

HEWLETT BAY (58)
Long Island District
Sailing on South Shore Long Island
New York, New York

Fleet Captain/Secretary Gary Sliva

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10392	Arcturus	Richard Braverman
13829	Paranon III	Peter T. Neyland, II
13874	A.M.F.	Thomas Hering

No Report.



(L to R) Brian Starck, Larissa Higging and Ellen Starck.

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NIAGARA SAILING CLUB (59)
Lake Erie District
Sailing on Niagara River at Grand Island, NY

Fleet Captain Cal Schmiede
 Fleet Secretary Bob Starck
 Fleet Champion Calvin Schmiede

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11501	.....	Jeff Wiedl
11788	Vampira	Judith Walker
11884	Cookin'	Kathleen J. Taylor
13605	Splash Gordon	Gordon Compson
13944	Sea Porsche	Calvin H. Schmiede
14291	Vampira II	Judith Walker

Our number of active Lightning sailors remained the same during 1988. We didn't gain or lose any boats but it seemed even harder to get our few Lightnings at the club starting line at the same time on the same day. Part of the reason for this is that the majority of our few sailors all traveled within the Lake Erie District to the District regattas and to the national regattas, wherever they happened to be. Another reason can be contributed to the growing numbers of power boats on the Niagara River who have little respect for sailboat rights. We hear rumors (to make matters worse) that two new marinas, capacity 400 and 500 boats each, are planned for an upstream area less than one mile from the entrance to the N.S.C. Basin.

Judy Walker was the only one at the Southern Circuit but Cal Schmiede, Gordon Compson and Judy were at the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. Kathy Taylor didn't take her boat but crewed for Craig Thayer (not even in the L.E.D.) whereas Mike and Jeff Wiedl took pictures during their one day attendance. They couldn't make the weekend with their Lightning but they were there for the after sailing activities.

What are the chances that two Niagara Sailing Club boats would have an accidental collision in the 226 boat fleet at Skaneateles? Well, it happened even before the first race when Judy hit Cal and broke his rudder. At least Judy had a spare rudder for Cal to use and he only started a few minutes late to finish 18th in the first race.

The Niagara River Lightning Championships raced in late July in front of the Club had heavy winds on Saturday for two races and light winds on Sunday for the final race. Tom Allen IV of the B.C.C. emerged champion followed by his father, Tom Allen III and Ned Roseberry in third.

Judy Walker again won the Women's District Championships at Silver Lake Yacht Club just beating closest rival, Susie MacDonald Rogers. Brian Starck with sister Ellie and Cal's daughter Larissa sailed in the Juniors, run consecutively with the Women's, but turned over in the first race at the first gybe. As a result, the N.S.C. juniors finished fourth overall, but they are young and we expect a greater performance in 1989. After all, they were always the first junior Lightning to the weather mark. It is the spinnaker practice they need and you can be sure our fleet will see that they get it before the 1989 Districts and North Americans.

Calvin, Kathy and Judy all stayed to sail in the Districts but Calvin took the best finish overall.

Only Judy Walker represented the N.S.C. at the North Americans in San Diego sailing in both the Women's and the Governor's Cup. After a fourth in Women's with two boats and four different crew for the series, she went on to take a fifth in the Governor's Cup.

Our fleet may be small but we are all true-blue Lightning sailors at N.S.C. and are working to get our Fleet up in numbers. If we could get a few more boats on the starting line, probably the rest wouldn't travel quite so much. Competition begins at home!

JAYHAWK FLEET (60)
Central States District
Sailing on Lake Shawnee at Topeka, Kansas

Fleet Captain Karen Exon
 Fleet Secretary Bob French
 Fleet Champion Bob Exon
 Runner-Up Bob French

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7040	.....	Robert S. Allen
7461	Cornflower	Ralph E. Persson
10682	Woodstock	Arthur D. Jones
10968	Terry Too	M. S. Klotzbach, Jr.
11736	White Lightning	Robert A. Exon
12508	Streaker	William G. Merillat
12847	Southern Comfort	Fritz Toussaint
13016	Mean Machine	Harold "Bud" & Stephen S. Hunt
13898	Alice-in-Wonderland	Robert French
14021	Family Affair	Robert R. & William Pooler

No Report.

MAPLE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (64)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Maple Bay at
Maple Bay, British Columbia

Fleet Captain/Secretary George A. Maggs

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11283	Blind Pew	George A. Maggs

Fleet 64 remains active despite the minimum number of association members. Several new families have recently brought Lightnings into the Club so that we were able to compete for our usual trophies. These include the Roope Cup Series; Burial Island Race and the Labour Day Regatta. Hopefully the fleet is rebuilding.

To celebrate the anniversary year we held a reunion dinner on October 15th, inviting as many of the former Lightning sailors as we could locate. Forty-five turned up and enjoyed a great dinner at the Maple Bay Yacht Club. Three of the charter members (1946 ?) attended and along with other guests related some of the highlights of the Fleet's past history. Bill and Dick Vogel told how their father, (Hunter was unable to attend but had sent

along his best wishes) had corresponded with Olin Stephens regarding his newly designed centerboard day sailor, and determined it was just the right boat to race and cruise in our Gulf Island waters. Number 626 was the first of the Vogel boats. Dennis Ashby, 1372, recounted the building of the next three hulls and how they were double-planked bottoms of red cedar. Dr. Gerald Coleman spoke of his enjoyment of family racing in 2615. It was generally conceded that this was the best of the early wooden hulls. Bob Sherman, 8435, gave his account of one of the more interesting races around Salt Spring Island. It was an overnight race in the early days and this often led to exciting moments. John King, 7258, Jack Davie and Ivan Graham, 7754, all entertained us with great sailing stories. George Blumel, 13289, concluded with his account of sailing in the nationals at San Diego. We missed such skippers as Bucky Kennett, John Coleman, Charlie Bruce, Grant Butt, Ian Bentum, Eric Qualley, and above all Hunter Vogel.

The dinner was chaired by M.B.Y.C. Honorary Commodore Alan Stewart, the former skipper of *Dsonqua*, 3582.

LIGHTNING FLEET (69)

Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Byron Roe
Vice Fleet Captain	John Dillon
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Clasen
Fleet Champion	Karen A. Cady
Runner-Up	Byron Roe

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10350	Sans Souci III	John H. Esser
11442	Rampage	Dean S. & Karen A. Cady
11846	Esprit	Marquette University
		Capt. David MacPherson
11888	Firebird Suite	Wayne E. Babler, Jr.
12863	Think Faster	John A. Dillon
13026	Roe Boat	Byron K. Roe
13224	Second Chance	Norman M. Knauer
13686	Coyote Ugly	William G. Faude
13695	Whimsy	Peter R. Mahnke
13794	Bluetie II	Allen N. Rieselbach
14162	Mr. Surly	Robert C. Mahnke
14208	Catch Christy	Walter C. Nickerson

1988 proved to be another excellent year of sailing with good Lake Michigan breezes that allowed 25 races to be sailed out of 28 scheduled Season Series races. Our fleet averaged six out of 13 boats on the line in each race with several boats actively racing regattas out of town.

Racing begins with the Lightning fleet arranging and orchestrating the Commissioning Ceremony, a gala affair of flags flying and cannons firing, of recognition of our latest 25 year members, and of thanks from our new Milwaukee Mayor Norquist and our new County Executive, Dave Schulz, for MYC's contribution to the quality of life in Milwaukee.

Our first two regattas are the Marine Handicap and the Little Mackinac. Both are sailed under the Portsmouth Handicap Rule that allows us to race against 420, 470, Lasers, Flying Scots, etc. while the club's keel boats do the same. The Marine Handicap finishers were Karen Cady in first, Bill Faude was second, and Byron Roe was third while in the Little Mackinac it was Walter Nickerson in first, Byron Roe in second, and Bill Faude was third.

The P&T Regatta which counts toward the Midwest District Lake Michigan Championship was held July 9-10 with 25 boats registered. We had our traditional SE to S winds at 14-18 mph. and the out-of-towners did the local talent in. Michael Huffman of Chicago was first, Wurtzebach was second, and Reichelsdorfer was third.

The Midwest District Championships were held in Chicago with Esser, Cady, Dillon, Roe, Faude, Blair, and Nickerson in attendance. In the top five were Andrew Dillon in second and Bill Faude in fifth. Incidentally, Bill Faude, District Commodore, was our only Milwaukee boat to enter the North Americans this year in San Diego.

The Commodore Regatta was light of wind with Karen Cady finishing first, Byron Roe was second, and John Esser was third. The Labor Day Regatta was cut short with only two races sailed due to severe storms and tornado warnings on Sunday. Yes, we saw a repeat with Karen Cady in first, Andrew and John Dillon in second, while Byron Roe and Walter Nickerson tied for third.

It was a real battle for the Season Series and when the smoke cleared it was Karen Cady, daughter of the now crewing Dean Cady, as our Fleet Champion. This is the second year in a row for Karen and we can only hope this doesn't become a habit. She and her crew had twelve firsts and were in

the top three positions in twenty out of twenty-two season series races — a truly outstanding performance.

We would like to wish our close friend and fellow competitor, Kevin Blair and Melanie, all the best in their future life together. No wonder he missed so many races this season.

As we end 1988 with memories of the great times racing, our thoughts drift to the approaching ski season and fireside relaxing while we plan new secret weapons to foil our friends. See you on Lake Michigan.



There's always competition in Fleet 70.

RED BANK ON THE SHREWSBURG (70)

Metropolitan District

Sailing on the North Shrewsbury River at Red Bank, New Jersey

Fleet Captain & Mailing	Mary Huntsman
Fleet Secretary & Regatta,	
Long John Chairman	Ralph Wilson
Fleet Treasurer	Patrick F. Corr
We are all Fleet Champions	

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10626	Seaweed	William V. Kolshorn, Jr.
11327	.....	Eric J. Olving
11958	Hiccup	Frank Mergenthaler
13104	Unicorn	Ted Kummer
13139	Stinger	Alfred C. Morton
13386	Silver Spoon	Kevin & Patrick E. Corr
13459	.....	Louis Zinterhofer, M.D.
13675	Sex, Drugs & Rock Your Roll	Arnold, Jim & Jon Schwartz
13873	Freebooter	Robert Held
14214	Blue Chip	Mary & Paul A. Huntsman, Jr.
14276	.....	Ralph F. Wilson
.....	.....	Jack Huntsman
.....	.....	Henry O'Hern, III
Life Member	.....	Arnold Schwartz

Fleet 70 started with the Long John, RC Bob Hutchinson, (thank you Hutch) and then the Spring Series. Jack won the Spring Series with John Parker second. Our club racing was mainly Portsmouth — to the bridge and back. The Lightning finally won a couple of these. Jack, Pam, and Johnny won the first week of the year and Rob Held won the last. All of us who sailed had a good time whether our crew was two, six or a case.

The 'Districts' at Wallenpaupack were won by Jack, with Frank Mergenthaler not far behind. Sandy and Ralph were fourth and fifth, a strong fleet we are. Frank almost won the Metedeconk Open. His crew Larry wins the Top of the Mast award for his performance.

Most of us were there for the 50th. Jack, Pam, Johnny, Jon, Holly, Rebecca, Ethel, Arnold, Sandy, Mary, Patrick, Pat, Les, Judy, Tim, Denis, Rob, Jeanne, Michael, Kevin, Henry, Liz and Will. Sandy and Rob now know the meaning of a black flag. We tried to see everyone we knew and Jack brought home third.

Some of us went to the Volvo Cup, Atlantic Coast Championships in Newport. Jack, Kevin and Larry won and we all got wet, a different fun as there were hundreds of boats and tent parties. Rum.....

California was a treat—see Fleet 11—Thanx to Mission Bay Yacht Club. We will miss Harold Beck who passed away last summer, his smile was always there for us all for so many years — One of the "Firsts" of our fleet as he'd been here forty years or more.

The fall regattas were fun for all.

Next year we will be hosting the 'Long John, The 'Mets' and the 'Atlantic Coats'. Mark your calendars now! 51 years and still counting.....

ROCKY RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (71)

Ohio District

Sailing on Lake Erie at Cleveland Yachting Club Rocky River, Ohio

Fleet Captain John L. Horton
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer .. Walter S. Sellars, M.D.
Fleet Champion Walter Sellars
Runner-Up John Mueller

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8100	Tweedie Too	John L. Horton
9498	Earthly Delights	Donald Friswold
10646	Sting Ray	John S. Rea
11912	Maybe	May J. Urso
12594	Bump N Grind	George Auer
14191	Newfie	Walter Sellars, M.D.
Life Member	.....	Bill Buckles
Life Member	.....	John Mueller, Sr.

The Rocky River Lightning Fleet 71 was reactivated in 1987 on the Fortieth Anniversary of its initial affiliation with the Lightning Class Association. Although reduced in numbers from our old fleet of twenty-four boats, our present "flotilla" of seven boats did provide enjoyable and stimulating sailing this summer on our temperamental Lake Erie under the excellent auspices of the Cleveland Yacht Club.

Point total at the end of the season showed May Urso, sailing *Maybe*, and Don Friswold, sailing *Earthly Delight*, tied for third place. *Grandpa and Me*, sailed by Poppa John Mueller, was second and Wally Sellars (with the help of his new boat, *Newfie*) was first.

Lake Erie was definitely the place to be during the drought in these parts this summer. We were fortunate in having a summer devoid of "drifters" and fortunate it was with temperatures frequently in excess of 100 degrees. Fried kippers, yes! Fried skippers, no!

Regrettably we were unable to participate in the great 50th celebration at Skaneateles. Those of us who did try could find "no room in the inn". It was disappointing indeed with fond memories persisting of the 40th Lightning Anniversary in Skaneateles.

In retrospect, the big experience of the summer became the lot of John Mueller and Jan and Don Friswold. During the Steeplechase Race, Sandusky to Put-in-Bay, they were hit by a double-whammy line squall. The race had started in light air with high temperatures, and to make the boat as light as possible, any and all seemingly unneeded equipment was left at the dock. The squall hit while they were at the mid-way point during the return trip, engulfing them in darkness, howling wind and horizontally driving icy rain. You guessed it! Foul weather gear had been left back at the dock. Driven off course they were able to fetch Kelley's Island as the wind abated. Then they started back to Sandusky; at the entrance to the Bay the storm hit again with even greater ferocity and total darkness. Badly shaken and numb with cold, they made Sandusky Yacht Club as the storm terminated. Jan plans to assess and meditate at length on her experience before starting to hike out again.

The high point of the season was attending the Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake. Nestled among rolling Ohio hills it is indeed a charming place. We were again impressed by the affable welcome at the Yacht Club, as well as the hospitality at the beautiful Atwood Lodge.

The wind! Now there's the rub! This year it descended from the hills to Atwood Lake to give us a one-race series. And as is often the case, it came from multiple directions at one and the same time. Jackie Mueller with crew consisting of his tow-headed, eleven-year-old twin daughters, coached by their Momma Nancy, finished in the trophy section, as did George Auer sailing *Bump and Grind*. Pat Bennett and Suzanne Gula, crewing on *Newfie*, are planning to bring home a trophy next time.

With the curtain falling on 1988 sailing season it is time to shine up the "old barrel staves" and "Think Snow".

CLUB NAUTICO DEL MUNA (73)

Colombia District

Sailing on Lake Tomine at Bogata, Colombia

Fleet Captain Fernando De La Concha
Fleet Secretary Philippe Jacob

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6097	.....	Rafael Sanabria
11660	Mandarino	Rafael Sanabria
11677	Gitana	Felipe Andrade
11750	.....	Vicente Hernandez
12570	.....	Philippe Jacob
12829	Flying Mustard	Rodolfo Salmang
13339	.....	Gabriel Cuervo
13431	Solitario	Manuel Isaza
13447	.....	Juan Carlos Uzategui, & Jose Gonzalez
13461	Candelaria	Vicente Hernandez
13971	Acorazado	Rafael Sanabria
14085	.....	Eduardo Colmenares
14132	.....	Roberto Matarraz Dominguez
14135	.....	Philippe Jacob
.....	.....	Jorge Londono
.....	.....	Dario Montoya
.....	.....	Frederico Neira

The first Lightning in Colombia was *Tramuntana* (900), owned by Jose Carulla and built in mahogany by carpenter Victor Urrego, according to blueprints mailed by the Lightning Class Association in April, 1942. Seven more Lightnings had been built in Colombia by 1945, when our Fleet 73 was officially registered, being the first in Latin America and turning Colombia into the second country, after Canada, to establish a Lightning fleet outside the USA.

National Championships have taken place annually, since 1949. Rafael Obregon, Jose Carulla, Carlos Castillo, Maurice Jacob, Vicente Hernandez, Antonio Pacini, Fernando De La Concha and Andres Lisocki, all from our fleet, have distinguished themselves as National Champions.

Our sailors have participated in 28 of the 33 South American Championships that have taken place since 1955, including the five hosted by our fleet (1959, 1967, 1973, 1980 and 1986). Three of our members have been South American Champions: Rafael Obregon (three times), Fernando De La Concha and Andres Lisocki.

All Lightnings built in our shipyard during the past 46 years have been made of wood by carpenters Victor Urrego or Norberto Cruz, under the supervision of designers Guillermo Aldana, Vicente Hernandez, Manuel Isaza or Rudi Salmang. Chilean Manuel Gonzalez won the 1987 World Championship sailing one of these wood boats. *Candelaria* (11750), designed by Vicente Hernandez and built by Norberto Cruz.

Our fleet celebrated the 50th anniversary of the class with a sparkling two-day regatta that took place on October 1-2, with the participation of 23 boats that competed for the "Jose Carulla" Trophy, created by our club to honor the memory of one of our founders and first Lightning owner in Colombia. Juan Carlos Uzategui, a young sailor from our club, won the regatta, that was observed by a large group of veteran Colombian sailors, including five of our founders.

In November the Copa San Pablo-Muna Regatta took place in Tomine with six Ecuadorian crews and nine Colombian. Wind conditions were at our advantage permitting seven very competitive races.

The tight competition finished with the following results:

Andres Lisocki/Lisocki/Tamayo, 17 pts., first; Santiago Uzategui/Higuera/Isaza, 20 pts., second; Philippe Jacob/Contreras/Bermudez, 20 pts., third; Mauricio Martinez/Londono/Martinez, 25 pts., fourth; and Jorge Uzategui/Uzategui/Fernandez, 35 pts., fifth.

DECATUR LIGHTNING FLEET (74)

Mississippi Valley District

Sailing on Lake Decatur, Decatur, Illinois

Fleet Captain Dan Mandli
Fleet Secretary Joe Cycotte

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10100	Robert W. Ohlsen & James L. Lackman

11125	Shillelagh	Lloyd R. Irish
11218	.....	Richard Chamblin
12032	Second Wind	Doug Floyd
12120	.....	Robert Dettling
12464	Pink Cadillac	Ralph K. Wells
12540	Todd's Fault	Carl M. Sternaman
13078	"Enterprise"	Roger L. Grohne
13308	D.F.	Greg Florian
13726	Flim Flam	Daniel J. Mandli

No Report.

NYACK LIGHTNING FLEET (75) Metropolitan District Sailing at Hudson River at Nyack, New York

Fleet Captain	Allan Began
Fleet Secretary	Elissa Hall/Annette Aronson
Fleet Champion	William Cook
Runner-Up	Kathy & Paul Connell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
3108	.....	Michael Springsteen
8182	Gotcha	Gary S. & Joan Hurban
8252	.....	Daniel Parietti
8885	.....	George Conk
9369	.....	William P. Mann
9382	Seababe	Kathryn & Paul Connell
9971	Ali-Oop II	Allan Began
10220	.....	Arthur F. Stahl
10769	Different Drummer	George Conk
11076	Smart Set	Terence E. Gibbs
11771	.....	Jed Kwartler
12337	Elusive	Elissa Hall
12386	Transfusion	Richard P. Weitzman
12868	.....	S. Robert Pearlman
13810	In the Pink	William L. Moe
13832	Avanti	William G. Cook

Fleet 75 kicked off the season promptly on May 1st, with just enough boats for the race to count. By the end of the year we had an average of 12 boats on the line each Sunday for our record number of 33 races at Nyack. Bill Cook won the Fleet Championship, but not without a fight from Kathy and Paul Connell, who were Fleet Runner-Up. Dick Weitzman captured third overall, followed by Joan and Gary Hurban in fourth.

Kathy and Paul Connell sailed more consistently than most and captured a trophy in each of our three series. Bill, "I was sailing so fast" Cook won the Spring Series, Kathy and Paul Connell were second, and Elissa Hall was third. The Summer Series was won by Kathy and Paul Connell followed by Dick Weitzman and Howie Rinehart, second and third respectively. Joan and Gary Hurban sailed away with the Fall Series, Bill, "I was sailing so fast", Cook was second, and Kathy and Paul Connell were third.

Once again, several boats travelled to various district regattas with three and one-half boats and eight skippers hauling out to Skaneateles for the 50th Anniversary Regatta. Needless to say, a great time was had by all!

The Magnus Pederson Regatta was held in early June with 22 boats from

numerous districts attending. Tim Nasar of Westport mastered the wind and currents of Nyack to win, followed by Paul "Bros" McCann of Chelsea-Long Island in second, and Gary Hurban of Nyack third. Our Last Blast Regatta in October was less forgiving than the Magnus Pederson. The 13 boats had a "brief" four hour delay waiting for the winds to calm down to steady 20 knots, and the air to warm up to 32 degrees. Once started, the Race Committee was kind by running three short races, knowing that the Last Blast was not just for racing. Several boats received the "Rubber Shark" Award just for showing up. Joe McCann of Narrasketuck won, following by Tom Ingram of Cedar Point, and Bill Cook of Nyack in third.

Fleet 75 also hosted a Lobster Dinner for 200 for the club's Labor Day Regatta. The next time someone comes up with that idea, this writer will make sure she is not the Regatta Chairman. (HOW LONG? WHICH POT? WHAT GRILL?)

Five of our fleet's lady skippers participated in the club's Ladies' Day Regatta, using the club's 420s; if for no other reason than to reassure ourselves why we sail Lightnings! Elissa Hall and Susanna Carman were second with Joan Hurban and Becky Woehrle third.

We had our share of blown-out sails, dented rubrails, broken noses, crushed hands, and neck operations. Yet the Broken Rudder Award for the most failed equipment during the season unanimously goes to Elissa "The only thing left to break is my mast" Hall. After running aground tearing the transom apart, breaking the halyards, pulling the centerboard cleat out....., the only thing left to break was the mast. She accomplished even that feat by the end of the District Championship weekend.

On the shore side, Kathy Dalmas and Paul Connell were married in April. Mike Springsteen and Heidi Mannick were married in October. Welcome aboard new fleet members Diane and Bill Moe sailing *In the Pink*. Our fleet officers all were unanimously reelected for a second term. On a sad note, Fleet 75 lost a lifetime member, Mons Grinager. Mons was our Fleet Captain for several years and always an active member of the fleet. He will be missed.

O'D's will be sponsoring the 1st Annual Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Regatta now that Kevin O'D owns a Lightning. But don't wait until September to visit us. The sailing is plentiful and the company grand. Join us in the spring!

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB (77) Central New York District Sailing on Irondequoit Bay, Rochester, NY

Fleet Captain	Alan R. McReynolds
Fleet Secretary	David W. Jungjohann
Fleet Champion	Richard Hallagan
Runner-Up	George Sereno

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10096	Sparkle	Allen R. Hamilton
11050	Quest	Dale E. Hamilton
11074	Kopykat	Howard P. Stickney
12215	Wizard	Mike Fellows
12240	Aquaman	David W. Jungjohann
12313	Droopy Sloopy V	David N. Eckler
12355	Shadow	Richard Hallagan
13080	Misty	James I. & John S. McIntosh
13081	"Irish"	Richard Doherty
13082	Stealth	R. Neil Smith
13192	Slicker	Dave Walsh
13329	Aurora	Philip Goldberg
13469	Whitecap	Dr. Robert L. Jamison
13651	Celebration	Tom C. Kennel
13697	Honky	Daniel J. Koretz, M.D.
13815	Obsession	Alan R. McReynolds
13853	Spar Trek	George Sereno
13913	.....	James C. Gocker
14001	.....	Daniel D. Fien
14185	.....	Leland G. Atkinson, III
14189	.....	Mark Sertl
14255	Shado-Blanco	Richard Hallagan
14277	Spar Trek IV	George Sereno
14298	.....	Mark Sertl
.....	.....	Glenn F. Himmelsbach
.....	.....	Tammi Jamison

The Newport Invitational Regatta was held with three races Saturday on Lake Ontario. The two wild races on Sunday were held on Irondequoit Bay. The races on the lake were sailed in cool weather with 10-15 mph winds.



Sunday racing at Nyack.

Photo credit: Lon McQuillin.

Sunday the wind had kicked up to 15-30 mph out of the west. It proved to be wild with several boats tipping over (including Pete and Dick Hallagan). The regatta was won by MacDonald, with Bryant second, and Proctor third. A special thanks goes to Landy Atkinson for the effort of coordinating everything for the regatta again this year.

This was the third year (I think) that Irondequoit Bay was open to Lake Ontario. The power boat traffic was increased tremendously. This has taken its toll on the attendance of the club racers for our Sunday summer races. While we were getting five-seven boats on the line for the spring and fall series, the summer series was poorly attended. Of course, some of the reason for the low attendance in the summer can be attributed to our good representation at many of the Central New York district regattas that were held this year. Besides our regatta, there were regattas held at Cazenovia, Skaneateles, on Keuka Lake (our District Regatta), the "Centrals", at Geneva, Oswego, Chaumont Bay, and the Harvest Regatta on Silver Lake. Of those regattas, three were in July and two were in August. That can make for a busy summer by itself.

As a club we were well represented at the 50th Anniversary Regatta that was held in Skaneateles on July 2-3. We had 18 boats from our club registered. I must say that this sailor was overwhelmed by sight of over 225 beautiful Lightnings on that relatively narrow lake at one time. What a regatta! I think that the Skaneateles Country Club should be congratulated on doing a fine job with this smoothly run event.

At the "Districts", we were represented by at least half a dozen boats of the 32 or 33 that were there. George Sereno was our top finisher at second place. Tammie Jamison was the rookie of the year placing third in their first Districts as skipper. Dick Hallagan was in sixth. Other attendees were Landy Atkinson, Jim Gocker, Dan Koretz, and Alan McReynolds. Of these Jim Gocker, Landy Atkinson, Dick Hallagan, and Mark Sertl attended the North American Championships in San Diego. Dick Hallagan did well by placing third in the Masters and tenth in the Championship fleet. Mark Sertl placed 14th in the Championships and Landy Atkinson placed second in the Governors Cup.

At home we had Dick Hallagan as overall winner with George Sereno second and Bob Jamison third. Also, I would like to thank Howard Stickney, Dick Doherty, Neil Smith, and Allen R. Hamilton (is he really 73?) for being among the most consistent club race participants. Next year will probably prove to be a pivotal year for the club, but I think that there are enough concerned club members that the 1989 season will prove successful for Lightning sailing at Newport Yacht Club.



Heide Dickerson, Fleet 85, in Dad's Lightning with Mom and crew working hard.

Photo credit: Gary Davis

NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB (85) **Connecticut-Rhode Island District** **Sailing on Niantic Bay, Long Island Sound at** **Niantic, Connecticut**

Fleet Captain Dave Dickerson
 Fleet Secretary Lori Davis
 Fleet Champion Gary Davis
 Runner-Up Dave Dickerson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
168	Tanqueray	Cynthia Lee-Konney
6350	Flying Cloud	Douglas C. Dickerson

7170	Baby Makes 3	Martin J. O'Meara, Jr.
10801	Woody	David M. Peterson & Neil Hayes
11100	.....	Charles Zaremba
11474	Luff Song	Lester O'Brien
11487	High Voltage	Michael E. Mamuszka & Chris Rackliffe
11688	.....	Franz R. Edson
11784	Ugly Fuzzy	Barry Buchler
12005	.....	Gary J. O'Brien
12060	.....	Richard L. Rowley
12069	.....	William A. Sebestyen
12282	.....	Peter Fanta
12786	"Bodacious"	Gary Davis
13540	Mirage	Thomas V. Moriarty, II
13636	Three Puffs	Nelson Hoffman
13940	Second Wind	David G. Dickerson
14055	Certain Victory	Christopher J. Vann
14073	.....	John W. Oldham, III
14154	.....	Donald R. Barrett
14215	.....	William Shore & Betsy Allison
.....	.....	Gary T. Bohn

Our season began with the first jewel in our holiday series "Triple Crown", our Memorial Day weekend series. Chris Vann emerged victorious with Gary Davis second, and former "Triple Crown" contender, John Oldham third. After besting the fleet over Fourth of July weekend finishing ahead of Don Barrett and Gary Davis for second and third respectively, Chris Vann began to wonder if he would be the first in many years to capture much more wind and more challenging conditions than we had seen in Niantic Bay all season. After a hard-fought battle and some very tough breaks, Chris had come up short. Honors went to John "I-WANT-heavy-air!" Oldham, first; Franz "... is-the-season-over-already-I-feel-like-I'm-just-getting-started" Edson, second; and Gary "we-can't-seem-to-shake-this-guy" Davis, third.

When the dust finally settled and the points were totaled for the season series championship, Gary Davis came out on top followed by Dave Dickerson, Franz Edson, and Peter Fanta (after his first season in a Lightning). Peter and his wife/crew Diane are a great addition to our fleet, whom we know we'll have to deal with on the race course as they sort out their boat and boat handling.

For several years now, the skippers of Lightning Fleet 85 have made their boats available to the younger racing enthusiasts at our club for the annual Junior Lightning Race in an effort to provide an opportunity for them to experience the feel of the Lightning with the hope that they might graduate from their Blue Jays, 420's, etc. to a Lightning as the boat they race as adults. This race was hotly contested during Labor Day weekend in the ideal conditions with Heidi Dickerson coming through with a bullet (sailing with crew Tim Healy and owner/crew Gary Davis), followed by Dave Sampson and Andy Hall.

Heidi's victory in this year's Junior race came as no surprise to those of us who know what an excellent skipper she is. Heidi skippered the only boat from our fleet to attend the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles with mom and dad as crew and finished *fifth* in the 101-boat Red Fleet, with a first place in the second race to earn the special award for the best finish by a woman skipper. Among her other accomplishments this season, she placed second in the Blue Jay Nationals at Madison Beach Club in a beautiful, lovingly-crafted wooden Blue Jay built by her father Dave which he completed the morning of the first race!

Niantic Bay was well represented away from home with several crews travelling to regattas in our area and beyond. We brought six boats to the Volvo Newport Regatta. This was the first year the Lightning Class was invited to attend this grandiose affair, thanks to the efforts of Brad Read. Hopefully, Lightnings will be asked to compete again in 1989. For those of you who have never been to a regatta with a cocktail party for 1,200 sailors each night, you won't want to miss this one.

We sent seven boats to the Madison Beach Club for the CT/Rhode Island District championships, coming away with fifth, sixth and eighth place finishes amongst the top ten, with the first four places going to the heavy hitters from Cedar Point Yacht Club: Ched Proctor, Edson White, Jim Crane, and Phil Lotz.

Two crews attended the 1988 North American Championships in San Diego. Last year's Women's North Americans champs Donna Barrett and Barbra Vann teamed up once again and hit the road a week in advance to make the long journey west with the boat, and Don Barrett flew in the day before the qualifiers. For the first year in many, Don missed qualifying for the Blue Fleet by one point, finding the big kelp, big water, and little wind off Mission Beach "challenging", prompting him to display a bumper sticker he had been saving for just such an occasion that went something

like, "It's been lovely, but I have to scream now!". However, Don sailed well in the Green Fleet, finishing fourth. Chris Vann with crew Lenny Vann and Gary Davis sailed a solid qualifying series (in his dad's boat which calls Mission Bay Yacht Club it's home), making the cut high in the Green Fleet.

John Oldham was the sole Niantic Bay boat to travel to Southampton, Long Island for their regatta and placed second. We sent three boats to Cedar Point's Fall Classic; always a fine regatta, this year's was no exception.

The final Lightning event on Niantic Bay is the Connecticut Governor's Cup. This year's regatta was sailed under sunny skies in 12-16 knots of breeze both days. Once again, Phil Lotz emerged victorious followed by Don Barrett, John Oldham, Heidi Dickerson, and David Peck, sailing Ched Proctor's boat. With good drysailing facilities (two hoists), a great race committee, good sailing waters, and solid local competition, we have all the necessary attributes for hosting a fine regatta. When you consider all this, in addition to a fantastic cocktail party and steak dinner followed by dancing with a top-notch D.J. on Saturday, and hot dogs and refreshments before the trophy presentation on Sunday (along with things like T-shirts, and videos of the weekend's action), it's no wonder this regatta has the reputation of being one of the best in the area. Don't miss the 1989 Connecticut Governor's Cup! Watch *Flashes* for details.

Finally, it is with great regret that Fleet 85 will be missing a stalwart team of competitors next season, with the departure of Nelson and Helen Hofman. Nelson and Helen, along with Dave Peterson, John Vann, and a mere handful of others, built up Fleet 85 with their dedication and enthusiasm to the 20+ boats that we have today. We wish them the best of luck in their new Florida home, (hope that it's not too permanent), and that they'll be back soon sailing with us on Niantic Bay.

SPRAY BEACH YACHT CLUB (91)

Central Atlantic District Sailing Little Egg Harbor at Beach Haven, New Jersey

Fleet Captain/Secretary Dr. Jeff Herrick
Fleet Champion Ken Corsig
Runner-Up Pete Langborgh

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11666	.....	John Teigland, Jr.
13772	Ken-Do ²	Ken Corsig
14119	.....	Peter V. Langborgh
14120	Num E Nuf	Jeffrey B. Herrick
14121	.....	John N. Izmirlian, Jr.
14123	Ass-U-Me	Brian Boulden

The 1988 season marked the second year of competition for our reinstated Fleet 91. All skippers and crews made marked improvement over the first year.

Our plans for the 1989 season are to combine our racing schedule with Brant Beach Yacht Club. This should make for a larger fleet on the water and give the race committees from each club a weekend off every other week.

Season results: Ken Corsig, first; Pete Langborgh, second; Jeff Herrick, third; John Teigland, fourth; Brian Boulden, fifth, and John Izmirlian, sixth.

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON (95)

Metropolitan District Sailing on Greenwood Lake at Awosting, Hewitt, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Jim Cosmas
Fleet Secretary Dan Murphy
Fleet Champion Jim Cosmas
Runner-Up Bob Sengstacken

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7248	Cracklin' Rose	Dan Murphy
8023	HMS Hornblower	William V. Smith
8671	.....	Patrick Allison Toomey, Jr.
10083	.....	Dennis P. Adams
10735	.....	Louis Van Hoff
10784	Heads Up	John R. Wulff
11983	Freija	James C. Cosmas

12045 Shark!
..... Tradition

Robert Sengstacken
Dave Wiley

Every race season differs from the previous and this year's was extremely uplifting, enjoyable and, of course, exciting.

First, there were no cancellations due to weather. The wind gods did provide enough to convince the race committee that there was a "Go", but some races did develop into drifters.

The fleet was represented in Florida at the Masters this past winter with Ron Wulff at the helm. Later on these stalwarts went north to New York State for "The Big 50." Needless to say, the "War Stories" were great and the pictures they brought back brought out many statements of "I should have made the time." Also brought back was their description of "a novel approach to lunch."

Wednesday night races were started on an experimental basis and the fleet did participate.

The June Invitational Regatta run by the Awosting Yacht Squadron was won by Ron Wulff with John Sengstacken second and Lou Van Hoff third.

Two of the four series normally run had their winners determined in the standard manner but the last two, a Saturday and a Sunday series, both ended in a tie for first place with no open dates available.

The outcome of the Labor Day Long Distance Race was used to determine the winner of both series and, due to the point scores, the fleet championship.

The race was sailed in drenching rain, overpowering gusts, and near impossible wind shifts, with the outcome only determined in the final seconds when Bob Sengstacken received the gun. Such was the contest that members of other fleets chose not to sail and watched the race instead.

The following week the fleet hosted the New Jersey State Lightning Championship with boats from various corners of the state competing under bright, sunny skies and winds excellent for driving Lightnings to their fullest. First place and the trophy went to Rich Minor of Lake Mohawk; second place to Ron Wulff; and third place to Bob Sengstacken of Awosting. Sandy Huntsman of the Monmouth Boat Club took fourth and Lou Van Hoff of Awosting was fifth.

The fleet welcomed the addition of a fine wood boat skippered by Pat Toomey.



Fleet Champion Wendell Harter (sailing at Lake Cachuma).

SANTA MONICA BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (102)

California District Sailing on Santa Monica Bay at King Harbor

Fleet Captain/Secretary Wendell Harter
Fleet Champion Wendell Harter
Runner-Up Mike Boswell

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11373	Mike Boswell
13186	Paddlin' Madelyn III	Wendell W. Harter
14206	Bruce Yaeger
.....	Fred Chandler
.....	H. Quintin Foster, Jr.

The year 1988 came in with a vengeance! The result was that two of our more active boats were destroyed. A storm in January pushed very high waves over our breakwater and spilled two feet of water across the boat storage yard and parking lot of King Harbor Yacht Club at Redondo Beach, crushing many small boats against the clubhouse and washing some of them into the harbor. Mike Boswell's *Seafever* (13191) and Quintin Foster's *Blue Wooze* (11568) were damaged beyond repair. Mike's second boat, 11373, sustained severe damage, but was repairable. The clubhouse and facilities were also damaged.

Wendell Harter and Bert Winther had kept their boats at their homes, and as a result, their boats were unharmed. Hence, they were the only skippers available to represent the fleet in most of the year's races. Wendell sailed in the California Circuit in San Diego, the May Lake Cachuma Regatta, California District Championships, the Masters' and President's Cup Regattas, and Bowen Memorial Regatta in San Diego.

The good news is that Bruce Yeager, who is new to sailing, purchased boat 14206 and joined our fleet. We're looking forward to his racing with us before long.

Mike borrowed Bruce Yeager's boat, and he and Wendell both sailed in the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta at Lake Cachuma in late August. Bert Winther, Wendell and Mike represented the fleet in the Hurricane Gulch Regatta in October, the only Lightning Regatta hosted by King Harbor Yacht Club this year. Quintin Foster, now boatless, crewed with Bert Winther in this regatta, and our new skipper, Bruce Yeager, let Mike skipper his boat while he crewed. John Lyon, Fleet 194, won the regatta. Wendell Harter was second, followed by Kirk Johnson and Mike Boswell.

Fred Chandler was chosen to be an AFS exchange student and sent to Chile for a year, thus taking him out of our fleet activities. Hopefully, Fleet 102 will have more boats in sailing condition in 1989 and be able to put more boats on the starting line.

LAVALLETTE YACHT CLUB (104) Central Atlantic District Sailing at Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Chris Larsen
Fleet Secretary Bill Dacosta
Fleet Champion Bob Morrow
Runner-Up Barbara Mann/
Michael Plosica

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9250	Puck	Donald A. Cooper
9539	Sundance	Dr. Anthony Ventimiglia
10633	.....	Don Drescher
10771	Mach I	Matthew Morrow
10988	At Last	Barbara G. Mann
11122	Punch	William A. Scott
12598	.....	Eugene Ventimiglia
12957	Elusive	W. E. Dacosta
13053	.....	Chris Larsen
13710	Fuzzy Blues	Robert F. & Lawrence R. Hoffman
13782	.....	Dr. Robert T. Morrow
13955	.....	Anthony Ventimiglia
.....	.....	John Faranetta

At Lavallette, we started our season in June, with three weekends of sailing symposiums and racing in order to help the newer sailors in the fleet. Subjects covered were racing rules, tactics, sailing maneuvers and regatta management. The sessions were chaired by our Vice Commodore Del Kusma, who also provided interesting race courses during the summer. Our regular series started on June 26th and there were wide extremes in wind and weather conditions that resulted in all kinds of unique situations ranging from the frustrations of "no wind" pockets to sailing in heavy rains, gusting winds to 35 knots and plenty of white caps.

Picture if you will, boat 10988 (Barbara Mann) in first place with less than 100 yards to finish. What little wind there was disappears, at which point 13710 (Bob Hoffman) passes the lead boat to windward and figures to have the race won. Fifty feet away 12957 (Bill Dacosta) catches a small puff and passes both of the others to win by a boat length. The Mann boat finished a frustrating fifth on that occasion.

Three of our skippers spent the July fourth weekend at Skaneateles sailing in the Red Fleet. It was an experience never to be forgotten. The ILCA can be proud of the event and the Skaneateles Country Club can certainly take the honors for a superb execution of the very enjoyable holiday.

Getting back to our local series, the cumulative standing among the top five boats was very close with a different boat winning the first four races. Bob Morrow, sailing "Men at Work" was the first to win two races and with appropriate momentum, went on to take the series championship. He was ably assisted by brother Matt who also skippers his own Lightning on other occasions and Meredith Schreyer, a top sailor in her own right, having won the 1988 club Blue Jay title for 1988.

Barbara and Dave Mann sailing "At Last" were called on occasion due to business commitments and were fortunate to have Michael Plosica, one of our more talented young sailors, available to skipper the boat when they were not there. Michael (who has his sights set on a Lightning when he finishes college) recruited Dave Farinetta and Karen Smit and assisted the Manns to a second place finish.

As an indication of how close and competitive our fleet is becoming, the race for third place was neck and neck to the wire between Bob Hoffman, the 1986 champion, and Tony Ventimiglia, the 1987 champ. In the last and crucial race, Tony beat Bob out by one position and thereby gained third place by .05 points. Crewing for Tony was brother Gene and nephew Paul. Sons Larry, Tom and Skipper crewed with Bob Hoffman.

Rounding our final standing were: Bill Dacosta, Walter Krueger and Joan Young, fifth; Chris Larsen, Roberta and George Schreyer, sixth; Don Cooper, son David and Jack Nile, seventh; Bill Scott, Peter Scott and Charlie Heuschkel, eighth; Karen, Ron, and Ronnie, Jr. Totams, ninth; Mike and Art Farren and daughters, tenth; and Don Drescher and sons, eleventh.

We had a pleasant fall series, traditionally, our fleet hosted a very enjoyable picnic for all to wind up the season. Now, the weather grows cooler, days shorter, leaves are turning colors and it comes time to put the boat and gear away until the spring. Adios until then.

(Bob Hoffman)

HIGGINS LAKE FLEET (110) Michigan District Sailing on Higgins Lake at Roscommon, Michigan

Fleet Captain & Secretary John Dent
Fleet Champion Fred Krauss
Runner-Up John Dent

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2138	.....	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
9102	Bohica	Peter B. Morley, Jr.
12104	.....	Stan Dent
12784	Pacemaker	John N. Dent
13493	.....	Mike Dow
13999	.....	Scott Carman & Steven E. Randall
14009	Serendipity	Mike Dow
Life Member	.....	Dr. Floyd R. Arnold
No Report.		

GREEN BAY SAILING CLUB, INC. (112) Midwest District Sailing on Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain Jim Gagnon, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Vicki Vannieuwenhoven
Fleet Champions ... Brian Phelan/Charley Nitka
Runner-Up Jim Gagnon, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10680	Smoke	Douglas Olson
10969	Bullet	James Knorr
11931	Hearty	Gordon A. Valentine
13486	.....	Patrick Ford
13568	.....	Bill Dean
13817	.....	David M. Roznowski
13818	Silent Scream	Brian Phelan
14193	B-Kaz	Dr. Bruce Bressler

This year started off with the renaming of our summer and fall series, the Hayseed Series and Vandersteen Series.

Our spring series ended up a one race series with Jim Knorr taking the honors in the one race blowout.

The year started with apprehension as to bay water levels and fleet participation, as it turned out water levels and fleet participation both were up and down.

The results of our Fleet Championship are as follows: first, Charlie Nitka/Brian Phelan, 13818; second, James Knorr, 10969; third, Doug Olson, 10680; fourth, Vern Heyrman, 13225; and fifth, Mike Kulkjosi, 11888.

Fleet 112 hosted our district's second regatta, the Evans Regatta. For the second year in a row we had a gear busting blowout. Saturday started out with a perfect 15 knots breeze at the 10 minute gun edging with 25 knots+ at the finish. The remainder of the day was spent checking out the new boats in the district and talking over old times. Sunday racing was started early to beat out the expected blast later in the day. We weren't disappointed. The first race started out in ideal conditions of 12-15 knots and ending up being blown off the bay at the end of the second race with drought driven winds over 25 knots.

The five survivors were: first, Paul Wurtzebach, Chicago; second, Bill Faude, Milwaukee; third, Brian Phelan, Green Bay; fourth, Ric Larsen, Sheboygan; and fifth, John Esser, Milwaukee.

The fleet was put on notice for the remainder of the summer when Brian Phelan returned from the 'Districts' in Chicago, with the first place trophy. He didn't stop there. Brian won every race he skippered in the remainder of the season.

The season ended with the Walter Masse Memorial Race. Bill Hayes came out of retirement to sail this race. He used a scratch boat, a second row start and unbeatable "seat of the pants sailing" to take all. Bill won first to finish and handicap honors. This year taking a new traveling trophy, "The 600 Grit Club," was Doug Olson. Doug earned this honor by not only tipping his own boat over, but by being instrumental in Jim Knorr's capsize at the 'Districts'.

A special thanks goes to the people that make it all possible — our very competent race committee, co-chairman Doug Olson and Charlie Nitka with the able crew of Tom Phelan, Bill Hayes, and Jane Stounard.



Bill Hayes, with crew Brian Phelan and Charlie Nitka, minutes before the start of the Walter Masse Memorial Race.

CUBA LAKE YACHT CLUB (115) Lake Erie District

Sailing on Cuba Lake at Cuba, New York

Fleet Captain Skip Wilday
Fleet Secretary Valerie Kane

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7828	.....	John Godfrey, M.D.
10730	Austerity	Michael D. Kane
13890	Ole Blue	Robert & Greg Buckley
13973	Two Windward	Ward Wilday
14002	.....	Steve Sellberg

No Report.

HAMILTON BOATING CLUB (118) Lake Erie District Sailing on Hamilton Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

Fleet Captain Bryan Milne
Fleet Secretary Susan Rogers
Fleet Champion Larry MacDonald
Runner-Up Susan Rogers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11174	.....	John Aitchison & Bryan Milne
12443	Chaa Giel	J. Paul Eichenberg
13671	Eh	Larry MacDonald & Susan Rogers
.....	.....	Keith MacDonald

Just imagine doing five or six triangle, windward, leeward races in just two hours. Think of the crew work. There are 24 marks to round, 12 spinnaker hoists, six jibe mark roundings and seven boats in contention.

That's how the Hamilton Boating Club (Flying Beavers) races every Tuesday night. It's fast, fun and it's excellent training. In 1988, the training paid off. The season started off with Larry MacDonald second overall at the Southern Circuit. The N.F.I.R. Regatta was held at the Buffalo Canoe Club with Susan Rogers placing first and Keith MacDonald finishing third. This year was the qualifying year for the World Championship in Greece. Larry MacDonald took top honors by winning the Canadian Open, qualifying first to represent Canada at the next 'Worlds'.

Our club was well represented at the 50th Anniversary Regatta with six of the seven boats attending. This regatta was the highlight of the season.

The Lake Erie 'Districts' were sailed at Silver Lake Yacht Club. Susan Rogers placed first and Trevor Born was tenth. At the 1988 North Americans Larry MacDonald finished in the top 15.

Our racing season concluded with Dave Wood finishing second in the Lake Erie District Fall Circuit.

Our club's winter agenda consists of a variety of parties and outings. As well, the membership gets together weekly for our hockey pool. Our club is growing every year. We look forward to a great 1989 sailing season.

MERRIMAC RIVER LIGHTNING FLEET (121) New England District Sailing at the American Yacht Club Newburyport, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain Al Lavender
Fleet Secretary Al Martin
Fleet Champions Al Lavender & Steve Fram
Runner-Up Al Martin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9833	.....	Steve Bartley
10479	Phoenix	Russell Crawford
10857	Kaboom	Alfred J. Martin
12385	Shamrock	Louis P. Minicucci, Jr.
13517	Swans	Winthrop J. Snow, Jr.
13576	Remedy	Alan P. Lavendar & Steven Fram
13642	.....	Joseph N. Peterson
14275	.....	John Hughes
.....	.....	Robert L. Pratt
Life Member	.....	Leonard Pratt

Starting in May, finishing in September, the Mud Flat sailors of Fleet 121 had a busy schedule in '88. Eleven boats were in the yard this summer, many sailing in all three series — spring, summer and fall.

Al Martin started the year off right taking a close Spring Series from the Lavender/Fram team. The Summer Series saw Al Lavender and Steve Fram come back to win the series on a tie breaker. Winn Snow was second, Russ Crawford third. The Fall Series continued the close level of competition in the fleet this year, Lavender and Fram over Martin by two points with John Hughes not far behind. The Fleet Championship was won by the steady season-long sailing of Al Lavender and Steve Fram, continuing their streak of many years. Al Martin was runner-up with Winn Snow third.

CEDAR POINT YACHT CLUB (126)
Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at
Westport, Connecticut

Fleet Captain Fergus Henderson
 Fleet Secretary Kathy Thackaberry
 Fleet Champion Wiley Crockett
 Runner-Up Tim Naeser

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10212	.....	Brian Hayes
10801	.....	R. Neil Hayes
11251	.....	Toby Welles
11510	.....	Thomas Y. Ingram
11657	Challenge	John J. Dymont
12852	Silver	Fergus Henderson
12853	.....	Stan White
13056	Squeeze Me	A. K. Rodgers Ratcliffe
13494	Aalen	G. W. Perbix
13708	Zap	Tim Naeser
13792	.....	Thomas Hagan
13987	.....	Robert G. Neubert
14067	Nemesis	Davis S. Smith
14137	Stardust	Toby Beth Lambert & Wiley M. Crockett
14161	.....	Edson N. White
14176	.....	Ched Proctor
14190	.....	Philip Lotz
14217	TNT	C. Dayton Tittsworth
14219	.....	Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.
14238	.....	Kjell A. Heitman
14289	Ciao	Nina Cuccio
.....	.....	John Cuccio



The Cedar Point "family".

Fleet 126 began its '88 season in the snow, with a February gathering at the home of Fleet Captain Fergus, and First Lady Sara, Henderson. We planned for the season to come, and welcomed new members Tom Hagan, Dave Liebman, and Bruce and Ellen Atkinson. The Atkinson's drove all the way from Longmeadow, Mass. for the evening. (We must be doing something right!)

While the majority of the fleet stayed home to work on their boats Ched Proctor, Phil Lotz, Tim Ingram, and Wiley Crockett headed South to work on their tactics. It was a successful Southern Circuit, as both Phil and Ched finished in the top ten.

The Early Bird Regatta, held every May is the official opening of our sailing season. This year's regatta, chaired by Tim Naeser, saw 28 boats from up and down the East coast converge on Cedar Point for a great weekend of sailing. A huge thank you to "Mr. Race Committee", Ted Fontileau, for yet another superbly run regatta.

The Memorial Day weekend marked the first race of our club series. The weekend regatta was won by Phil Lotz. Second was Wiley Crockett, and new member Bruce Atkinson, finished third.

As the season progressed, it became apparent that the wind god was not smiling on Long Island Sound. We spent many hours drifting around, or waiting for a tow home. More time was spent at the club playing frisbee, volleyball, or just trying to keep cool in the record heat. The highlight of the season was the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. It was a beautiful weekend, and the wind showed up as requested. Fleet 126 was well represented by Kjell Heitman, Phil and Wendy Lotz, Tom Hagan, Ched and Judy Proctor, Brian Hayes, Nina Cuccio, Martha Gallo, and Tom Ingram made the trip north for the July 4th weekend. As you all know, the class did a superb job running this historic regatta. We thank everyone who helped to make the 50th an event to remember.

For those who couldn't make the trek north, Cedar Point held its own Independence Day Regatta. Wiley Crockett finished first, Bruce Atkinson was second, and Gianni Cuccio was third.

The month of August tortured us with still more windless days. Fleet members looked elsewhere: Tim Naeser and crew Brian Hayes won the Magnus Pederson Regatta in Nyack, N.Y.; Phil Lotz placed fourth in the area Mallory Cup Races; Brian Hayes, crewing with Jody Lutz at the Canadian Open, finished third overall.

Fleet members were also successful at the "Districts", which were held at Madison Beach this year. Cedar Point sailors took three of the top four spots. Results were as follows; Ched Proctor, CPYC, Edson White, CPYC, Jim Crane, (never heard of him...just kidding, Jim!), and Phil Lotz, CPYC. Nice work guys!!

Labor Day weekend finally brought WIND. Hiking was a new sensation after a season of the "Leeward Crouch". When we returned to the clubhouse, Phil Lotz was once again the winner. Tom "Mr. Consistency" Ingram was second, and Neil Hayes (we thought that boat only went in light air?) was third.

The Fall Classic and Lobster Bake was the climax to Summer '88. Thirty boats sailed four races in beautiful breezes. Dick Thackaberry did a great job as RC., and the lobster, shrimp, and clam dinner was a feast to remember. We thank Tom Ingram, Regatta Chairman, and all those who assisted him. A special thank you to club manager Roger Faucett who procured the seafood for us. Ken Read took home top silver for the weekend. Cedar Point sailors Ched Proctor, Gianna Cuccio, and Edson White were also in the top five.

We are proud to list the fleet results for 1988: Wiley and Barbara Crockett, sailing with the able assistance of Toby Lambert, were Fleet Champions. Tim Naeser, who returned to the fleet after a short recess, was runner up. Neil Hayes and "Woody" were third. Bruce Atkinson, a great new addition to our fleet, finished fourth. Gianni Cuccio, who has been sailing in the fleet since he was a teenager, was fifth. We congratulate the winners and all those who sailed the summer of '88.

Fleet 126 thanks Fergus, our wonderfully organized Fleet Captain and all fleet members, wives, and crews for making '88 a wonderful year — despite the wind. We thank you for your hours tuning and tinkering, for the help you gave to one another on the water and off, for the time spent cooking fleet feasts and working on regattas, and finally, for the beer always being there when we hit the dock.

A special thank you to John Cuccio who continues to act as fleet "Godfather", finding sailors — we know not where — and steering them to Lightnings at Cedar Point. The fleet owes its success in no small part to John's care and enthusiasm.

We look forward to 1989. The fleet continues to attract new members. Our "old sailors" are getting smarter and faster. The "new kids" are giving us a push forward. Competition is keen, camaraderie is high, and Fleet 126 continued to be one of the strongest in the class.

SAVANNAH LIGHTNING FLEET (127)
Southeastern District
Sailing on Wilmington River at
Bradley Point, Savannah, Georgia

Fleet Secretary Sydney Oetgen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12828	Albert H. Berry, Jr.
Life Member	John McIntosh, Sr.
Life Member	J. Wallace Aggett
No Report.		

MADISON BEACH CLUB (129)
Connecticut-Rhode Island District
Sailing on Long Island Sound at Madison, Conn.

Fleet Captain James Deephouse
Fleet Secretary Charles Walz, III
Fleet Champion J. Michael Sulzbach
Runner-Up John Ronshagen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11113	C.O.D.	Tom Davidson
11207	Early Time	James R. Deephouse
11773	P.F.D.	John Ronshagen
11933	Rosie	J. Michael Sulzbach
13230	Moonshine	W. Harmon Leete
.....	.....	Peter Renahan

No Report.

MOBILE BAY FLEET (135)
Southern District
Sailing on Mobile Bay

Fleet Secretary Bob Borneman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10812	Captain Crunch	Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.
11815	Prosit	L. M. Bohnenkamp
12331	Jubilee	Richard J. Scott, Jr.
12956	Sunkiss II	Robert Borneman
13060	Bigeminy III	Dr. E. Russell March, Jr.

No Report.

GULL LAKE YACHT CLUB (137)
Michigan District
Sailing on Gull Lake at Richland, Michigan

Fleet Captain David Decker
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Gary Fergemann
Fleet Champion Carl Engles
Runner-Up David Decker

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13279	Cyxobeu	Timothy C. VanderMeulen
13640	Tarula	David J. Decker
13713	Juju 5	Carl Engles
13879	.....	Gary Fergemann
14241	Simpatico	David H. Watt

The season on beautiful Gull Lake began in late May with a number of tune-up races. The official racing season began Memorial Day weekend and concluded Labor Day weekend. Generally speaking the season was marked with warm and dry sailing days.

Although our fleet has dwindled in numbers over the last few years, the competition was keen and the participation was consistent. Six boats raced frequently, with an occasional jump to eight. Competition for the championship was evident from the beginning of the season. Tim Vandermeulen led the fleet throughout most of the season, with Carl Engles and David Decker close behind. The season finished with strong showings by Engles and Decker, at the conclusion of the final race they tied for first place. Tie breaker rules were invoked and the Fleet Champion Carl Engles was crowned.

The annual, 'sail to breakfast' was hosted by David and Karen Watt at their new home in Kalamazoo. In addition to the good food and comradery, the breakfast was highlighted by the presentation of the Great White "Gull Lake" inflatable shark. David Fergemann was the recipient of the trophy, and barring tragedy or puncture the shark should appear at next year's breakfast.

The year concluded the first weekend in October with the annual Gull Lake Lightning Regatta. Twenty boats participated in brisk air on Saturday, with five different boats over at one time or another. Sunday featured very light air and cold rain. Only one race was completed on Sunday. The regatta championship went to John McCree following in order by Carl Engles, David Nickels, David Decker, and Tim Vandermeulen. Congratulations to the three Gull Lake sailors finishing in the top five.

SPOFFORD LAKE FLEET (145)
New England District
Sailing on Lake Spofford
at Spofford, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Fred Turner
Fleet Secretary Patrick MacQueen
Fleet Champion Thomas R. Fitch
Runner-Up Patrick MacQueen

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11210	Smurfing Along	Frederick Turner, Jr.
11323	Escape	Patrick MacQueen
11346	L.I.T.F.L.	Fred H. & Christopher B. Hamblet
13835	Three Cheers	David H. & Thomas Fitch

Another season gone by already — hard to believe! Congratulations Lightning Class for 50 years of class sailing and racing. Spofford Fleet 145 salutes you.

SEATTLE LIGHTNING FLEET (132)
Pacific Northwest District
Sailing on Shilshole Bay at Seattle, Washington

Fleet Captain Phil Wong
Fleet Secretary Alan Hunt
Fleet Champion Bruce Deitz
Runner-Up Alan Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10256	.....	Dr. George F. Naden
10384	Dandelion Break	Philip Wong
11457	No Problem	Pam Hsu
11636	Are We Having Fun Yet?	Alan F. Hunt
11873	Osprey	Bill Taylor
13242	Over Easy	Eric Lindahl
13299	Hot Chocolate	Tom Anderson
13680	Scarecrow	Tom Foulds
13704	Wheaties	Kenneth Dunkelberg
14040	Sail Tough or Go Home	Bruce Deitz

1988 was another good year for Fleet sailors on the road. Alan Hunt won the District Championship on Vancouver Lake, the home waters of such Northwest luminaries as the Parshleys, Dave Hickman, and John DeBenedetti, all former champions. Ten years of trying finally paid off. Ken Dunkelberg sailed just as well except for hitting Alan at the last leeward mark of the last race. Finishing ahead of Alan would have given him his first District Championship. Bruce Dietz got his latest new boat moving in the right direction and fast this year as he won at Vancouver, B.C., and at the Seattle PIYA Invitational. He may have won the PIYA Circuit as well.

Phil Wong got tougher this year and so did the fleet — we elected him Fleet Captain. Pam and Bruce came head-to-head at a local regatta with Bruce taking the honors, but only because Pam was nipped at the line by Hunt. Lindahl got a job and his racing performance took a header but he won the hearts and minds of all those who beat him this year. I'm sure we'll pay the price next year, though. It seems like the local racing scene has become a little more competitive with several different skippers getting uppty and winning races.

A newcomer, Tom Foulds, has proved himself formidable at screwing up your race if you're trying to pass him or even get the best start. Bill Sims sheepishly put a motor mount on his boat and moored it, saying he was just taking a year off from competition. I'm sure we'll see him on the line in 1989 and it never rains in Seattle. I sure hope he comes back and teaches us a thing or two. Tom Anderson got new sails. When he calms down about being in front all of a sudden, he'll win some regattas. In the meantime, he is in line to be Fleet Captain in 1990.

The North American's were the season's highlight for Lindahl and Hunt, who defied logic and went down there to feed the monsters from the East. They both report that it was more fun than expected to be on the bottom of the food chain and wish it could have lasted for a couple of weeks longer. Of course, their crews may feel otherwise. See you next year.

This summer on Spofford was plenty hot, but not windless providing many good racing and sailing weekends. The Fleet Championship is decided by series racing over the 4th of July weekend and Labor Day weekend. The Fitch Family Fortune Four Hundred cleaned up again in weather conditions that ranged from light to quite heavy. Tom Fitch did most of the skippering, but when you have three of the four Fitches on the same boat on Spofford Lake, you have a very consistent operation going know matter who is skippering. Congratulations Tom, Laura, Dot and Dave for another season of fine competition.

This season saw the unexpected passing of long time Lightning supporter and friend, Sophie Hamblet. Fleet 145 and Spofford Yacht Club were deeply saddened by this loss of one of our family members. In her memory a new Fleet trophy is being established.

Traveling this year was somewhat limited. Kip Hamblet, one of our big travelers, bought into a marina in Maine and as a result didn't sail much at all this year. Hopefully that will correct itself next year. Alex Gemmell saw less road action this year as well, traveling with his Dad Jack to the Master's at Bomoseen and going with son Michael to Cedar Point. Alex broke in some new crew from the area this summer which should bode very well for him in future seasons. Pat MacQueen and now fairly steady crew, son Aaron and Jeremy Marsette, traveled to Androscoggin where they managed a second. At Massabesic with the help of crew Alex and Mike Gemmell, Pat managed a fifth, and at Cedar Point — well, we won't say.

Pat also attended the "Districts" at Wellfleet along with the Fitch Family from Spofford. Fred Hamblet also came just to provide support to his fellow Spofford sailors. The fact that they serve a lot of beer and mussels there had nothing to do with it. Dave and Pat responded appropriately to this support by showing everyone what Spofford sailors are made of. At the award ceremony, Dave Fitch walked off with the Wounded Whale Award for the best attempt at facial reconfiguration — his own. MacQueen walked off with the award for the most expert effort at sailing a Lightning off its intended lines — the Prettiest Capsize Award. Bud Hamblet was so taken by all of this, he fainted.

The high point of the year at Spofford was the activity and involvement of Randy and Heather Locke. They bought the Fitch's prior boat and were out this year showing an unnerving competence on the race course. Move over next year! Last year's rookie Fleet Champ Terry Pindell couldn't muster the consistency of crew this year, but he'll be back in there next year as will "Mr. Spofford", Fred Turner. Another exciting development has been the recent interest of Spofford Snipe and Sunfish sailor Peter Abell in Lightning racing. Peter borrowed Chuck Prigge's boat for the Spofford Regatta and without even using a spinnaker was at the front end of that twenty-three boat fleet much of the time. Any one out there got a Lightning to sell to this guy?

Speaking of the Spofford Regatta, that is always the finale, with this year being no different. Some things never change. One great day of wind and racing and one cancellation for lack of air — same as last year. The winner — Stuart Nickerson — same as last year. Nevertheless, this, our year-end regatta, improves with age, just like the Lightning.

TORONTO BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (146)

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

Fleet Captain John Gorrie
Fleet Secretary Norman Clegg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8152	"Mimi"	Elliott M. Wilson
11177	Pampero	Peter E. Sulman
11631	Flat Out	Brian L. Curtner
12246	Splash Gordon	Yvette Willings
14174	In Lieu	David & Stewart Sprague
.....	.....	John D. Gorrie
.....	.....	Janice Graham-Foscarini

No Report.

SÃO PAULO FLEET (147)

**Brazil District
Sailing on Lake Guarapiranga at São Paulo, Brazil**

Fleet Captain Peter Zacher
Fleet Secretary Peter Zacher
Fleet Champion Claudio Biekarck

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11708	Ciranda	Martin Backup
11721	Goiabada	Frederico Perego Costa
13008	Viking III	Bruno Reinardo Sickinger
13406	Meia Noite	Andre Sulzbeck
14203	Phrescura	Claudio Biekarck

We participated in the South American Championship and Claudio Biekarck, Gunnar Ficker and Eduardo Melchert were winners in Chile. Claudio Biekarck also won the Brazilian Championship in Rio de Janeiro.

Fleet 147 is to celebrate the 50th Birthday Championship on December 3-4, 1988, at the Santo Amaro Yacht Club on Lake Quarapiranga, and we hope 25 boats will participate in this event. We will send photos and a report.

In March we will host the 1989 South American Championship and also the Brazilian National Championship.

MANSFIELD SAILING CLUB (150)

**Ohio District
Sailing on Clearfork Reservoir at
Lexington (Mansfield), Ohio**

Fleet Captain Bernard L. Dillon
Fleet Secretary Don Walter
Fleet Champion Bernard L. Dillon
Runner-Up David J. Ireland

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6944	.....	Chandler Stevens
10047	Merrimax	Donald C. Walter
11681	Lady	Charles H. Huston
12439	Prosit	Edward E. Brennan
13907	Air Life	Edward E. Brennan

No Report.

ANNISQUAM YACHT CLUB (151)

**New England District
Sailing on Ipswich Bay
at Annisquam, Massachusetts**

Fleet Captain Georges Peter, M.D.
Fleet Secretary Allison Peter

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13886	Mouelte	Georges Peter, M.D.
14198	.....	Brad Read
14296	.....	Brad Read

No Report.

WAWASEE YACHT CLUB (154)

**Indiana District
Sailing on Lake Wawasee at Syracuse, Indiana**

Fleet Captain Doug Schmahl
Fleet Secretary Virgil Snyder
Fleet Champion George Buckingham
Runner-Up John Nixon

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5259	.....	Douglas F. Willis
10134	Popper	Stephen C. Miller
12463	.....	Virgil L. Snyder
13001	Why Us	John R. Nixon
13131	Terra Fina	Jack M. Gibson
13721	.....	George E. Buckingham
13851	Sw's Guys III	Keith L. Swihart
13860	One Last Gasp	John R. Nixon

13895	Brandywine II	Douglas A. Schmahl
13975	Divine Wind	Alan Fox

On the water was a great place to be this hot, dry summer. We enjoyed many excellent races. Our Memorial Day series started with Keith Swihart finishing first, Brad Wagnon second, and George Buckingham third. The Independence Day competition found Keith Swihart first, Brad Wagnon second, and Ryan Miller third. Ending our races was the Labor Day series with Doug Schmahl first, George Buckingham second, and John Nixon third. Skipper Doug Schmahl, with David Schmahl and Greg Miller, took first in the Indiana District races.



David Schmahl, 16 years old, skippered Dad's "Brandywine" for the first season, capturing the Commodore's Cup (top boat in bottom half of the fleet).

Photo credit: Virgil Snyder

At the season's award ceremonies, George Buckingham won the season's Championship, John Nixon was second, and Brad Wagnon was third. The Cynthia Cup was won by John Nixon and Merry Snyder received the Women's award for the season. Craig Cobbin received the Youth award. David Schmahl captured the Commodore's Cup.

The Hoosier Regatta was held on October 8 and 9, with twenty boats competing. Colin Park captured first, with David Nickels second and Bill Faude finishing third, Bruce Goldsmith fourth, and Doug Schmahl fifth. A great time was had by all, with the visiting sailors from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin enjoying the hot cider and fireplace atmosphere at the Wawasee Yacht Club.

Doug Schmahl did an outstanding job as Commodore. Many thanks to everyone helping with the carry-in dinners and work days at the Club.

Alan Fox will be Commodore in 1989, with John Call as Vice Commodore, Virgil Snyder will be Secretary and Bob Troutman Treasurer.

A very warm welcome to new members Charles Medlock, George Simpson, and Mark Beesley.

We are looking forward to great sailing with good friends next season.

We celebrated the 50th Anniversary with a champagne toast before the first race of the season and another toast at the last race of the season.

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB (164)

Central New York District

Sailing on Cazenovia Lake at Cazenovia, New York

Fleet Captain	..... Dave Bull
Fleet Secretary	..... Alister Thomson
Fleet Champion	..... Dave Bull
Runner-Up	..... Don Barter/Alister Thomson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
736	Huntress	W. Craig Thayer
9334	Inevitable	Houghton Carr, Jr.
10370	.....	W. Craig Thayer
10679	Tape Duck	Richard P. & Pamela L. Tuttle
10705	Allegro	John B. Rudd
11650	Reddy Too	Pamela L. Tuttle
11853	Andiamo	Jeffrey A. Bassin, D.M.D.
12004	White Lightning	Donald B. Barter
13052	Full Deck	Steve Burrell
13369	Bull Ship III	David K. Bull
13933	Trivial Pursuit	Richard Sinn
.....	.....	James W. Hole
.....	.....	Alister Thomson

It has been said that there are two seasons in Cazenovia — Winter and the Fourth-of-July. A slight exaggeration but the frenetic pace of summer seems a distant memory when the snows come in October and May is light-years away.

This summer saw more Willow Bankers attend regattas than in recent memory but the byproduct was reduced fleet activity. Don Barter made us proud by winning the Red Fleet at the 50th on Lake Skaneateles and Craig Thayer was runner-up in the vintage fleet—after winning the trophy for the best restored "Skaneateles" boat hands down. Tadd Helmer returned to racing after a three year dry-dock honeymoon and made the top five for the Dulles Cup at Chaumont Bay. Dick Tuttle managed to complete the last three races at Oswego despite: 1) Pulling out the mainsheet block; 2) Tearing a lower out of the spar. Some people never do things the easy way. David Grogono took most of the summer off from Lightnings to compete in the Board Boat Olympic trials. David didn't make the team but was the only non-member of the U.S. Boardsailing Team to crack the top twenty (16th).

On Lake Cazenovia, our Cazenovia Invitational attracted 24 boats with co-skippers Kirk Reynolds and Bill Wilson winning followed by Dick Hallagan — second, George Sereno — third, and "Irish" Dick Doherty — fourth. Best local, Dave Bull, nosed out Jed Dodge for fifth after starting with a 1-2 and then jumping the gun in the third race. Dave Bull, through persistence, nosed out co-skippers Don Barter and Alister Thomson for the Fleet Championship with fast improving John Rudd taking third place — and with it the Tuttle Trophy. Dick Tuttle snuck in for the Charter Member Cup Trophy when Chip Sinn let his cover get too loose. Dick Tuttle also won the Rubenstein Trophy for the WBYC Memorial Day weekend handicap series and the Preston Cup for the handicap long lake race. On the distaff side, Leslie Tuttle popped in from Boston to edge Holly Thomson and Sondra Hellmer and win the silver tea service as the best "crewette". Leslie can now have a proper Boston Tea Party.

Late in the season Nat Dane and Mark Jenner each bought in-active Lightnings and Tom Boehm showed up with a fresh boat so we're already looking past our interminable winter to an even better year in '89. And for you folks who haven't yet sampled the most enjoyable regatta in the North East (ask anyone who's been here), we invite your participation at our Cazenovia Invitational on June 17th and 18th. We're only a few hours from everywhere.

HELSINKI LIGHTING FLEET (166)

Finland District

Sailing at Gulf of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Fleet Captain	..... Kari Maenpaa
Fleet Secretary	..... Noora Maenpaa

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11544	Kesaeila	Raimo Aromaa
12258	.....	Jussi Karkkainen
12259	.....	Keijo Latvala
12914	Vahine II	Kari Maenpaa
13128	.....	Jorma Haaranen
13435	.....	Pekka Sayra
13561	.....	Harri Raikamo
13762	.....	Markku Brax
14091	Masi IV	Terho Aromaa
14092	.....	Jussi Karkkainen
14196	.....	Keijo Latrala
14215	.....	Sam Hartikainen
14274	.....	Hartti Nisonen

The season '88 was very active due to the 50th anniversary year and due to International Championships held in Finland. Even though the total number of active boats in the District Championships and in the ranking series decreased, our fleet managed to keep most of the boats racing. Kari Maenpaa with his boat *Vahine II* won the District Championship, Jussi Karkkainen was fourth and Terho Aromaa fifth. In the final District ranking list Terho was second and Kari third.

The beginning of this season was scheduled very tight, and we had three of our ranking regattas before Districts, which were sailed in June. Our season began with the traditional On the Rocks Regatta, which was sailed in the middle of May at Lake Tuusulanjärvi. Traditionally the winds were tricky and this time the winner was Terho Aromaa. Next ranking regatta was sailed a week later in Helsinki and it was arranged by the club HSK. The wind was very light and most of the time we were just drifting around the committee boats and waiting for something to happen. Only two races were sailed, and the winner was Hannu Hurskainen. Hartti Nisonen was second and Sam Hartikainen third. The Helsinki Regatta was our last chance to test our boats before the District Championships. On Saturday the wind was heavy, but still possible to sail. Jussi Karkkainen made one of his famous comments shortly after the starting gun in the first race, "Finally a good start", and then he took a swim, when his hiking strap broke. On Sunday there was first a nice wind, which soon changed to a real strong SW wind and a choppy sea. Most of the boats returned to shore after the first race, because we weren't so excited to get repair jobs just a week before the 'Districts'. The winner was Hartti Nisonen, Jussi Karkkainen was second and Terho Aromaa third.

This year our 'Districts' were sailed at Lake Nasijärvi and they were organized by TaPS, which is located at the southernmost end of the lake. The race area was almost the same as was to be used in the Europeans. The 'Districts' were sailed in the middle of June, and this caused difficulties for many boats. Due to the quite cold and rainy spring many of the boats were simply not ready. With extreme efforts we managed to get the minimum number of boats, twenty, which the Finnish Yacht Racing Union requires. Again, the winner was Kari Maenpaa with his crew Erkki Maenpaa and Kimmo Aromaa.

After the 'Districts' we had one ranking regatta at Valkeakoski and there the winner was Terho Aromaa with *Masi IV*. On Saturday we had a chance to sail in a warm summer weather, but on Sunday the weather was back to normal, which meant rain, cold and heavy wind. Anyway, it was a good practice and test for boats before the Europeans.

The high point of our season was in July and August, when the European Championships and Junior World Championships were sailed at Tampere. This time the organizing club was Nasijärven Purjehtijat. The weather varied from total calmness to real storms, especially, the third race and the end of the last race required a lot of skill to handle the boat. The winner was Ferrari from Italy, Runner-Up Wyler from Switzerland and third, Tsantilis from Greece. The Europeans were not very successful for our Fleet. *Vahine* was seventh, thus being the only Finnish boat among the top ten boats.

In the Junior Worlds, which were sailed immediately after the Europeans, there were ten boats and four of them were from Finland. However, none of them was from our Fleet. Best Finnish Sailor was from Tuusulanjärvi Fleet, Ville Lahtinen, who finished third. Our fleet's activity during the Junior Worlds was limited to the work of Kimmo and Jari Aromaa,

who worked as boat guards and part time repair men. Thanks to everyone who lent a boat and hope you got it back in good condition.

After the International Regattas our sailors seemed to be totally exhausted from the active racing season and so the sailing season was practically finished. Some boats still sailed smaller regattas, and we finished our active year at Tuusulanjärvi in September. This year has been a magnificent sailing year and we hope to have even more fun next year, especially in Athens. See you there!



LAKE DAVENPORT LIGHTNING FLEET (167)

Midwest District

Sailing on the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa

Fleet Captain Doug Steffenson
Fleet Secretary Mary Kay Johnson
Fleet Champion Ken Jensen
Runner-Up Ron Taber

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6033	Kasara	Wesley L. Johnson
7391	Old Style	Peter Bartlett
8520	Maine-Eac	Patrick J. Goff
10232	.....	Charles E. White
11456	Clam Digger	Don L. Johnson
12688	Clockwork	Steven Schulte
12817	Peripatetic	Donovan D. Stiegel, M.D.
13202	Moxie	Henry L. Strieder
13286	Warp Drive	H. Reed Doughty
13430	Second Wind	William F. Quaintance
13901	4XO Kazoom	Ken Jensen
13991	Bodacious	Ron Taber
14015	Hot Flash	Michael & Doug Steffenson

Our two year old clubhouse welcomed sailors to the 1988 sailing season as we began our fifty-second year of sailing on the Mississippi River. In a very windy Memorial Day series, Mike Steffenson took the trophy and we were under way. Numerous Lightning skippers took part in the Summer and Commodore Series during the months which followed. Mike Steffenson continued his winning ways by capturing the Commodore Series while Bill Quaintance took second and Ken Jensen was third. Mike was unable to qualify for the Summer Series and Ken Jensen took first with Bill second and Ron Taber making his first appearance as a place winner for third. The Fourth of July Series was also won by Mike and his able crew of Jean and Doug Steffenson. They also followed this up with victory in the Labor Day Series. These races signaled the beginning of the Fall Series which again was won by Mike Steffenson followed by Ken Jensen and Ron Taber. Although the winning names are the same, there were still many other Lightning skippers and crews providing competition if they made a mistake.

The Polar Bear Regatta was held on October 1 and 2, and the Mississippi River once again served as the final test for skippers ending another great season of regatta sailing. This Polar Bear brought together not only Lightnings but also C-scows and MCs. With fifty-seven boats sailing in three fleets and with the Lightnings contributing fourteen boats from home and away, the staggered starts were spectacular. After two days of sailing in good conditions and a marathon third race, Mike Steffenson and crew sailed away with four bullets and the WOC Trophy as the champion. Gene Matthews from Lake Geneva was second, and Jeff Johnson from Lake Winnebago was third. Ken Jensen from Lake Davenport took fourth and Doug Olsen from Green Bay took fifth. Bill Quaintance from LDSC took the Mayor's Trophy for the next highest place from the local fleet while not placing in the top five. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year.

Now, with the clubhouse prepared for winter and the boats disappearing to their winter storage areas we can look back at this sailing season as one of the finest in recent memory and hope that next year will be the same, or even better.



Another way of hiking. Jussi Karkkainen and Crew.

Photo by Jari Aromaa