Little Neck Bay L.F. (Bayside Y.C.)	55	Southampton Y.C.	431
Conneaut Lake	180	Madison Beach	129	Spofford Lake	145
Cowan Lake	303	Manitowoc	393	Spray Beach Y.C.	91
Crescent Sail Y.C.	51	Mansfield	150	Squam Lake	332
Crescent Yacht Club	9	Maple Bay	64	Suncoast Fleet	502
Cuba Lake	115	Marblehead	189	Surf City	196
Dallas Corinthian	35	Marsala	449	Susquehanna	253
Decatur	74	Massabesic Y.C.	273	Swift Creek	496
Devil's Lake	31	Memphis	274	Tennessee Valley	500
Douglas Lake	374	Merrimac River	121	Tohickon Creek	491
Flotta del Conero	466	Metedeconk River	34	Toronto Bay	146
Flotta del Garda	249	Milwaukee	69	Trasimeno	453
Flotta del Savio	476	Mission Bay	194	Triad	415
Flotte du Lac de Neuchatel	169	Mobile Bay	135	Turkeyfoot Lake	33
Flotte Murtensee	358	New Orleans	209	Tuusulanjarvi	456
Flotte Roma	479	Newport Y.C.	77	Valkeakoski	468
Fond-Du-Lac	442	Niagara S.C.	59	Valley	486
Galway Lake	338	Niantic Bay	85	Waccamaw	463
Grand Traverse Y.C.	326	North Florida	461	Wake	481
Great South Bay	178	North Shrewsbury	11	Washington, D.C.	50
Greater Charleston	429	Nyack	75	Wawasee Y.C.	154
Green Bay	112	Ocean City Y.C.	430	Willow Bank Y.C.	164
Greifensee	309	Okanogan	368	Yacht Club Peruano	265
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Guarapiranga Lake	462				

Lightning Fleets

ROSTERS AND REPORTS

SKANEATELES COUNTRY CLUB (1)

Central New York District

Sailing on Skaneateles Lake, Syracuse, NY

Fleet Captain Frank Haas
Fleet Secretary Anne Roth Hueber

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9178	Wing It	Geoff Wing
11154	Blitzen II	Frank J. Haas
12031	Roamin' with Brohmann II	Anne Roth Hueber
12210	Ensayo	David M. Hayes
12690	Mr. Completely	Christopher C. Kuhns
13172	Wild Goose	Kirk Reynolds
13677	.....	Hendrix TenEyck, Jr.
.....	.....	John Barnes
.....	.....	W. Howell Finn

What can really be said about the summer of '88 for Lightnings in Skaneateles? We have been trying for three years to rejuvenate our fleet, and this summer all roads truly did lead to Skaneateles. We were pleased that 226 Lightnings participated in the 50th Anniversary celebration and gave us a great reason to keep trying. For that we thank you. The 50th was a tremendous success and many "Lightning sailors to be" were quite impressed.

Special congratulations goes to Anne Roth "Jigger" Hueber who won the Steketee Trophy for Fleet 1 for publicity at the 50th. Her dedication to promoting the Lightning in the area is greatly appreciated by sailors and non-sailors alike.

Although we have yet to start Lightning fleet races, several local regattas and a Sunday series provided excitement throughout the summer. Lightnings were the dominant fleet at the Columbia Cup, with over seven out of a total 24 boats competing. Bill Collins took home the trophy which is made from the bronze of the 1899 America's Cup champion, Columbia. The first Annual Sandbagger Series continued with Kirk Reynolds and Bill Collins consistently finishing in the top three. Geoff Wing had a great race at the All Lake Regatta and placed first. The Series ended with Bill Collins edging out Kirk Reynolds for the new Sandbagger Trophy.

Many of our Lightning sailors also competed in the District regatta and we hope that this trend continues in the future. We look forward to continuing this strong come back with the possible addition of a Skaneateles Invitational Regatta next year.

BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB (3)

Central Atlantic District

Sailing on Barnegat Bay, Bay Head, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Robert Adams
Fleet Secretary Robert O'Brien, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11569	.....	Bay Head Yacht Club
14008	Vagabond	Robert R. Adams
.....	.....	Robert B. O'Brien, Jr.

Fleet Commodore Robert Adams and Secretary Robert O'Brien hope that the Bay Head Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program will continue to showcase the Lightning sailboat as a model teaching facility for young sailors. The fact that certain important events, such as the Sears Cup are still sailed in Lightnings on Barnegat Bay, are causing a keen interest on the part of some younger sailors in Lightning sailing. The outstanding handling qualities and the excellent learning experience concerning foredeck work with both jib and spinnaker are of great value to any Junior Sailing Program. The Bay Head Yacht Club owned boat is therefore actively used as a training ship and, hopefully will trigger a resurgence of Lightning sailing

at the Bay Head Yacht Club. Fifty years ago, it was not unusual to see 25 or more boats hit the starting line on Barnegat Bay. Hopefully, history will soon repeat itself.

LAKE DELTA YACHT CLUB (4)

Central New York District

Sailing on Lake Delta, Rome, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary Robert M. Carrier

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8917	.....	Arthur R. Peel
13143	Runaway	John T. Kahler, D.D.S.
No Report.		

CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (5)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois

Fleet Captain Steve Brugge
Fleet Secretary Geary Gaspord
Fleet Champion John Walter
Runner-Up Ed Willse

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9924	Why Not	Robert J. Buzbee
10250	Aces and Eights	Stuart D. Ross
10443	Wind On	Tom Hennessy
10930	Ann	Steve P. Brugge
11446	Frolic	Richard Hinze
11507	Illinois Jones	John L. Walter
11703	Dandelion	Paul Wurtzbach
12025	Charlie Brown	Ronald Blair
12283	Midetite	Dennis A. Burke
12395	Mjollnir	Bruce Thompson
12755	.....	Garth Gustafson
13479	TNT	Thomas Tambling
13613	Rangy Lil	Darrell Metcalf
13761	Cygnus	Richard & Paul Gross
13787	Fusion	Robert K. Smithers
13976	Loose Moose	Edwin M. Willse
14065	Razorback IV	William R. Wynn
14096	.....	Ron Blair
14204	.....	Michael Huffman
14218	Prime	Adrian K. Irving
14287	Pink Cloud	Geary Gaspord

No Report.

CRESCENT YACHT CLUB FLEET (9)

Central New York District

Sailing Sawmill Bay, Lake Ontario

Fleet Captain/Secretary John R. Northrop
Fleet Champion John R. Northrop
Runner-Up Carl Ahlheim

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11665	Sam	David Revelle
12270	Gone with the Wind	Phil Cheal

12452	.....	Crescent Yacht Club
12818	Orange Crate	William F. Kamalsky
12898	.....	Crescent Yacht Club
12916	.....	Crescent Yacht Club
12948	Gray Ghost	Carl Ahlheim
12981	.....	Dr. Allen J. Ball
13894	White Lightnin	Brad White
14070	.....	Mark S. Purcell
14202	Jaws	John R. Northrop

No Report.

NORTH SHREWSBURY RIVER FLEET (11) Metropolitan District

Fleet Captain Jack Huntsman
Fleet Secretary Mary Huntsman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13675	Sex, Drugs & Rock Your Roll	Jon Schwartz
14214	.....	Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
.....	.....	John C. Huntsman
.....	.....	Henry O'Hern, III

Our season began in Vermont making reservations for the 50th. The Spoaldings were never home. We found out later that they were skiing at the same hill we were!

Jack won the Spring Series and was third in the Long John with Henry and Larry. Jack, Henry and Kevin went on to first in the 'Districts' and the Atlantic Coast Championships (also Volvo Cup, also Larry, not Henry) and a third at the Fiftieth and the North Americans. A super year.

The Top Gun crew started the '50th' with beers open and were in good shape at the weather mark so got serious. We all had a fun time, almost seeing all our old friends there. Also, the photo taking or just spectating was magnificent, thanks to Bob and Carol Seitz who now live there.

Sandy and I went to California doubledecked. Our start was in 103 degrees! On arriving in San Diego we had temperate weather, great hosts — Mal and Dick Devlin, and good sailing. Brad Read sailed with us in the 'Masters', and Will Jeffers and Al Schroeder sailed with Arnold. A great experience! After the North Americans we headed for the Hearst Castle and the Napa Valley where we filled up the van with cases. Sorry folks, if you stop by there isn't any left! We celebrate the 50th too often.

Enjoyed our friends in the fall regattas and are now frostbiting our tubs. Lots of talk about babies, Southern Circuit, more babies? Long John, Districts, Greece, North American's, Masters, Atlantic Coasts, etc.....

In researching the Atlantic Coasts we find that Fleet 11 was a winner in the beginning and now still after 50 years of — if only's, that shift, and to the bar for I'll see you on the course next year. Happy sailing all....



The happy sailors of Fleet 11.

BUFFALO CANOE CLUB (12)
Lake Erie District
Based on Abino Bay, Lake Erie
Point Abino, Ontario, Canada

Fleet Captain Edwin C. Roseberry, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Jill Swanson
Fleet Champion Mark Bryant
Runner-Up Thomas Allen, Sr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6345	.....	John Swanson
10356	Spirit	David E. Fretz
10565	.....	Mark Bryant
10628	White Lightning	Samuel F. de Castro
10702	.....	Robert G. Sampata, Jr.
10710	Menace	Jack L. Sanders
11117	Electric Lightning	Paul Niederlander
11770	Sea OZ	James Eagan
12445	Restless	Ronald Allan & William W. Hughes
12770	.....	Clarence O. Jones, Jr.
12802	West Wind II	Thomas M. Ward & R. Curtis Montgomery
13366	Firecracker	John & Jody Swanson
13750	.....	Mark Bryant
13945	Berry III	Edwin C. Roseberry, Jr.
13972	Desparado	W. Todd Jones
14111	.....	Jim Allen
14112	.....	Richard A. Aubrecht
14134	.....	Larry MacDonald, Jr.
14194	.....	John W. & Jody Swanson
14211	Atom	Thomas Allen, Sr.
14262	.....	Thomas Allen, Sr.
14305	.....	Thomas Allen, Jr.
14311	.....	Thomas Allen, Sr.
Life Member	.....	Anne Allen
Life Member	.....	Larry MacDonald, Sr.
.....	.....	Keith MacDonald
.....	.....	Mike Montani

The highlight of the year for our Lightning sailors was the 50th Anniversary Regatta held at Skaneateles Lake over the July 4th weekend. Our own Anne Allen, as ILCA President, presided over the 50th year celebration event.

The major Lightning regatta hosted by the BCC was the NFIR, held June 18 and 19. We had a good turnout for the Eby Invitational in May, won by Larry MacDonald.

Our social agenda included a spring party and a summer party after the last club championship race.

Participation in most of the club races was good, especially the Tom Fallon Club Championship.

Tom Allen, Jr. and Sr., Larry MacDonald and Mark Bryant, fled the frozen north for the Lightning Southern Circuit in March. Tom Allen, Jr. won the Savannah Regatta, with Larry MacDonald finishing second overall in the three regattas which also included stops at St. Petersburg and Miami.

The BCC fielded four crews for the Junior Lake Erie District Championship held at Silver Lake, won by Ned Roseberry with crew Matt Sanders and Frank Ernst. Tom Starck was runner-up.

Mark Bryant's third place finish was our best in the District Championship. Todd Jones was sixth, Jody Swanson eighth and Ned Roseberry ninth.

The BCC sent three Lightning teams to the Junior U.S. Area E Sailing Championships at Cleveland Yachting Club. Ned Roseberry finished third, with crew Frank Ernst and Greg Millar in the three man Interlake Boat in the Sears Cup Division. Tom Starck, with Martha Wilson aboard, finished third in the two man Bemis Division in Flying Juniors and Jim Starck finished third in the Smythe Division in Lasers. Our thanks to Jody Swanson for coaching the BCC team, and to Jack Mathias for organizing the qualifying races at the BCC.

We were happy to have five junior Lightning crews participate both in the Junior Club Championship won by Ned Roseberry and the Tom Franclemont Series won by Tom Starck.

Ned Roseberry, with crew Tom Starck and Josh Murphy won the Junior North American Championship at the Mission Bay Yacht Club with five firsts in the six race series. The BCC juniors have now won the last four Junior North Americans. Katie Ward, with crew Amy Tillou finished eighth. What a wonderful experience for our Juniors!

The BCC contingent included six crews participating in the senior North American Championships at Mission Bay, with Mark Bryant finishing fifth and Tom Allen, Jr. seventh. Larry MacDonald, Tom Allen, Sr., Jody Swanson and Jim Allen also finished well in the Championship Division.

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the various club series which were won by the following skippers; Hussey — Tom Allen, Jr.; Tom Fallon Club Championship — Mark Bryant; Fleet 12 — Jill Swanson; Meyers — Dick Aubrecht.

We were saddened by the death of "Mr. Lightning," Past Commodore, Karl Smither, a past North American Champion and past President of the International Lightning Class Association. Karl was always supportive of Fleet 12 activities and was a committee member for every Lightning Regatta held at our club over the past 50 years.

Fleet 12 is looking forward to hosting the Womens', Junior and Senior Lake Erie Districts in 1989.

A special thanks to Fleet Captain Ed Roseberry, Jr., Treasurer Tom Allen, Jr., and Secretary, Jill Swanson, for promoting Fleet 12 activities.

CENTERBOARD YACHT CLUB (14) New England District Sailing on Casco Bay South Portland, Maine

Fleet Secretary George J. Huettl

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12233	Cormorant	George J. Huettl, Jr.
No Report.		

PAUPACK FLEET (16) Metropolitan District Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono Mountains at Tafton, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Stanley Moldawsky
Fleet Secretary Chuck Goehringer
Fleet Champion Franz Schneider
Runner-Up Mark Schneider

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8379	Ta 'Aroa	Franz K. Schneider, Jr.
10215	The Shadow	Joe Feyder
10301	Mimsy II	Joseph C. Mark
11363	.....	Joseph A. Shatt
11907	Mach I	George Madel
12140	Daisy	Mark C. Schneider
12167	Aeolus	Robert M. Baron
13163	.....	Charles H. Goehringer
13520	Sister Kate	Stan Moldawsky
13638	Windy	Karl H. Kornmann
13882	.....	Ronald M. Regis
14256	.....	Ronald M. Regis

This was an active year for Fleet 16. George Barr and Joe Shatt joined the fleet bringing our number to an even dozen. Over the 12 weeks of racing six to twelve boats would be on the starting line. There was trouble keeping an active race committee despite the fact that former Commodore Jack Conway donated his pontoon boat to the fleet for the use of the race committee. It's amazing what an eager bunch of racers will do without a race committee. As long as George Madel was Captain of the Fleet you knew he'd get the races started, with or without a race committee. We used rabbit starts at first and then set up two buoys for the starting line and hoped that the windward finish would be without problems. This was the first time that "no problem" turned out to be the truth. There were no contested finishes.

There were three series of eight races with trophies for the top three boats in each series, (two throw-outs per series). The Lake Series in June was captured by Franz Schneider (with his crew of Sheila Schneider and Suzy Schneider) with Bob Baron second and George Madel third. The Miller Series in July was won by Mark Schneider (with his crew of Cindi Schneider and volunteers) with Father Franz taking second and consistent George Madel third. The Club Series in August was also won by Mark Schneider, Franz Schneider in second and Joe Mark third.

The over-all winners for the Fleet Championship were: 1 - Franz Schneider; 2 - Mark Schneider; 3- George Madel; 4- Stan Moldawsky; 5 - Joe Feyder.

Mark Schneider spent a number of weekends on the regatta circuit and brought home many trophies. Mark and Cindi and Franz and Sheila sailed at Skaneateles to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Lightning Class and performed exceptionally well.

Fleet 16 hosted the Metropolitan District Championship this year which was won by Jack Huntsman of the Monmouth Boat Club. Frank Mergenthaler of the MBC was second, Mark Schneider of the local club was third.



Some current and future Fleet 16 sailors.

At the annual Fleet Night dinner trophies were distributed and we were treated to our usual hilarious musings about our crazy behavior on the water by the "Bard" of Lake Wallenpaupack, Joe Mark.

The annual Paupack Invitational Regatta on the third weekend of September was a successful event with 18 boats competing representing 8 fleets. The Pocono Vacation Bureau, The Hawley Chamber of Commerce and Coors Beer jointly sponsored this regatta along with the LWYC. Coors donated trophies and of course their bubbly brew. Dick Hallagan from the Newport Yacht Club won the five race event beating Jack Elfman from the Surf City Yacht Club by one half point. Mark Schneider placed third in that event.

One of the longest rivalries that go on within the middle of the fleet was won this year by Stan Moldawsky although there is no trophy for this one. He and Joe Mark consider the day a success if they beat the other. They sailed pretty much even but Stan appeared on the starting line more often. That will do it.

Chuck Goehringer was elected Fleet Secretary and Stan Moldawsky Captain. Sailing on Lake Wallenpaupack in October is a treat even after the racing season is over. Our Fleet is growing, the competition is good. We welcome sailors to our club. Come join us!

BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB (17)
Connecticut/Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Ralph B. Sperry
Fleet Secretary Veronica Lee
Fleet Champion Jim Nelson
Runner-Up Vaughan Lee

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10383	.....	Charles B. LeMieux, III
11674	Sail On	Vaughan Lee
11874	Fiddler's Green	James S. Nelson
12739	Arago	Ralph B. Sperry

Fleet 17 scheduled 16 races for the 1988 season. The fact that 15 of those races were completed attests to the great season the fleet had. Using the Cox-Sprague system for scoring, only 16 points separated the first, second and third boats.

To illustrate how close things were all season: Jim Nelson, 11874, had six firsts, five seconds and four thirds; Vaughan Lee, 11674, had five firsts, four seconds, and six thirds; Ralph Sperry, 12739, had four firsts, six seconds, and five thirds.

So the final standings were first half: first, Nelson, 185 points; second, Sperry, 179 points; third, Lee, 175 points; and for the second half: first, Nelson, 210 points; second, Lee, 206 points; third, Sperry, 200 points, making Jim Nelson Fleet Champ, Vaughan Lee Runner-Up and Ralph Sperry third.

We're hoping to build our fleet and are on a recruiting campaign.

Fleet 17 had two families (three generations), and two boats — Nelson's 11874 and Lee's 11674 — travel to Skaneateles July 2-3 for the 50th Anniversary Regatta. All considered it a fantastic experience. The Lees ended up 33rd in the Red Fleet — not too shabby. What a wonderful job Fleet 1 did in putting on the extravaganza.



Waiting for the shuttle at Skaneateles. In foreground, left to right: Carol Nelson-Lee (crewed for Dad, Jim Nelson), Vaughan Nelson-Lee (crewed for Dad, Vaughan Lee), skipper Vaughan Lee, and skipper Jim Nelson.

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE YACHT CLUB (19)
Lake Erie District

Sailing on Lake Chautauqua, Lakewood, New York

Fleet Captain Ralph Erickson
Fleet Secretary Jim McDonnell
Fleet Champion Jim McDonnell
Runner-Up Ralph Erickson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
456	.....	Amy Beisel
9332	Blue Mac's	J. J. McDonnell
10273	Duck	Gordon S. Black, Jr.
13055	.....	Ralph L. Erickson

This year Fleet 19 had a dual celebration to commemorate the 25th Annual Cornball and the 50th Anniversary of the Lightning. Mark Bryant was the winner of the Charles Ludwig Memorial Trophy and Jim Neville was second. Todd Jones, last year's winner, was third.

Bill Beisel should be given an award as biggest booster for juniors and women sailors. When daughter Amy sailed in the District Women's Championship and qualified for the North Americans, Bill rearranged his vacation schedule and took his whole family plus two extra crew, plus boat, to San Diego. Although they didn't win, they gained a wealth of experience and brought back a tremendously large bundle of life-long memories.

At the annual awards banquet, Ralph Erickson surprised the fleet by presenting the winners with accurate-to-scale half-hull models of the Lightning which he painstakingly constructed in his home workshop.

INDIAN LAKE YACHT CLUB (23)
Ohio District

Sailing on Indian Lake, Russells Point, Ohio

Fleet Captain John Collier
Fleet Secretary Robert Clover
Fleet Champion John Timmermeister
Runner-Up Bob Clover

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11319	Silver	Dr. Jon Rockhold
12287	Mellow	Franklin L. Terry
12412	Windy Hill	Frank R. Hill
12551	Wind Fleet	Robert Clover
12793	Nellie II	Clyde Harrold
13189	Finally Blue	John Collier
13741	.....	John W. Timmermeister
Life Members	.....	Jay & Helen Limbaugh

Dry Ohio weather made sailing a bit more of a problem late in the summer. Too few races were held to qualify for a second series.

Fleet 23 sponsored a Western Barbecue featuring a hog roast and western dress. We were pleased to welcome Frank Terry and family to the Fleet.

LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB (25)
Metropolitan District

Sailing on Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Bob Watters
Fleet Secretary Carolyn Watters
Fleet Champion Bob Graham
Runner-Up Rich Miner

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9387	.....	George Daher
9984	Cumulo Nimbus	Robert G. Watters
11448	Tomato Sloop	Donald T. Okner
11572	Apple Jack	James E. Warle, Jr.
13211	Windfall	Richard Miner
13373	The Great Escape	William M. Beveridge
13381	Dreamer	Perry L. Anderson
13820	.....	Lawrence W. Kenny
14061	.....	Robert H. Graham
.....	.....	Thomas R. Bierman

No Report.

LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB (27)
Ohio District

Sailing on O'Shaughnessy Reservoir
Columbus (Powell), Ohio

Fleet Captain Sam Fairchild
Fleet Secretary Kay Varley
Fleet Champion Tom Varley
Runner-Up Tom Jungiohann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8234	.....	Ralph D. Powless
11133	.....	Thomas Jungjohann
12797	Ketch-Up	Samuel Fairchild
12895	Thumper	Paul Howald
13152	.....	Caldwell B. Richeson
13979	Afterburner	Thomas H. Varley, Jr.
14104	.....	Carl R. Clipp

Well, here we are at the end of another sailing season and what a great year it has been. I don't know if it was because we were all celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Lightning or what, but it seemed everywhere you went this year there was plenty of enthusiasm, good spirits, and downright fun. So Fleet 27 would like to say congratulations to the Lightning class and all those who sail in it.

Fleet 27 is proud to have Lightning class members such as Ralph (Bucky) Powless, who has been sailing Lightnings for 34 years, Paul Howald, who has enjoyed the Lightning for 20 years, and Carl Clipp, who is active internationally and helps keep the class strong.

We had three of our fleet boats travel to Skaneateles for the 50th Anniversary Regatta. All of the Howalds, Jungjohanns, Varleys, and we were joined by the Fairchilds, as Sam sailed on a boat from New York. We all had a great time, the sight of 226 Lightnings on the water all at the same time was incredible, the scenery was beautiful, and the water was mighty cold (as some of us found out). Also one of our skippers picked up a doll of a fourth crew while there.

Our fleet had several great get togethers and we topped it off with our clam bake in October. Our annual Windshift Regatta was as shifty as ever with Tom Varley and crew coming out on top with first place, John Werley took second place, and Carl Clipp was third. We all had a nice time and got to see Bucky Powless skipper again.

The Varleys and Howalds traveled to several regattas on the Ohio circuit this year, with Tom Varley placing first in two, second in one and fairly well in others. Congratulations go to Tom for receiving the Ohio District Sportsmanship Award for 1988.

The Clipp traveled way out west for the 1988 North Americans and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We're all looking forward to the Ohio District hosting the North Americans next year which we hope is as great as this one has been.



Fleet 27: Co-hosts of the '89 N.A.'s.

DEVIL'S LAKE YACHT CLUB (31)

Michigan District

Based on Devil's Lake at Manitou Beach, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	John Henson
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jack Tibbs
Fleet Champion	.....	Dan Norton
Runner-Up	.....	Merrill Bales

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9650	Red Carpet	Phillip J. Reynolds
10165	.....	Dan Norton

10798	Wander II	Jim Silberhorn
11951	Goblin	Peter Paullin
12341	Wunsagen	Daniel W. Behring
12345	I Delight	Clyde J. Brasher
12413	.....	Hal Hackett
12939	Good Fortune	Richard F. Elwell
13412	.....	Parker C. Freeman
13767	.....	Robert E. Doyle
13891	Sorry Charlie	Charles Smith, M.D.
13959	.....	Jeffrey W. Clemes
14054	.....	James Whitehouse
14075	Adrenalin	Jeffrey C. Maludy, M.D.
14090	Hay Bales	Merrill Bales
14148	.....	Stephen H. Thomas
14249	.....	George Sipel
14250	.....	James D. Sayre
14260	.....	David Laidlaw
14318	Taking Care of Business	Hank Hodgson
14301	.....	Jack Tibbs
14322	Slippery When Wet	Bruce Goldsmith
Life Member	.....	Jack Beal

Another successful season for Fleet 31. The weather was hot and dry but the winds were a little slow through July. Our season consisted of 30 races with Danny Norton emerging on top as Fleet Champion. Merrill Bales and Steve Thomas were second and third, respectively.

The Fleet alternated as race committee this year and all did a commendable job. We averaged 12 to 14 boats on the starting line each Sunday.

The Memorial Day Series was won again this year by Dan Norton; 4th of July winner was Hank Hodgson; Stay-at-Home series, Jeff Maludy; Round-the-Lake race, Merrill Bales; Night race, Steve Thomas and sons; and Labor Day winner was Hank Hodgson. Steve Thomas received the most improved skipper award and his wife, Sue Ann Thomas was awarded the First Mate trophy. Best crew trophy was awarded to Randy Sahajdack.

Three members of Fleet 31 traveled to Skaneateles in July to participate in the 50th birthday celebration of the Lightning Class. Jack Tibbs, Bruce Goldsmith and Pete Paullin made the trip and Paullin won the Green flight. Congratulations to the Paullin boat.

Our second Fleet reunion was held the last Sunday in July. This event, organized by Bill Nuoffer, was well attended and the third reunion is scheduled for 1990, which is our 50th anniversary at Devils Lake Yacht Club.

Fleet 31 was saddened by the deaths of two of our lifetime members this year. Walt Swindeman, Past President and North American Champion passed away in the fall and Barney Crittenden, Past President of ILCA and R.C. chairman for many years, died in May. A new trophy case is being constructed and will be dedicated to Barney's memory.

The 45th annual Regatta was held Sept. 17-18 and this was a memorial to Barney. As a coincidence, 45 Lightnings participated. Colin Park, the current N.A. Champion, showed that he could sail inland lakes as well as the ocean and finished #1. Bruce Goldsmith of Devil's Lake was second.

Fleet 31 has been growing steadily and we expect to add several new members and new boats for the 1989 season.

TURKEYFOOT LAKE FLEET (33)

Ohio District

Sailing on Turkeyfoot Lake at Akron, Ohio

Fleet Captain	.....	Clem Shriver
Fleet Secretary	.....	Dale Jackson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10425	.....	Charles Suter
11123	Red III	Clem Shriver
11904	Tango	Dale Jackson

The fleet declined over several years but renewed interest led to a full — 98 race — season, mostly under Portsmouth rules. Opportunities to race against Interlakes showed that the Portsmouth handicappers have done their homework. Next year promises an expanded fleet. We have noted that injury-plagued Thistle sailors seem to be developing a liking for the Lightning.

METEDECONK RIVER FLEET (34)

Central Atlantic District

Based on Metedeconk River at Ocean County, N.J.

Fleet Captain	Richard D. Thomas
Fleet Secretary	James G. Carson
Fleet Champion	Keith Taboada
Runner-Up	Jim Carson/Paul Gelenitis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9852	Club Tub	Metedeconk River Yacht Club
10952	.....	Robert G. Savarese
11411	Miss Fitt III	A. Richard Thomas, Jr.
11739	Rip City Express	Jody Lutz
11894	Love It	David S. Ruiter
11972	Scream Mimi	Margaret Mary Dimon
12405	Killer Bird	Alan E. Ruiter
13084	.....	Paul F. Gelenitis
13821	Naughty Lingerie	Keith Taboada
14014	Bluestreak	Djoerd Hoekstra
14029	.....	Craig J. Dooren
14080	Exve	James G. Carson
14180	Hot Fuzzy	James G. Carson

Metedeconk's Lightning sailors began their 1988 season in Georgia and Florida on the Southern Circuit. Jim Carson and brothers Paul and Jim Gelenitis took advantage of the ultimate sailor's vacation. Jody Lutz had the most success, gaining a second in Miami as the conclusion for the Larry MacDonald team on the circuit.

On the regatta scene closer to home, Jim Carson edged out Frank Mergenthaler of Monmouth Boat Club to win the Spring Tuneup hosted this year by Bay Head Yacht Club on the Metedeconk River. Jody Lutz just missed winning the Atlantic Coast Championship held at Newport, finishing second. Jody, Alan and Dave Ruiter made the trip to Skaneateles for the 50th Anniversary Regatta along with a couple hundred others. They returned with stories of mark roundings with thirty abreast and a reunion of a lot of old friends. Our sailors also did quite well with both Ruiter in the top twenty and Jody winning the last race.

The Central Atlantic Districts, held this year in Brant Beach, was the qualifier for Metedeconk sailors towards the road to San Diego, site of the North Americans. The series was dominated by fog which eliminated a race and postponed two others. The series was shortened to three races and Jack Elfman of Surf City won, followed by the Metedeconk contingent of Jody Lutz, Jim Carson and Paul Gelenitis. Jody, Jim and Paul continued on to San Diego but had problems solving the calm California winds and chop. Jody and Paul qualified for the Championship Flight, but could not break through to the top echelon. Jody, however, did well enough to qualify for the '89 "Worlds".

The Metedeconk River Yacht Club holds three separate series each year, consisting of two ten race fall and spring series sandwiched around the summer championship series. These races, together with the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association series, allows the talented national competitors continued racing against other club and local sailors.

The winners: Spring Series, Dave Ruiter, carried by young daughter Stephanie; Fall Series, Jim Carson, showing he still remembers how to sail his river; BBYRA Series, Paul Gelenitis and Dale Dunston, who triumphed in the last race as mass confusion took place when the fleet searched for a missing mark; Championship Series; Keith Toboada, winning his second consecutive championship and going on to win the Club Championship. Paul Gelenitis, Richard Thomas, Dave Ruiter, and Craig Dooren followed.

The future of our fleet are our young sailors which is kept alive via advanced sailing classes taught by Jim Carson and Dave Ruiter. This forum allows our young sailors to learn from two experts in Lightning sailing. 1988 was another year where our young sailors showed position results. Craig Dooren won two trophy races in the BBYRA Series and Greg Kinzel won the Club's Junior Championship. Phil Kinzel topped this banner year with a third in the Junior "Worlds" held in Finland. As these and the other juniors before them achieve success, Jim and Dave should credit themselves with a part in their triumphs.



DALLAS CORINTHIAN FLEET CLUB (35)

Texas District

Sailing on White Rock Lake at Dallas, Texas

Fleet Captain	Ralph Bilnoski
Fleet Secretary	Ardis Good
Fleet Champion	Joel Good
Runner-Up	Rodney Wallace

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6116	.....	Gay Griffith Means
9281	White Lightnin'	A. A. (Ted) Treadway
9776	Flyer	Greg H. Pillsbury
9896	Fun	David R. Ramsey
10275	.....	Larry S. Williamson
10811	.....	Joel Good
10959	Hard Tack	John B. Waskom, III & John B. Waskom, IV
10987	Boom Boom	Gay Griffith Means
11118	Roadrunner	Ralph Bilnoski
11311	.....	Rodney L. Wallace
13248	.....	B. R. Respass
13644	.....	Ignatius Urbanek



Some of the Fleet at our awards banquet.

Fleet 35 again had the good fortune of enjoying a growth year. Even with the retirement of three former members, the fleet welcomed four new skippers and crew during the 1988 season.

With only a few short weekends to practice during the spring, Fleet 35 once again migrated to Shreveport for the Holiday in Dixie Regatta. With four boats from the fleet attending this event Richard and Gay Means were again more than gracious in providing housing and hosting a marvelous crawfish boil for our fleet members. This year we even brought home some silver as Ralph Bilnoski finished in second place.

The championship series was comprised of 28 races that spanned a period of four months. With very close competition being exhibited throughout the fleet, places were swapping week to week. Joel Good eventually prevailed in capturing the championship title with Rodney Wallace close at his heels.

This year Fleet 35 mustered three boats for the District Championship which was marked by extremely light air. The light air must be the only possible reason that no one from the fleet finished in qualifying position for the North Americans. Perhaps next year we will have a larger showing, more air, and higher finishes.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary year of the Lightning, Fleet 35 hosted a 4th of July celebration for the entire club. The success of this event can be measured from the fact that late arrivals Joel and Ardis Good (returning from the Skaneateles celebration) found nearly 100 club members on the dock and a total depletion of the food supplies. Fortunately, the liquid refreshments held up for the entirety of the event. The fun races and attendant prizes were enjoyed by all, with the celebration doing much to increase the exposure of the Lightning within our club.

Averaging seven boats per start over a long summer season qualified Fleet 35 to three boats sailing in our Club Championship series. This was

the highest number of Lightning sailors to participate in the current decade, and speaks well of the growth and recognition of our fleet within the club. Larry Williams finished first in the semifinal competition and represented the fleet well in the championship finals.

The highlight of our fall sailing was the State Fair Regatta. This event is perpetually hosted by the local Rebel fleet and sailed on White Rock Lake. This year there were 11 Lightnings in attendance for the Regatta, the most in recent history. Although the races were sailed during and between heavy rain showers, the competition remained hot and heavy. The top three finishers Means, Bilnoski, and Waskom respectively were separated by only 1 1/4 points. Fleet 35 hosted a picnic on the dock following the final race to afford some socializing time for the local sailors and those Lightnings traveling to the regatta. We hope to see many more of our Lightning friends at the regatta next year.

The fall series is nearing completion at the time of this writing and some of the newer fleet members are doing extremely well. To date, Joel Good and John Waskom IV are in close contention for the top finish, but they are going to have to watch out for our newcomers in the future.

PYMATUNING YACHT CLUB FLEET (36) Ohio District Based on Pymatuning Lake Jamestown, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Ed Werley
Fleet Secretary Marilyn Maras
Fleet Champion Rob & Abby Ruhlman/
Greg Maras (team)
Runner-Up David & Jonnette Werley (team)

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6133	Caledonia	Ed & G. Scotland Werley
7126	Fool's Paradise	Edward E. & John H. Werley
8635	Big Bird	W. Terry Patrick
9080	Holz Blitz	George Cummings
9375	Kyushu Gypsy	Edward E. Werley
10525	Blue Streak	Phillips Wedemeyer
10527	Changes In Attitudes	Victor Maras
11240	.....	Gordon R. Miller
11278	La Biche	Lud Lekson
11651	High Voltage	Gerald C. King
11661	.....	John & Peter H. Swartz
12195	Weihe's Choice	William Weihe, Jr.
12271	Of Escargot	Robert W. Scher
12587	Tiger	John Swartz
12593	Hall's Hull	Richard F. Hall, Jr.
12973	Tai Kun	Thomas A. Sankey
13255	Gone with the Wind	James V. Martuccio, D.D.S.
13318	Class Action	Mrs. Nedra Lewis
13465	Hot Canary IX	Curt Maltbie
13608	Spice	Matt & Leslie Frymier
13771	Grace	Donald P. Courtsal
13899	Mental Pause	Dr. John P. Borland
14020	Smile	Herbert Jestel
14285	Touch of Grey	Robert G. Ruhlman
Life Member	.....	John Ruhlman

Fleet 36 hosted the Spring Classic Regatta in 1988 to open the sailing season with our Corinthians from out of town. Colin Park sailed away with the honors.

At the winter fleet meeting, it was decided to use a team scoring system. Several boats took advantage of sharing the tiller. It was a great experience for those boats who designated themselves a team.

While Pymatuning Lake had deep water, the Spring Series got under way with Jack Borland repeating his first from last year. Second place was won by the team of John Swartz and Tom Sankey. Third place was mastered by Lenny Ciccone.

No one sat on the centerboard as the drought of '88 took its toll at PYC. The big boaters hauled their deep keels out of the water and jealously watched the Lightnings slug out the Championship Series. Dave and Jonette Werley became the proud owners of 10024 and went on to win the Saturday Series followed by Tim Borland/Nedra Lewis and Rob and Abby Ruhlman/Greg Maras who finished third. Rob and team triumphed to win the Sunday Series while Dave and Jonette Werley switched to second. Yes,



Fleet Champion Team — Fleet 36
Rob and Abby Ruhlman and Greg Maras

your majesty, there is a second. After the spray cleared, Jack Borland was third.

The Fourth of July Regatta was won by Don Courtsal, who, after doing such a great job of updating the Perpetual Trophy decided he wanted it again. Three times and it's yours, Don. Second place went to Frank Thompson and third to Lenny Ciccone.

Rob Ruhlman with crew Abby Ruhlman and Greg Maras, did a non-stop drive to San Diego where Rob, in his brand new Lightning sailed in the Championship Fleet of the North Americans. The crew was superb; the skipper gave the sailor's blessing — a lot. The Stay-at-Home Series was dominated by Dave and Jonette Werley. Jack Borland, with son, captured second, Tim Borland close at his transom for third.

The hotly contested Fall Series was won by Rob and Abby Ruhlman/Greg Maras. Second place went to John and Bertie Werley. Third place was a three way tie that ended up with Dave and Jonette Werley, Robert Thompson and Jack Borland in that order.

Eleven boats sailed at least 50% of the races to qualify for the Championship Series. For the first time ever, a team was Fleet Champion. Fulfilling a legacy of champions, Rob Ruhlman, with wife Abby, and Greg Maras, won the laurels. With three-quarters of a season in their new boat (Rob's old), David and Jonette Werley finished second. John and Bertie Werley finished third, Jack Borland was fourth with John Swartz and Tom Sankey prevailing for a fifth. Four out of five trophy winners were teams. "That's the way to go, Crews!"

The year 1988 has come and gone, but not without its memories. John and Bertie with Greg Fisher held a one day seminar. Jerry painted his boat, twice; Ed painted his once. Jimmy Martuccio returned to PYC with vengeance and Mark Snelson, *Hot Canary IX* was back on the water. Charley Courtsal got married. Herb sailed with a "Smile." Vic capsized his boat to see if it was a sinker. He wasn't sure so he repeated the performance on the next weekend. Are there wind shears on Pymatuning?

CHELSEA YACHT CLUB (39) Metropolitan District Sailing on the Hudson River at Chelsea, New York

Fleet Captain Don Williams
Fleet Secretary Dave Petelinz
Fleet Champion Michael Pike
Runner-Up Richard Owen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8783	Foxe's Reward	Frank Newman
10085	Vinny B.	Dr. J. C. Cavagnol
10796	Irish Mist	Michael B. Pike
11143	.....	Paul McCann & Joseph D. McCann, Jr.
11431	New Wave	Dave Petelinz

11570	Loligo	Donald B. Williams
11623	Challenger	R. Samuel York
12912	Ruptured Duck	Bill Muth
14030	Dixie VI	Richard Owen

Fleet 39 had a very good year — good wind, enough to combat the fearsome Hudson tides, for all our home events and lots of fun and action around the pins. Several Chelsea sailors attended away regattas. The brothers McCann and Michael Pike sailed at the Magnus Pederson Regatta at Nyack. Paul and brothers took second in both races. Observing the conditions of wind and waves, Michael decided not to go swimming. Michael Pike, Paul McCann, his brothers and Bill Muth teamed up at the District Championships held at Lake Wallenpaupack and took sixth overall.

Frank Newman and Dave Petelinz traveled to Skaneateles for the 50th Anniversary Regatta. Paul McCann, Bill Muth and Michael Pike traveled outside of the District to sail the Cedar Point Fall Classic. They won't tell us how they did except to admit to eating too many raw clams—on shore we hope!

Michael Pike, Frank Newman, Richard Owen, and Paul McCann went to the Last Blast Regatta at Nyack to complete the Mid-Hudson Circuit, which is comprised of the Magnus Pederson, the Chelsea Open, and the Last Blast. This time Michael, in a puff of the moment, went swimming. Frank and Richard decided to stay dry and the brothers McCann went on to win the regatta and the Mid-Hudson Circuit Trophy. Paul and brothers won the Long Island District Championship. Paul crewed to win the Mariner North American Championship and, as a result, was invited to sail in the Champion of Champions Regatta held at Annapolis, Maryland.

Last year we wrote that Richard Owen intended to purchase a Lightning and join Fleet 39. Well, he did both and more! Richard, with help from his sons Ricky and David, gave Michael Pike and crew a real run for the Fleet Championship. Not until the conclusion of the last two races of the season on 23 October was the first place trophy winner decided when Michael took two firsts, managing to outscore Richard for the season by only two points overall! Congratulations to Michael and to Richard.

Michael Pike won the Spring Series, Don Williams was second. Bill Muth won the early Summer Series, Don was second again. Richard Owen won the Late Summer and the Fall Series and Dave Petelinz was second.

Dave Petelinz had a good year. Dave had an eager gleam in his eyes and was on the line for all of the season's races. Frank Newman continued his friendly and helpful ways by sailing in races with new Chelsea sailors in their Lightnings, giving information on the tides to sailors who lost or forgot to bring their tide tables, loaning rudders to sailors whose pintels snapped before the last race of the season and being the great guy that he is.

HIGH TOR LIGHTNING FLEET (41) Metropolitan District Sailing on Hudson River, Grassy Point, N.Y.

Fleet Captain Paul Krick
Fleet Secretary Nickolas J. Mazzeo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10412	Fritz	Fritz H. Gaensslen
13044	E'Clat	Nick Mazzeo
14069	.....	Nick Mazzeo

No Report.

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB (43) Ohio District Sailing on Buckeye Lake, Ohio

Fleet Captain Matt Fisher

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10860	Still Crazy After All These Years	George & Greg Fisher
10956	.....	Karl D. Erickson
12265	.....	Will Petersilge
13240	Hoot N' Holler	Terry Ottenweller
13250	Laugh A Minute	Dr. Karl, Bill & Lori Kumler
14045	Ladies Choice	Matt Fisher
14252	Bess	Greg Fisher

No Report.

SILVER LAKE YACHT CLUB (47) Lake Erie District Sailing on Silver Lake, Perry, New York

Fleet Captain Jay Hackemer
Fleet Secretary Pati Hackemer
Fleet Champion Mark Grinder
Runner-Up Peter Humphrey

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6983	See Adler	William E. Neal
7398	.....	Jay Hackemer
7949	Reylog Flyer	C. Scott DeGolyer, III
8004	Cirrus II	Roger Slade
9119	Passing Wind	Peter G. Humphrey
9140	Budget Buster III	Michael T. Humphrey
9739	Hustler	Mark W. Grinder
9845	Hotel California	Peter K. & Larry Bone
10120	My Three Sons	David Matteson
10917	.....	Charles H. Griffin
12788	Sea Serpent	Doug Bliss & William G. Van Arsdale
13628	.....	John Adrian
13948	The Judge	Mark H. Dadd



Fleet 47 — Peter, John and Bud Humphrey and 9119.

Silver Lake Yacht Club was very active this 50th year of the Lightning Class. We were the host to the Lake Erie District Championships, held six weekend mini-regattas, but the highlight of the season was the Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles.

All of our skippers sailed the 50th! Gold Fleet: Peter Bone, 16th; Dave Matteson, 17th; Bill Neal, 35th; Peter Humphrey, 45th. Red Fleet: Mark Dadd, 12th; Mark Grinder, 34th; Jay Hackemer, 82nd; Roger Slade, 87th. Green Fleet: Scott DeGolyer, 3rd. Off the water most of our fleet stayed with Hoss Bone. Hoss, an old time Silver Laker, now lives overlooking Skaneateles Lake. Hoss and Carina were fine hosts — great cook out and fun for all the Junior sailors. Thanks Hoss!

Following are the results of our mini-regattas. These regattas included good racing, cook outs, and activities for the whole family. As you can see the racing was very close.

Jane Van Arsdale Memorial: 1st 13948 — Mark Dadd — 1-2-1 — 4 pts.; 2nd 9119 — Peter Humphrey — 4-1-3 — 8 pts.; 3rd 13628 — John Adrian — 2-3-7 — 12 pts.

Ed Neal Memorial: 1st 9739 — Mark Grinder — 2-4-2 — 8 pts.; 2nd 9845 — Peter Bone — 7-1-1 — 9 pts.; 3rd 6983 — Bill Neal — 1-5-4 — 10 pts.

Bill Humphrey Memorial: 1st 6983 — Bill Neal — 3-1-1 — 5 pts.; 2nd 13628 — John Adrian — 1-2-2 — 5 pts.; 3rd 9119 — Peter Humphrey — 2-3-4 — 9 pts.

Benidict Memorial: (The 40th year we have sailed for this trophy.) 1st 13628 — John Adrian 2-2-1 — 5 pts.; 2nd 6983 — Bill Neal — 1-1-4 — 6 pts.; 3rd 7398 — Jay Hackemer — 4-3-3 — 10 pts.

William - Stay at Home: 1st 13628 — John Adrian — 4-2-3-2-1 — 12 pts.; 2nd 13948 — Mark Dadd — 1-1-3-1-DSN — 16 pts.; 3rd 6983 — Bill Neal — 2-2-1-5-DNS — 20 pts.

Club Championship: (17 races w/5 throw-outs) 1st 9739 — Mark Grinder — 40 pts.; 2nd 9119 — Peter Humphrey — 40 pts.; 3rd 7949 — Scott DeGolyer — 44th.

Our Most Improved Skipper — John Adrian; Mid Neal Memorial Trophy for Best Away — Scott DeGolyer; Charles Van Arsale Trophy for Best in Harvest Regatta — Peter Humphrey and Jakob Hafstad Trophy for Best Crew — Mark Humphrey.

WASHINGTON D.C. FLEET (50) Dixie District Based on the Potomac River

Fleet Captain John Ogle
Fleet Secretary Eric Swanson
Fleet Champion Jim Dillard

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2554	Phoenix	John Riley
3145	.....	Harris J. Hulbert
6015	.....	E. Jeffrey Stann
6351	.....	Mladen Karcic
7294	Windhawk	Timothy W. Rinaman
7996	Lady Joyce	Douglas A. Eagles
8697	Stormy Petrel	Alvah B. Davis, Jr.
9055	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
9095	Second Tern	John R. Butler
9383	Flambouyant	Joseph Warren
10226	.....	George J. Dehney
10493	.....	Robert D. Boggs & Christine Schuyler
10643	Speculation	William Timothy Elam
10745	Breezy II	Harris J. (Doc) Hulbert
10767	Toys 'R' Us	Ronald R. Buchanan
10800	.....	Bruce Boughton
10814	Fast 'n Loose	Dieter Grotheer
10817	Big Green	James H. Dillard
10829	Look Ma	Jim Capron
11159	R's	Richard W. Coyne, Sr.
11369	Broom Hilda	S. R. Heller, III
11600	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
11908	Envy	Eric V. Swanson
12081	Swill Dog	Edgar G. Hunting & Philip Grotheer
12126	.....	Dave Pyle
12365	Organ Grinder	John M. Ogle
12911	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
12962	Rakija	Mladen Karcic
13897	No Excuse	James H. Dillard
13906	Mo-Fo-Ton	Frank Gallagher & Frank McDurman
13917	.....	Dr. James Gilbert
13977	Lord, Jim	Dr. James Gilbert
14019	.....	Robert Astrone
14034	Fleet Flicker	Frank N. Gentile
14100	Chute the Works	George J. Dehney
14178	.....	Jonathan R. Barrett
14261	Red, White & Blue	John Riley

Another year on the River and many more miles logged by Fleet 50. This was a year of remarkable stability: Ogle took over as Fleet Captain, Swanson stayed on as Secretary-Treasurer, and Gallagher stayed in the same boat all season. But this was also a year that saw membership continue to grow — more than twenty-five skippers — and more boats participating in club races — seventeen were scored in the Fleet Championships.

The Potomac Cup, Fleet 50's major Spring Regatta, drew sailors from all over the region. The winner was Simeon Coxie from Annapolis; second place went to Tom Hudgens from Raleigh, NC; and third went to Jim Richards from Richmond. Other highlights of the season are the Collier Cup which went to Frank Gallagher with Bob Astrove and Jim Gilbert in hot pursuit, and the President's Cup, also won by Gallagher followed by Astrove followed this time by Jim Dillard. Win, place and show in the Spring Series went to Gallagher, Ogle, and Reed Barrett in his hot new boat. The Fall series went to Ogle, Gallagher, and Tim Rinaman sailing Frank Gentile's ever fast Fleet Flicker. When the last points were totaled and the last throw out thrown, Frank was once again Fleet Champion with

Ogle in the Runner-Up slot and Jim Dillard down but not out in third place.

There was lots of other action. The Lightning-Thistle Challenge was won this year by the Thistles, so we will stop revising the Portsmouth ratings for next year and sharpen our team-racing tactics. Not to go unmentioned were Maureen Gallagher and crew who sailed fast and won top honors as the best-dressed crew in the Coat and Tie regatta. Fleet 50 was also proud to have four boats sailing in the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles.

CRESCENT SAIL YACHT CLUB (51) Michigan District Based on Lake St. Clair Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Fleet Captain Craig Hupp
Fleet Secretary Robert Brower
Fleet Champion Tom Vickers
Runner-Up Jack Schulte

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6066	XL	Henry Cawthra
12438	Splashdance	Kevin G. Hughes
13107	.....	Michael Konon
13121	Nokomis II	Richard E. Drew
13388	Mich Rude	R. Craig Hupp
13488	.....	John E. Schulte
13633	Carousel XVIII	Alexander C. Sucek
14038	Ticket	Tom Vickers
14042	.....	Michael D. Williams

The Lightning Fleet had another summer of good sailing, although a few complaints were heard about Lake St. Clair's typical mid-summer light air and a record number of races were called off or abandoned due to high winds. However, no Lightning sailors went swimming, unlike a number of Crescent's Snipe and Thistle sailors who spent a good part of the summer sailing wrong side up.

Tom Vickers continued his winning ways, placing first in the Season Championship as well as in the Sunday A, Sunday B and Wednesday Night Series. Jack Schulte took second overall for the season while Craig Hupp finished third. Jack and Craig also traded second and third places in the Sunday A, Sunday B and Wednesday night series. In 1987 the Fleet instituted a trophy for participation to recognize the boat which most strongly supported fleet racing. Tom Vickers received the initial participation award.

Crescent sent two representatives to Skaneateles, Tom Vickers and Mike Williams. They took along as crew Lightning alumni Bob and Sally Werenski and John Oram and long time Lightning sailor Tracey Sommers. Mike reported that the starts at Skaneateles weren't any different than at Crescent. However, fleet members observed a number of new "racing stripes" down Mike's hull after his return.

Racing on a course shared with Great Lakes' freighters adds a little extra excitement. The photograph shows Craig Hupp (13388) and Dick Drew (13121) under a spinnaker attempting to catch a freighter with a half a boat length lead before the leeward mark.



LAKE FENTON SAILING CLUB (53)
Michigan District
Sailing on Lake Fenton, Michigan

Fleet Captain Herman Nickels
 Fleet Secretary Walt Plamondon
 Fleet Champion Dave Nickels
 Runner-Up Herman Nickels

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13631	Mast Transit	Morris L. Gushen
13751	.....	Herman A. Nickels
13808	Broad-Reach	James Reach
13905	Szygy	Paul Militzer
13958	High Heels	Walter Plamondon
14041	In Between	Alfred Bauer
14141	.....	Patric Parker
14220	Heartless	William H. Seaman
14242	.....	Carl Pohly
.....	.....	Brian Nickels
.....	.....	David Nickels
.....	.....	George Nickels

No Report.

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB (54)
Michigan District

Sailing on Cass Lake at Keego Harbor, Michigan

Fleet Captain Michael Roualet
 Fleet Secretary Salo Korn
 Fleet Champion Jim McCoy
 Runner-Up Bob Fidler

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
835	Princess II	Fred Prince
4205	.....	Alan Suydam
8479	.....	Bruce T. Lessien, M.D.
9393	Red Dawn	James Brian Abbott
10803	Antiquity	Joseph W. Krafchak
11452	.....	Robert J. Miller
11520	Digit I	David Scott
11531	Fast Eddy	Richard T. Eddy
11545	.....	William Roberts
12330	.....	Randy Travis
12354	.....	William C. Roualet, Jr.
12612	.....	Gordon Gotberg
12708	Apres Ski	Ronald G. Palmer
12874	Silent Fury	John A. Scott
12938	Outrageous	Robert Vitullo
12959	Wee Heather	Max M. Clixby
12978	.....	John H. Ostrander
13283	.....	Richard L. Adamson
13378	.....	J. Michael Mitchell
13391	.....	John Greenstreet
13451	Flash Dance	Douglas W. Scheibner
13468	.....	Stephen R. Braski
13571	.....	Lawrence E. Ramaekers
13606	.....	John Crowther
13717	.....	Michael J. Roualet
13730	Evergreen	Salo J. Korn
13789	Excelsior!	James R. Bowers
13791	Thunderbolt	Michael L. McGlinch
13819	Aperitif	Joseph M. Szydlowski
13834	.....	Charles C. Hess
13836	Windspeed	Volkmar C. Neudoerffer
13837	.....	Eric Samuelson
13855	Double Nickel	Louie Nickels
13931	Sudden Impact	Jack Critchfield
13937	.....	Dennis McCarthy
13985	Cher Chez — la Femme	Bonnie Nickels
13995	Phantasy	Jack F. Ensroth, M.D.

13998	Sorcerer's	Buzz Brown
	Apprentice	
14025	Weather Mark	Lauren L. Bowler
14031	.....	Robert W. Shaw
14049	.....	Sean Fidler
14062	Time Bandit	Perry Grueber
14077	Savoir Faire	Richard F. Beaubien
14097	Banshee	Edward G. Woods
14101	Dr. "J"	Dr. James McCoy
14105	Cutting Edge	Wallace P. Smith
14117	Blitzen	Richard Bergstrom
14144	Quick Silver	Bruce J. Finsilver
14177	Bunz-Out	Edward Dziuba
14201	.....	Fred M. Paski
14240	Evergreen	Robert H. Mathers
14280	.....	Robert G. Fidler
14282	.....	Bruce Hunderson, M.D.

Fleet 54 ("The World's Largest") has completed another successful season of Lightning racing. It was not unusual to see 27 to 28 boats lined up on the starting line for a regular fleet race. Almost all of the 79 scheduled races were run as wind conditions were unusually favorable this year. Trophies were presented in each of six series plus the annual fleet match racing weekend and a special weekend series where a crew member must helm and the usual skipper must crew. Our annual White Cap Regatta (invitational) was won by John McCree of Bay City while PYC sailors Louie Nickels and Sean Fidler finished second and third. In addition, Fleet 54 sent seven boats to the 50th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles, New York.

The highlight of this golden anniversary year was that the Michigan District Championship Regatta was held at our club for the first time in 36 years. In the past, the regatta has usually been held on larger bodies of water but intense lobbying brought it back to a smaller lake. One of the concerns had been the ability to provide a challenging course with lots of wind. Because of this, the planners chose the last weekend in June for the regatta since past experience showed this to be a generally windy weekend. As it turned out, they were correct. While Friday found the winds to be in the 12 to 14 MPH range, Saturday was another story. In spite of the 105°F temperature, the day's first race was held in winds gusting to 30 MPH. The rescue boats were kept busy as ten of the 34 boats capsized at one time or another. After a lunch break, the day's second race was postponed until Sunday because the winds had picked up to 40 MPH. It wasn't a total loss though because skippers and crew waited out the postponements swimming and playing water volleyball. On Sunday, the hot, sunny weather left us and the races were run in winds up to 20 MPH with crews wearing several layers of clothes under their foul weather gear. In spite of all this madness, current National Champion Colin Park finished as the District Champion (again) with Gary Demarest second and Dave Nickels third.

Lightning junior sailor Sean Fidler represented the United States in Finland at the Lightning Junior Worlds after qualifying by finishing second at last year's Junior North Americans. This year he finished fourth at the Junior North Americans. In addition, he again won the Michigan Junior Districts. Also, as previously mentioned, finished third at our Invitational Regatta.

In women's sailing, two all PYC crews tied for first at the Michigan District Women's Championship Regatta. Bonnie Nickels with her crew Diana Fernando and sister Ruth Troy shared the honor (but won on the tie breaker) with her mother, Esther Callahan and her crew Joyce Von Drehle and daughter Phyllis Callahan. There's nothing like keeping it in the family.

LITTLE NECK BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (55)
Long Island District
Residing at the Bayside Yacht Club

Fleet Captain William Hoffman, Jr.
 Fleet Secretary Mrs. Phyllis Tustin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7325	North Star	William Hoffman, Jr.
9640	Moby's Whale	Stanley Norem
9643	Felicia	Raymond Tustin

No Report.