



Garoupa during the 1988 Swiss District Championship.

LAKE OF NEUCHÂTEL FLEET (169) Switzerland District Based on Lac de Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Jean-Pierre Monnier
Fleet Secretary Annika Vuithier-Lambelet
Fleet Champion Wyler/Stauffer/Durr
Runner-Up Schar/Schar/Huber

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11858	Gargantua	Pierre Grandguillaume
11859	Pinocchio	Hans Muhlbach
12860	Garoupa	Claude Lambelet
13066	Sarcelle	Jean-Pierre Monnier
13840	Chiloe	Gilbert Despland

Keeping the roster of our fleet the same must not satisfy us, but it seems very, very difficult to keep things going as it was sometime ago.

During the summer, the Cercle de la Voile de Neuchâtel did organize the Memorial Dr. Reymond, raced each Wednesday night and open to all series. It is a very good training as we had 12 races. Claude Lambelet was first and Jacques Perret third. In between went former European champ J.C. DuPasquier with his J24.

Three crews of our fleet went to Finland for the European Championships. It was a beautiful trip driving through Sweden, crossing the sea in a ferry through hundreds of islands, and driving again along lakes in Finland.

Claude Lambelet with Jean-Pierre Monnier and Martin Lambelet on *Garoupa* finished 10th. Perret-Gigandet-Monnier and Despland-Graff-Brugger were 17th and 18th.

Our fleet did organize the Swiss District Championship October 21-23. Friday two races were sailed in very nice wind, Saturday three other races were sailed and Sunday we finished the Championship with one tricky race.

Here are the results: 1. 13790, Wyler, Stauffer, Durr, 3.2 points. 2. 13161, Schar, Schar, Huber, 7.4 points. 3. 13692, Schmid, Hofer, Taschler, 16.4 points. 4. 12860, Lambelet, Monnier, Lambelet, 17.6 points. 5. 13840, Despland, Graff, Brugger, 22.5 points. 6. 13099, Luthy, Merz, 24.9 points. 7. 13066, DuPasquier, DuPasquier, Fluckiger, 27.0 points. 8. 12951, Perret, Gigandet, Monnier, 29.0 points. We also organize the traditional "Regate Fondue". Here are the results:

1. 13790, Wyler, Stauffer, Durr, 6.6 points. 2. 13161, Schar, Schar, Huber, 8.6 points. 3. 13099, Luthy, Merz, 16.9 points. 4. 13840, Despland, Graff, Brugger, 17.5 points. 5. 13692, Schmid, Hofer, Taschler, 17.8 points. 6. 12860, Lambelet, Monnier, Lambelet, 20.6 points. 7. 13066, DuPasquier, DuPasquier, Fluckiger, 22 points. 8. 12951, Perret, Gigandet, Monnier, 27 points.

Saturday night, we all met together to eat the "Fondue" and we had a very nice evening with one motor boat burning just in front of the clubhouse. The work of a pyromaniac. Not a Lightning sailor. Maybe for the 50th anniversary.

BRANT BEACH YACHT CLUB (173) Central Atlantic District Sailing on Little Egg Harbor at Branch Beach, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Glenn Reitingner
Fleet Secretary Carl Reitingner
Fleet Champion Dave Coward/
Ed & Barbara Serrill
Runner-Up The Reitingers

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9462	Marcelinda II	Philip J. Escoll, M.D.
11176	.....	Thomas M. Hyndman, Jr.
11575	.....	James W. Titus
13809	Treachery & Old Age	Peter D. Pierce & Eugene J. Kelly, Jr.
13950	.....	Bob Seybold
13989	.....	J. Edward Serrill & David P. Coward
14059	Skal	David W. Long
14225	.....	Glenn & Carl Reitingner

Fleet 173 was chartered in 1948. As we close out our 40th season it is interesting to note the few changes that have taken place in the space of time since our inception. Fact is, most of those changes have taken place in the boats themselves. Wood construction has given way to fiberglass and aluminum. But the sailors themselves haven't changed much. Granted, a few of our number have retired or appear less frequently on the starting line, but their names and most of their faces are still among us. The boys and girls of twenty plus years ago are now men and women. I hope this current generation can do as fine a job at perpetuating Fleet 173 as those before us have done.

This past year our Lightning fleet made a pact with our Mariner fleet that resulted in two terrific weekends of racing at Brant Beach Yacht Club. Our Lightning fleet agreed to conduct the Mariner Nationals and, in exchange, our Mariner fleet organized and ran our Central Atlantic District Championship Regatta. Though an unusual combination of high winds and fog made for tough going (including one mid-race cancellation), we were able to complete a three race series and in the process generate a few more war stories to get us through the long winter months. We are grateful to B.B.Y.C. and our Mariner sailors for a job well done.

Our club championship competition was again a hotly contested series with the return of Glen, Carl and Beth Reitingner following a one year absence. However, in spite of all of our efforts we were unable to unseat our current champions for the third year in a row, Dave Coward, Ed and Barbara Serrill.

By the end of the season the order of finish had been resolved with a couple of races remaining. As is our usual practice at this time of the year, we change places with our crew members and put the skipper's to work. Most of us can handle the transition with little more than a slight, almost imperceptible, tremor. However, Glen and Carl Reitingner demonstrated their inability to handle the situation when Glen decided in mid-race to leave his wife, brother and spinnaker and walk home. It's a technique we hope to see more of next season.

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

Fleet Captain Joseph P. Hunt
Fleet Secretary Joseph F. Hunt

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
13212	Whoopersnapper	Joseph F. & Joseph P. Hunt
11385	.....	David McCary

No Report.

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

Fleet Captain Paul McCann
 Fleet Secretary William P. Weiss
 Fleet Champion Joe McCann
 Runner-Up Mike Gargiulo

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8780	Islander	Gary Sortino
10243	Windblown	W. I. Orchard
10260	BullsHit	Elizabeth Brewer & William Weiss
11143	.....	Paul & Joseph D. McCann, Jr.
11628	Fission	Bruce M. & Frank Atkinson
11774	Aleval	Alan Pearlman
11852	Endeavor	Michael L. Gargiulo
13544	.....	Thomas E. McDonald
13920	Robin's Nest	Robin P. Ertl

Fleet 178 had a resurgent year, owing in large measure to the interest and energy of Bruce Atkinson and the McCann family. Working with the other fleets in the Long Island District, we initiated the Long Island Lightning Circuit and our fleet hosted the Circuit opener. The Clan McCann (Joe, Paul, Dennis and Tim) won their share of races and far more than their share of parties. They executed both the horizon job of the year and the capsize of the year. They broke more pieces than Carter has pills....even a few pieces that weren't theirs to break. They sailed harder, bailed harder, taught more and bought more than one could count. Our Lightning Racing Clinic was their brainchild and their triumph. We got out six boats with prospective crews, prospective owners and others and did a half-day lecture (without wind) and a half-day practical on short courses that quickened a lot of pulses and drew praise all around.

Bill Orchard traded up to synthetic sails and acquired a new competitive edge along with them. Gary Sortino rebuilt 8780 and actually made it to the starting line before the season was over. Robin Ertl was on the line more than ever before. Sue Tuff's threatening to find a boat and join the fleet, too.

Tom Carr bought 12525 late in the year and will reactivate it next year. Tom Powell, recently relocated from the midwest, has joined the fleet as a non-racer.



Long Island District Champs in action.....Joe, Paul and Dennis McCann.

The inaugural event of the Circuit was superbly run by the Gargiulos, Marinaccios, Pearlman, Tom MacDonald and Gary Sortino. Our fleet strongly supported the Circuit throughout the season and placed second, third, fourth and sixth. Bruce Atkinson won our inaugural regatta, sailing out of Bayshore, Y.C., by a point over Thom Hering of Hewlett Point Y.C., Betsy Brewer took the biggest dive, trading the Fleet Championship for the Transom Trophy. Joe McCann skippered his way to both the Fleet Championship and the District Championship this year, bracketed by broken rudder, capsize, broken tiller, broken hoist (not to mention the over-sleeping). Bill Weiss won the Babylon Invitational by two points over Tom Hering. The competition was good and the scores close throughout the season.

Al Pearlman got our socials rolling by hosting the opening pasta repast. The "Gentleman's Quarterly" award went to Bill Weiss for plaids, stripes and paisleys at the fleet's annual business meeting on July 2 ... a regular fireworks display without the sulphur smoke. The "Gold Flash with Crossed Spoons" went to Fleet 58's Ed Reckdenwald, Sr., for strawberries with White Chocolate Mousse at the Babylon Regatta Barbeque.

All of us in the fleet and the Long Island District hope that more of you will join us next year for the Circuit. We are always sailing in 10-15 knots of sea breeze. Not a single championship event was cancelled, or even shortened, for lack of wind. Look for the details in *Flashes*.



Standing L to R: Stan Gurney, Mark Prather, Mike Mercatoris, Doug Sparks, Chad Waldschmidt, Ken Pote, Chuck Good, Skip Ragghianti, Stu Horner, Gary Worthington.

Kneeling L to R: Duane Good, Ed Benevent, Pat and Art Lace.

CONNEAUT LAKE YACHT CLUB (180) **Lake Erie District** **Sailing on Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania**

Fleet Captain Ed Benevent
 Fleet Secretary Pat Lace
 Fleet Champion Skip Ragghianti
 Runner-Up Mark Prather

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10941	Stormy	Dr. Stan Gurney
11747	Hied Aweigh II	Charles S. Good
12226	Cherlyn	Thomas E. McFate
13372	Windwalker	Kenneth Pote & Stuart Horner, Jr.
13506	.....	Lawrence Levine
13602	.....	Edward J. Benevent
13711	Hied Aweigh III	R. Duane Good
13735	Ne Pousse Paz	Michael Mercatoris
14128	CherLyn Too	Thomas E. McFate
14146	Cool Breeze	Ronald Ragghianti

Along with being the 50th Anniversary of the Lightning Class, 1988 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Conneaut Lake Yacht Club. Fleet 180 was chartered in 1948. The Club had several events to recognize the dual anniversaries. At the Spring Banquet a history of the Lightning and the club was given by Fleet Captain Ed Benevent.

The 4th of July Anniversary Regatta, for the skippers who did not go to Skaneateles, was won by Skip Ragghianti, Chad Waldschmidt second, and Chuck Good third. The 4th of July picnic was also a success.

The Overall Summer Championship consisted of 29 races. Once again Skip Ragghianti took the honors followed by Mark Prather. Chad Waldschmidt placed third overall followed by Ed Benevent in fourth place and Chuck Good in fifth.

The Summer Series was won by Skip Ragghianti, Mark Prather second, Ed Benevent third, Chad Waldschmidt fourth, and Mike Mercatoris fifth. The racing was very competitive and as a whole Fleet 180 has become very proficient at racing.

1988 also was the year in which the fleet finally purchased a new Committee Boat. Through the hard work of Chuck Waldschmidt and Commodore Art Lace a 22' Riviera Cruiser was bought for barge duties. The old barge and motor looked like it was originally bought in 1948.

The Club welcomed Gary Worthington who purchased a previously owned Lightning this past summer and joined the fleet.

At the Labor Day picnic one of the charter members, Paul Knapp, was honored as well as Duane Good, Chuck Waldschmidt, Chuck Good, Dr. Stan Gurney, and Art and Pat Lace for all their good efforts on behalf of the club.

1989 looks like it will be as good as the last 40 years. Stan Gurney will be Fleet Captain, Ed Benevent Commodore, and Doug Sparks Vice-Commodore. Skippers Ken Pote, Stu Horner, and Tom McFate have been looking for tuning tips and more speed and figure to move up in next year's standings.

SHEBOYGAN LIGHTNING FLEET (187) Midwest District

Sailing on Lake Michigan at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Fleet Captain	Ric Larson
Fleet Secretary/Treasurer	Jon Moulton
Fleet Champion	Ric Larson
Runner-Up	Hans Graf

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10034	.....	Hans C. Graf
12389	.....	Dr. Jonathon Moulton
13565	Rumple Teazer	Vytas Kerpe, M.D.
13862	Sensation	Eric R. Larson
13872	.....	Tom Atkins
13930	John 3:16	Tryg Jacobson & Stuart Spiller, Jr.
13994	Silent Movie	Daniel Reichelsdorfer
14007	007	Hans C. & Chris Graf
14142	.....	Jason & Richard Bemis
14234	On the Rocks	Jerry Slavens

Sheboygan's Fleet 187 had another great year of sailing on Lake Michigan with several new boats and boat owners taking part in the usual highly competitive racing program. Our skippers continued to be very successful in sailing throughout the Midwest District and beyond, with the intrepid Ric Larson finishing third in the North American Championship Qualifying Series and sixth overall in the Championship Fleet. With many new sailors sharing in the experience of our "old hands", Fleet 187 continues to be an integral and exciting part of the total sail racing program at the Sheboygan Yacht Club and the Sheboygan community as a whole.

In 1988 we had one of the more successful Brotz Regattas in the last several years, with over 20 boats participating. We invite one and all to come again for a great July weekend of sailing on Lake Michigan in 1989!

MARBLEHEAD LIGHTNING FLEET (189) New England District

Sailing on the Atlantic Ocean at Marblehead, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain ..	Donald R. Humphrey, Jr., CPA
Fleet Secretary ..	Donald R. Humphrey, Jr., CPA

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8034	"8034"	Daniel Rutherford
12706	Fog Horn Leg Horn	Dr. Joel & Donald Humphrey, Jr., CPA
Life Member	.....	Louis Pocharaski, M.D.
.....	.....	Robert D. Shapiro
No Report.		

MISSION BAY FLEET (194) California District

Based on Mission Bay, San Diego, California

Fleet Captain	Fred Grant
Fleet Secretary	Jeff Calkins

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
1814	.....	Les Nuhn
5278	.....	Les Nuhn
6613	La Salle	Christopher Barclay

8481	.....	Larry Swearingen
8966	Encore	Ken Voss
9237	Noname	Larry Swearingen
10980	Sunday's Child	Geoffrey G. Carson
11514	Moll-i	John Harrop
11603	Direct Access	Joel F. & John Vann
11625	New Now	Fred Knauer & Philip Simpson
11662	Two Can	Alan L. Smith
12034	Norstan	John Sundsmo
13116	.....	Lary Swearingen
13187	Afternoon Delight	James Hoch Brad Baum
13188	.....	Fred Grant
13411	Cool Change	Warren Gross
13467	Santorini	Lana Grauer
13475	.....	Samuel T. D. Anderson, M.D.
13626	Crusader Rabbit	Michael Brewer
13728	Batu II	Stuart B. Carson
13842	Dixie Melody	John & Myron C. Lyon
13911	Jack Straw From Wichita	Jeffrey A. Calkins
13938	.....	Kirk Johnson
14095	Puddle Glum	Scott Finkboner
14246	.....	Myron C. & John Lyon
14263	.....	Scott Finkboner
14308	.....	Richard Devlin
.....	.....	Barry L. Williams

Fleet 194 at Mission Bay Yacht Club had a banner year in 1988. Most important among our activities was hosting the North American Championship Regatta in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Lightning Class. The fleet and club had a wonderful time hosting Lightning sailors from North and South America for this exciting event. Social activities during the week included a 50th birthday celebration that was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Colin Park, the 1988 North American Champion, and special thanks to Myron Lyon for organizing the North Americans. Earlier in this year, the California Circuit was a big success. Sailed at Coronado Yacht Club and Mission Bay Yacht Club, the event offered several days of competitive sailing and enjoyable socializing. Tom Allen, Jr., handily won the Circuit with ten firsts out of eleven races. Other highlights of this year's racing schedule included two regattas at Lake Cachuma (in May and August) and the District Championship at Mission Bay, which was won by MBYC's Scott Finkboner. Kirk and Edna Johnson won the Billie Boswell Memorial Regatta this year, and Larry Swearingen finished first in the Bowen Memorial sailed at Mission Bay. Mike Brewer traveled to San Francisco recently and won the annual Hard Chine Regatta.

The MBYC club championship was sailed in Lightnings this year and was appropriately won by Scott Finkboner. In September our fleet once again demonstrated the superiority of Lightnings by defeating the hapless MBYC Thistle fleet in the annual Lightning/Thistle Challenge.

It has been a great year for Fleet 194. We welcomed Jim and Irene Milstead to the fleet after the North Americans and all of us are looking forward to fun sailing in 1989.



Decorated cakes were served to the '88 N.A. participants by members of Fleet 194.

SURF CITY (196)
Central Atlantic District
Sailing on Manahawkin Bay at
Surf City, New Jersey

Fleet Captain Fran Temme
 Fleet Secretary Rich Warren
 Fleet Champion Fran Temme
 Runner-Up Jack Elfman

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10895	Reject	William P. Clausen, III
12209	Scrap Metal	Richard M. Warren & Randall Swartley
12454	Streak-In	Charles N. Howe
14068	Punch Too	George Schmidt & Joseph Freeman
14086	.....	Gary Hofing
14131	Triple Threat	Frank W. Temme & Timothy Robinson
14139	Rip City Express II	Jack Elfman
14224	No Excuses	Ralph Messersmith
14300	.....	Randall Swartley
Life Member	.....	Howard Mullin
.....	.....	Robert V. Tarantino
No Report.		



David Gall, 11368, Bob Neading, 12044, Dean Caley, 11508, on Atwood Lake.

CHAUTAUQUA FLEET (198)
Lake Erie District

Based on Lake Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York

Fleet Captain Johnathan M. Oram
 Fleet Secretary Dick Karslake

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10893	George II	Robert S. Park
10922	Baccara II	James & Cherie Neville
11510	.....	Tom Ingram
12234	.....	Alice E. Fisher
12614	Fledermaus	Marnie Tolerton
13222	Joss	Candy Neville
13922	.....	James J. Neville

No Report.

CLUB NAUTICO OLIVOS (206)
Argentina District

Based on Olivos (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fleet Secretary Osvaldo Bordino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11043	Flamingo V	Osvaldo Bordino
12824	Redomon	Juan E. Kouyoumdjian
13862	Pingo	Rodger Axel

No Report.

NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB (209)
Southern District

Sailing on Lake Ponchartrain
at New Orleans, Louisiana

Fleet Captain Roger M. Evans
 Fleet Secretary John A. Ballatin

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6218	Yellow Submarine	Dennis Mahler
9696	S/B	John A. Ballatin
11689	Gotcha	Glen C. Higgins
13684	Electric Wind	Roger M. Evans
13784	Miss Lena	Terry E. Passman, M.D. & Cal Herman

No Report.

ATWOOD YACHT CLUB (212)
Ohio District

Sailing at Atwood Lake at Dellroy, Ohio

Fleet Captain Michael A. Partridge
 Fleet Secretary Kathleen Partridge
 Fleet Champion Dean Caley
 Fleet Runner-Up Robert Neading

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6886	.....	Carl W. Hummer
9350	Cat's Cradle	James L. Stone
10900	Four Winds V	James L. Cooper & Tim McCain
11508	Yellow Jacket	Nelson Caley
12044	Phar Lap	Robert B. Neading
12845	Gray Fox	Carl W. Hummer

Light air dominated the multi-fleet one-design racing at the Atwood Yacht Club's annual Harvest Moon Regatta. Lightning class winners were Tom Varley, Leatherlips Yacht Club, first; George Auer, Cleveland, second; J. Mueller, Cleveland, third; Tim McCain, Atwood, fourth; and Dean Caley, Atwood, fifth.

The Atwood Yacht Club and the Explorer Scouts sponsored a basic sailing program for youth ages 13-19 in July. It covered all aspects of sailing one-design sailboats with classroom and on-the-water instruction.

Winners in the fleet sailing series were as follows: Spring Series: David Gall, first; Bob Neading, second; Dean Caley, third; Summer Series: Dean Caley, first; Tim McCain, second; Jim Stone, third; Fall Series: Dean Caley, first; David Gall, second; Bob Neading, third; Championship Series: Dean Caley, first; Bob Neading, second; and David Gall, third. David also was first in the Commodore Series.

ROYAL ST. LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB (215)
St. Lawrence Valley District

Sailing on Lake St. Louis at Montreal, Canada

Fleet Captain Paul White
 Fleet Secretary Russel Scrim
 Fleet Champion Jay Mann/Perry Owen
 Runner-Up Peter Hall

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9694	Blue Note	Jacques L. Boucher
10331	Lollipopa	King Hisock
11275	.....	David Sprague
11331	.....	Nabil Tabet
12216	.....	William Layton
13260	.....	Francois Gagnon
13927	.....	Eddy Martin

13968	Krista Too	Peter Hall
14017	Sheila X	Russel C. Scrim
14134	.....	Alain Boucher
14174	Inn Lieu	David Sprague
14175	Lilliboner	Jay Mann

For Lightning Fleet 215 1988 was another spectacular year. Lots of enthusiasm, participation and increased number of Lightning owners. We have a number of super fast sailors in our group and the competition between them was fantastic. The Fleet Champion is Jay Mann/Perry Owen with their new Lightning 14175. Peter Hall in Lightning 13968 gave them a hard tussle but was pipped out at the end by an eyelash.

Two boats from the fleet, Peter Hall and Eddy Martin, participated in the North American Championship in San Diego. They both did very well and made the Blue Fleet. However, it was not their day and they missed the top money group by a small margin. Incidentally, in this adventure, they were joined by our up-the-lake neighbor, Tony McBride from Fleet 499.

The highlight of our sailing season was the Canadian Open which was held in June. We had 25 boats participating and it was won by Larry MacDonald, Jr. There were all kinds of different conditions during the three day event and it turned out to be a very successful regatta.

The Lightning Fleet is the pride and joy of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and it continues to attract interest and enthusiasm from all of our members. We are looking forward to adding to our fleet next season. We are also planning on making a strong effort to developing junior sailors. We expect to participate in the North American Junior Championship in 1989. The fun and attraction of the Lightning as a race sailboat has finally caught the eye of a number of our junior sailors and they are keen to get involved.



1988 Season Champs — Fleet 216
Jim Schofield, John Wachter, and Kim Eickel.

SAGINAW BAY FLEET (216) Michigan District Sailing on Saginaw Bay at Bay City, Michigan

Fleet Captain	.....	Jim Schofield
Fleet Secretary	.....	Jim Schofield
Fleet Champion	.....	Jim Schofield
Runner-Up	.....	Joe Disette

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
5437	.....	Terry Hart
7153	Megs	George F. Ascherl, Jr., M.D.
10366	Baka	Gary L. Bryan
11164	Red Oak	Robert K. Hafford
12731	Shuss Bommer	James J. Schofield
12931	.....	Joseph C. Disette
13236	.....	Terry Hart
13293	.....	Keith Allman
13385	.....	James Peters
14022	Teko	John E. Johnson
14023	Sleeper	John McCree
14084	Bill	Colin Park

14103	High Voltage	Clark Howell, Jr.
14133	Gun Smoke	Michael Olgaard
14233	.....	Joseph C. Disette
14323	.....	John McCree

Fleet 216 sailing on Saginaw Bay had another great year. Our season started May 25 and ended September 14. The Wednesday Nite Championship Series has under gone a name change. It is now called "The Joe Disette Championship Series."

The Fleet thought it proper to honor Joe in this manner for all he's done for our fleet and Lightning sailing in Michigan. A plaque was presented to Joe at our spring meetings. This plaque will have the season champions' name and crew names engraved for that season. It was good timing for this award, Joe won the 1987 championship, and he will be the first person on the plaque. The plaque will be on display at the Bay City Yacht Club.

On the way out to the race course for our first race I told my crew, Kim Eickel and John Wachter, "I want to have our names of that plaque." Dreams do come true! Yours truly and crew are 1988 Season Champions.

The following skippers finished in order: Joe Disette, Mike and Patti Olgaard, John and Robin McCree, and Dr. Bob Hafford. Mike and Patti received the Most Improved Award.

The competition we have to sail against at our club is outstanding. Two of our sailors finished first and second at our Districts at Pontiac Yacht Club this year, Colin Park and John McCree. Colin went on to even greater success by winning the North American Championship at San Diego. John also continued winning many races on our circuit.

Four of our fleet members traveled to Skaneateles for the celebration. What a great experience. Out of the four of us, Terry Hart, Jim Schofield, Bob Hafford, and Joe Disette Joe did the best — fourth place in the Red Fleet.

Our regatta held in July, was not well attended but the sailors who did come had a good time. John and Robin McCree did not sail this weekend, but filled the most important task — race committee chairman. Robin was chairperson of the dinner Saturday evening, and both did a fine job of regatta management.

The top five finishers are as follows: Colin Park, Joe Disette, John Johnson, Mike and Patti Olgaard, and Don Rau.

HENDERSON HARBOR YACHT CLUB (225) Central New York District Sailing on Lake Ontario at Henderson Bay Henderson Harbor, New York

Fleet Captain	.....	Richard C. Grissinger
Fleet Secretary	.....	Irwin K. Stone, M.D.
Fleet Champion	.....	Jack Jones
Runner-Up	.....	John H. Treadwell, II

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9944	Impulse	Stephen J. Duflo
10707	Vikingen	David J. Parker
10709	Zelda	Harry T. McMillan
10712	May Day	.....
	May Day	Leonard A. Montague
13232	.....	Jack & Jay Jones
13353	.....	Gerald A. Bezner, D.V.M.
14094	Anasazi	Irwin K. Stone, M.D.
14192	Hendershore	John H. Treadwell, II
14254	.....	Richard Grissinger

Yes, it's true! This is the year it happened. As we all had hoped, Jack Jones bought his own Lightning, a tried and true vessel from Charles Stone who migrated to Wisconsin to tackle racing scows. Congratulations and welcome to the fleet of Lightning owners and racers, Jack.

We extend best wishes to Robert Wardwell, the new President of ILCA, a former resident of this area, a member of Henderson Harbor Yacht Club, and a vacation competitor of members of Fleet 225. He is a staunch and long-time promoter of the Lightning Class. He is an enthusiastic competitor with a keen awareness of the value of the one design Lightning Class to sailing. We are proud to be associated with him and wish him every success.

Steve Duflo joined the fleet after purchasing Dick Grissinger's boat. We are looking forward to having him on the course more often next season.

Dick Grissinger made his move to a new boat with an eye to making competition keener and to getting the other half of the Dulles mid-position plate. (See below on next page).



Skippers' meeting — Fleet 225. Hey, look! Jones has started already!
Photo credit: John Treadwell

Fleet 225 was represented at the 50th Anniversary of the Lightning Class at Skaneateles in July by Jerry Bezner and Irwin Stone. We agreed it was a terrific weekend and marveled at how smoothly the logistics were handled involving 226 boats and crews.

Course racing started June 17 with two skippers, Jack Jones and John Treadwell, sharing silver-snaring honors. Four series were sailed with the following results: Spring-(1) Treadwell; (2) Jones; (3) Parker. Sunday-(1) Jones; (2) Treadwell; (3) Bezner. Thursday-(1) Jones; (2) Grissinger; (3) Stone. Fall-(1) Treadwell; (2) Jones; (3) Bezner.

Specific trophy races duplicated the silver awards above. Apple Blossom-(1) Treadwell; (2) Jones; (3) Bezner. Barnes Trophy (commemorating the initial builder of the Lightning, a member of Henderson Harbor Yacht Club, Skipper John Barnes)-(1) Jones; (2) Parker; (3) Treadwell.

Commodore's Cup-(1) Treadwell; (2) Jones; (3) Bezner. Pickslay Ramble-(1) Jones (2) Treadwell; (3) Bezner. Stoney Island Race-(1) Treadwell; (2) Bezner (3) Jones. Frostbite Race-(1) Treadwell (Super-Ghost) out-drifting; (2) Stone and (3) Jones.

The Eastern Lightning Yachting Circuit Regatta was hosted July 17, bringing together boats from five of the fleets on Eastern Lake Ontario. The most memorable aspect of the day was the 3½ hour torrential downpour before racing could start. When the rain subsided, so did the wind, for the most part. Top placer from this fleet was John Treadwell, following Hallagan and McCloskey.

Four boats from Fleet 225 competed in the Dulles Cup Regatta hosted by Fleet 9, Crescent Yacht Club. The Mid-Fleet Trophy (half of a pewter plate) was awarded to Jack Jones who has assured all he is returning for the remainder next year. (See Grissinger challenge above). Treadwell, who placed fifth, was one of two boats that capsized, earning the sobriquet, "Turtle".

Jack Jones raced in the Sackets Harbor L.O.L.O II, placing fourth with a crew who had never sailed in a Lightning. Charles and Melissa Elve. There was consistent improvement in the five races, garnering a first in one of them. This highlights one of the advantages of the Lightning, in that novices can participate and still give a good accounting of themselves plus have a good time.

Changes were made in the officer roster at the fall meeting at the Bezner's. Dick Grissinger was elected Fleet Captain to carry on the noble tradition maintained by Jerry Bezner. Despite careful planning on his part to forestall such an event, Irwin Stone was elected Secretary, much to the apparent relief of the previous Secretary, John (Turtle) Treadwell.

We conclude the season full of anticipation for more racing next season and look forward to more boats joining us.

BISCAYNE BAY LIGHTNING FLEET (226)

Florida District

Sailing on Biscayne Bay

at Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida

Fleet Captain Jeff Shaw
Fleet Secretary Heidi de Lisser
Fleet Treasurer John Schoendorf

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9144	.....	John E. Heneks
9975	Joint Venture	Eric Stibitz
10338	.....	Stuart Sorg
10815	Slippery	
	When Wet	Heather McGonagle
11017	Wait Until	
	Dark	Steve Sidelko
11171	Brilliant Flashes	Howard Suter
11702	Glockenspiel	Stuart Anderson & Larry Ames
11981	Rhianon	Richard P. Raymond
12050	Booby Trap	Fay A. Regan
12064	Honeycomb	Clive R. Daem
13109	Moonshine	Robert H. Warren
13351	.....	Paul Messina
13466	Jalapeno	Stephen Schlatter & Mark Coltrain
13545	.....	Robert Shaw
13592	Lizzie Borden	Randy Ramsauer
13779	Scummer	James Nolan
13858	Olivia	Carol Stout
13861	High Voltage	Randy Clee
13970	Risky Business	William Caterham
13983	Rum Runner	Onofre Torres
14098	Main Squeeze	Eamonn DeLisser
14182	Top Gun	Enrique Torruella & Edward A. Cabassa
14212	.....	Alexandra & Jeff Shaw
.....	.....	Rebecca Martin
.....	.....	Margery Ozner
.....	.....	John Schoendorf
.....	.....	Knute Young

Increase membership was Fleet 226's motto for the 1988 racing season. In honor of the Lightning's 50th Anniversary, fleet members set out to get more Lightnings and Lightning sailors on Biscayne Bay. This year five new boats joined the fleet. Randy Ramsauer with *Lizzy Borden* (13592), Ed Cabassa and Enrique Tornella with *Top Gun* (14182), Frank Urban with 13010 and Alix and Jeff Shaw with the still unnamed 14212. The fleet lost three bachelors and three bachelorettes to marriage. Bill and Kathy Caterham and Eamonn and Heidi de Lisser were both married on April 16 at separate services. Alix and Jeff Shaw were married on September fourth. So far the Shaws and the de Lissers are still sailing with their respective mates.

Heather McGonagle, as social chairman, organized three tremendous Lightning events to get sailors and non-sailors out into the boats. The first was a birthday celebration for Heather's *Slippery When Wet* (10815) who turned 20 this year. More than fifty people attended, ranging in age from 14 to 50, they included Canadians, Russians, Jamaicans, Cubans and Americans who work as architects, printers, nurses, students, teachers, pilots, electricians and have sailed everything from IODs to 12 meters. The Le Man's start and finish proved hysterical entertainment for the evening and has become one of the most popular video tapes in the Fleet's videotape library.

To get into the Olympic Spirit, Lightnings and sailors took part in a "Bay's Ball" tournament. Three crew members from each boat took the field as catcher, batter and pitcher. The pitcher pitched to the batter who was supposed to belt the ball out of the park (or moorings). The crew then ran to their boat to "field" the ball and head out to run the bases. On the way to first base the numbered ball is deposited in a garbage pail set out in a dinghy. After "running" the bases the skipper or fielder and his or her catcher run to the pail which has been brought ashore to find their numbered ball. The skipper throws the ball to the catcher at home plate to stop the clock.

The fifty little and not so little kids who attended all had a wonderful time. The third event was a golf tournament that followed the same idea as baseball but appealed to the golfers in the fleet.

Back on the race course there were 18 boats registered for the annual series. After 25 races Heather McGonagle in *Slippery When Wet* took fifth, Alix and Jeff Shaw fourth, Fay Regan in *Booby Trap* third, Carol Stout and Knute Young in *Olivia* second and Eamonn de Lisser, defending champion in *Main Squeeze* first.

The fleet is looking forward to the "Midwinters" and annual steak dinner. You bring the boats, we'll bring the steaks!

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

Fleet Captain/Secretary Karl Fjeld

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
10480	Grendel	Trip Westcott
11393	Stag Too	David T. Stagg
12359	Queen B	Bruce Belden
13382	Tango	Christopher H. Howe
13484	Si Ergo	Hans Malz
13497	.....	Fred Bagley
14056	.....	Raymond & Raymond P. Harrington, Jr.

It was a great year of racing on Lake Bomoseen. The winds were brisk during May and June and eight, nine, or ten boats lined up for each race out of our fleet of twelve boats. Ray Harrington and able crew took an early lead in the standings and never looked back, winning the fleet Championship once again. Jeff Wright, sharing helm with brother Chris was runner up.

Bomoseen welcomed Chris Howe to the fleet, who had purchased the Massabesic "speedster" previously owned and operated by Norm Deyett.

Fleet Captain Karl Fjeld never missed a beat in setting courses and organizing races and invitationals.

Bomoseen hosted the annual Maple Leaf classic in June. Fifteen boats participated in the five race series. In moderate breezes Ken Deyett took home the gold (Maple Syrup) with Bruce Atkinson second and Ray Harrington third.

In July a combination Junior-Master Regatta was held. The wind was light but the weather was beautiful. Among the Barbecue, Parties, and other land activities, one race was held in each division. Shelly Deyett won the Junior Championship while the perpetual "Bill Hole" Trophy was awarded to Vern Emerson. Interestingly, the Emerson boat had not sailed in several years and the combined crew age exceeded 180 years. They were due for a win!

With generally good winds throughout the season, frequent parties and a very tight fleet organization, what more can be said ... Just this ... late in the season two more boats joined the fleet, bringing our total to 14 ... all active and making Bomoseen one of the strongest fleets in the district.



The perpetual "Bill Hole" Trophy being awarded to the first annual New England District Master Champion, Vern Emerson, and crew by Norm Deyette of the Massabesic Fleet.

CHINOOK LIGHTNING FLEET (229)**Pacific Northwest District****Sailing on Fern Ridge Reservoir, Eugene, Oregon**

Fleet Captain John Mahoney
 Fleet Secretary Baxter Weber
 Fleet Champion A. Morrie Craig
 Runner-Up John Mahoney

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6061	.....	Wally Jones
8778	Reflections	Jan Igor Gilhausen
11429	Maxi Taxi	Michael Gerot
12093	.....	John J. Mahoney
12660	Jibberish	Baxter Weber
12675	.....	Mark McBride
13788	Hummingbird	Kathryn S. Lawrence
13811	3 Sheets to the Wind	Verson Pandian
13956	On Beyond Zebra	A. Morrie Craig

This year had plenty of water in the reservoir and plenty of Lightning sailing on Fern Ridge. Our growing fleet held its annual picnic at the Eugene Yacht Club, where a new trophy was dedicated. The Bachelor Trophy, named to honor the long time Lightning sailing family, was awarded to the Webers for their victory in the annual "Gran Prix" style race. Congratulations to Morrie Craig, the Fleet Champion, and Bill Macomber, who won the New Skipper trophy. Congratulations also go to Wally for finishing his Lightning and racing it this summer.

We were proud to have Verson Pandian represent our fleet at the North Americans. Verson also placed sixth in the Pacific Northwest Championships and third in the Pacific Coast Championships. 'Way to go,' Verson!

FLOTTA DEL GARDA (249)**Italian District****Sailing on Garda Lake at North Italy**

Fleet Captain Francesco Ferrari
 Fleet Secretary Diego Mazzola

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8763	Sindbad	Nando de Amicis
13823	Mimosa	Roberto Mostacci
13878	Dovevai	Claudio Allegri
14245	.....	Francesco Ferrari

No Report.

HALLWILER/SEMPACHERSEE FLEET (250)**Switzerland District****Sailing on Lake of Sempach and Hallwil, Switzerland**

Fleet Captain/Secretary Christoph Luthy
 Fleet Champion Urs Wyler (Fleet 358)
 Runner-Up Christoph Luthy

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9034	Fair Lady	Peter Taschler
9503	Quaud Meme II	Peter Buser
10463	You Never Know	Hubert K. Stocker
12571	Joy III	Ruedi Herzog
13099	Domi-Nike	Christoph & Hans A. Luthy

As usual the sailing season of the Swiss district began in Beinwil on the lake of Hallwil. As usual there was almost no wind and Wyler (358) won, beating the team Luthy/Fuchs/Brugger, and again all sailors were kindly invited by the Herzog family for a great barbecue dinner Saturday evening. Many thanks to Greti, Ruedi, Kathi and Barbara!

At the Fleet Championship one week later on the lake of Sempach Wyler again finished ahead of Luthy as the year before. The ladies boat Herzog/Her-

zog/Gallagher finished fifth in both races and our new fleet member Heinrich Leimgrubler got sixth in Beinwil. At least Anton Fuchs and Peter Taschler were sailing the night races in August on the lake of Sempach. Besides, Peter Taschler was crewing for H.P. Schmid (358) the whole year and finished sixth in the midwinter Europeans in Marsala and seventh in Europeans in Finland. Further, we congratulate Peter on his marriage in May with his charming wife Tina Sprecher. We hope that Peter does not sail all the time on the 5.5m IC in the future! The Kami-Kaze-Cup, the annual trophy of the Swiss district, was won by Luthy, and the Herzog ladies finished sixth overall.

So our fleet still seems to be one of the most active in the Switzerland District. But it will become more difficult in the future to attract all the new and old Lightning sailors again and again for active racing in the fleet.

In a way times have changed as it seems to be a problem of all dinghy classes. Though we are looking with enthusiasm to the 35th sailing season of Fleet 250, which was founded in spring 1954 by our life member Hans A. Luthy and a few other enthusiasts of the lake of Sempach at that time.



The third generation of Fleet 250 — Hans A. Luthy's granddaughters Florence, Corinne, Monique (from left) and Dominique on Fleet Captain's Domi-Nike.

Photo Credit: Christoph Luthy

SALAMIS LIGHTNING FLEET (251) Greece District Sailing the Bay of Phaleron

Fleet Secretary George Zaimis,
Piraeus Sailing Club

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11633	George Zaimis
No Report.		

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

Fleet Captain Jim Staunton
Fleet Secretary Paul Schnipelsky
Fleet Champion Tom Buechner
Runner-Up John B. Wahlig

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11239	Blarney	James E. Staunton
12125	Cop-Out	Raymond C. Marier
12711	.....	Rollie Stebbins
12764	.....	Mithael Pallischeck & Myron A. White

12832	Naughty Girl	Thomas J. Hall
13252	Bea 1st	Michael Levine
13816	Claire Air	Paul Schnipelsky
13830	Bite Rite	Dr. John B. Wahlig
13924	White Lightning	Tom Buechner
14143	.....	John Mastrostefano
14221	Prime Time	Richard Pitbladdo

Beautiful Keuka Lake, home of Fleet 252, provided the perfect setting for celebration of our Class's 50th Anniversary.

Our 1988 season started out with the arrival of three new boats to the fleet — 12711, 12832, and 13816. This brought our roster up to eleven active boats sailing. The competition improved with the addition of more boats at the line every Sunday morning. Two boats represented our fleet at the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles. They reported a fantastic experience and noted that the anniversary was well celebrated. Our fleet increased by one more with the arrival of Mike Pallischeck with 12764.

The "Districts" and our famous Bully Hill Champagne Regatta were hosted together by Fleet 252 this season. On that Saturday the wind gods of Keuka Lake provided no winds except in the late afternoon. The only attempt at a race ended with a line squall at the finish with the 32 boat fleet finishing at a dead run and the race committee unable to determine the order of finish. Saturday night provided our fleet with the opportunity to host our guests at our famous dinner and party. This was a huge success marked with the consumption of large amounts of Walter Taylor's Bully Hill champagne, a great meal, and finished with reggae dancing until the wee hours of the morning. On Sunday we awoke to very light and variable winds. We managed to complete two races and the "Districts" were saved.

The season trophy was won by Tom Buechner with his wife, Barbara, on the jib, and Doug Loescher as his intrepid and talented spinnaker man. They proved the point that good sailing requires good teamwork and helped raise the level of competition in our fleet. We would invite any Lightning sailor who finds himself in our neck of the woods next season to stop in and meet our fleet and sail on beautiful Keuka Lake. We hope 1989 proves as good a year as 1988. It looks like Mike Kalinich will increase our fleet by one with the purchase of his new boat.

SUSQUEHANNA YACHT CLUB (253) Dixie District Sailing on Susquehanna River at Long Level, Pennsylvania

Fleet Captain Starling Mikell, Jr.
Fleet Secretary Ken Kuzdro
Fleet Champion Starling Mikell, Jr.
Runner-Up Barry Dunwoody

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6577	.....	Kenneth C. Kuzdro
9474	Hot Tub	Charles Townley
10391	Jack Tar	Melvin S. Gardner
11911	Singing Whale	Barry L. Dunwoody
12941	Debstar	Starling Mikell, Jr.
13813	Double Whammy	Frederick S. Bush
14313	.....	Barry L. Dunwoody
No Report.		

CLARK'S HILL LIGHTNING FLEET (257) Southeastern District Sailing on Strom Thurmond Lake Augusta, Georgia

Fleet Captain Carl F. Muska
Fleet Secretary Richard F. Mayne

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
2381	.....	Gilbert L. Klemann, M.D.
9468	Hot Flash	Nancy Klemann Sproul
9817	Second Strike	Richard F. Mayne
10152	Orange Crush	Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.
12489	La Bamba	Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.
12936	Blue Thunder	Archie Carter
13190	Tacky	Gilbert L. Klemann, M.D.

13889	Hit * Run	Carl F. Muska
14126	Circuit Breaker	Bennie R. Moultrie
14127	No Excuses	Richard F. Mayne
14247	J.J. Flash	Robert E. Harkrider, Jr.
.....	.....	Jeff Annis
.....	.....	David Sears

This year has been a year of fleet growth for the Clark's Hill Lightning Fleet, sailing out of the Augusta Sailing Club, on recently renamed Lake Strom Thurmond [ex Clark's Hill Lake]. We had five boats on the circuit qualify, with three boats going to San Diego. The enthusiasm afforded by addition of several new boats to the club fleet is somewhat offset by reduced activity by some of the long standing members of the fleet. We would like to rekindle their interest. We are also at a loss on how to generate interest among the several owners of older boats that are parked in the club lot. Any ideas out there?

The most exciting happening at ASC this year has been the junior training program undertaken by some of the Lightning fleet members under the direction of Bob Harkrider. The result has been a cadre of enthusiastic young people, and a boat and junior crew on the circuit this year. This is the type of program needed to insure strong Lightning activity in the future. "THANKS BOB."

A fall training session is planned to help new fleet members and juniors get up to speed and develop skills. This kind of practice session has helped get people like Benny Moultrie, and Carl Muska up to circuit speed this year.

We are looking forward to a great year in 1989.

HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB (262) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Old Hickory Lake at Nashville, Tenn.

Fleet Captain John Smith
Fleet Secretary Joseph Cunningham

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9211	Siochain	Joseph Cunningham
10537	Wildebeest III	Robert G. Hempel
11480	ZZ Top	Bill Killebrew
11672	Sceptre	Fred W. Beesley, Jr.
11999	.....	Crit & Crit Currie, Jr.
13666	Feather	Mark Stanley
13769	Hyperbole	Cully A. Cobb, Jr., M.D.
13870	.....	Richard Gibson
13957	Airborne	Dr. Robert Cotton
13966	Cassarrina	James W. Ward, Jr.
14000	.....	Bradford & Crit Currie
14004	Sabbatical	Donald W. Sherburne, Jr.
14048	Spirit	Frank L. Kelly, Jr.
14060	.....	John C. S. Smith
14116	.....	Cully Ward
14122	White Shark	Dan Busher
14226	Latest Love	William Hofmeister
Life Member	.....	Barney E. Mead, III

No Report.

YACHT CLUB PERUANO (265) Peru District Sailing at La Punta, Callao, Peru

Fleet Secretary Carlos Navarro, M.D.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11611	TNT	Carlos Navarro, Jr.
13367	Camotito	Augusto Navarro

No Report.

CARLYLE SAILING ASSOCIATION (266) Mississippi Valley District Sailing on Carlyle Lake, Illinois

Fleet Captain Stuart Bernstein
Fleet Secretary Ken Kniepmann

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
8144	Chaos	Jerry Valli
9559	.....	Edward Golterman
11044	Maria	Robert Nebelsick
11473	Jacks Half	Herb Golterman
.....	Herbs Half	.....
11580	Cat Again	Nigel W. Daw
11800	Segacious	Terry Burke
12506	Pokey	John D. Folwell, Jr.
13231	Caroline	Walter J. Phillips
13273	Gumby	Robert & Scott B. Zerban
13703	.....	Jeff Atkinson
13875	.....	Lewis B. & Robert J. Howell, Jr.
13892	Misty Lee	Linus J. Portman
14012	Augie Dogie	August G. Paoli
14013	Rhumboogie	Gerry Paoli
14114	Yellowhammer	Stuart Bernstein
14165	Blind Date	Matt G. S. Burridge
14199	Bull Ship	Walter Eversman
14229	Taste of Silver	Robert G. "Lal" Burridge
.....	.....	William D. Crowell, Jr.

No Report.

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB (270) Indiana District Sailing on Geist Reservoir at Indianapolis, Indiana

Fleet Captain Karl Suter
Fleet Secretary Dean McKean

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7223	Hannabelle	Austin L. Gardner
8679	Astarte	Burl A. Harmon
9050	No Excuse	John B. Leath
9120	Glass Slipper	Alice H. Liverett
10387	.....	Michael A. Trentady
11453	Double Header	Dr. Walter B. Tinsley, Jr.
11860	Golden Hind	Dave O'Guinn
12239	No Disgrace	John M. Kleman, D.D.S.
12296	.....	Jim Bowers
12393	Chubasco	Stephen J. Jay
12899	Thunder	Dave O'Guinn
12963	.....	LaMar E. Michael
13047	.....	James P. Rogge
13199	Hot Stuff	Dr. Edwin Fineberg
13278	Christopher-Alex	William R. Higgins, Jr.
13489	Sundance	Joseph A. Lassaux
13657	.....	James C. Smith
13935	White Heat	Gregory F. Miles
13954	.....	Dean C. McKean
14125	.....	Karl Suter
.....	.....	James Nathan
.....	.....	Kenneth V. McGinity

No Report.

GUAYAGUIL YACHT CLUB (272) Ecuador District Sailing at Estero Salado at Guayaquil, Ecuador

Fleet Secretary Miguel Plaza Merino

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9411	Sea Breeze	Miguel A. Plaza Merino
11552	Pilotin III	Eduardo Rodriguez Game
12054	Gansosalvaje	Juan Manuel Meira
12693	Zoroloco	Francisco X. Sola
14150	Plastico Fantastico	Francisco Sola Medina

No Report.

MASSABESIC YACHT CLUB (273)
New England District
Sailing on Massabesic Lake at
Manchester, New Hampshire

Fleet Captain Walter Colantuono
 Fleet Secretary Norman G. Deyett
 Fleet Champion Drew Gillett
 Runner-Up Norman G. Deyett

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9390	We Be Jibin'	Maurice J. L'Heureux, Jr.
11160	PRN	Ethen V. Howard, Jr., M.D.
11361	Gust(o)	Drew Gillett
11401	Sunday Punch	Ronald G. Adams
11740	River Blues	Walter Colantuono
12455	Banana Split	John K. Webb
14273	.....	Norman G. Deyett

1988 was a growth year for Fleet 273, adding two very active and able Lightning sailors, Steve Gregory and Mo L'Heureux. It was great having six or more competitive boats and skippers on the line every Sunday. While Norm in his new boat was narrowly beaten out by Drew in the Spring Series, he came back in the Fall to decisively beat Steve, Drew and Walt in that order.

Many fleet members spent the summer traveling to other regattas in the NE district. Six boats went to Wayne, Maine, for the wonderful hospitality of Fleet 450. Three of us also went to Bomoseen, Vermont, for the Maple Leaf Regatta. Ken and George Deyette seemed to win all the regattas, including Massabesic's 50/50 Regatta, despite some very weird wind conditions. Ken also took the initiative to develop and train some excellent new crew.

The only negative in 1988 was the untimely death of Bill Hole, a very energetic and active fleet and class member. Bill will be missed by his many Lightning friends. A master's trophy in Bill's name has been established for the New England District.

MEMPHIS LIGHTNING FLEET (274)
Mississippi Valley District
Sailing on Windy Arkabutla Lake
at Hernando, Mississippi

Fleet Captain Ken Davis
 Fleet Secretary Lynn A. Jones
 Fleet Champion Almond A. Daniel
 Runner-Up William N. Baxter, Jr.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9791	Garfield	Ken Davis
11387	Kud Zoo	W. N. & W. N. Baxter, III
11455	.....	Joseph A. Kelly
11496	Zzipp	Crit Currie
11887	.....	Mark R. Hinrichs
11900	Plumb	Crit Currie
12082	Metrognome	Richard Ranta
12397	Max Headroom	Max Shelton
13158	Leprechaun	Lynn A. Jones
13450	.....	McNeill Ayres
13700	.....	Broadus N. Sharpe
13781	Out of the Blue	James E. McDonnell
13805	3 Sheets To The Wind	Colie L. Jenkins, Jr.
14047	Amisu	Almond A. Daniel
14171	Jill E.	Joseph A. Kelly
14230	Mis Deamener	Sergio R. Acchiardo

One of Fleet 274's strong points is that we race every Saturday and Sunday from early May through late October. Thus, in order to win either of the two series, or be fleet champion, you have to show up regularly as well as sail well. The winner of the Spring Series and Fleet Champion for 1988 was Dan Daniel. Dan has been near the top of our fleet for a while, but this is the first year that he and regular crew Jacques Kregting, put it all together. Winner of our fall series was Frank Bermel, who got back on the lake again this year after building a new home. Congratulations to both.

Twenty boats entered our May 21-22 Hernando DeSoto Regatta, hosted

by 274 and Delta Sailing Association. Warren Lewis of Dallas put a quick lock on first with five bullets while Don Sherburne and Brad Currie of Nashville came in second and third. Dan Daniel, giving an indication of the season ahead, did the best of the Fleet 274 sailors with sixth place. A fifteen boat fleet sailed in our Cotton Pickin' Regatta, September 24-25, and again, the boys from Nashville did well. Brad Currie came in first and Don Sherburne second. Crit Currie of Fleet 274 took third. Lee Breazeale and Bob Shedd continued their tradition of fine race management at both these special events.

Travel to out of town regattas and its exposure to strong competition continued to be a growing trend in the fleet. 1988 marks the third year of participation in the Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans by Bill Baxter III. This year he convinced several other boats to drive south with him. Participation in Fleet 486's Muddy Rudder Regatta is also fast becoming a tradition. Bill Baxter Jr. registered a close second this year. Several sailors also participated in the Thanksgiving Regatta in Texas. There is always good participation by our fleet in the big Blue Nose Regatta in Nashville and half a dozen boats made the trip this year. The festivities in St. Pete saw participation by Crit Currie and Max Shelton. The fleet was represented by the Skaneateles 50th Anniversary Regatta by ILCA Vice President Crit Currie sailing in the latest reincarnation of the boat name "Raffle Ticket."

Fleet 274 welcomed one new owner, Sergio Acchiardo (14230) and one new co-owner, Harmon Dunathan (12397 with Max Shelton). The fleet helped host two "open house" events on July 4 and Labor Day. These informal events help spread the Lightning word locally.

Your company considering sending you to the growing Memphis area? — Great! — But don't forget to bring your Lightning! We're here, we're active, and we sail, sail, sail!

Final standings: Spring Series — first, Dan Daniel; second, Bill Baxter, Jr.; third, Broadus Sharpe. Fall Series — first, Frank Bermel; second, Dan Daniel; third, Bill Baxter, Jr.



Club racing is a Saturday and Sunday event on Arkabutla Lake.

TEMPLE REEF SAILING CLUB (279)
Central Canada District
Sailing on Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, Ontario

Fleet Captain Jim Cameron
 Fleet Secretary Temple Reef Y.C.

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
6323	Shan Kara	Willy Evans
6324	After-U	Don Ellard
8628	Joint Venture	Jay Booth
9871	Speculator	Jim Mikulinski
12969	.....	W. Porter Bailey
13180	Frenzy Free	Kurt Broll
13267	Blue Max	William Evans
13515	Wild Blue	Ross & W. Porter Bailey
13589	.....	Jim Cameron

We keen Lightning sailors up here in Canada were so anxious to get the season started that we were breaking up chunks of ice to launch our boats. The summer went by quickly, as always, but was full of good sailing and good times.

We had two Lightnings presenting our fleet at the 50th Lightning anniversary in Skaneateles. Ross and Nancy Bailey raced in the Gold Fleet, finishing 37th, and William Evans made a showing in the Red Fleet, placing 24th.

At last Thursday night racing started up again. It was good to see nine Lightnings out, going for the new un-named trophy. Ross and Nancy Bailey were the champions of the "Bailey's Cup". Thanks goes out to Goeff Hall and the Lock/Candy Ski Area for their efforts in revitalizing an exciting season of sailing.

Our regattas began in mid-May with the Slush Cup, which was won by the ever keen Baileys. The Wind Jamboree, one of our district races, was an exciting regatta, though the winds were not blowing. Jim Cameron placed first and a newcomer Jay Booth, finished second. Other regattas included Loon Lake, another district race that was won by Jim Cameron, and the nostalgic Amethyst Harbor Race. Nine Lightnings left for this 17 mile point to point race with only two finishing. The strong head winds were gusting to 40 mph, and mechanical breakdowns were in abundance. Our closing regatta, the Snowbowl, was just held. We spent the day match racing with two boats and fourteen skippers and crew. It gave us time to exchange thoughts and ideas for the coming season, and to warm ourselves with chili and beer.

But winter has all but come and Lake Superior's temperature is dropping to 35°F. So it's time to make that list of repairs for the next season.....get working on those boats.

CHEQUESSET LIGHTNING FLEET (280) New England District Sailing on Wellfleet Harbor, Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Fleet Captain W. Stuart Nickerson
Fleet Secretary David C. Jones
Fleet Champion W. Stuart Nickerson
Runner-Up Curt Felix

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9714	Winds Will	Eric O. Cutting
10765	Yasu	Anne Tredick
11096	Nike II	Stafford Frazier
11136	.....	W. Stuart Nickerson
11142	.....	Jonathan Ruykhaver
11249	Muma Works	David C. Jones
11751	Scruples	Albert Preston Moore
13239	.....	Flip Felix
13647	Interceptor	Charles Honig
13888	Psyche	Curtis Felix & Robert L. Pratt
13947	Baynee	Charles B. Currier, III

The racing in Wellfleet continues to be very competitive and 1988 was a strong year in terms of participation and enthusiasm. Several weekends saw seven or eight boats on the line, which is essentially the entire fleet.

Stu Nickerson took home top honors, winning the season series. In addition, Stu captured the Tea Cup, Coffee Cup, and Frazier Trophy as well as the July Series and Saturday Series. Curt Felix finished second overall, winning the Fox Cup and Sunday and August Series. Dave Jones won the July Fourth Commodore's Cup and co-skippered (with sister Christy) a victory in the Labor Day weekend Cutting Cup. Despite the apparent sweep by Nickerson and Felix, several other sailors had their moments, winning individual races.

Our 1988 season was highlighted by the New England Districts which was hosted by Wellfleet. Twenty boats participated in the three day event and Stu Nickerson bested a tough fleet in a variety of conditions. Congratulations Stu! Dave Jones was also in the money, finishing fifth.

We have big plans for 1989! Curt Felix led the drive to make our new boat house a reality. We expect construction to be completed before next summer. Curt deserves a great deal of thanks for his effort on this project and we are anxiously looking forward to christening the new facility. Finally, the junior sailing program continued to rebound with a high level of interest and enthusiasm. We are working diligently to upgrade the junior fleet and to encourage more junior participation in the Lightning races.

Thanks to Barbara Nickerson who has served as Fleet Secretary for the past several years.

We expect 1989 to be very eventful.

COLUMBIA FLEET (283) Pacific Northwest District Sailing on Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, Washington and Columbia River, Portland, Oregon

Fleet Captain Allan Weber
Fleet Secretary Phil Hinde
Fleet Champions The Parshleys
Runner-Up Gerald L. Neuburger

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7111	.....	C. A. Schumaker
8382	.....	John DeBenedetti
8497	An' Son	John A. Sanford
9298	Spot	Gerald L. Neuburger
9690	Thunder	Jim McAllister
10180	Mercedes	Woody Woodward
10693	Waitr Statek	Michael A. Hemel
11141	Chiquita	D. Ben Gillespie
12056	Animal	Allan L. Weber
12376	.....	Lisa Parshley
12426	Naterjack	E. P. Hinde
12219	.....	Dick Carroll
12856	Uff Da	Daniel R. Burton
12879	Vanishing Point	Dave Hickman
12990	Quicksilver	Philip F. & Philip P. Parshley
13707	.....	Gerald L. Neuburger
13896	Spud	John DeBenedetti
13961	Sly	Terry Busby
14288	.....	Philip F. & Philip P. Parshley

No Report.

PARTHENON LIGHTNING FLEET (286) Greece District Sailing on Phaleron Bay at Piraeus, Greece

Fleet Captain John Costopoulos
Fleet Secretary George Andreadis

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7569	.....	Andrew Sinopoulos
9447	Crinis II	George Andreadis
11459	Crinis V	George & Alexander Andreadis
13981	E. Goumas	Costas Tsantilis
14264	Crinis VI	George Andreadis
Life Member	.....	Dr. Philip Joannides

No Report.

KOTKA LIGHTNING FLEET (298) Finland District Sailing on Gulf of Finland at Kotka and Hamina, Finland

Fleet Captain/Secretary Osmo Savola
Fleet Champion Osmo Savola
Runner-Up Pekka Borg

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12352	Bella I	Pekka Borg
13135	Bella II	Osmo Savola

No Report.

CHAMPLAIN LIGHTNING FLEET (301)
New England District
Sailing on Malletts Bay, Lake Champlain,
Colchester, Vermont

Fleet Captain Bill Fastiggi
 Fleet Secretary Belinda Emerson
 Fleet Champion Bill Fastiggi
 Runner-Up Belinda Emerson

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7829	Wind Harp	Peter Tourin
9550	Sky Walker	Christopher B. Leopold
9829	Big Dog	William J. Fastiggi
10313	Hawk	John L. Hynes
11077	Once More	
	With Feeling	Belinda I. Emerson
11212	DCB	Don Brush, Jr. & Sr.
11504	Second Wind	Janice Lange
11560	Ciao	Richard N. Fastiggi
11626	Joker	Frederic N. Barker
12366	Rainbow Rider	Todd W. Cox
12967	Zoom	Edward T. Ziemer
13156	Nightmare II	Stanford White
13681	Apple	Kurt Kling
13859	Wild Goose	Ann P. & Don Brush, Jr.
14297	.....	Edward Ziemer

Brisk mornings, longer nights, bare trees, more water than boats in the bay, and high winds; the end of a sailing season. Where was all this wind when we needed it?

We opened the season with a great warm-up regatta in June. Sunny skies, fair winds, and twenty boats on the line. The air was filled with excitement and expectations of a fresh season. Vermont was soon hit with the longest heat wave in its history. We had 11 + races cancelled because of the looking glass that had replaced our bay. The other races generally challenged us with light shifty winds. However, my mom reminded me of the day she crewed for me in 40 knot gusts. 1988 in a nutshell? Unpredictable and Challenging! I can't wait to start again!

The 1988 top finishers are as follows: first, Bill Fastiggi; second, Belinda Emerson; third, Dick Fastiggi; fourth, Ed Ziemer; fifth, Don Brush; sixth, Curt Kling; seventh, Janice Lange; eighth, Todd Cox; ninth, Ted Barker; and tenth, Stan White.

It was also a great year for advancements. We had better coverage by the local newspaper; tried a new modified high scoring system to encourage participation in the end of the season races; and best of all gained new fleet members. Next year we will have at least three new boats on the starting line.

Several of our members had accomplishments this year that we are proud to recognize. Along with taking over the position of Fleet Captain, Bill Fastiggi had a tremendous sailing season. Bill was a crew member on the winning boat at Skaneateles and second place in the New England Districts. He was also our 1988 Fleet 301 Champion. The New England Masters Regatta was won by Vern Emerson and his crew, Barbara Emerson and Ken Wolington. This same crew tore up Lake Champlain winning 11 of 13 fleet championships between 1965 and 1978.

What made 1988 memorable was the enthusiasm, dedication, and camaraderie by a group of people with one common love, their Lightning, and a goal to share it with others.

It is time now to share memories of yet another season. And no matter how fast we can already make her go we will start the search for that elusive one second per mile faster for the next season. Hope to see you at our June warm-up.

COWAN LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION (303)
Ohio District
Sailing on Cowan Lake at Cincinnati, Ohio

Fleet Captain Susan Ross

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7940	Storm	Kenneth Irwin
9231	Vintage 65	Susan Ross
9902	Dandelion Break	Joe Harris
10272	Freelance	Robert M. Japikse
11445	.....	Stephen F. Pfefferle
11930	.....	David Gannelli

13719	.....	Bill Young
13904	Freighttrain Express	William J. Rider
14110	Figment	Dick Pugh
14216	.....	Kenneth J. Irwin

Cowan Lake Sailing Association, Fleet 303, had a very active 1988, after all, this is the home of "Dock-a-mania." This year we hosted the Ohio Districts in early July, with one of the largest turnouts in the past few years. With the dry hot weather at this time of year, the wind wasn't exactly howling, but a good time was had by all who attended, all boats were weighed and all sails measured.

We had one boat attend the 50th Anniversary Regatta at Skaneateles, N.Y. Boat 13719 skippered by Bill Young and crewed by the "Blews Brothers", Dick & Bob Pugh. Members of our fleet are very familiar with the sailing expertise of these three, and now many people around the country are aware. This traveling trio finished second in the Red Fleet, thanks to their knowledge of sailing and the old saying "it'll be all right."

The fleet also had two boats take part in Steeplechase, that peaceful, pleasant ride from Sandusky to Put-in-Bay and back? Boat 14216 skippered by Ken Irwin and crewed by Susan Ross and Carol Galtier and boat 13904 skippered by Jake Rider and crewed by Jeff Ross and Mike Rider. These folks had an unforgettable time off Ohio's north coast. They all have a new affection for land, know the words to the song "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" along with knowing why the lake is called "Erie". Jake's son Mike, who sells line to fleet members to raft their boats, has now added a new item, some sort of plastic, unsinkable statuary which fits to the bow of the boat for such situations.

Our Fall-in-Regatta, where "Dock-a-mania" runs at a frenzied pitch, was a huge success. Unlike July, the wind was howling in October, or at least howling for Cowan. We had 16 boats attend, nine from different fleets. We had sailors from far and wide, near and close, the news of "Dock-a-mania" is now unstoppable. Over the years we have tried to keep a lid on what a great event this is, the last regatta of the Ohio District, but we found out this year that now almost the whole country knows. Sometimes you keep the best for last, and this is a good time. Why, this year I heard that some sailors had such a good time on Saturday night, that instead of moving up in the standings on Sunday they went the other way. So next year if you're looking for a good time remember Fall-in-Regatta, Cowan Lake, home of the now world famous "Dock-a-mania."

The fleet also enjoyed many fun filled events throughout the year. Our moonlight sail, family picnic, tennis match and water ski competition.

OULU LIGHTNING FLEET (307)
Finland District
Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia at Oulu, Finland

Fleet Captain Harry Hammar
 Fleet Secretary Simo Koski

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9436	Rio-Rita II	Lasse G. Hammar
13505	Rio Rita IV	Lasse G. Hammar
14269	.....	Markku Paloma

No Report.

GREIFENSEE FLEET (309)
Switzerland District
Sailing on Lake of Greifensee near
Zurich, Switzerland

Fleet Captain Ernst Beyer
 Fleet Secretary Markus Tschudi

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
7352	Koralle	Ernst Beyer
10904	.....	Martin Jager
12306	White Star	Jakob Blickenstorfer
13085	Aquilo	Markus Tschudi
13091	Brasil	Paul Gmur
13705	Cezanne	Ernst Beyer

No Report.

KEMI FLEET (310)

Finland District

Sailing on Gulf of Bothnia, Kemi, Finland

Fleet Captain	Heikki Ulen
Fleet Secretary	Kari Anttila
Fleet Champion	Mauri Jestila
Runner-Up	Aulis Naykki

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
12913	Desiree	Kari Anttila
12995	Pohjan-akka	Aulis Naykki
13134	Viivi	Heikki Ulen

We had good sailing conditions this summer here in Finland. Though we had enough wind and sun, there were only four active skippers in our fleet. Only one of our boats participated in the Finnish Championship, which was held on Lake Nasijarvi in Tampere. Aulis Naykki, with crew Kari Anttila and Reijo Ilmasti, was sixth.

The European Championship also was held in Tampere, where we had two boats. Aulis Naykki was 15th and Heikki Ulen, with crew Erkki Puupera and Petteri Haggstrom, was 23rd.

In our home town, Kemi, there was some competition. Surprisingly, young Mauri Jestila took first place in our Fleet Championship beating our loudest skipper Aulis Naykki. Also, Seppo Posti took part in many races. In autumn we had a new Lightning sailor join us. Jouni Miihimäki bought a boat from Carl Hansen and made a comeback. Twenty years ago he had crewed for many of our old skippers.



In 1990 our sailing club is celebrating its 85th anniversary in a brand new club house which is near the sailboat harbour in the town of Kemi.

SASSAFRAS RIVER FLEET (314)

Dixie District

Based on Sassafras River, Maryland

Fleet Captain	Al Mast
Fleet Secretary	Bob Horne
Fleet Champion	Al Mast
Runner-Up	Ted & Jim Ganley

Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
9391	Doc's Boat	Robert B. Horne
10246	Glass Slipper III	John Paul Myers
12379	.....	Donald B. McKenzie & Vernon Robinson
12453	.....	Leigh Hopkins
12710	Bald Bullet	Alfred Mast
12964	.....	John D. Farquhar, M.D.
13043	.....	Howard S. Edson
13740	Grapevine	A. John Gregg
13926	.....	F. Thomas Hopkins, M.D.
14265	.....	Dr. James V. & Ted Ganley

This summer's super-hot weather didn't interfere at all with a super sailing season. Our Vice Commodore, John Myers, got off to a flying start

with an exciting come-from-behind win in the shakedown race. He narrowly edged out Bob Horne, who had (finally) replaced the last wood spars left in the fleet.

Al Mast took the Early Series, with Commodore Jim Ganley and Jack Gregg close behind. Ted Ganley won an interesting Summer Bay Race, with Howard Edson and Doug Hopkins completing a sweep for the "new generation".

We paused in mid-summer to host another Sassafras Olympic Year Invitational Regatta, which featured some great sailing and lots of fun and camaraderie. Frank Gallagher was the overall winner, with Ron Grotheer second and Ted Ganley third. Dieter Grotheer took the "Perseverance Award" for sailing an entire race in the opposite direction from the rest of the fleet. See you all again in four years!

Ted and Jim Ganley, sailing as co-skippers, won the Late Series, with Al Mast second and Tom Hopkins third. Jack Gregg closed out the season with a win in the Fall Bay Race, with Al Mast and Howard Edson close behind in an exciting race which, after 10 miles, saw the entire fleet finishing within 400 yards!

Individual race trophies were won by the following: Walbert Cup and Skippers Cup — Tom Hopkins, Buss Neff Cup — Al Mast, and the Commodore's Trophy to the Commodore, Jim Ganley. The Matlack Cup Race saw a one-family sweep, with Grandpa Tom Hopkins first, Papa Jim Hopkins second, and Brother Doug Hopkins third! The Butt Award was "won" by John and Emily Williamson who, for the third straight year, sailed to the wrong finish line in the Matlack Race.

Oh well, next season's not too far away — is it?

CLUB DE DEPORTES NAUTICOS (317)

Chile District

Sailing on Lake Recreo at Valparaiso, Chile

Fleet Captain	Juan Hernandez
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
14213	Prometeo	Francisco del Barrio Geiger
14231	Atlante	Paul Balaresque
14232	Argos	Arturo Oxley Lizana
14235	Orion II	Jorge Opazo Valdes
14236	Urano	Juan Hernandez
14237	Brontes	Alejandro Natho

Fleet 317 will be actively participating in all scheduled regattas in the Chilean District. Skippers from our fleet sailing in the National Championship were Arturo Oxley, who finished in ninth place, Jorge Opazo, 11th place, and Alejandro Natho, who was 12th.

In the South American Championship of 1988 in Higuierillas, Chile, Alejandro Natho came in 14th. At the same time as this championship, the South American Navy Schools Championship took place, in which Arturo Oxley won first place.

The fleet has been strengthened and rejuvenated by the addition of six new boats, sailed exclusively by young crew members, making good future sailors.

ALGARROBO YACHT CLUB (318)

Chile District

Sailing at Algarrobo

Fleet Captain	Juan Fco. Novion
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Boat No.	Boat Name	Skipper
11023	Francisco Perez Yoma
13404	Bambi	Rufino Melero U.
13650	Lucas	Rufino Melero U.
14293	.....	Francisco Perez Yoma
14312	Boomerang	Juan Francisco Novion V.

The fleet participated in the National Championship Regatta in which Juan Fco. Novion placed second, Rufino Melero was third and Francisco Perez finished fifth.

The fleet had outstanding results at the 1988 South American Championship in Higuierillas, Chile. Rufino Melero was fourth and Juan Fco. Novion was sixth.

In the current season, the fleet plans to participate in the major regattas, hoping to do as well as last year and to include new crews.